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**Deadline news**

It's getting late in the game for anyone thinking about entering the race for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, treasurer Ron Edwards and clerk Joe Bridgman have all announced plans to seek re-election, as have trustees Michael Kelly and Bob Doroshewitz. Trustee Kay Arnold hasn't announced her plans, and trustee Steven Mann said he will not seek a third term.

The deadline for anyone considering joining the race for elective office is 4 p.m. Tuesday.



HAL GOULD  
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Steve King and the Ditties will again be part of the Music in the Park concert series.

**Concert sponsor**

Downtown Plymouth's "Music in the Air" Friday night concert series, a tradition in downtown Plymouth for nearly 30 years, has a bright future with the announcement by Hines Park Lincoln it will become a major sponsor.

Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth Township will sponsor the Hines Park Lincoln Stage on each of the 14 Friday nights of the concert series, which begins May 25 in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and continues through Aug. 31.

Hines Park has been a sponsor of individual concerts in the past, but this year has decided to boost its presence in the concert series.

The presenting sponsor of the "Music in the Air" concert series is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, which has been supporting the concert series the past six years.

For the complete list of "Music in the Air" concerts go to [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org).



Students in Susan Porter's first-grade class talk about the importance of moms.

**Lifetime of love**

Kids know what makes moms special

By Brad Kadrich  
 Observer Staff Writer

Television personality and noted observer of children Art Linkletter used to say, "Kids say the darndest things."

If Linkletter had been in Susan Porter's first-grade classroom Friday at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth, he'd have been proud.

Porter's students, who spent time this week making things for their moms, were more than happy to talk about their pride in, and love for, their mothers. Everyone agreed: Moms are really important.

Just for different reasons. "She's so kind," Benita Olmos, 6½, said of her mother, Jey. "She makes me dinner, and respects me with love."

Moms, the children agreed, are helpful to have around.

"She helps me with problems that I have," Hope Stacherski said of her mom, Holly.

"If we have problems with our homework, she can help us," Christian Chorkey said. His mom is Kelly.

Miklos Zsiros had a much more basic reaction to the word "mom." "She feeds me," Miklos said of his mom, Laura. "I love her."

Lily Thomas said her mom, Rachel, helps her by putting her hair in a pony tail.

"My mom does nice stuff for me," Lily said.

The youngsters were all planning on honoring their moms with gifts of one sort or another, ranging from traditional to hand-crafted presents.

"We're making a teapot in school," said Lynette Cipolla, who plans to give the teapot to her mom, Lindsay, for Mother's Day.

Mira Vulaj said she's making her mom, Mira, a card.

"It's going to say, 'Happy Mother's Day' on it," Mira said.

Bailey Kennedy has a more musical gift in mind for his mom, Kelly.

"I'm giving my mom some wind chimes," Bailey said. "She really likes them and she doesn't have any."

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**City officials ponder tax collection fee**

By Matt Jachman  
 Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth officials are considering adding a 1-percent fee to property tax bills in order to help pay the administrative costs of taxation, such as assessing property, processing bills and collecting taxes.

Plymouth is one of the few communities in Wayne County that doesn't impose the collection fee, and it hasn't done so for more than 25 years, according to city officials.

A "tax administration fee" of up to 1 percent is allowed under state law, and communities have options on how the fee can be levied. It can be made to apply to the entire tax bill or to parts of it, and it can be levied only on summer bills, only on winter bills, or on both, officials said.

The move would raise nearly \$216,000 annually if

added to the city's entire tax levy, according to finance director Mark Christiansen. Homeowners whose house has a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay an additional \$41 on a roughly \$4,100 annual tax bill.

**'Time to vote'**

Mayor Dan Dwyer said city officials have discussed the topic for years at budget time — they are currently finalizing the budget for the fiscal year that begins in July — and need to bring it to a vote. Dwyer said he's personally leaning against the fee, but that he understands the reasons some support it. The city has been tightening its spending, including shrinking the city work force through attrition, for several years.

"Whether I support it or not, I do think it's time to put it to a vote," Dwyer said.

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**Planners: Wall can come down, but park a must**

By Matt Jachman  
 Observer Staff Writer

The Daisy Wall, the last remnant of the 1880s Plymouth factory where Daisy Air Rifles were made for decades, may be one step closer to coming down.

Or, it may not.

The Plymouth Planning Commission voted Wednesday night to recommend an extension of a planned unit development, or PUD, at the Daisy Square condominiums off of Union Street, a project that was begun in 2003 but remains unfinished because of a weak housing market. The agreement is with Joseph Freed & Associates, a Chicago development company.

But the planners' recommendation to the Plymouth City Commission removed the PUD requirement that the factory wall be preserved and used in a loft-style condominium building, and also removed the provision that called for that building to be built in the first place. It also said that

the area set aside for that building should be converted to green space, and priority given to developing it into a park.

**'We need momentum'**

Freed has sought for more than a year to be absolved of having to preserve the Daisy Wall as it requested an extension of the PUD, while some neighbors and Daisy Square residents have complained the wall has become an eyesore and the area around it has been poorly maintained.

"We need forward momentum," Beth Foley, who is on the homeowners association board for Daisy Square townhouse owners, told planners. "The only way for this to move forward is for that wall to come down."

Foley said she and fellow Daisy Square residents have supported preservation efforts, such as the Plymouth Preservation Network's plans for a small park with a pavilion that would incor-

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**All-Star brothers ready for next steps**



Salem High School seniors Peter (left) and Scott Su, honored on the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars Team, will enroll at the University of Michigan in the fall.

By Brad Kadrich  
 Observer Staff Writer

Now that they've accomplished pretty much everything they set out to do in their high school careers, Scott and Peter Su are looking forward to finding out how long it takes them to conquer the next phase of life.

The brothers, Salem High School seniors who scored perfect ACT scores and landed on the Observer & Eccen-

tric Newspapers Academic All-Stars Team, plan to follow in their brother Steve's footsteps and move on to the University of Michigan in the fall to study engineering.

They are the first twins to be named to the O&E All-Stars Team in the last 27 years.

"I'm pretty excited," Scott Su said. "Most of my friends are going to U-M, so a very lucky, because I'm not a very social person, so I like to keep my friendships intact. It'll be

interesting going where you have to meet new people. It'll be nerve-wracking."

**Fresh start**

What might be more interesting for the twins is finding out what new things they can accomplish. In addition to scoring the perfect 36 on the ACT — as did Steven Marion of Canton High School and Todd Maslyk of Plymouth

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# 'Happiness explosion' opens second MLP season

The reactions of players, families, buddies and volunteers were all pretty much the same last weekend as the Miracle League of Plymouth opened its second season.

With some 80 players, 5 and older, 16 coaches and lots of buddies, umpires and game-day helpers making sure things ran smoothly, the MLP, which provides a chance for special-needs players to enjoy the game of baseball, took to the diamond at Belkie Field for opening day.

"The reactions of players, families, buddies and volunteers are all the same ... Everyone is happy to spend time together," said Deb Madonna, who runs MLP. "From the time we arrive at the field and prepare for the day, until the end of the very last game when we shut everything down until the next game, there is nothing but smiling and

amazement."

The system works well for the MLP. Buddies help players as much as or as little as they need. If there's a really good hitter at bat, Jonathan the announcer calls out, "Buddies, protect your players."

The children and young people, the players, are like all other athletes, once on the field, do things that no one knew they could do, Madonna pointed out.

"It's hard to condense all that has been going on and the emotions, so I'll just say this: Happiness, Happiness, Fun, Joy, Happiness," Madonna said. "Because there is a little field where young people are playing, playing on a team, being cheered, often for the first time.

"There aren't a lot of places or activities that everyone is cheering for everyone," she added. "I really think it's a happiness explosion."



Patience and Mark Madonna round the bases at the Miracle League of Plymouth field on Opening Day.



A huge bear waits for kids so he can pose for pictures with him.



Gavin Carrigan does his signature 'Moon Walk' move on his way to the plate.



Players and buddies watch the first pitch of one of the Opening Day games.



Everyone — players, families, buddies and volunteers — enjoyed the Miracle League of Plymouth's Opening Day festivities.

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## MOMS

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Ethan Belanger is going a more traditional route, especially for kids.

"I'm going to make my mom breakfast in bed," Ethan said of mom Cindy. "My mom does good things for me, and I want to do something good for her."

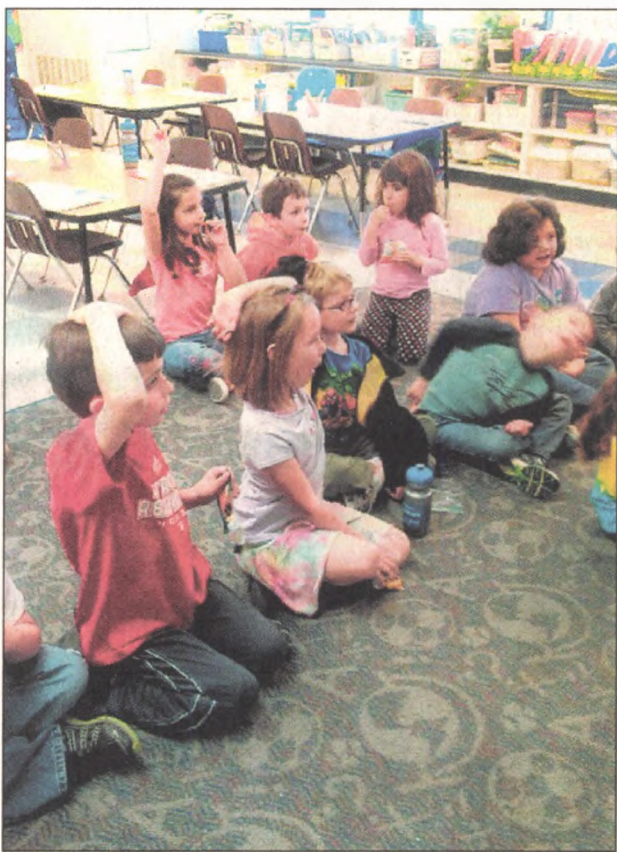
The kids are doing all of that because they know one thing about moms: They're special.

"They do lots of good stuff for us," Martin Dobrowski said of his mom, Laura. "She was going to let me buy a toy, but then we couldn't find it so we didn't get to buy it."

"They make us dinner," Sofia Poulos said of her mom, Jeannette. "They're really important because they buy us clothes and take care of us."

But Aidan Claerr cut right to the chase, pointing out the obvious thing about moms.

"If you didn't have one, you wouldn't be here," Aid-



Everyone in Susan Porter's first-grade classroom raised their hands to brag about their moms during a Mother's Day discussion Friday.

an said, talking about his mom, Laurissa. "Moms are very important."

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## Rotary honors Four Way winners

The Plymouth Noon Rotary Club recently honored the winners in its Four-Way Test essay contest for middle school students.

First-place winners got \$100 gift cards, while the runners-up received \$50 gift cards.

Middle schoolers wrote essays based on the Rotary Four-Way Test. Winners included (first- and second-place by grade):

- All Saints Catholic School — Kendall Goit, Marc Angotti, sixth grade; Hannah Cohen, Lauren Leyden, eighth grade.

- Canton Charter Academy — Katherine Crapps, seventh grade; Soundousse Zouani, eighth grade.

- Pioneer Middle School — Teri Lowmaster, Hussein Abdelhafiz, seventh grade.

- Central Middle School — Josh Polka, Katelyn Carrigan, seventh grade; Cameron Shaughnessy, Kelci Rocheleau, eighth grade.

- Discovery Middle School — Emily Wyman, Maya Bhat, sixth grade; Grace Bekke, Tatum Cho, seventh grade; Nithika Sivashanker, Gabriella

DeLa Cruz, eighth grade.

- East Middle School — Katherine Springer, Kara Hug, sixth grade; Alice Wu, Varisha Imran, seventh grade; Sanika Chitre, Amy Luo, eighth grade.

- Our Lady of Good Counsel — Johnny Vallespir, Molly Riordan, sixth grade; Maddie Leyden, Adam Cinzori, eighth grade.

- West Middle School — Emily Caragay, Caroline Curry, sixth grade; Monica Newton, Nina Joss, seventh grade; Maren Wisniewski, Drew Smiley, eighth grade.

## AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

### NEW HOPE DINNER

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 18, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia

**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a Spring Appreciation Dinner to honor Executive Director Cathy Clough for her dedication and service to the success and history of New Hope Center. Hors d'oeuvres are at 6 p.m., dinner's at 7 p.m., live music from 9-11 p.m. The event features strolling musician trio and live and silent auctions. Celebrity emcee is WDIV traffic reporter Ashlee Baracy.

**Contact:** New Hope Office at 248-348-0115 or register at [www.NewHopeCenter.net](http://www.NewHopeCenter.net)

### DAR MEETS

**Date/Time:** May 21, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

**Details:** The Daughters of the American Revolution Plymouth-Canton-Northville chapter meet to hear from guest speaker Sue Daniel, who will talk about the "One Room Schoolhouse."

**Contact:** (734) 453-0750

### PET-A-PET

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.

**Location:** Woodhaven Retirement Center in Livonia

**Details:** PET-A-PET, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required.

**Contact:** Laurie Patterson at (734) 953-0438.

### ART EXHIBIT

**Date/Time:** Through May 31

**Location:** Liberty Street Brewing Co., 149 Liberty in Plymouth

**Details:** David Stanton's artwork will be on view in the "upper hall" gallery. What makes Stanton's painting so engaging? Exhibit organizers said, "They aren't just windows into his own soul, they're invitations for the viewer to open up their own and maybe let their inner child come out and play for a bit."

**Contact:** (734) 207-9600

### MOPS MEETINGS

**Date/Time:** First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

**Contact:** Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail [stekmops@gmail.com](mailto:stekmops@gmail.com), or visit [www.stekmops.org](http://www.stekmops.org).

### DIABETES SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** 2nd Thursday of the month (first meeting March 8), 2-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

**Contact:** Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.

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Guest pourers kept the wine flowing at the Educational Excellence Foundation's second annual wine tasting event at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

## Wine event funds EEF programs

In more than 25 years, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation has funded more than \$300,000 in innovative classroom projects at every school and grade level in the district.

After tallying the results of their recent Wine and Auction event, EEF officials know they'll be able to fund a lot more.

The second annual event, held at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township, raised more than \$30,000.

"The Plymouth-Canton community is passionate about academic excellence and EEF is a way to fund those projects," event chair Jim Harb said. "With the help of our sponsors, auction and attendees we have more than \$30,000 that can go back into P-CCS classrooms."

The event included wines from 17 different wineries, three craft beer vendors and food from Red Olive, Macaro-



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Sheila Paton holds a magnum bottle of wine as her husband, Brian (with microphone), auctions it off during the annual EEF wine tasting.

ni Grill, Beirut Bakery, Courthouse Grill, E.G. Nicks, Olgas, Noodles & Company, Dearborn Sausage, Fox Hills, Busch's, Coffee Express and Happy's Pizza.

The P-CEP Culinary Arts students also provided food and helped at the

event. Local dignitaries Phil LaJoy, Dian Slavens, Richard Reaume, Pat Williams, John Anthony, Ron Edwards and Kurt Heise were in attendance, some as celebrity pourers, others visiting with constituents and friends in the crowd of almost 350

attendees.

Also pouring wine and beer were sponsors Kohl's, Community Financial, Hug Hearing and Neville Financial.

The success of the second one came as a result of lessons learned a year ago.

Carole Kody, Executive Director, was very enthusiastic about the wine tasting event. "We learned a lot hosting our first wine-tasting last year," said EEF executive director Carole Kody. "We had fabulous donations from businesses as well as every school in the district donated a pair of front row seats to their fifth grade, eighth grade and high school graduations. These items proved to be very popular."

Up next for EEF: The annual P-CCS Open golf outing Wednesday, June 20, also at Fox Hills, on The Golden Fox course.

For more information please call EEF at (734) 416-2718.

## Salem senior in math Olympiad

By Brad Kadrich  
 Observer Staff Writer

For the second straight year, Salem High School senior Peter Su has qualified for the United States of America Math Olympiad.

And, after falling short last year of qualifying for a chance to go to a summer camp that could lead to a spot in the International Mathematical Olympiad, Su is waiting on this year's results to see if he landed a spot this time around.

"It's really intense," Su said. "The questions are insane."

Su flew through the first two levels — the American Mathematics Competition and the American Invitational Mathematics Exam. But he again found the USA-MO test — a four-and-a-half hour exam spread over two days — challenging.

Su said the difference is the types of problems. Problems on the USA-MO move from needing numbers to answer to using proofs. Proofs, Su said, are harder answers to provide.

"I just haven't had much experience working with that type of problem," Su said. "I'm not sure how to attack them."



Su

Only about 500 students out of 12,000 AIME participants

are invited to take the USAMO. The top 12 USAMO participants are declared winners and honored at ceremonies in June at the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation and the Mathematical Association of America Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Approximately 30 of the highest scoring USAMO participants will be invited to a Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program and a team of six students will be chosen to compete in the International Mathematical Olympiad as part of the United States Math Olympiad team.

First, though, Su has to get past the USAMO.

"The problems are really insane when you get to the USA-MO," Su said. "It takes it to a whole other level. You look at a problem and think, 'I don't even know where to start.'"

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# All Saints scouts raise balloons, money for Make-A-Wish

Hundreds of happy wishes floated into the air over Canton on Friday, May 4, as students at All Saints Catholic School released balloons in support of Make-A-Wish Michigan.

All Saints Girl Scout Troop 41212 organized the effort, which raised more than \$1,700, along with an online drive for those who couldn't make it to the event but still wanted to support the cause. Make-A-Wish Michigan grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy, according to the group's website.

"I am so incredibly proud of the girls and all of their hard work this year," said Troop 41212 Co-Leader Ann Michelle



All Saints Catholic School Girl Scouts raised balloons, and money, for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Householder. "We actually raised about \$2,500 in total for Make-A-Wish Michigan through events during the year, with \$1,700 coming from the

balloon release alone."

In the weeks leading up to the balloon release, Troop 41212 sold wish cards to students at All Saints for \$3 each. The

kids were able to put their personal wishes, first names and last initials on the cards, which also included an e-mail address. People who find

the balloons — which are biodegradable — and/or cards are encouraged to send an e-mail to give the Girl Scouts and the other participants an idea of just how far some of the balloons traveled.

"We have already heard back from several wonderful people," Householder said. "We have had two balloons found in Canada and one in Ohio, so far. The messages from people have been amazing. I am responding to them, and then forwarding the e-mail to the child whose balloon was found so they can respond as well."

"It was a great experience working with the girls on this project," said Troop 41212 Co-Leader Michele McElroy. "The girls voted in the fall to support Make-A-Wish Michigan, and what they have accomplished is amazing. Not only did they support a great

cause, but they learned how to work together to make a difference in their community."

"I liked participating in this event because it lets us help little kids who are sick to have fun with their families and forget about their illnesses for a day," said Girl Scout Sarah Noonan. "They get to spend time with their families as any other children do."

"I liked this event because it raised money to help give children a special day to remember," said Girl Scout Olivia Barone.

Members of Troop 41212 — all Junior Girl Scouts in the fourth grade — have worked on a number of projects to benefit Make-A-Wish Michigan. Other events the troop sponsored this year included a jeans day at school (where everyone received Make-A-Wish stickers); a bake sale, and a drive for the Make-A-Wish gift closet.

## ON CAMPUS

### Michigan State

At the April 13 Board of Trustees meeting, 37 students — the most in recent history — received Board of Trustees' Awards for having the highest scholastic average at the close of his or her last semester of attendance at Michigan State University. They all received a 4.0 GPA.

Among them:  
 • Matthew Durak, of Canton, the son of Tom and Lisa Durak. A member of the Honors College, Durak is a computer engineering major in the College of Engineering. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School.  
 • John Matthew Franklin, of Canton, the son of Chris and Maria Franklin. A member of the Honors College, Franklin is a chemical engi-

neering major in the College of Engineering. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School.

### Hope College

Hope College awarded degrees to seniors on Sunday, May 6, during the 147th annual Commencement exercises.

Candidates for bachelor degrees included:

- Whitney Askew, the daughter of William and Freida Askew of Canton;
- Courtney Long, the daughter of William and Christy Long of Canton;
- Tiffany Lumley, the daughter of Paul and Alicia Lumley of Plymouth; and
- John Lutz, son of John and Michelle Lutz of Canton.

Courtney Long of Canton received the Senior Sigma Xi Award in biolo-

gy and the Technos International Prize for accomplishments in international studies and commitment to developing global awareness on campus.

John Patrick Lutz of Canton received the Dr. Almon T. Godfrey Prize for highest standing in the department of chemistry.

John Lutz of Canton received the Senior Sigma Xi Award in chemistry.

### Alma College

Sophomore Chelsie Myers of Canton, the daughter of Roger and Tamala Myers of Canton and a 2010 graduate of Plymouth High School, was among 32 Alma College students recently awarded the President's Cup. The students earned the honor by achieving

the highest academic standing in their respective classes at Alma.

The tradition of the President's Cup was started in 1968 by Alma's ninth President, Robert D. Swanson. Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement and have their name inscribed on the appropriate class (freshman, sophomore or junior) President's Cup trophy. The trophies are kept on permanent display in the Reid-Knox Administration Building on campus.

Following is a list of the students from the area:  
 Sophomore Chelsie Myers of Canton is a 2010 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy. She is the daughter of Roger and Tamala Myers of Canton.

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# WALL

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porate much of the wall, but no longer see those as realistic.

Commissioner Conrad Schewe said his motion was intended to make the project more attractive to a possible future developer, while at the same time holding Freed accountable — through the requirement for a park — to some extent for failing to preserve the Daisy Wall.

"I'm all for moving on, but I'm not going to give them that much of a free pass," Schewe said at the meeting.

The vote came despite Freed attorney and vice president Lori Chacos's statement that the company's lender on the project, PNC Bank, wants to maintain the PUD provision for the Daisy Wall condominium building as part of its collateral.

Freed is marketing the project to other developers, and the extension of the PUD is seen as a way to make it more attractive to a possible future developer.

Schewe, however, said the bank has no say over what planning commissioners decide, as it is not a party to the PUD. He said that while removing the requirement that the wall be preserved may make the project more marketable, it doesn't shut the door completely on preserving the wall in some form.

### 'Let this be a lesson'

The Plymouth Preservation Network's Wendy Harless, however, sounded discouraged Wednesday.

"Please let this be a lesson learned," Harless told commissioners. "The Daisy Square has been a poster child for what not to do in historic preservation."

The PPN had developed the park-and-pavilion idea, and had committed money and fundraising efforts toward the estimated \$250,000 price tag, but was looking for financial help from Freed, which company officials have said would not be forthcoming.

A Freed representative, in seeking to have the wall-preservation provision removed in late 2010, had said it was too badly deteriorated and that saving it would be too costly.

Commission chairman Jim Mulhern said Friday that he was still hopeful the wall can be saved.

"I still think there's the possibility the PPN will have the opportunity to work with another developer," he said.

The Daisy factory opened in 1882 as a windmill factory, but soon became the home of Daisy Air Rifle, which moved to Arkansas in the late 1950s.

# Dad convicted in son's abuse

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton stay-at-home father Anthony Sewejkis is facing sentencing May 25 after he was convicted of first-degree child abuse for causing near-fatal injuries to his 4-month-old son, Hunter, last Dec. 7 inside their three-bedroom rental home on Michigan Avenue.

Sewejkis was found guilty by a Wayne County jury that returned its verdict Thursday morning following deliberations that began Wednesday afternoon. He could face 15 years in prison when he is sentenced by Judge Margaret Van Houten.

"I feel wonderful about the outcome," said maternal grandfather Sal Alongi, who, along with wife Theresa, has custody of Hunter, now 9 months

old. "I'm extremely happy. It brings some closure. Unfortunately the most (Sewejkis) can get is 15 years, but Hunter's got a life sentence."

Sewejkis was accused of slamming Hunter's head against a carpet-covered hardwood floor while the child's mother, Leanne Garlick, was working for an Ann Arbor taxi service.

The injuries caused brain damage and left Hunter partially blind and partially paralyzed. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said Tuesday in court that it's unknown to what extent the child will recover.

Alongi and Garlick sat in Van Houten's courtroom Thursday morning when the jury returned its verdict. An emotional Alongi was escorted out after he yelled "yes!" and applauded the decision.

"I couldn't help it," he said. "I later apologized to everybody."

Weingarden hailed the jury's decision to find Sewejkis guilty as charged.

"We're pleased with the verdict," she said Thursday. "We feel justice was done."

Defense attorney Kelly D. Watson said he is likely to advise Sewejkis to consider an appeal.



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## FEES

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"There are legitimate points of view on both sides of it."

The topic is expected to be on the agenda for the Plymouth City Commission's next regular meeting, on Monday, May 21.

Dwyer said he considers the charge an extra tax, not a fee, because property owners wouldn't have the option of not paying. Because the city collects taxes for other taxing entities, such as schools, the county and the Plymouth District Library, largely without compensation (the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district reimburses some costs, City Manager Paul Sincock said), he understands the logic of charging for that work, the mayor said.

But "you're not getting paid by those other entities, you're getting paid by the people you're collecting the tax from, and that's why I struggle with it," Dwyer added.

If commissioners decide to levy the fee but exclude the city's portion of the tax bill, it would raise about \$144,000 a year, Christiansen said. The city would have to document its costs and could collect no more through the fee than is spent on labor, computers, materials and other expenses related to assessing and collecting taxes, but Christiansen said he's estimated those costs at about \$230,000 a year, above the total of \$216,000 the fee would bring.

"There's no community around right now that wouldn't be looking for \$200,000," the mayor said.

## Fee widely used

Indeed, according to a chart provided by Sincock, 37 communities in the county levied the fee in some fashion in 2011 and only six did not. The way the fee was imposed varied widely, with a few communities charging a fraction of it, some charging it on summer bills but not on winter, or vice versa, and some charging it only on the portion of taxes passed on to specific entities, such as Wayne County or the county's Regional Education Services Agency (RESA). In Plymouth Township, the fee was added to the winter tax bills but not the summer.

If the charge is imposed, the mayor said, it has to go directly to tax administration expenses.

Dwyer said he may support imposing some fee if general-fund money now used for tax

administration is earmarked for the city's pension obligations to retirees who retired under the defined-benefit system. The city has phased out that system in favor of a defined-contribution system similar to a 401(k).

Commissioner Mike Wright said he is in favor of the fee.

"I wish I didn't have to be," he said. "From my perspective, what we're facing is the need for some revenue enhancement."

## 'Tough call'

Wright said he has been opposed to the fee in the past, but has changed his mind after years of cost-cutting through city work force reduction, merging departments and functions, partnering with other communities for services, and innovations like the geo-

thermal system at the Plymouth Cultural Center, which is saving on utility bills.

"It just seems to me it comes to a point where reasonable people just have to accept the fact that revenue enhancement becomes necessary," he said. Deficits are projected for future budgets, he said, and the proposed budget for 2012-13 doesn't include some badly needed initiatives, such as increasing the size of Plymouth's 15-officer police force.

Wright said he would favor of imposing the entire 1 percent, and would not limit the money offset by the fee to any particular program.

"Frankly, this is a tough call, so I would understand if a majority of my colleagues would rather not," he said.

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## BROTHERS

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High School (they too are members of the 2012 All-State Team along with Emily Southern of Canton High School and Brett Jia of Plymouth High School)—Peter earned a perfect 2,400 on the SAT and qualified for the United States of America Math Olympiad. Not to be outdone, Scott narrowly aced the SAT, too, scoring 2,340.

The twins, the sons of Xiang Su and Hong Jiang of Canton, are now looking forward to getting, as Peter put it, a "fresh start."

"You wipe everything clean, and take what you learned in high school to the next level," Peter said. "I'm excited to see if I can do more than I did in high school. I want to make a larger impact."

As does brother Scott. And though they aren't exactly sure where that impact will be, they do

know they want to get involved in something to do with "green" technology.

They're both concerned with what they see as an increase in global warming.

"People say it isn't as bad or it doesn't even exist, but it exists," Scott said. "We need to step up our research to develop new materials to deal with it. It really is serious."

They've reached a level of success few students hit, according to district

officials. When ACT officials told the district of the four perfect scores, they said less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all test-takers earn the perfect score. In the current class, for instance, 1.6 million students took the test nationwide and only 588 earned the perfect 36.

## Aiming high

What sets the twins apart, according to their teachers, is the brilliance they display without "acting the part."

"They have the kind of personality you'd want them to have," physics teacher Angela Brown said. "It's a brilliance without the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. They're helpful with everybody in class. They gladly help without pushing themselves on people."

Now they're turning that success toward the future. Ten years from now, Peter Su hopes to either have started a company using materi-

als he's researched and developed himself, or being a professor at university where he can have his own lab to focus on his own research.

Scott, on the other hand, could see himself starting his own company, but could be just as happy just doing "the pure research" part.

"I could make a good impact, and that's a good way to do it," Scott said.

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# Job numbers not always best indicator for markets

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm confused and I hope you can help me. I've been trying to become more aware of what's been happening in the economy and it seems that the market always reacts to the unemployment numbers. I'm confused about what recently happened in the market. The unemployment rate went down to 8.1 percent, which I think would be good news, but the market had a significant sell-off. I think in April the U.S. economy created some 115,000 jobs and I would think would be good news. Why did the market sell off?  
A: Sometimes (in the market), good news is bad



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

news and bad news is good news. In the short run, the market is irrational. Therefore, sometimes these one-day market swings don't make any sense and it's somewhat of a fool's game to try to understand them. In addition, it's also important to keep in mind that our market is not controlled only by what's happening in the U.S. economy. We're in the global market. Con-

sequently, what happens around the world affects us here at home. That being said, I hope I can clarify what happened when the April unemployment numbers were recently released. I believe we need to see much more robust job growth in order to see a significant improvement in the economy. I believe the economy is still weak and that this has been the slowest recovery since the Great Depression. The economy will not significantly improve until more Americans are working and the unemployment rate significantly declines. When that will be, I don't know. But

I do know it won't happen overnight and we still have a long way to go to get unemployment to where it should be. However, one thing I've always learned is that anyone who bets against the American economy eventually loses. Good luck!  
I would like to take this opportunity to wish mothers everywhere, especially my wonderful mom, Hilda Bloom, a very happy Mother's Day!  
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New Morning School in Plymouth will soon be celebrating its 40th anniversary and is turning to the community to help celebrate. New Morning School is hosting a contest, open to the public, to help design a 40th Anniversary T-shirt as part of its festivities. The winning designers will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place. In addition, two shirts with artist's design, in the sizes of the artist's choice, will be given to each winning artist. All ages and skill levels are welcome to submit an entry. All designs will be reviewed by local artists, New Morning School alumni parents and former New Morning School art teachers Rita Heaven and Donna Williams. Rita Heaven is also a founding parent at New Morning School. Heaven retired from the school in 2010 after a 37-year career with New Morning School. Williams has had art featured at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, Pewabic Pottery in Detroit and the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Registration and release forms and T-shirt contest rules and guidelines are available on the school's website ([www.newmorningschool.org](http://www.newmorningschool.org)) or by calling (734) 420-3331. Entries can be dropped off or mailed to the school's main office: New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or submitted via e-mail to: [newmorningschool@newmorningschool.com](mailto:newmorningschool@newmorningschool.com). The contest runs until Aug. 17 with the winner chosen soon after. The chosen design will be printed on New Morning School's 40th anniversary T-shirt. Information about the T-shirt Design contest, or about New Morning School will be featured on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages and online [www.newmorningschool.org](http://www.newmorningschool.org).

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# Mom learns 'priceless lessons' from children

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible."  
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By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Raising children is hard enough when they're healthy.

But it becomes much more challenging when one of your children has special needs or one of your children is terminally ill.

Audrey Collett of Livonia has both — a 12-year-old daughter, Madison, who is cognitively delayed because of a chromosomal abnormality; and a 17-year-old daughter, Rachel, who has a rare form of bone cancer and is now in hospice care.

She also has two healthy children, Andrew, 20, and Hannah, 10.

People who know Audrey, including a neighbor, a sister and a Livonia resident who prays for the family in her prayer group — marvel at her strength.

"I would be in my bed with a pillow and blanket over my head, balling my eyes out and asking, 'Why me?'" said the neighbor, Tami Neimeister, who has a 21-year-old son with special needs and two healthy children, ages 14 and 12.

"I know what I have to deal with. I cannot imagine having a terminal child also. I give her such



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Audrey Collett with daughters Madison, 12, Hannah, 10, and Rachel, 17. Not pictured is son Andrew, 20.

credit."

Amy Castillo of Livonia is Audrey's older sister by six years, but she looks up to Audrey.

"I don't think I could survive what she's going through," said Castillo, who has two healthy sons, ages 16 and 17.

"She has a way of swallowing it, going through it, accomplishing what she needs to get done."

The Livonia resident whose prayer group at St. Aidan Catholic Church prays for the Collett family raised six children of her own.

"I've been amazed at how strong Audrey is," she said, adding she's only met her once but follows her posts on Facebook and Care Pages.

"To me both of them, mother and daughter, are absolutely amazing."

Rachel graduated from Churchill High School during a special ceremony in January, after

having completed all the graduation requirements a semester early, and she went skydiving last fall. Both accomplishments were on Rachel's bucket list. Now, she is shopping for a dress for the prom.

Audrey Collett said the hardest part about having two children with very different special needs "is trying to find the balance to spread myself evenly to give just as much attention to my healthy children as my sick children."

## No time for small stuff

She said the normal stuff moms have to deal with — like dirty socks left on the floor — are still there on top of everything else.

But she doesn't let them get to her. "It's the small stuff that I don't have time to worry about anymore," she said.

Audrey said it isn't being strong that gets her through each day. "I think it's fear of not moving forward, of not doing something. You just got to keep moving forward," she said, of finding things to help Rachel, finding things to make her life better.

What helps, she said, is the support of the community, her family and her friends. Just when she thinks she can't get through another day, someone text messages her an encouraging thought, drops by the house or brings over a meal.

"It seems like it always comes at the right moment when I need it the most," she said.

"I really don't think I would be able to face each day without the support of the community and my friends."

Madison was the first of her children to show signs of illness, Audrey said. "She had seizures from the time she was a baby up until just a few years ago" and "she wasn't reaching her milestones physically or mentally."

The family, which includes Dad Roy, a truck driver, was living up

North in Johannesburg at the time. They decided to move to Livonia when Madison was about 3 so they could be closer to her doctor in Ann Arbor and Livonia Public Schools, which had more to offer their special-needs daughter.

"I guess it was God's plan," Audrey said. "Four months after (they bought a house in Livonia), Rachel was diagnosed."

## Looking for reasons

Audrey had noticed visible changes in Rachel's jaw and chin just after Christmas 2005. Rachel was a sixth-grader at Johnson Elementary at the time. The diagnosis was a rare form of osteosarcoma.

Despite trying every kind of conventional and "fly-by-night homeopathic" treatment, they were only able to slow down the cancer, not stop it, Audrey said.

It has spread throughout her body. She is living at home under hospice care to help manage the pain.

Audrey said she often wonders why two of her four children are ill.

"You search for reasons why. Was there something I did or something I didn't do that could have prevented it? It's something I've asked every-day."

A believer, she said she trusts God that "there's a meaning to all this."

"Maybe one day through what I've experienced, I'll be able to help someone else," she said.

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# Madonna graduates 1,100 at 65th commencement

Shortly before Madonna University's 65th commencement ceremony began May 6, Rosalee Bleecker of Redford sat near a window away from the crowd and adjusted her hair under her mortarboard as she prepared to receive a master's degree in history. At 83 years old, Bleecker was quick to mention her age and to remind folks that she was proof that it is never too late to go after your dreams.



Rosalee Bleecker of Redford adjusts her mortarboard before the graduation ceremonies at Madonna University. Bleecker, who is 83 years old, received her master's degree on Sunday and said before the ceremony that she is proof it's never too late to go after your dreams.

Inside Compuware Arena in Plymouth, 1,100 of Bleecker's fellow graduates gathered. Among them were seven who received a doctorate of nursing practice, 800 who received a bachelor's or associate degree, and 300 who joined Bleecker in earning a master's degree.

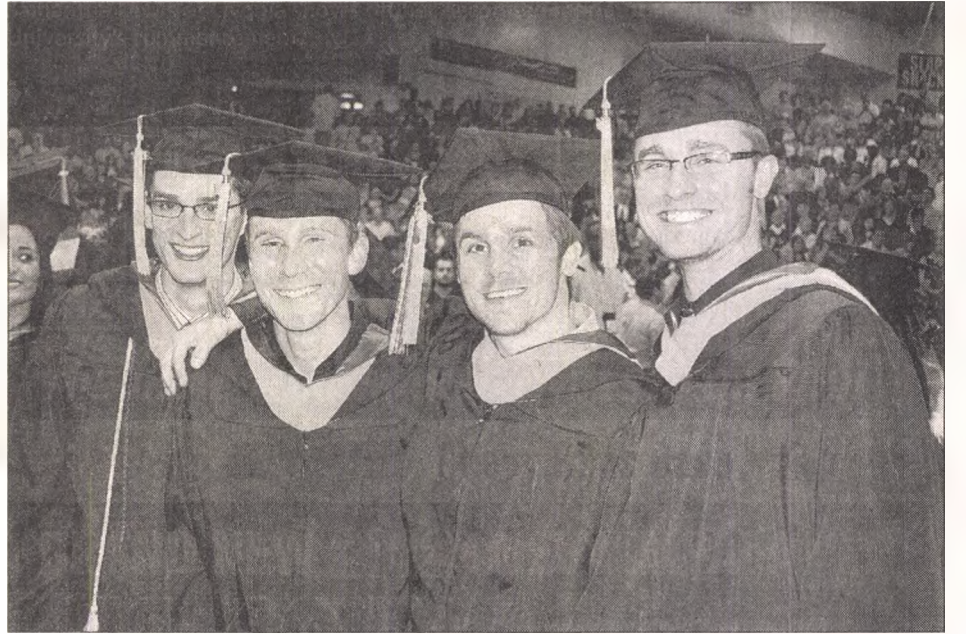
The Distinguished Alumni award was presented to retired Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone of Canton. Sister Mary Barbara Ann Bosch, minister general of the Felician Sisters, came all the way from Rome to receive an honorary doctorate. She was joined by honorary doctoral degree

recipient Sid E. Taylor. In his speech, Taylor posed a question and a challenge to the graduates, "What is your prism, what is your plan?"

Taylor explained that while serving as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam, he watched as many of his fellow Marines were killed and he thought he might be next. In that moment, he made a promise that if he lived, he would live a life of service to others. That moment became the

prism through which Taylor views life. His plan was to give back, which he did by founding the Real life 101 Scholarship Fund that has provided 388 college scholarships to at-risk African American males in 17 schools across four states.

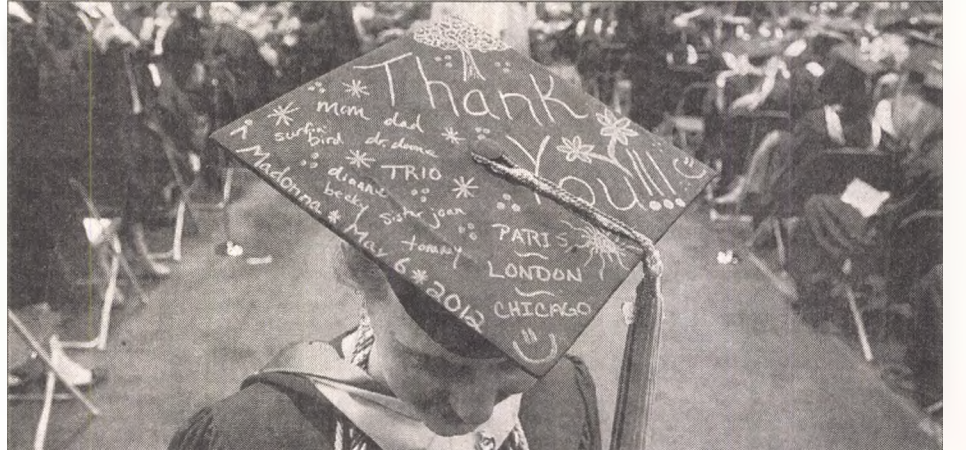
Madonna, located in Livonia, is observing its 75th anniversary this year. It remains committed to the spiritual, educational and service-oriented mission of its founders, the Felician Sisters.



Madonna University nursing grads Andrew Stacey of Livonia, Jordan Herbert of Lapeer, Matthew David Dykla of Livonia and Brandon McAleer of New Hudson pose for a photo.



Madonna University social work graduate Shirley Diamond of Alpena waves to her family during commencement Sunday.



Samantha Lewis of Livonia shows off her decorated mortarboard during Madonna University's commencement.

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# Rescue team prepares for its next emergency

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

It's not too often that someone gets trapped in a trench or pinned under a mountain of debris from a collapsed building, but specially trained rescuers are ready when it does happen.

And, they're honing their skills through special training operations every month.

The Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team is a highly skilled special response unit made up of 47 first responders from 21 jurisdictions, including Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Redford, Plymouth, Garden City, Northville, Novi and Westland.

Tuesday's training exercise entailed a scenario in which a person was trapped in a trench.

"We see this when people are working and they're not in a trench box," said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch, who administered the exercise.

An eight-foot deep hole was dug on the Greenmead property in Livonia for the training. The over-night rainfall perfectly simulated a real-life scenario in which the walls of the trench began to give way, requiring rescuers to place large wooden support panels and cross beams inside the trench.

Local DPW crews were on hand to participate in the training.

"We're looking to partner up with our DPWs, to get them involved in a response when needed," said Bartsch, who noted the DPW assistance was critical in the December 2010 Frank's Furniture Store explosion in Wayne. "The DPWs were there,



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Fire and DPW crews from around western Wayne and Oakland counties trained in trench rescue Tuesday as part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team's monthly training. The exercise took place on the property of Greenmead park in Livonia.

moving debris out of the way. A lot of people don't realize the DPW plays a really big role. They're truly first responders, just like police and fire are. They bring the equipment and the expertise that we don't have."

### 'A learning experience'

Bryan Pickworth, road maintenance supervisor at the Farmington Hills DPW, said the training exercises are important for everyone involved.

"It's a learning experience for all of us, knowing exactly what they need in a situation like this," he said. "Anything we can do to help out, especially in an emergency situation — there's nothing like hands-on experience."

The WWUSAR had just received equipment on Tuesday to connect to a Vactor truck, for use in the rescue training exercise.

Livonia Fire Department Lt. John Orzech, incident commander, said the exercise was going quite well.

"We always try to

improve in every scenario," he said. "This is going exceptionally well, considering we just got the equipment this morning."

### Collaboration

The WWUSAR team trains and provides rescue in the areas of trench, rope, confined space and building collapse. The team was formed in 2006 and operates similarly to the haz-mat multi-jurisdictional response team that was established in 1987.

The specialized services are too expensive for local communities to provide individually, so the partnerships are needed and vitally important, noted Bartsch.

"We've been looking for regional methods to provide an exceptional service at a reduced cost," he said.

Recently, that partnership has expanded to include emergency physician Chris Mason, a doctor at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and former police officer.

"The planning, delivery and coordination of medical care outside the four walls and bright white

lights of the hospital is important," said Mason, who joined WWUSAR in January.

He serves as the team physician and is able to set protocol for medical care in emergency situations. He participates in disaster training around the country and is the medical director for the Michigan Tactical Officers Association.

Mason said St. Mary Mercy is supporting the WWUSAR team by providing response-readiness testing for team members, including blood work and hearing tests, for example.

He said he's glad to be on the team.

"This is a terrific group of people from 21 agencies that come together for the greater good of western Wayne County," he said. "It's amazing that you can get this many people together from different agencies and cooperate as a team."

The WWUSAR, since formed, has responded to trench rescue/recovery calls in Detroit and Van Buren and a search rescue operation following a tornado that struck

an apartment complex in Plymouth. The team was on stand-by following the recent tornadoes in Washtenaw County and Dundee.

In the meantime, the



Dr. Chris Mason, an emergency room physician with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is a member of the rescue team.

team keeps training and anticipating the next call.

"It's important for all of our members to show up to (training) because it sharpens our skills and allows us to anticipate each other and the situation," said Bartsch.

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By Payton Dixon

Payton Dixon

#### Best Friends

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By Payton Stanecki

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#### Peaceful

Peaceful is not people dying in war. Peaceful is a state without fighting. Peaceful is a treaty between two countries. Peaceful is the world without conflict. Peaceful sounds like people talking together. Peaceful sounds like people singing in harmony. Another word for peaceful is freedom. One thing about peaceful is it's quiet.



By Alex Evans

Alex Evans

Poems from 4th Grade students at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community School District

## Scoop's Recycling Winners!



**Caroline Loder**  
 Age: 9  
 Livonia

Our family helps the environment by picking up cans on the walks are family takes. Then we take the cans to the grocery store. We turn in the cans for 10 cents each. After our family gets the money we take it home. After we have \$30 or more we all take the money to the Humane Society. We have taken money two times. That is how my family helps the environment.



**Emily Loder**  
 Age: 12  
 Livonia

Our family helps save the environment by walking or riding our bikes to locations that are close to our house instead of driving the car. We walk to the store if we only need a few things that we can carry. We sometimes walk to McDonalds too, if we have a coupon for a free treat or something like that. We also take our wagon to Westborn Market to get fruit and veggies and such. But my favorite environment-saving thing we do is riding our bikes to the library to get books in the summer. I like it because it's fun. I get active, and the best part is that I'm helping save the environment.



**Cory Ruten**  
 Age: 12  
 Livonia

I started a recycling program at my church 2 years ago. I bought 2 recycle bins that stay at church for anyone to put recyclable items in. I empty the bins every Sunday and bring the recyclables to my house. I then put what I have collected in with my own recycling to be picked up at the curb. I get plastic, metal, glass and cardboard.

These are some things I do to help the earth. I turn off the lights even when I am in my house when not used. I recycle paper in my classroom. If I see trash on the ground, I pick it up and put in the trash. I try not to use too much water when I brush my teeth or when taking a shower. I take care of the tree in my yard so we can have shade. I try to use old things in new ways. I rinse out plastic milk cartons and use them for kool-aid. I always eat my lunch at school and don't throw it out. I donate my old clothes to Goodwill. I do my best to help the earth.

**Abigail Kulas Westland**

## A+ Teacher Award Nomination Results!

Congratulations to these special teachers. You have made a difference in the lives of your students. Now it's time for everyone to know how special you are.



**From: Abigail Kulas**  
 Student's Grade: 3rd Grade  
 School: Edison Elementary  
 Community: Wayne/Westland  
 Teacher: Mrs. Gelven

I like my teacher Mrs. Gelven for many reasons. She lets us use smart boards. She gives us special notes when we do well. She helps kids when they are having trouble with work. She has a nice personality and is always friendly and funny. She knows how to teach so we can understand subjects.

Abigail Kulas

**From: Zoe Gargiulo**  
 Student's Grade: 5th  
 School: Cooke School  
 Community: Northville  
 Teacher: Miss Donna Case

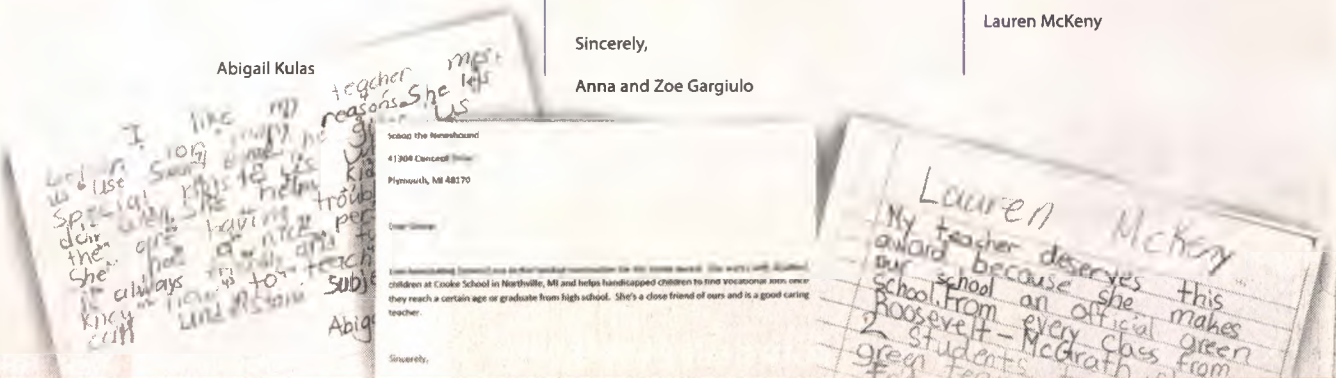
I am nominating Donna Case as the teacher nomination for the Scoop Award. She works with disabled children at Cooke School in Northville, MI and helps handicapped children to find vocational jobs once they reach a certain age or graduate from high school. She's a close friend of ours and is a good caring teacher.

Sincerely,  
 Anna and Zoe Gargiulo

**From: Lauren McKeny**  
 Student's Grade: 2nd  
 School: Roosevelt-McGrath  
 Community: Wayne-Westland  
 Teacher: Mrs. Steiner

My teacher deserves this award because she makes our school an official green school. From every class at Roosevelt-McGrath she picks 2 students to do the green team with her on Friday. She is the best teacher I ever had.

Lauren McKeny







Mary Schulz (from left), 2011 Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship recipient Catherine Huang and Stephanie Saia at last year's Canton Community Foundation golf outing.

## Golf outing raises scholarship funds

Golfers should bring their grass clubs, spoons, baffle and niblik and join the Canton Community Foundation as it raises money for college scholarships at its 22nd Annual Golf Outing June 7 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

"The golf outing is just a fun way to raise money for something that is so important for the students in our communities," said Joan Noricks, foundation president. "Our scholarship program is growing in importance as families continue to struggle financially to educate their children."

The outing begins at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served during 18 holes of golf, followed by a 3 p.m. awards program and dinner. The public is invited to join the fun and camaraderie. The foundation is also

having a bit of fun with historic golf terms. When golfers register for the outing, they can take a crack at the formal invitation, written in the original descriptive words for the ancient game and equipment. The first to decipher the invitation is eligible for a \$25 gift certificate to Carrabba's Italian Grill restaurant.

Reservations are required for single golfers, twosomes and foursomes. To make a reservation, go to [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) and follow the links. In addition to the invitation contest, a volunteer will have vintage golf clubs on display at the outing. CCF has also increased its number of sponsorships and the benefits that accompany the financial commitment to the outing and CCF's scholarship program.

"We encourage our community businesses and professionals to come out for the outing and to

make a commitment with sponsorships," Noricks said. "It really does take the whole community to advocate for post-secondary education and to help our students prepare for their futures."

This year, the foundation is awarding 19 scholarships to Plymouth and Canton students. Recipients will be honored at a reception on May 23 at the Cherry Hill School House at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

In the past 20 years, the foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to more than 500 students. The program includes financial aid opportunities for Canton and Plymouth residents who are at different stages in their educational pursuits, as well as a number of different study areas.

For more information on the outing and sponsorships, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

## Council recognizes Father's Day run

Runners who take part in the Plymouth YMCA's annual Father's Day Run will be doing so with the blessing of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

The Governor's Council has again recognized the annual run as a "quality physical activity event." The run is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, starting in downtown Plymouth.

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The council believes the Father's Day Run exemplifies this core value and is

endorsed by the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

The annual run is a run for all ages. There is a kids' 1/4-mile fun runs, a one-mile walk/run, a 5K walk/run, a 10K and the MDG Triple (1-mile, 5K and 10K).

Race-day pick-up and registration starts at 6:30 a.m. The races start

on a staggered schedule roughly every 15 minutes, beginning with the Kid Trot (ages 3-4) at 7:30 a.m. The Kid Jog (ages 5-7) starts at 7:45 a.m.

There is also a Diaper Dash (ages 0-1) and a Wee Walkers (ages 1-2) race.

Early registration and more information are available at the YMCA office, 248 Union, in Plymouth, or by visiting [www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth](http://www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth).

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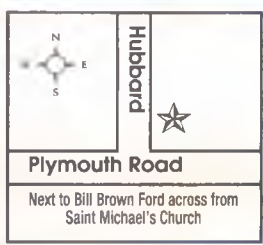
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## Novi eclipses field at KLAA meet

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Novi made it almost a forgone conclusion as to the winner of Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field meet hosted by Canton.

The Wildcats repeated as champion by winning six of the 17 events and scoring a team-high 166 points.

In a meet where 10 different records were eclipsed, the battle for second place in the team standings was won by Northville (99) over Livonia Churchill (96), while Westland John Glenn made a strong showing in fourth with 77.

Novi individual winners included Sam Pavlika, shot put (meet record 40 feet, 5.5 inches); D'Mya Davis, 100-meter dash (12.75); Jasmine Ward, 200 (meet record 25.6); and Jackie Mullins, 3,200 (11:28.11).

The Novi quartet of Davis, Mariah Smith, Ward and Janee Hood set a new standard in the 400 relay (49.46), while Kelly McCloskey, Ward, Davis and Kerri McMahan also broke the 1,600 relay record (4:08.53).

"They're right there with the teams of previous years," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "The hardest part with our seniors this year has that they have a lot of people gunning for them."

"We scored points in every single event today. When you have 17 different events, that's hard to do. This is definitely a special team without a doubt."

### Kavulich shines

One of the meet's individual stand-

Please see **GIRLS, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth sprinter William Askew II competes in the 200-meter dash during Friday's KLAA meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

On a splendid Friday filled with subplots and new records, the KLAA Kensington Conference boys track and field meet belonged to Novi's Wildcats.

Novi made it two conference titles in a row with 99 points to top the 12-team field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We have athletes that are diverse and go in several different events," Novi head coach Marsha Reid said. "And I've always said a head coach can't do it without assistant coaches and we have some really strong assistant coaches across the board."

"They've just been clawing the whole year long to try and keep what they had last year, trying to win the conference. So I think some of it is heart, some it is camaraderie and the third part of it is balance."

She pointed to the yeoman efforts of senior Mike Jocz, who "has been the glue for people this year."

Jocz scored points in the 100 and 200 dashes and sprint relays.

"Jordan Love, who is sick and had a bit of an off day, did the same thing and anybody who's a sprinter knows that's a hard thing," Reid said.

### Turnaround

In a reversal of the recent Livonia city meet, it was Livonia Churchill finishing ahead of Livonia Stevenson in the battle for the runner-up spot.

Please see **BOYS, B3**

## Salem grid meeting

The Salem varsity football team on Friday, May 18, will have its 2012 season kickoff meeting, mandatory for all prospective players and their parents.

The meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. in the Salem cafeteria.

For more information, contact Rocks head coach Kurt Britnell, at kurt.britnell@pccsmail.net.

## YMCA summer camps on tap

Plymouth Family YMCA is taking registration for summer sports programs including: ages 3-5 preschool soccer and T-ball clinic; ages 4-9 baseball leagues; ages 8 and up, martial arts; ages 5-10, tennis; ages 8-12 football and basketball camps.

For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904, or visit the website at www.ymcadetroit.org.

## Women's golf skills clinic set

The Michigan Women's Golf Association will stage its skills clinic and on-course golf management sessions beginning at noon (Session I) and 3:30 p.m. (Session II) Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, Superior Township.

Tami Bealert, PGA Class A golf professional and certified personal trainer, WITS, will be providing instruction on the range and strategies on the course.

Included in the \$50 cost is instruction, range balls, cart and nine-hole greens fee.

Gain tips on the range with golf specific warm-ups and swing exercises, along with 20 minutes of pre-golf putting skill tips followed by nine holes (with threesomes) where Bealert will coach each group approximately a half-hour on the course.

The clinic is limited to 24. You can register online at www.mwgf.org.

For more information, e-mail Lu Stockton at stockton@mwgf.org.

## Blazers dial in Saddlelites

Senior Emma Ellswood scored six goals, while senior Alyssa Daly and sophomore Rachel Donabedian added hat tricks in Livonia Ladywood's 18-3 Catholic League semifinal lacrosse victory Wednesday at home against Warren Regina. Junior Stephanie Mackley made seven saves for the Blazers, who improved to 10-3 overall.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's Megan Trapp (No. 19) tries to keep possession of the ball despite being shadowed by Plymouth's Alyssa Dillon (No. 2) during Thursday night's girls soccer contest. At right is Canton's Kayln Berinti.

## 'Cats nip Chiefs in showdown

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth held off a second-half comeback bid by Canton Thursday night to earn a 2-1 victory and all-but clinch the KLAA South Division girls soccer title.

With two division games remaining, the first-place Wildcats improved to 8-1-3 overall and 7-0-1 in the KLAA South. The runner-up Chiefs dropped to 7-2-3 and 6-2-0.

"We're in the driver's seat to win the division and that's nice," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "It would be the first time we've ever won the division. But we still have to get past (Livonia) Churchill and Wayne next week."

The Wildcats pounced on the Chiefs early on a sun-drenched evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer field.

With about 12 minutes left in the first half, Plymouth junior forward Madi Lewis was knocked down on a breakaway to set up a penalty kick.

Making good on the ensuing PK was junior midfielder Stephanie Dillon.

Before halftime, Plymouth went up 2-0 when Lewis scored her 19th goal of the season.

From about 30 yards out, the high-flying Wildcat dribbled through the defense and drove a shot inside the far right post past Canton senior

Please see **SOCCER, B4**

## Frosh sparks Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

With a welcome influx of power from freshman shortstop Maranda Armstead, Salem swept Wednesday's doubleheader against KLAA Central Division softball rival Novi.

Armstead clubbed the first two home runs of her varsity career — and nearly hit a third — as the Rocks doubled up the Wildcats by a 6-3 score at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the nightcap. Salem won 4-2 in Game 1.

"It's really nice to see her hit home runs," Salem head coach Bonnie Southland said. "We knew she had a lot of power in her swing. When she started out the season she was hitting the ball well, just a lot of deep hits to people. Now, she's hitting them over the fence."

That she did, sparking the Rocks to the sweep and improving the team's record to 10-8 overall.

After she hit a fly ball to deep center that Novi's Emily Bielski hauled in at the fence in the first, Armstead (2-for-3, two runs, three RBI) led off the fourth with a line-drive round-tripper to left.

For good measure, she drilled a two-run shot to left-center to cap off Salem's four-run fifth, which opened up an insurmountable 6-2 edge.

And by the way, Armstead doubled in a run in the opening frame of the first game.

"I just think 'Hit the ball as hard as I can,'" Armstead said. "If it goes over, great."



Salem freshman shortstop Maranda Armstead gets ready to swing at the next pitch. She hit two homers Wednesday.

If it's a base hit, great."

### Quick impact

With club softball experience with the Plymouth-Canton Pride (she'll play this summer for the Livonia Storm), Armstead has seamlessly entered the varsity scene as a freshman.

In addition to her strong hitting, she has played impressively at shortstop to team up with slick-fielding third baseman Elliott Mitchem.

"There was pressure in the beginning," said Armstead, asked about being a varsity starter as a ninth grader. "But the girls have really welcomed me and it's helped a lot."

Having power-hitting senior catcher Alexis Powell behind her in the lineup also hasn't hurt.

"Either one of them (Armstead, Powell), they're

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Speeding around the bases Wednesday against Novi is Salem sophomore Emily Marcero. The Rocks won both games of the doubleheader.

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interchangeable," Southerland said. "They're two of the strongest hitters in the league, you can't go wrong there."

### Taking the fifth

In both games, the Rocks scored in the fifth inning to break a 2-2 tie and go on to victory.

Game 2's four-run surge enabled sophomore pitcher Kristin Zink to go the distance and pick up the victory.

Zink scattered seven hits and settled down after Novi strung three hits together in the second for a 2-1 advantage.

Armstead's second four-bagger of the game followed singles by senior Bri Berberet, Zink and sophomore Emily Marcero (which scored Berberet and Zink).

Novi tallied a run in the seventh to close out the scoring. Anna Greulich singled and trotted home on a double by Abby Robinson.

In the opener, freshman pitcher Marissa Hunley went all the way for the victory.

Salem took the lead in the fifth on an error. Marcero and Armstead opened the frame with singles and Powell hit a liner right at the shortstop, who threw wild trying to double off Marcero at third — allowing the run to score.

Mitchem then reached on an infield single between short and third and junior outfielder Lexi Epley (two hits) plated Armstead with a base hit up the middle.

"We're coming around and peaking at the right time," Southerland said. "The girls were 2-7 at one point and they've crawled out of the hole. It's nice to see that and hopefully they'll continue to improve and get themselves prepared for districts."

**SALEM 12-9, ROMULUS 2-3:** On Thursday at PCEP, the Rocks picked up where they left off the previous day with another doubleheader sweep.

In the opener, six innings due to the mercy rule, winning pitcher Emily Marcero clubbed an inside-the-park home run to help her complete-game effort. Marcero gave up just four hits.

Catcher Alexis Powell doubled and singled, while Katy Meade doubled and knocked in three runs.

In Game 2, senior pitcher Alyssa Meagher pitched four scoreless innings to earn the win, with freshman Marissa Hunley pitching the final three innings, allowing just one earned run.

Big contributors at the plate were Marcero, Powell and Jennifer First (each with a double) and sophomore Kristine Zink (three hits).

The wins improved Salem's record to 12-8 overall and 6-7 in the KLAA Central.

**SALEM 2-5, SOUTH LYON 1-6:** On May 3, Rocks senior pitcher Alyssa Meagher went the distance in the opener but the Lions edged Salem in the nightcap.

In Game 1, Meagher allowed seven hits and one walk while striking out four with Jennifer First and Emily Marcero driving in the runs.

A four-run fifth cost the Rocks in the nightcap.

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# Oh, mercy!

## Hot-hitting 'Cats mercy Zebras twice in twinbill

Plymouth's well-oiled girls softball machine zoomed to a pair of mercy-rule wins Wednesday against host Wayne Memorial, with each game ending 10-0 after five innings.

Entering Saturday's Canton Classic, the Wildcats enjoy a 21-2 record overall, with a 12-1 ledger in the KLAA South Division.

Pitching both games was freshman Mikayela Marciniak, allowing a combined four hits and two walks over 10 innings.

In the opener, another outstanding ninth grader, third baseman Brittney Miller, went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Also collecting two hits and driving in a run were juniors Lindsey Gryniwicz, Elaine Gerou and sophomore catcher Brooke Senkbeil.

Homering over the fence and knocking in two runs was junior second baseman Bri Giordano.

The hit parade contin-

ued in the nightcap, led by sophomore shortstop Lindsay Lutton — who hit three doubles in three at bats while driving in two.

Giordano went 2-for-3 (including a double) and collected three RBI.

**CANTON 10-2, CHURCHILL 1-3:** On Wednesday, host Livonia Churchill (9-8, 6-7) scored three times in the bottom of the third inning to salvage a split of its KLAA South Division doubleheader with the Chiefs (11-4, 9-4).

Canton won the opener, 10-1, as Jessica Webster and Katherine Porter each went 3-for-5.

The Chiefs scored five times in the top of the first inning thanks to an RBI triple from Paige Aresco and a 3-run homer by Hannah Warren.

Winning pitcher Alyssa Boucher gave up just four hits over seven innings. She fanned three and did not allow a walk.

Julia Twigg went 2-for-3 and had the lone RBI for Churchill.

Churchill starter Abby

Jewell, who faced just six batters, took the loss. Missy Sidor finished up in relief.

Sidor got the win in the nightcap as she allowed just four hits, struck out three and walked only two in seven innings.

Trailing 2-0, Churchill struck for three runs in third thanks to a double by Julia Cavagnini and RBI singles by Rachel Jason, Jackie Tolles and Casey Bias en route to a 3-2 victory.

Canton starter Hannah Shuler, who left in the fifth inning in favor of Boucher, took the loss.

**PLYMOUTH 8, S. LYON EAST 0:** Mikayela Marciniak threw a complete-game shutout Monday, giving up just three hits and walking none while fanning seven.

Fourteen hits and a flawless defense keyed the win, led by Bri Giordano (3-for-4, homer, two RBI), Brittney Miller (3-for-4), Allison Raylean (2-for-2, four RBI), Karen Rebin (2-for-3) and Cassidy Hewitt (2-for-3).

## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

**KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 11 at Canton**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 99 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 87; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 77.33; 4. Plymouth, 72.33; 5. Salem, 70; 6. Livonia Franklin, 62; 7. South Lyon, 59; 8. Northville, 57; 9. Canton, 44.33; 10. Westland John Glenn, 16; 11. South Lyon East, 11; 12. Wayne Memorial, 8.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 9 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 48-3.25; 3. Trevor VanAsselt (SL), 47-3.25; 4. Mark Kurzeja (SL), 44-1.5; 5. Dan Carrigan (Salem), 43-10.5; 6. Olanjiyi Owagbemi (Canton), 42-4.25; 7. Dylan Summers (N), 42-2.5; 8. Dimitrus Renfroe (WM), 41-10.75.  
**Discus:** 1. VanAsselt (SL), 160-5 (meet record); 2. Bartig (LC), 146-11; 3. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 133-2; 4. Brandon Ogden (WJG), 122-1; 5. Dev Sandhu (Canton), 120-2; 6. Trent Willenborg (SLE), 119-6; 7. Carrigan (Salem), 119-0; 8. Dylan Summers (N), 117-9.  
**High jump:** 1. Derek Cingel (N), 6-2; 2. Chris Dierker (Salem), 6-1; 3. Nick Dyer (SL), 5-11; 4. (tie) Akil Wade (Canton) and Jamal Dixon (Canton), 5-8 each; 6. Josh Peterson (Salem), 5-8; 7. Chad Evans (LC), 5-8; 8. (tie) Matt Schacht (Canton), Devin Kelly (LS) and Nathan Harris (P), 5-8 each.  
**Long jump:** 1. Ali Taha (Novi), 21-4.75 (meet record); 2. Nick Podulka (LS), 21-1.25; 3. Brett Gutowski (LF), 20-7; 4. Anthony Wilson (LS), 20-4.5; 5. Anton Skupin (SL), 20-2.5; 6. Drake Jordan (Salem), 20-1.5; 7. Brenton Shitta (WM), 19-6.25; 8. Dixon (Canton), 19-6.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Alex Rytarsyk (LC), 12-11 (meet record); 2.

Jacob Hage (LC), 12-11 (meet record); 3. Spencer Ruggiero (SL), 12-8; 4. Jim Bagazinski (LF), 12-8; 5. Sean Wagner (N'ville), 12-5; 6. Alex Teasdale (P), 11-11; 7. Mitch Nickert (Canton), 11-11; 8. Stephen Fedak (LC), 11-11.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Tom Brokaw (LF), 15.53; 2. Joe Amado (Salem), 15.85; 3. Lance Lilla (Novi), 15.65; 4. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 15.86; 5. DaRon Turner (Novi), 16.07; 6. Joe Mims (LS), 16.20; 7. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16.11; 8. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.38.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Joe Amado (Salem), 40.25; 2. Quinn Schelske (SLE), 41.70; 3. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 42.12; 4. Parker Sutton (Novi), 42.35; 5. Mims (LF), 42.42; 6. Charles May (N'ville), 43.05; 7. Justin Hsieh (N'ville), 42.44; 8. Zoltowski (LC), 43.54.

**100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11.14; 2. Brandon Love (N'ville), 11.22; 3. Jordan Love (Novi), 11.33; 4. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.36; 5. Kyle Schopa (SL), 11.4; 6. Mike Jocz (Novi), 11.42; 7. Nick Podulka (LS), 11.48; 8. Jordan (Salem), 11.6.

**200:** 1. B. Love (N'ville), 22.75; 2. Jocz (Novi), 22.8; 3. Schopa (SL), 23.15; 4. William Askew II (P), 23.25; 5. Ali Taha (Novi), 23.73; 6. J. Love (Novi), 23.95; 7. Will Harris (WM), 24.22; 8. Marcus Beeman (WJG), 24.92.

**400:** 1. Zaid Shareef (LS), 50.52 (meet record); 2. Lucas Bunting (P), 51.31; 3. M. Schacht (Canton), 51.48; 4. Colin McCormack (Salem), 51.77; 5. Joel Shekell (SL), 52.03; 6. Wilson (LS), 52.48; 7. Ryan Flanagan (N'ville), 52.64; 8. Quinton Davis (WM), 52.72.

**800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 1:59.45 (meet record); 2. Max Rogowski (P), 1:59.77; 3. Jason Ferrante (N'ville), 2:02.62; 4. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:03.31; 5. Jewell Jones

(WJG), 2:03.59; 6. Brian Barnes (Novi), 2:03.61; 7. Ben Lambert (LS), 2:04.45; 8. Miles Felton (Canton), 2:04.51.

**1,600:** 1. Dan Sims (N'ville), 4:30.01 (meet record); 2. Felton (Canton), 4:30.09; 3. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:31.69; 4. Wise (LC), 4:33.3; 5. Stephen Fenech (LS), 4:34.15; 6. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:34.16; 7. Barnes (Novi), 4:36.72; 8. John Lynch (LS), 4:42.49.

**3,200:** 1. Gielarowski (P), 9:47.23; 2. Steven McEvilly (Salem), 9:53.51; 3. Fenech (LS), 10:04.77; 4. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:10.22; 5. Ben Yates (LC), 10:10.50; 6. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:16.68; 7. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:18.45; 8. Jason Lerner (N'ville), 10:18.81.

**400 relay:** 1. Novi, 44.02; 2. Franklin, 44.25; 3. Stevenson, 44.98; 4. Churchill, 45.06; 5. Salem, 45.15; 6. Plymouth, 45.50; 7. Northville, 45.64; 8. Wayne, 46.05.

**800 relay:** 1. Franklin (Andrew Crechiolo, Brett Gutowski, Alex Perelli, Andrew McGaughey), 1:31.76; 2. Novi, 1:32.09; 3. Salem, 1:32.35; 4. Stevenson, 1:32.52; 5. Northville, 1:34.72; 6. South Lyon, 1:34.87; 7. Churchill, 1:35.11; 8. Wayne, 1:35.58.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Novi, 3:29.82; 2. Plymouth, 3:30.05; 3. Franklin, 3:31.71; 4. Stevenson, 3:31.88; 5. South Lyon, 3:35.42; 6. Salem, 3:36.47; 7. Churchill, 3:40.26; 8. John Glenn, 3:40.76.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Evan Johnson, Rogowski, J. Dalton), 8:11.61 (meet record); 2. Stevenson, 8:15.93; 3. Churchill, 8:20.22; 4. Northville, 8:26.05; 5. Novi, 8:27.09; 6. Salem, 8:27.98; 7. John Glenn, 8:45.07; 8. South Lyon, 8:47.31.

## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 148 SALEM 158**  
May 10 at Fox Creek  
**Stevenson scorers:** Nick Marsh, 36 (co-medalist); Austin

Harris and Eric Attard, 37 each; Cam Tetrault, 38; Dante Cicchelli and Ryan Zahm, 39 each.  
**Salem scorers:** Eric Duprey, 36 (co-medalist); Brady Cole, 40; Brian Patterson and Nick Danis,

41 each; David Nikkila, 42; Brandon Duprey, 50.  
**Dual match records:** Stevenson, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAA Central.

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## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

**KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 11 at Canton**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 166 points; 2. Northville, 99; 3. Livonia Churchill, 96; 4. Westland John Glenn, 77; 5. Plymouth, 50.33; 6. Salem, 44; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 35; 8. South Lyon, 30.5; 9. Canton, 25.83; 10. Livonia Franklin, 23.33; 11. Wayne Memorial, 12; 12. South Lyon East, 4.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Sam Pavlika (Novi), 40 feet, 5.5 inches (meet record); 2. Amber Warren (Canton), 34-11; 3. Taylor Pavlika (Novi), 34-6; 4. Quay Nichols (WM), 33-7.25; 5. Chyna Williams (P), 33-7.25; 6. Brooke Calhoun (Novi), 33-3; 7. Solana Gillis (SLE), 33-2; 8. Bailey Hart (WM), 33-0.5.

**Discus:** 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 123-8 (meet record); 2. S. Pavlika (Novi), 119-10; 3. T. Pavlika (Novi), 115-11; 4. Williams (P), 114-11; 5. Tionne Johnson (P), 105-8; 6. Kayla Branton (LS), 102-11; 7. Rhiannon (SLE), 102-9; 8. Jessica Fredericks (SL), 102-1.

**High jump:** 1. Moynes (N'ville), 5-4.25 (meet record); 2. Kerri McMahan (Novi) and Sencclair McDonnell (LC), 5-3 each; 4. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-2; 5. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; 6. Brady Covert (SL), 5-0; 7. Symone Abbott (N'ville), 5-0; 8. (tie) Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), Taylor Rieckhoff (P) and Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-9 each.

**Long jump:** 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 16-6; 2. Brianna Jed (LS), 16-5; 3. Alex Kitz (LS), 16-4.75; 4. Cochran (LC), 16-4.5; 5. Massey (WJG), 16-1; 6. Karla Ayala-Talavera (Novi), 15-11; 7. McDonnell (LC), 15-10.5; 8. Carlie Fernandez (SL), 15-3.

**Pole vault:** 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 11-6 (meet record); 2. Jane McCurry (P), 11-2; 3. Kitz (LS), 11-2; 4. Rieckhoff (P), 10-8; 5. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 9-8; 6. McKenna Burr (Novi), 9-8; 7. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-8; 8. Pia Simon (Canton) and Miranda Spencer (SL), 9-2 each.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 15.48; 2. Abby Downs (Novi), 15.85; 3. O'Brien (LF), 16.02; 4. Lauren Rodriguez (N'ville), 16.09; 5. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.16; 6. Ayala-Talavera (Novi), 16.54; 7. Marina Milad (Canton), 16.94; 8. Jenny Chang (Novi), 17.05.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Smith (WJG), 46.45; 2. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 46.88; 3. Jarvis (LC), 47.03; 4. Rodriguez (N'ville), 47.96; 5. Lina Davis (Novi), 48.61; 6. Claire Reynolds (Novi), 49.05; 7. Holly Stark (P), 50.11; 8. Covert (SL), 50.2.

**100 dash:** 1. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12.75; 2. Jones (WJG), 12.77; 3. Bryah White (LF), 12.89;

4. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 13.07; 5. Abby Sigler (SL), 13.1; 6. Janee Hood (Novi), 13.19; 7. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.2; 8. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 13.32.

**200:** 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 25.6 (meet record); 2. Jones (WJG), 26.37; 3. Alexa Abbott (N'ville), 26.44; 4. Sigler (SL), 27.32; 5. Honia Williams (WM), 27.49; 6. Fernandez (SL), 27.67; 7. Taylor Mosley (Novi), 27.81; 8. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.9.

**400:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 59.31 (meet record); 2. Abbott (N'ville), 59.92; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.61; 4. Nadia Affes (N'ville), 1:01.07; 5. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:01.86; 6. Mosley (Novi), 1:01.97; 7. Madison Swiatowski (SL), 1:02.02; 8. Rachael Hille (P), 1:02.63.

**800:** 1. Kavulich (Salem), 2:20.33; 2. McMahan (Novi), 2:23.96; 3. Rachel Coleman (N'ville), 2:24.09; 4. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:26.4; 5. Taleen Shahrigan (N'ville), 2:27.81; 6. Alison Robinson (N'ville), 2:28.26; 7. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:28.5; 8. Marina DeBiasi (P), 2:29.58.

**1,600:** 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:12.18; 2. Coleman (N'ville), 5:15.63; 3. Jackie Mullins (Novi), 5:16.38; 4. Kristen Muir (Canton), 5:18.89; 5. Hannah Lonergan (Novi), 5:22.88; 6. Erin Zimmer (N'ville), 5:24.3; 7. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:27.36; 8. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:27.43.

**3,200:** 1. Mullins (Novi), 11:28.11; 2. Lonergan (Novi), 11:38.56; 3. Pilat (LC), 11:45.56; 4. Riley (LC), 11:51.92; 5. Erin Dunne (N'ville), 11:56.82; 6. Nicole Mosteller (N'ville), 12:00.55; 7. Zimmer (N'ville), 12:04.72; 7. Brooke Kuchka (LS), 12:14.58.

**400 relay:** 1. Novi (Davis, Mariah Smith, Ward, Hood), 49.46 (meet record); 2. Churchill, 50.38; 3. Franklin, 50.79; 4. Northville, 51.01; 5. John Glenn, 53.5; 6. Plymouth, 53.5; 7. Wayne, 53.5; 8. Salem, 53.95.

**800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Johnson, Massey, Jones, Smith), 1:46.14 (meet record); 2. Novi, 1:46.19; 3. Churchill, 1:47.23; 4. South Lyon, 1:47.4; 5. Northville, 1:49.73; 6. Franklin, 1:50.37; 7. Canton, 1:51.11; 8. Stevenson, 1:52.11.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (McCloskey, Ward, Davis, McMahan), 4:08.53 (meet record); 2. Northville, 4:11.06; 3. Churchill, 4:11.22; 4. Salem, 4:13.42; 5. Canton, 4:13.65; 6. John Glenn, 4:13.76; 7. South Lyon, 4:15.81; 8. Plymouth, 4:16.28.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Anderson, Pilat, Riley, Azar), 9:36.48 (meet record); 2. Northville, 9:44.5; 3. Plymouth, 9:53.53; 4. Stevenson, 10:19.47; 5. Salem, 10:20.81; 6. South Lyon, 10:21.12; 7. Canton, 10:22.6; 8. Novi, 10:52.01.

## GIRLS

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outs was Salem's Kayla Kavulich, who has made a remarkable recovery after undergoing surgery for a torn ACL (knee) ligament over the summer while playing basketball.

The sophomore captured the 1,600 (5:12.18), 400 (59.31) and 800 (2:20.33) and also ran a leg on the Rocks' fourth-place 1,600 relay.

"The doctor told me that they weren't going to lie to me," Kavulich said. "They told me I'd be back in six months, and this is — I think — nine (months)."

And the Salem distance runner has taken a liking to a relatively new event for her — the quarter-mile.

"I like the 4 x 400 (relay) just because it's at the end of the day and it's just an extra 400," Kavulich said. "I proba-



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Plymouth pole vaulter Reagan Engstrom competes during Friday's conference meet.

bly won't do it at regionals, but I do like the race. I did it because I just wanted to triple up and try and go first in three events and the two-mile (3,200) just seemed a bit too much today.

"I feel good. The mile was pretty easy. We went out at a slower pace and I just kicked it. The 800, I hung in there as long as I could. The 400 was a bit tough because it was so

close to the mile, but it's just a lap."

John Glenn junior Kirsten Smith also stood out re-setting her own school record in the 300 hurdles (46.45) and winning the 100 hurdles (15.48). She also teamed up with Shekinah Johnson, Joslyn Massey and Kayla Jones for a first in the 800 relay (meet record 1:46.14). Jones also added a first for Glenn in the long jump (16-6).

Churchill got a strong effort from its 4 x 800 relay team of Sydney Anderson, Bethany Pilat, Kerigan Riley and Michelle Azar, who set a meet record in 9:36.48.

## Record for Engstrom

Junior Emily Norscia also established a new Kensington mark in the discus (123-8).

"We expect to do well here and obviously one of our goals is to win this meet," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "We knew Novi was going to be tough, and they were. It's almost insurmountable and their coach does a great job coaching both teams. Northville scored a lot of points from the middle of the meet on. They were really good."

Plymouth's Reagan Engstrom broke the pole vault record (11-6), while Northville's Alexandra Moynes set a new standard in the high jump (5-4.25).

## BOYS

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The Chargers, on the strength of co-meet records in the pole vault by Alex Ryktarsyk and Jacob Hage (each with marks of 12 feet, 11 inches), tallied 87 points to edge the Spartans (77.33).

Stevenson held on to the second spot through the end of the final running event, but lost that edge when the final field event points were tallied.

"To our program it means a lot, because we've had to endure the trials and tribulations of finishing third in our division," Churchill head coach Rick Austin said. "But we weren't a complete team because of injuries and one of our sprinters (Hunter Rimatzki) not coming out until late in the season.

"We had to wait until he came along. So these kids have worked their tail ends off all season. So this was fun for them."

Austin's team also featured wins by thrower Bryan Bartig (shot put) and distance runner Ryan Wise (800 run).

Stevenson's main highlight was a meet record by Zaid Shareef in the 400 dash (50.25).

The Spartans also had multiple athletes earning all-conference honors (top four) in the long jump.

Nick Podulka finished second with a mark of 21-1.25 — just shy of the meet record set by Novi's Ali Taha (21-4.75).

Finishing fourth for the Spartans was Anthony Wilson (20-4.5).

Plymouth and Salem nailed down the 4-5 positions, with totals of 72.33 and 70 points, respectively.

"It was good, our team is set up better for a meet like this versus the dual meets," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "Our distance guys had an amazing day."

Senior Derek Gielarowski edged Salem's Steven McEville in a close finish in the 3,200 run (9:47.23 to 9:53.51).

Gielarowski also was part of the meet record 3,200-meter relay, finishing first with a time of 8:11.61.

Another first-place finisher for Plymouth was sprinter William Askew, II, recovered from a hamstring injury sustained at the recent PCEP city meet.

Salem boasted a double first-place winner in Joe Amado, who won the 110-meter hurdles with a mark of 14.86, edging Livonia Franklin's Tom Brokaw (15.04). Amado then took first

in the 300 hurdles, with a time of 40.25.

The other Observer-land triumph was a first-place finish by Franklin's 800-meter relay team of Andrew Crechiolo, Brett Gutowski, Alex Perelli and Andrew McGaughey (1:31.76).

Although Canton's ninth-place finish (44.33 points) was a bit of a disappointment for Chiefs coach Bob Richardson, he pointed to a first-place showing by senior sprinter Ryan Jones in the 100 dash as a highlight. Jones finished in 11.14.

"We thought we were going to place higher," Richardson said. "But there's some good teams here. We have some things to work on. Regionals are a week from today."

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# Churchill routs Chiefs, also wins close contest

A nine-run third inning cost Canton's varsity baseball team Friday, as the Chiefs lost 12-2 to host Livonia Churchill.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 13-7 overall and 7-6 in the KLA South Division while the Chargers improved to 14-5, 9-4.

Winning pitcher Nick Misiak allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out seven.

Top hitters for the Chargers included Tyler Keeter (2-for-3, four RBI); Dan Cameron (2-for-4, three RBI); Derek Jakubowski (2-for-2, three runs); and Connor Dwyer (2-for-3).

Canton's Nick Hazergian, who gave up nine runs on sev-

en hits and three walks in three innings, took the loss.

**CHURCHILL 4, CANTON 3:** Livonia Churchill (12-5, 8-4) kept its KLA South Division title hopes alive Wednesday with a 10-inning victory over the Chiefs (13-6, 7-5) thanks to Derek Jakubowski's game-winning RBI sacrifice fly scoring pinch runner Alex Tsakos after Jake Otto started the rally with a single.

Churchill starter Brent Ochodnicki, a senior left-hander, carried a no-hitter into the top of the seventh before Canton exploded for three runs to take a 3-2 lead capped by Nicholas Tata's 2-run single on a 3-2 count with two outs.

Churchill's Mike Rybinski, who went 2-for-4 with two RBI, sent the game into extra innings with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh.

Dan Cameron also added two hits and an RBI for Churchill.

Mitch Clinton had two of Canton's eight hits.

Tyler Keeter, who worked the final 2.2 innings in relief of Ochodnicki, got the victory.

Ochodnicki allowed three runs on seven hits and two walks while fanning four.

Mike Stafford, in relief of starter Ryan Bazner, suffered the loss.

Bazner gave up two runs on six hits in six innings. He struck out five and did not allow a walk.

**NOVI 12, SALEM 10:** Two homers and two doubles by Logan Regnier propeled the visiting Wildcats to this KLA Central Division win in Game 1 of a doubleheader.

Salem fell behind 8-0 in the top half of the first but chipped away, ulti-

mately putting the winning run at the plate in the bottom of the seventh after scoring five times.

Hitting a two-run homer in the sixth for the Rocks was Austin Silet-ti, while Aaron Moore and Brett Ramirez each went 2-for-4.

Game 2 results were not available as of press time.

**PLYMOUTH 3-9, WAYNE 1-4:** The KLA South Division-leading Wildcats (17-4, 9-3) swept both ends of a double-header Wednesday from visiting Wayne Memorial (11-12, 4-8).

Austin Ebeling pitched seven strong innings as Plymouth took the opener, 3-1. Ebeling struck out six, walked five and allowed just three hits.

Josh Lowry, who worked the final three innings in relief of starter Jacob Lefler, suffered the loss.

Brian Schmid had two hits and two RBI, while Rich Guglielmi also added two hits for the Wildcats, who scored the go-ahead run in the fifth and added one more in the sixth.

Lefler had an RBI single in the first for the Zebras after Tyler McCurry walked and stole second.

In the nightcap, Plymouth broke a 4-4 deadlock with five runs in the bottom of the sixth for a 9-4 victory.

Justin Thompson went 2-for-3 and scored twice, while Guglielmi knocked in a pair of runs.

Nick Sandberg, who pitched three innings of scoreless relief, struck out six to earn victory after taking over for Schmid, the starter.

Josh Lowry went 3-for-4 with an RBI and McCurry went 2-for-4, including a 2-run double in the first inning for Wayne.

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goalkeeper Danielle Schendel.

### Looking for a spark

"In the first half we were slower, getting beat to the ball," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "... They won more of the 50/50 balls, they were attacking more (and) were all over the place. They're just a really fast team."

For the second half, Reddy moved senior catalyst Robyn Mack from defense to forward and that strategy paid off as the Chiefs ramped up their overall intensity.

Nearly nine minutes into the second half, Mack scored to slice the deficit to 2-1.

Gabby Epelman's free kick from about 35 yards out on the right side of the pitch sailed into the box, where Mack managed to extend her leg and chip the ball into

the Plymouth goal past sophomore keeper Kylie Robb.

Canton kept pressing in hopes of knotting the score, but could not again beat the sprawling, leaping Robb.

Forward Ally Krause ripped a 20-yard shot that Robb dove to her left to deflect away with about 25 minutes left.

Around the mid point of the half, Mack nearly scored again.

Mack, stationed near the top of the box, received a through ball from Kalya Berinti and fired a low shot.

But out of nowhere, Robb was there, sliding out to Mack to block that attempt — as well as Mack's rebound try.

"Robyn had a couple other opportunities, but their goalie's great," Reddy continued. "She's fast, she can read the ball well. It was hard to get around her. She was fantastic. So we'll just have to wait for districts."

### Closing it out

Helping Robb to stonewall the Chiefs with timely blocks and clears were solid defenders Alyssa Dillon, Kate Watson and midfielders Maria Farmer and Jillian Aguirre, among others.

Over the final 15 minutes, the Wildcats started to get the ball down into Canton's end and keep the pressure off Robb.

Lewis nearly scored again, but she hit a labeled shot off the right goal post.

Schendel then came out to block a scoring attempt by Plymouth's Morgan Klabunde to keep the Chiefs close down the stretch.

With less than two minutes to go, Canton senior Megan Trapp worked the ball up to Krause who in turn directed it over to Epelman.

The subsequent shot sailed toward the Plymouth goal, where Mack headed it. But Robb was there to snare it near the

back line.

"They threw a lot of balls in the box and were trying to make stuff happen (in the second half)," Neschich said. "But I think we had a good counter-attack going, we made them play defense."

"And both teams wore out because of the end-to-end action."

Plymouth will host Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Tuesday while Canton's next contest is 4 p.m. Tuesday at Wayne Memorial.

**PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 0:** Madi Lewis scored two goals and added three assists Tuesday as the host Wildcats (7-1-3, 6-0-1) celebrated Senior Night by downing Livonia Franklin (2-6-3, 1-4-2).

Zoe Foster added two goals and Megan Peplinski notched the other for the KLA South Division leaders.

Plymouth goalkeeper Kylie Robb made two saves to post the shutout, while Franklin's Alexis Smith stopped 14.



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Plymouth's Morgan Klabunde (No. 19) gets a step on a Canton defender Thursday night.

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All boys,  
 all girls,  
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 good

Moms who responded to the Observer's request for observations on all-girl and all-boy households talked about their experiences via e-mail. Here are excerpts:

**Glad to have girls**

I am married and I live in Farmington Hills, I work part time for the city and I have two daughters. Christina is 15, soon to be 16 on June 9. Elizabeth is 12, soon to be 13 on June 28.

I am very pleased to have daughters ... I would not know what to do with a boy. My daughters are "girly girls" and have always been into everything pink (until recently for Elizabeth), princess, Barbies and dolls!

My husband is a patient man, and luckily he has been raised with sisters, as sometimes, he is out numbered! He says that we are all very loud, and tend to scream. When it comes time for everyone to get ready for a special event — forget it. If it's a fancy event, the curling irons and makeup are everywhere.

I am very close to my daughters and we do a lot of things together. I am very happy to have daughters and lucky.

— Marybeth Pappas

**Boys love to eat**

I am the mother of three boys, ages 22, 19 and 16. The only other girl in this house is a golden retriever. My oldest son, Brian, is a student at Western Michigan University; Kyle attends Oakland Community College; and Daniel is a junior at Harris on High School in Farmington Hills. We also

Please see ALL GOOD, B6

Amy Slitti of Livonia says she was a tomboy growing up. She loves being mom to three



Emily Tabor of Canton, the mother of three girls, treasures the home-made cards she'll receive on Mother's Day.

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

Amy Slitti and Emily Tabor are mirror images of each other.

In some ways, their households are, too.

Slitti and Tabor are twin sisters, age 36, who grew up in Farmington. Both are married — Slitti to John and Tabor to Brett — and each has three children, ages 5, 7 and 9. Their kids' school art projects paper the kitchen walls in Slitti's Livonia home and line a hallway at Tabor's house in Canton.

On Sunday, May 13, both sisters will open and cherish handmade cards from their sons and daughters, before heading to the annual Mother's Day celebration with extended family. And that's just about where the mirror image ends.

"It's very different," Slitti said, adding that at her sister's home, her nieces "are always dancing and singing."

"Come to my house and it's all just noises — OOOH, AAARGH, YAAA. They are yelling and jumping," she said, describing her three boys in action.

Slitti is the mother of all boys and Tabor has all girls. Neither would have it any other way.

"I wouldn't wish Barbie shoes and little Barbie combs on anyone," Slitti said.

"Well, YOU have those little wrestler people - what are they called?" countered Tabor, referring to her nephews' collection of action figures.

**Meet the kids**

Vincent, 9, is Slitti's "very responsible" oldest boy with an inclination to "make the rules" and who "always tries to do the right thing." Benjamin, 7, is quiet and introspective but has a sharp wit. Gabriel, 5, is the "quiet, little enforcer."

Tabor's oldest daughter, Charlotte, 9, is "very responsible," with a dramatic personality. Victoria, 7, is "sensitive" and empathetic with others. Elizabeth — Ellie — is outspoken, "rough and tumble," with the memory of an elephant.

Please see MOMS, B6

## Twin moms

Sisters see differences in raising girls, boys



Amy Slitti of Livonia with sons Ben, Gabriel and Vincent Slitti, along and her sister, Emily Tabor of Canton, with daughters Elizabeth, Charlotte and Victoria Tabor.

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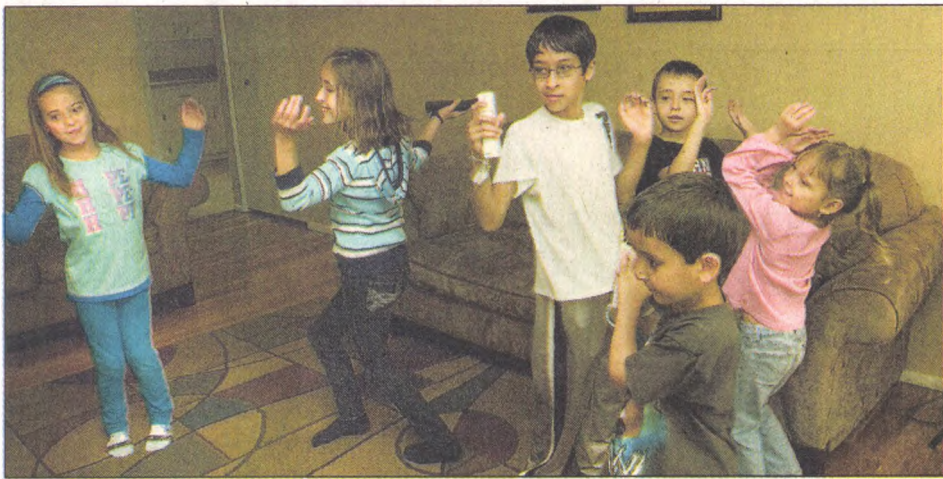
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The kids play the Wii game "Just Dance." From left, Victoria Tabor, 7, Charlotte Tabor, 9, Vincent Slitti, 9, Ben Slitti, 7, Elizabeth Tabor, 5, and in the foreground, Gabriel Slitti, 5.

## MOMS

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The cousins have played together at each other's homes for years.

"We had our own little play group," Tabor noted. "We didn't have a lot of stay-at-home moms in my neighborhood, so in that respect it was a blessing," Slitti added. "Vincent was shy when he was little, but he always had a buddy (Charlotte) to play with."

When their oldest children were in diapers, the two sisters got together nearly every day.

"The adult interaction was so important and I didn't even have to get dressed. I could show up in my pajamas and she'd have coffee ready," Tabor recalled.

### Learning from Mom

The pair often shared child-rearing advice and stories about their kids. They learned patience from their own mother, who raised four daughters and a son. Tabor and Slitti say she was generous with hugs, allowed them to help in the kitchen and spent quality time with them. Both say they are more strict with their children than their mom was with them.

"They are still allowed to

## ADVICE TO NEW MOMS

**Emily Tabor:** "It's okay to cry, because you'll be so tired. Just enjoy all the moments. It all goes so fast, you need to appreciate the moments. And children are smart, just because they are little, don't think they don't understand you."

**Amy Slitti:** "Parenthood is like navigating a road trip without GPS. The adventure lies in the journey. When your child is at their worst, they need to be loved the most. So give your child unconditional love...a safe place to fail, and your undivided attention. Even if you're not interested in their favorite toy or latest drama, fake it. Ultimately they are going to be the ones to choose your nursing home."

make messes in the kitchen, but I'm more strict about them picking it up," Slitti explained.

"If I raised my kids the way I was raised, they'd walk all over me," Tabor added. "My husband does construction and works long hours, so I'm the primary disciplinarian in the house."

That's one of the reasons she's glad she has all girls. She said they are easier to parent.

### Boys vs. girls

Slitti, who was a tomboy as a child, said she's blessed to have boys.

"I don't know how to braid hair. I never was into Barbies. And you know, I don't like scrubbing stains. I don't like scrubbing clothes, I just throw them in the wash," Slitti said.

"Boys are drama, but in a completely different way.

They come home and will tell you everything that happened about so and so today, but it's never like the crying drama (with girls)."

Tabor said crying isn't an issue in her home, but arguing over "what to wear in the morning" sometimes is.

Slitti suspects teenage years are tougher on moms with boys because they are less likely to talk about their problems than girls do.

Tabor, who prohibits the Disney Channel at home ("too much attitude in those shows") sees a growing interest in make-up, teen music and a tendency to "want to exert independence" in her older daughter.

How will she cope with girls as teens?

"I'm moving out," she quipped. "And it may happen as early as next year."

## ALL GOOD

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have a young man, Yuuki (also 22), who lives with us when he's not away at school. In comparison with moms with all girls, I suspect that my grocery bills are higher (a lot higher ... all the boys, except Yuuki, are over 6 feet tall, (though he can hold his own at the dinner table) and I have to believe I've spent a lot more time in the emergency room (the usual broken bones and stitches, and even one visit to remove a Sacagawea coin from my youngest son's esophagus).

I love my boys and wouldn't change a thing (okay, well maybe fewer trips to the ER).

— Beverly Church

### She loves her boys

My name is Becky Bur and I am a mom to four sons: Matthew, 20, David, 19, Jacob, 17, and Nathan, 15. We moved to Farmington Hills in 2003. My two oldest sons graduated from NFHS and attend Michigan State. Jacob will graduate this year from NFHS and is still deciding between, UM, OSU, or Notre Dame. Nathan is a sophomore at NFHS.

My husband, Andy, and I have been married 25 years

I have loved being a mom to all boys!!! God has truly blessed me!!

— Becky Bur

### Laughing, crying

I was a full time professional for many years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to two little girls — Gillian, 4 1/2 and Megan, 3. We live in Canton and I can honestly say that being a mom is just about the best thing on this earth. Though challenging (some days I want to cry) and tiring, most days I wind up laughing hysterically at their antics.

Being a mom to two girls is amazing. We can share secrets and paint toe nails. We play dress up and have tea parties. Our house is awash in pink and purple, babies and Barbies — but also matchbox cars, tools and soccer balls.

— Colleen Robertson

### No regrets

My husband Don and I have lived in Farmington Hills for 19 years. I am the mother of 3 boys; Steve, 37, Dan, 34, and Jeff, 31.

I can honestly say that I have never regretted not having daughters. When Steve was younger, he often played baseball on three leagues at one time, and I enjoyed cheering him on. When Dan was only 7, I took him to police auctions, bought bikes, and watched him take them apart and create new bikes. When Jeff was little, I enjoyed being a Cub Scout leader. Jeff

also played soccer, and I was there in the rain and cold.

Today I am blessed with twin granddaughters, age 5 1/2. Now my girly side can come out. We do our nails, do our hair and we like to dress up. Oh, and we also play baseball, climb to the top of their playhouse together and pound nails. Life is good!

— Mary Ann Wade

My husband and I have four daughters: Elisabeth 24, Rebecca 20, Sarah 19, and Karoline 13. When the girls were little, there was no such thing as "family rest-rooms" so outings meant never ending trips to the ladies' room for me. As they got older, back to school shopping was an endurance event and I frequently felt like a housemother of a sorority. As they entered the college years, Christmas stocking stuffers went from LifeSavers Sweet Storybooks to pepper spray canisters, nylons, and rolls of quarters for the dorm laundry.

Although raising all girls had its challenges, I have loved every minute of it.

Now, they are beautiful young women making their way in the world, yet I always remember the old saying, "A son is a son, until he takes a wife, but a daughter is a daughter, for the rest of your life."

— Kimberly Mabie of Canton

### Single with boys

I've always heard that there is a special place in Heaven for the mother of three boys!

My three sons, Kyle Posluszy, 27, Eliot Zain, 19 and Dylan Zain, 12, give me reason to continuing plugging away during these tough times. Born with severe medical problems that have given him challenges his entire life, Kyle and his health seem to be a primary focus in our home. Since his last hospitalization in 2009, which lasted on an in-and-out basis for 2 1/2 years, the bond that formed with Eliot and Dylan is something words cannot describe.

Age difference amongst the boys is, at times, funny. Kyle will often take Dylan to the movies, shopping or to "just hang" and people have often thought that Dylan was his son!

Being a single mother who recently chose to leave the work-force to pursue a life-long dream to focus on my non-profit organization, Tail Waggers 1990, I can honestly say that my three boys are the driving force behind me wanting to succeed. With the challenges that Kyle faces and our frequent visits to Mott Children's Hospital, it was an easy decision to leave "9-5" behind. Not only can I continue to monitor Kyle's health and attend appointments, I also became a more focused, less frazzled mother helping Eliot with college applications and making sure Dylan succeeds at St. Michael where he is in 6th grade.

— Laura Zain of Livonia

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# Milestones

## 60th wedding anniversary

Donald Lowell and Dorothy (Jarrell) Shifferd will mark their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 19. The couple were married in 1952, after Donald completed Army basic training, at the Chapel in the Garden, in Angola, Ind.

They met two years earlier in Ypsilanti. Donald worked at McLellan Dollar Store and Dorothy worked next door at the soda fountain in Food & Drug Market. Dorothy often waited on Donald when he ordered a pecan roll and cup of coffee at the soda fountain.

Donald, 81, was drafted into the United States Army in February 1952 and stationed in England for 13 months before being honorably discharged in January 1954. He worked for Ford Motor Company, at plants in Ypsilanti and Plymouth, until retirement in 1984.

Dorothy, 78, a native of Prestonsburg, Ky., worked at Daly's Restaurant in Westland after leaving Food & Drug Market. She also worked at Town & Country Pharmacy / Richardson's Pharmacy for 17 years.

The couple live in Wayne and are former residents of Garden City and Ypsilanti.

They have four sons: Daniel and Diane (Wissner) of Howell, Patrick and Kathy (Toth) of Canton, Ronald and Amber (Dugger) of Hamburg and Jeffrey and Karen (Ciesinski) of Dearborn Heights.

They also have 10



Dorothy and Donald Shifferd of Wayne, formerly of Garden City.

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Donald enjoys watching the Detroit Red Wings hockey games, watching the Detroit Tigers baseball games, and gardening.

Dorothy also enjoys the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. She watches Detroit Pistons basketball, likes to garden, read and put puzzles together.

They both enjoy spending time with family and feeding backyard birds.

Dorothy said that

"patience," "thick skin" and the ability to forgive and forget have helped to make their marriage last. They plan to celebrate their milestone anniversary at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor.



Donald and Dorothy Shifferd on their wedding day



## Aaron Christopher Reinke

Aaron Christopher Reinke was born April 9, 2012, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

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## Dalziel-Poulos

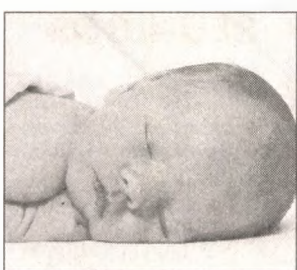
Alexandria Dalziel and Gregory Poulos are engaged to be married in June 2012

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Michelle Sica of Grosse Pointe and Randy and Laurie Dalziel of Livonia. She attended Milford High School and Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, son of William and Karen Poulos of Northville, attended Northville High School and Western Michigan University. He is the founder of Profits Run, Inc. a financial education company.



The wedding will be held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.



## Declan John O'Neil

Declan John O'Neil was born April 14, 2012, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

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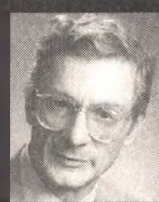
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However, ColCrys only puts a brake on an acute attack of gout. The real goal of therapy is to lower the level of uric acid, the constituent that causes gout, to a sufficiently low level to prevent even the threat of a gouty attack.

The medicine, allopurinol, can do just that. But it takes time, and often several adjustments in the allopurinol dose before a physician finds the dose that will bring the serum uric acid to a safe level and keep it that way. Furthermore, while patient and doctor are working out the proper dosage, flares of gout may occur, disrupting the journey to a proper dose, and causing the patient yet another episode of pain and incapacity.

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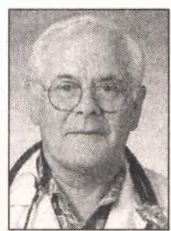


# The safest way to load your dishwasher

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest columnist

An e-mail from my Canadian friend and writer Diane Armstrong prompted me to write again about the dishwasher and my concerns on the subject of bacteria. I also had the pleasure of being a speaker in front of the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance — and that could lead to a doctor telling you how to load your dishwasher. In any case, this now is a subject of world-wide interest and I will keep you posted as to what the scientists discover.

Diane writes: "I have been meaning to write to ask you if you have a copy of a column you wrote long ago about 'cleaning' the dishes before you put them in the dishwasher. It followed a TV ad that showed an entire cake being put in the machine. My daughter-in-law



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

has been complaining that her brand new dishwasher just doesn't clean all the dishes. When I asked if she scraped all the dishes and/or rinsed them lightly under the tap first, she said, 'Oh the book said I

don't have to. There's a garberator in my new appliance.'

Just how effective are these garberators? Frankly, I think she should use the garbage can and not rely on a garberator (garbage disposer) in her dishwasher."

Reply: Yes Diane, I did write a column shortly after those ads appeared on television and that ad was pulled shortly after. I can't find it but it

is somewhere in this computer of mine. This "thing" is not like a washing machine where I once pulled my friend Steve's silk undershorts out of his pump. My organizational skills don't allow me to hit a button and pull up specific column. I'm sorry. That advertisement with the supposed garberator was meant to entice more sales for that brand of product. I protested that it implied that someone might throw a turkey carcass into the dishwasher and it would not matter how much food could be left on a dinner plate.

The appliance service industry loved that ad because now they were being called to homes to repair this cheap little metal cutter blade located on top of the motor assembly. Most service technicians were advising consumers to remove this blade or fur-

ther problems would continue to cause expensive repairs. Enough said about how much the manufacturers care about dependability.

In a recent interview with Gregg Stebben, an editor of menshealth.com, he talked about the proper way to load a dishwasher. There is no doubt that bacteria will grow inside the dishwasher. It will work its way into the rubber door seals and the scientific world is doing a lot of work to determine what sickness is produced in a dishwasher. Gregg points out that dishes should be clean going into the dishwasher and if you are not going to operate it immediately, you should rinse them in a sink full of water with a shot glass of bleach mixed into that water. As for cleaning the inside of the dishwasher I have preached the Tang treatment for the past 30 years

but I now have people telling me that Tang is hard to find. Recently I have been telling homeowners to try a new product called Lemi Shine. I know it works. I have tried it. It's available at some of our major grocery chains.

Note — I have been writing this column for a very long time and many of the things I predicted 25 years ago have come true. I now predict that it will be proven in the years ahead that certain illness and disease come from certain products in the home. I know it now and I'm not even close to being what you might call intelligent. Wait until you find out what is inside of a hot water tank! Stay tuned.

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35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to [chs1977@hotmail.com](mailto:chs1977@hotmail.com).

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

**CLASS OF 1982**  
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at [dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net) or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at [godofouzo@yahoo.com](mailto:godofouzo@yahoo.com); or John Zadikian at [zman6754@aol.com](mailto:zman6754@aol.com).

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD

**CLASS OF 1962**  
A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on [classmates.com](http://classmates.com). Send names, contact info and questions to [robichaud62@yahoo.com](mailto:robichaud62@yahoo.com).

com. Invitations will be sent soon.

### DETROIT CODY

**CLASS OF 1962**  
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; [NGBG@comcast.net](mailto:NGBG@comcast.net).

### DETROIT MACKENZIE

**CLASS OF 1962**  
50th reunion, Friday, June 1. For more information e-mail [mackenzie1962@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie1962@gmail.com) or phone Mavis (Higgins) Farrand at (734) 675-5675 or Sandy (Turnbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-8595.

### DETROIT MUMFORD

**CLASS OF 1962**  
50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at [www.mumford62.com](http://www.mumford62.com).

### DETROIT WESTERN

**CLASS OF 1962**  
Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is

\$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

### FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1962**  
The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to [russmichele@yahoo.com](mailto:russmichele@yahoo.com). Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

### CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at

[S\\_whittaker@comcast.net](mailto:S_whittaker@comcast.net) or Fred Gregg at [fredge1@comcast.net](mailto:fredge1@comcast.net) to receive a reunion packet.

### GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

**CLASSES OF 1968-1973**  
Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on Facebook.

Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at [irish4200@hotmail.com](mailto:irish4200@hotmail.com), Debi Cassidy Haller at [debi.haller@gmail.com](mailto:debi.haller@gmail.com), Doris Fugaban Williams at [doris1226@wowway.com](mailto:doris1226@wowway.com), Lee A Gilligan at [ee.gilligan@att.net](mailto:ee.gilligan@att.net), Sue Cook at [stasselmyer@charter.net](mailto:stasselmyer@charter.net), SuzieWright Rogiero at [suzierogiero@yahoo.com](mailto:suzierogiero@yahoo.com), Jackie Kalifut at [jackieideson@gmail.com](mailto:jackieideson@gmail.com) or Jeff Fordell at [jeffreyfordell@comcast.net](mailto:jeffreyfordell@comcast.net).

### LINCOLN PARK HIGH

### CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at [Marilyn@Marilyn-JSnyder.com](mailto:Marilyn@Marilyn-JSnyder.com), or call (586)

215-9445.

### NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to [nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com](mailto:nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com). The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

### PONTIAC CENTRAL

### CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

### REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: [nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com](mailto:nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com) or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

### STERLING HEIGHTS

### HENRY FORD II

### CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights. The cost is \$45 per person. For tickets, contact Dana Anthony Sullivan at (586) 246-4679 or [henryford30th@yahoo.com](mailto:henryford30th@yahoo.com).

### WAYNE MEMORIAL

### ALL CLASSES

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 28th All Class Reunion Banquet will be held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner served at 6 p.m. The organization will honor the class of 1962. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-777 or [www.waynehighalumni@aol.com](http://www.waynehighalumni@aol.com)

### CLASS OF 1957

Looking for classmates for the 55th class reunion to be held May 19. For more information, contact Wanda Putman Boice at [boice@aol.com](mailto:boice@aol.com) or [pollygirl219@aol.com](mailto:pollygirl219@aol.com). Or call Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

### CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at [joleson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joleson@sbcglobal.net) or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at [bustchr@aol.com](mailto:bustchr@aol.com).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

May

ASCENSION SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17

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

**Details:** Special service celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven; followed by ice cream social

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

BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15

**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Most healthy individuals over 17 are eligible to donate. Participants should bring a driver's license or two other forms of identification to the blood drive. Bringing a list of medications they take also may be helpful. Walk-ins will be accepted until 6 p.m. or telephone in advance to make an appointment

**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20

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

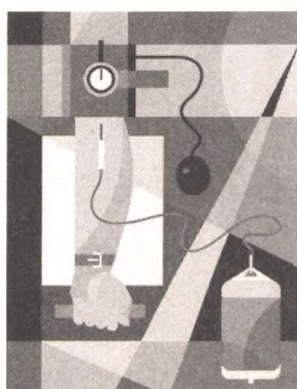
**Details:** French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; adults, \$3 and children, ages 2-10, \$1.50

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26

**Location:** Canton Christian



**St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold a blood drive May 15. Make appointments now at (248) 474-0584.**

**Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton**

**Details:** "Free" clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734)404-2480

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, May 18

**Location:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix, between Warren Road and Joy, Westland

**Details:** The Michigan Concert Choir performs a spring concert, "A Garden of Sound." The group consists of members from different faiths across the Metro area who enjoy singing. Admission is free and registration is not required

**Contact:** westlandMIpublicaffairs@gmail.com

CPR/AED

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22

**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Participants in the American Heart Association CPR/AED class will receive a two-year American Heart completion course card.

Class fee is \$25  
**Contact:** RSVP to (734) 464-0990 by May 17

DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Sunday, May 20

**Location:** Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100

Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows will include music by the Offbeats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, is \$40 per person, with children, 12 and under, admitted without charge

**Contact:** Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or e-mail to mihaelacharlier@sbcglobal.net; or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net

DRIVER SAFETY

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 19

**Location:** First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield

**Details:** AARP Driver Safety has helped millions of drivers stay safe on the roads. This course could entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance premiums. Although the course is geared to drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of all ages

**Contact:** (248)-569-2972 or (888) 227-7669 to register.

GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m.

Tuesdays for six weeks; began May 1

**Location:** Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

**Details:** No charge, non-sectarian community service of SPACE for Changing

Families, National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, is aimed at those who have lost a spouse or partner. Registration required

**Contact:** (248) 355-9936 or e-mail Space@ncjwgd.org

GUEST SPEAKER

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church, located on Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center, in Canton

**Details:** Radio host Bob Dutko of WMUZ, 103.5 FM's "The Bob Dutko Show" is the guest speaker. Dutko also hosts a nationally syndicated talk show called "Defending the Truth with Bob Dutko." No admission charge, although freewill donations will be accepted

**Contact:** (734) 414-7422

LADIES NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17

**Details:** Donna Jones, wife of Catholic deacon Alex Jones, will be the evening's keynote speaker, sharing the story of her two-year journey into Catholicism, along with 14 family members and another 54 members of their evangelical Detroit congregation. Her story explains this momentous, life- and career-changing spiritual decision and what it took to convince herself and her husband that it was God's will for both of them. Tickets are \$28 per person and includes a full dinner served family style. A cash bar is available. Reservations are required either as an individual or by tables of 10

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. May 13

**Location:** Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Celebration will include inspiring worship from Kenwood's Praise Band, a special recognition for mothers and special guests, special music, words to moms about overcoming personal difficulty by Liz Kearns, a drama, and a message of gratitude and praise for mothers. Kearns, a "healthy lifestyle coach," and founder of Awaken Mindfulness, supports professional women in finally letting go of the overload that diminishes their energy, health and spirit. She teaches her clients to awaken to their own mindfulness in the moment so that they can overcome obstacles and move forward in their lives

**Contact:** (248) 476-8222

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BUCKNER, ISABEL SUE

Beloved wife of the late Noel Buckner. Dear mother of Noel (Robin Maisel) Buckner, Kevin (Melissa) Buckner, Elizabeth (the late Patrick Herbert) Buckner and Alexandra (Bruce Guile) Buckner. Dearest sister of Nancy Bauer. Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many other family members and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 AT 2:00PM AT THE BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH, 38651 WOODWARD AVE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304, (248) 647-2380



HARGRAVE, DAVID

Age 66, of Canton, passed away suddenly on May 7, 2012. Loving husband of 42 years to Jerry (Lampton). Dear nephew of Janet Lankford and Richard (Sally) Drews. Also survived by his mother-in-law Dorothy Lampton and by sister-in-law Angela Brey and family. David retired from Ford Motor Company serving as a draftsman. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 3:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00pm until time of service. David was truly a gifted artist and many of his paintings will be on display on Thursday for everyone to see. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



MABREY, BILLY

Age 55, May 10, 2012. Loving brother to Deborah (George) Janda and Pamela Murray. Brother-in-law to Deborah (Joseph) Mikelonis, Randall (Teri) Siegel, Mark (Michelle) Siegel, Gregory Siegel, Sheila (Kevin) Worthington, and Amanda (Andy) McDonald. Uncle to Eric Janda, Mitchell Murray, Gabrielle Murray, Rachael Murray, Marshall Murray, Teresa (Wally) Tumbler, Jennifer Albertson, Leslie Siegel, Amy Siegel, Amber Siegel, Ashley Worthington, Brendan McDonald, Brianna McDonald and Donia McDonald. Great-uncle to Alma Albertson. Memorial greeting on Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at S. K. Schultz Funeral Home, 43300 Garfield (N. of 19 Mile), Clinton Township. Share your memories at: www.SchultzFuneralHome.com

COKER, PAUL

Age 86, May 10, 2012, of Westland. Beloved husband of Nancy. Funeral Mon., 11am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Visitation Sun., 1-9pm.

COONCE, C. CARSON

May 3, 2012, age 76 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Sandra. Beloved father of C. Kevin (Lek), Tammy (Mel) Meck, Dan (Lorelei), Sam and Ben (Jessica). Dear brother of Louetta Coonce. Proud grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of six. Memorial Service Sat. May 12 at 3 PM at Plymouth Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (at Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 25 Columbia Hts., Brooklyn New York 11201. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



EVANS, MARGUERITE O.

May 3, 2012, age 102. Beloved wife of the late Leslie R. Evans. Dear mother of Susan (Steven Lyons) Evans. Aunt of David (Diane) Melow, Karl (Sandy) Melow, Michael (Paula) Britcher, Keith (Eileen) Evans and Marlene Britcher. Also leaves numerous great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Services were held on Monday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

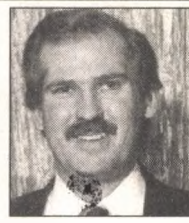


MOORE, NORMA STEVENS

Of Birmingham passed away on May 6, 2012 at the age of 90. She was the devoted wife of 60 years of the late Edward D. Moore, who was a distinguished member of the Jolly Rogers air unit in the Pacific theater during World War II, and a career employee of the R.L. Polk Company. She was the loving mother of Randy Moore and Scott (Joan) Moore, and proud grandmother of Paige Moore. Scott is a former mayor of Birmingham and a current member of the Birmingham City Commission. She was pre-deceased by her sisters, Henrietta Skauge and Ann Doss. Born in Detroit, Norma graduated from Southwestern High School in Detroit and attended Wayne State University, where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and trained as a nurse's aide. Norma retired from an administrative career with the Birmingham Public Schools. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham for sixty years, was a strong advocate for and one of the founding Board members of Baldwin House, and was an active supporter of the formation of Oakland Community College. Norma was a member of the Senior Women's Club in Birmingham, Twin Beach Golf Club, a participant in many classes at the Village Women's Club, and a volunteer at the Fisher Theater for many years. An avid golfer and gardener, Norma loved to read, play bridge, volunteer in church and community service, and entertain. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. Interment was at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkeley. Memorial tributes to the First Baptist Church, 300 Willis, Birmingham MI 48009. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RUEHLE, ROSS HART

Age 52 May 5, 2012. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Patrick and Andrew Ruehle. Loving son of Richard (Savilla) Ruehle and the late Patricia Ruehle. Visitation Saturday May 12, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. until time of mass 12:00 p.m. St. Anastasia Church 4571 John R. Troy, Mi. Ross loved great lakes ships and everything automotive. share a memory at: www.edwardswansonandsonfuneralhome.com



VINCENTI, PHILIP MARIO

May 11, 2012 Age 59. Husband of the late Mary Beth (nee Williams). Cherished father of Lauren Smith (Robert), Philip (Susan) and Alexandra. Loving papa of Sophia, Jake, Bobby and Carolina. Dear brother of John (Josephine) and Walter. Son of the late Luigi and Fedora Vincenti. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday (today) 2:00-7:00pm. Rosary 3:00pm. Funeral Mass Monday 10:00am at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins at 9:00am. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



VISNYAK, PATRICIA A.

Age 65, of Plymouth, passed 5/7/12. Visitation Fri., 5/11/2012, 5-8pm. Funeral Sat. 5/12/2012 at 11am. Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.

WENDELL, BAMBI

Passed away unexpectedly on April 29th. She is survived by her son, Anthony Castelluzzo and her sister, Rachel Goldner. A service was held at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church on May 5th.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterfly Association

Naturalist Carol Clements will lead a plant identification hike at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Wear hiking shoes, appropriate clothing and bring bug spray. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com



See hundreds of peonies in bloom next month at Nichols Arboretum at U-M Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Hosta sale

Metro Detroit Hosta Society presents its spring plant sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Vendors will offer hosta and companion plants for sale. For information: Hgold2843@comcast.net

Peony Festival

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor shows 27 beds of peonies

arranged by season and color and boasts the largest collection of antique and heirloom peonies in North America. Because of winter's warm finale last month, the peony garden is expected to bloom a few weeks earlier this year. The Peony Festival runs May 15-June 5 at 1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor and will include self-guided tours, peony-inspired art and a cut-flower display. For more information, check the The Peony Garden at Nichols Arboretum Facebook page or call (734) 647-7600.

Curves marks National Women's Health Week with membership giveaway

Curves women's gyms will give a free 30-day membership to any non-member who visits a club during regular operating hours throughout National Women's Health Week, May 13-19.

This annual awareness week, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Women's Health (OWH), begins each year on Mother's Day and brings together communities, businesses, government, health organizations, and other groups in an effort to promote women's health.

Curves gyms in the Detroit area will hold week-long open house events during National Women's Health Week to encourage women to check out their local club, pick up free health information from Curves and the OWH, ask questions,

get a free fitness assessment and take advantage of the "one million free 30-day memberships" offer. Visitors also may sign up to attend a special program on National Curves Day, Thursday, May 17, that will feature messages from health experts and fun activities designed to raise awareness of small, practical steps women can take to get healthy.

The theme for the 13th annual National Women's Health Week is "It's Your Time." National Women's Health Week empowers women to make their health a top priority and encourages them to take the following steps to improve their physical and mental health and lower their risks of certain diseases:

- Visit a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preven-

tive screenings.

- Get active.
- Eat healthy.
- Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress.
- Avoid unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet.

For more information about Curves women's gyms, National Women's Health Week events and National Curves Day, contact one of the following Curves locations:

- Curves of Westland located at 8323 N. Wayne Road; (734) 458-5004 or 9BJ8E4ML@curvesmail.com
- Curves of Plymouth located at 44717 5 Mile; (734) 414-0515 or scartelli@comcast.net

For more information about Curves, visit www.curves.com.



## Join a walk or run to support a health cause

Time to lace up your athletic shoes and join an area walk or run for local health organizations:

The Tri County Celiac Support Group, based in Farmington Hills, holds its 11th annual 5K run/walk and silent auction, "Making Tracks for Celiacs" Sunday, May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. The run is at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$30; \$5 for children under 10. Gluten-free refreshments will be served after the event. No dogs allowed on site.

Silent auction items are valued at \$50 or more. Bidders must be present to win. Cash or check accepted. Awards will be given to top runners in several age categories.

Funds raised are used to increase awareness and support research as well as national and local celiac projects. Celiac disease is a genetic disorder. Individuals with celiac disease are unable to eat foods that contain gluten, which is found in wheat, barley and rye, because the gluten sets off an autoimmune reaction that causes the destruction of the villi in the small intestine. Untreated celiac disease can be life threatening.

For more information about Making Tracks for Celiacs, e-mail to julie.ladwig@yahoo.com or visit www.tccsg.com.

### Walk4Hearing

The sixth annual walk will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at the West Boat Dock Money in Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. The 5K walk will raise money to support the programs of the Hearing Loss Association of America, including the Michigan affiliates. These programs support, educate, inform, and advocate for people with hearing loss, and all who care about them. Register online at Walk4Hearing.org or on the day of the event. There will be refreshments, face painting, information about hearing loss, entertainment, and fun for all ages. For more information, go to the Milford link of the Walk4Hearing.org website or contact Barb at bquart@hearingloss-mi.org, Janet at Jhaines@hearingloss-mi.org or Audrey at



Supporters and members of the Farmington Hills-based Tri County Celiac Support Group last year walk at the Edsel Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe.

audreyplesant@gmail.com or call (313) 562-5937.

### Michigan Parkinson Foundation

The organization's annual run gets under way at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 20, for registration and a short program. The run begins at 11 a.m. at Northville High School, located on Six Mile between Sheldon and Beck. There will be lots of family fun activities including a moonwalk, a pep band, face painting, food, fire trucks, and complimentary massages will be provided by Schoolcraft College students.

To register for the walk or to make a donation to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, visit www.parkinsons-mi.org, call MPF at (248) 433-1011, or mail to MPF, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, Mi 48025.

### Prostate cancer

The best defense against prostate cancer is early detection, which is why the MIU Men's Health Foundation presents the Fourth Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon at 8 a.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17 at the Detroit Zoo.

The mission of Run for the Ribbon is to increase awareness about prostate cancer and educate the public about the disease, including detection, prevention and treatment. The race attracts more than 1,500 runners/walkers each year.

Cost for early registration, by May 25, is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Registrations made from May 26 to June 12 are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Online registration at MIURunForTheRibbon.org is available until June 12. After June 12, participants must register on race day.

All participants will receive an official T-shirts and blue ribbons will be available to those who want to participate in honor of an individual with prostate cancer. Medals will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories. Those with prostate cancer will be given a commemorative hat to be honored and supported throughout the race for their courage. Proceeds from both events will benefit prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### May

#### ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION

Arbor Hospice and the Alzheimer's Association offers a free informational series about late-stage Alzheimer's Disease designed for professionals and family caregivers on Tuesdays this month at the Alzheimer's Association, 310 N. Main, Suite 100, Chelsea. Sessions run 6:30-8:30 p.m. Upcoming topics are medical issues, medications and decision-making on May 15, legal and financial issues on May 22 and complementary therapies and end-of-life care on May 29. For more information or to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (734) 475-7043.

#### PREVENTING SKIN CANCER

Botsford Hospital's next Walk with a Doc, a free wellness event, will feature Dr. Savitha Balaraman, a Botsford oncologist, talking about skin cancer prevention and treatment. The event starts at noon, Thursday, May 17 at Heritage Park Nature Center, Farmington Hills. Participants will learn about skin cancers signs and symptoms, risk factors, prevention and treatment. Register by calling (877) 477-Doc1 and select option 1.

#### GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

A sampling of hospital's offerings this month:  
 • Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 in the rehabilitation unit dining room at the hospital. Open to those who have had a stroke or aneurysm, their families and friends. (734) 458-4392  
 • Look Good ... Feel Better provides information and cosmetic advice to the woman battling cancer. The class, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care, and suggestions for using wigs, turbans, and

scarves. It also includes tips on nail care while undergoing treatment. Cosmetics are provided for a personal make-over. This program is free of charge and facilitated by cosmetologists - all certified professionals, and held at Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classroom #3. RSVP at (734) 458-4330.

• Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 15, 22, 29; 6:15 p.m. May 16, 23, 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 17, 24, 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register  
 The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City..

#### ST. MARY MERCY

• Center for Joint Replacement at the hospital offers an educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Wednesday, June 27. Dr. David Mendelson will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Participants will learn about choosing a personal coach to assist through the process and what to expect after surgery. To register, call (734) 655-2345.

• Prenatal Breastfeeding Class runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 24 in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. It will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. A registered nurse will demonstrate techniques and cover such topics as breastfeeding and working, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with books and supplies. Class is open to any expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy. \$25 per couple. To register, call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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## 10 Questions you should ask in an interview

When preparing for an interview, most applicants concentrate on formulating well-crafted answers to potential questions from their interviewers. However, not many realize it is just as important to prepare a few good questions they themselves should ask during the interview.

"When interviewing job applicants, I often learn as much from the questions they ask as from the responses they give," John Langland, president of Langland & Langland Consulting, says. "What potential employees inquire about reveals what they deem important -- as opposed to merely answering my questions with information they think I will find important."

What can asking questions in an interview do for you?

- Show your interest in the position and the company
- Give you an active role in the interview
- Offer explanations about the position and the company, which helps you decide if you want to work for that organization
- Showcase the depth of your knowledge and help you guide the discussion into a particular area of expertise

Langland suggests preparing at least three questions in advance and taking notes during the interview to record the responses. "A few insightful, knowledgeable questions can speak volumes about you and distinguish you from other job candidates," he says. "However, as important as asking questions is asking bad questions, such as, 'How many vacation days does the company offer?' is worse."

Langland advises asking these 10 questions during your next interview:

### 1. What are the top three tasks you want the candidate to perform after being hired?

This gives you a concrete idea of the projects you will be working on if



hired. Often job ads list general qualities and capabilities the position requires, but the answer to this question will lay out the actual specifics of the job.

### 2. Why did you choose this company?

The answer will help you determine the organization's strengths and weaknesses with this insider's perspective.

### 3. How do you see me benefiting the company?

This tells you exactly what they're looking for in a candidate and where they see your strengths.

### 4. Is there room for growth and advancement?

This points to your drive and initiative and underscores your intent to secure a career, not just a job.

### 5. Are there opportunities for professional training or further education?

This shows a willingness to learn and adapt as changes in the position or

industry occur. Adaptability is very important in today's fickle employment market and may make you very valuable to the company should a reorganization occur.

### 6. How will I be evaluated and by whom?

This provides insight into the company's corporate culture and the department structure in which you will be working.

### 7. What is the general culture of the company?

This can tell you if you will fit into the organization. If they're strictly a "suit and tie" operation and you're all about comfort clothes, you may want to rethink the position.

### 8. Are there other job responsibilities not mentioned in the ad?

This reveals exactly what the ad meant when it said: "...and other duties as assigned." Will you be helping other departments in a pinch? Making coffee? These are things you should know before going any further in the candidate selection process.

### 9. When will you be making a decision on the successful candidate?

Knowing this helps you gauge when to follow up on the interview.

### 10. May I call you if other questions arise?

This keeps the door open for further communication.

The interview is an artful conversation designed to help both parties learn more about each other in an effort to decide if the candidate and the position are a good match. Use it as an opportunity to spotlight your accomplishments and determine if the job is right for you.

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**CANTON SUNFLOWER SUB**  
Thurs-Sat., May 17-19, 9am-7p. W of Canton Center & N & S of Warren. Look for signs & yellow balloons!

**CANTON - MAN-CAVE SALE!**  
Power tools, hardware, hunting, fishing, 9-6pm Fri & Sat 5/18-5/19. 43603 Geri Dr, Salt & Morton Taylor

**CANTON - Garage Sale 7370**  
Hedgerow Court. May 17-18, 9am-4pm. May 19, 9am-12noon. Chicco Travel System, baby/toddler items, 2T-4T girls, baby bedding, 16-18 misses, XXL men's, household items.

**CANTON:** Large Neighborhood Garage Sale Buckingham Place Thurs-Sat. May 17-19. W of Bagk, N of Warren.

**CANTON:** Ravensfield Condo Wide Garage Sale. Fri. & Sat. May 18 & 19th. 9-4pm. On Geddes, btwn Beck & Denton. Something for Everyone!

**CANTON:** Sales Rep Sample Sale! New name-brand candles, bath & body products, jewelry, purses & gifts. Prices way below cost you won't want to miss it! 43597 Lancelot Dr., Off Palmer & Lilley. May 17-20, 9:30-5pm.

**FARMINGTON Dept. 56**  
Christmas - 100+ pcs must go, furniture, misc. 34020 Oakland St., Farmington. May 18 & 19. 8am-2pm

**FARMINGTON HILLS MEADOWBROOK PARK ANNUAL GARAGE SALES.**  
S of 9, E of Haggerty. May 17, 18, & 19, 9am-4pm.

**FARMINGTON HILLS CHURCH OF GOD EXTREME YARD SALE!**  
25717 Power Rd. btwn 10 & 11 Mile. May 17-19, 9am-5pm. Thurs-Fri 9am-2pm. Sat 10-4pm. Misc. items incl. organ & full electronic piano, knife & scissor sharpening on site & windshield repair - nominal fee. To support our Costa Rica Missions Team. New items arriving daily!

**FARMINGTON HILLS 10+**  
homes! Barrington Green Sub, W of Drake, N of 12 Mile Rd. May 17-19th. Maps on signs. Furniture, kid's stuff & more!

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**FARMINGTON HILLS:**  
3 Family Sale! 5/18 & 5/19, 9-5pm. 28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd. Stereo equip., bikes, lacrosse/hockey sticks, golf clubs/bags, bar stools/chairs, lawn mower, leaf blower, snow blower, tools, stroller, framed pics, household items, books, computer equip., collectibles & antiques.

**FARMINGTON HILLS: Moving Sale!**  
Furniture & lots of everything! 33800 Cotswold, 11 Mile & Farmington May 17-18, 10-5pm.

**FARMINGTON Yard Sale**  
Donations Wanted for sale to be held on May 19th. All proceeds go to Make A Wish. Call 248-798-2283 to arrange for drop off!

**GARDEN CITY BIG GARAGE SALE**  
Lg. Variety of Home & Misc. 32259 Sheridan, btwn. Venoy & Merriman. May 17-20, 9am-7pm.

**LIVONIA Huge Estate Sale**  
Furniture, tools, craft supplies, treadmill, juke box, sporting goods, whole house. 32934 Bobrich Ct., Livonia. Thurs., 9-5pm, Fri., 9-5, Sat., 9-4, Sun., 9-3

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE**  
18325 Loveland, S. of 7 Mile, E. of Farmington. Multi-Family - May 17-19, 9AM-5PM

**LIVONIA WOODCREEK FARMS SUB - 16+ HOMES!**  
May 17, 18 & 19, Thu-Sat, 9-4. Furniture, toys, tools, etc. E/Farmington, btwn. 5 & 6 MI

**LIVONIA: Mother's Day Show**  
Sun. May 13, 11-5. Yesterday's Treasures. 15700 Middlebelt, btwn. 5 & 6 Mile. Tables \$25. 734-744-7730

**LIVONIA:** Proceeds will help Women's Missionary Fellowship. Jewelry & more! Thurs-Sat, 5/17-5/19, 9-5pm. 14835 Ingram, 5 Mile & Merriman.

**NORTHVILLE CONNEMARA HILLS SUBDIVISION SALE**  
5/17 - 5/19, 8-4pm. SE of 9 Mile & Taft & W of Center.

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**NORTHVILLE Stonewater Sub 10+ Sales**  
Thurs-Sun., 9am-5pm. Enter off Beck, 6 Mile or 7 Mile, follow signs. New and Used items: New - painting supplies, tools, misc. hardware items, sports apparel. 2 moving sales - furniture, entertaining items, tv's, clothes, sporting equipment. Too much to mention. Something for everyone. Over 10 sales in neighborhood.

**NORTHVILLE: DOWNTOWN HUGE SALE!**  
20 yrs of classic, high quality goods. Antiques, furniture, kitchen ware, toys, Victorian costumes. May 16-19th, 9-5pm. 412 W Dunlap, N of Main St, W of Center/ Sheldon.

**NORTHVILLE: DOWNTOWN HUGE SALE**  
to benefit school & orphanage. May 16, 17, 18 & 19, 9-6pm. 229 High St. N. of Main St. W. of Center/Sheldon. Antiques, furniture, toys, misc.

**NORTHVILLE: WOODSIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**  
Thurs-Sat. May 17-19, 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn. 5 & 6 Mile. W. side of Haggerty.

**NOVI Jamestown Green Sub.**  
10 Mile, btwn Novi Rd & Taft. Antiques: Furniture, Electronics, Toys, Kids & Adults' Clothing, Video Games & More. Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 9am-5pm. Sunday 11am-4pm. Enter thru Cedar Springs or Jamestown Green

**NOVI SUB SALE!** Multi-Family Garage Sale - Royal Crown Estates - 9 Mile & Taft. May 17-19, 9am-5pm.

**NOVI:** Children's, household, clothing & more! Bradford of Novi and Lexington Green Sub Sale. S. of 9 Mile, W of Taft Rd. Thurs-Sat, May 17-19, 9-3pm

**PLYMOUTH:** Heather Hills garage sale May 17 & 18, 9-5pm. 13143 Latheron Ct, W of Beck/S of N Territorial. Lots of furniture, home interior, kitchen items, linens, sporting goods, toys, kid's clothes, tools & much more!

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# Sunday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Opposite of ruddy
- Pulpit
- Eleventh letters
- Road hazard
- Sprawl out
- Arizona city
- Lens type
- Hunky-dory
- Word of welcome
- Male deer
- Behind, at sea
- Peace Prize founder
- Luggage IDs
- "Bloom County" penguin
- Tpk.
- Running wild
- Work unit
- Cat's lives
- Frankenstein milieue
- Goddess' statue
- Votes in favor

**DOWN**

- Also starring
- Land measure
- Sedaka or Diamond
- Cool in manner
- Beaded shoe
- Humdrum
- Earthenware pot
- Temple city of Japan
- ER personnel
- the line (obeyed)
- Soft ripe cheese
- Active volcano
- Robert E. and Spike
- Dusting powder
- Bombay nanny
- Mongolian desert
- Ski instructor
- Hostile, as a crowd
- Dryad
- Class
- Flood barrier
- Gray-faced
- Funny Bombeck
- Oater show-down
- Klutz's cry
- Hindu - range
- Buffalo's lake
- Pocket jangler
- Retiree's kitty
- Annex
- RR terminal

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

				8			2	5
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Level: Beginner

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

## Word Search - Burger Heaven

S	T	O	P	P	I	N	G	S	R	C	V	Q	W
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Barbecue	Cheese	Condiments	Hamburger	Steam
Beef	Chicken	Diner	Lean	Tailgate
Bun	Chuck	Grill	Patty	Toppings

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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Word Search

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