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**Mother's Day**

In parenting lore, mothers and fathers are frequently heard telling their children, "Wait 'til you have children one day!" And then those children inevitably find themselves channeling their own parents once they have children of their own.

So here's what the *Plymouth Observer* wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Whether it was "Do as I say, not as I do" or "Wait 'til your father gets home!" we'd like to hear about it.

Email your examples to *Plymouth Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo). We'll use as many of the examples and photos as we can. Deadline is Tuesday, May 7.

**Washer and dryer contest**

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**New studio**

Jamal Miri has opened Jmiri Hair Studio on Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Also on staff is stylist Megan Hearten. Miri plans to have a grand opening May 23.

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**Locals: Boston events 'all so sad'**

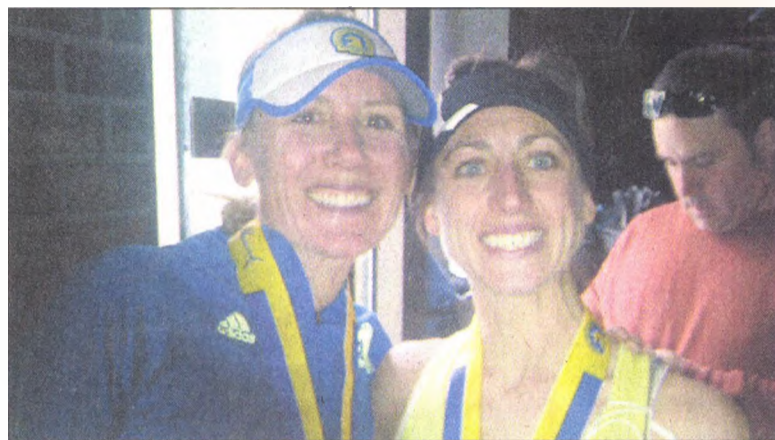
By **Tim Smith**  
Observer Staff Writer

While running the famous, 26.2-mile route of the Boston Marathon, Autumn Burin could barely contain her joy Monday.

The Salem High School graduate's joy was captured in a photograph snapped a half hour or so after she finished the 117th annual marathon in 3 hours, 30 minutes, 46 seconds — good for 8,654th place out of the approximately 23,000 participants.

Then came a tragic pair of explosions near the marathon finish line about 30 minutes after that photo was taken, resulting in at least three reported deaths (including a small boy) and more than 140 injuries.

But thankfully for the uninjured 19-year-old Canton resident and her family, including parents Laurie and Brett



Melissa Knutsen of Plymouth (left), with her "running buddy" Leslie Handyside of Northville, after finishing the Boston Marathon some 25 minutes before Monday's explosions.

and younger brother Elijah, the Burins were blocks away when the chaos struck.

"I am so thankful that I finished," Autumn Burin said. "My prayers go out to all the families

affected by this. It's just terrible what happened."

Burin was among at least a half-dozen Plymouth-Canton area runners listed as taking part in the marathon. Among them were Don-

ald Alexander of Canton and Lauren Bogenberger, Melissa Knutsen and Terry Rush of Plymouth.

Shortly after finishing the race, Bogenberger posted her status on Twitter.

"Not sure exactly what happened were in the car on our way out of the city right now. Heart goes out. So shaken up right now," she tweeted.

**Christian cause**

Burin, a 2012 Salem grad who ran on her school's varsity girls cross country team, raised more than \$1,400 for Christian-based humanitarian organization World Vision to help fund the digging of wells for underprivileged children in Africa.

She stressed that her strong faith is not being shaken in any way by the tragedy.

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The team of Emily Koelzer, Paul DiNicola, Taylor Hoener and Chelsea Polydoros works within a confined space with simple, manual kitchen tools.

**Recipe for success**

Culinary team hopes practice makes perfect at nationals

By **Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Paul DiNicola's family spent the recent spring break vacationing in Florida.

Without Paul. Instead of frolicking on sunny beaches, DiNicola was chopping, cutting and pureeing away in the kitchen at Salem High School, getting ready for a post-spring break trip to Baltimore.

DiNicola, a Salem High School junior, was with the rest of his Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Culinary Art team teammates — who also gave up their spring break plans — getting ready for the national culinary competition, for which they qualified by winning the state title a couple of weeks ago.

It's the second straight trip to nationals (last year was the first since 2004) and fourth

overall for the team. The state title was the team's second straight, but now, according to the team, the pressure mounts.

"There's more pressure at nationals," DiNicola said. "We're representing the whole state. Everything is the same, maybe a bit more difficult because we changed some things."

Lots of things changed this

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**City gets study on development**

By **Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Plymouth officials want to be prepared when an improving economy brings more developers to city hall and the various boards — the Planning Commission, the Historic District Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals — that oversee building projects.

To that end, the Plymouth City Commission is looking at the results of a months-long study by two University of Michigan students on how to smooth the path for developers while adhering to relevant ordinances, abiding by the master plan and maintaining an active downtown and family friendly neighborhoods.

Tiffany Keys and Tegest Walker, seniors in U-M's industrial operations engineering program, presented their study at Monday's commission meeting.

"We're very customer-service focused, and the developer is our customer," Keys, who is also majoring in mathematics, told commissioners.

**Communications issues**

Walker and Keys — working with John Buzuvis, the city's special projects director and Downtown Development Authority's business operations director, to learn the city's development processes — interviewed more than a dozen peo-

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**Programs, exhibits target active adults**

The *Observer & Eccentric* Media presents the 10th annual Spring Expo (formerly known as the Senior Expo) with a special lineup of guest speakers, more than 50 exhibits and entertainment by award-winning gospel artist Vickie Winans from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. to accommodate expo guests attending programs and workshops that begin at 9 and 9:15 a.m.

This annual tradition for active adults features valuable information and resources from local experts on all things from healthy eating, exercise and financial planning. Free admission, free parking, free entertainment and complimenta-

ry morning refreshments by McDonald's and Awrey Bakery are part of the expo experience.

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## BOSTON

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"No, not at all. I mean, everything happens for a purpose and even though we might not know what that purpose is at the time, eventually things will work out for the greater good," Burin said. "We might not see it in our lifetime. But ... even though so many people are affected by this, I think the marathon community will really come together and will just be so much stronger after this."

According to Laurie Burin, her daughter started her race at 10:20 a.m. and finished at nearly 2 p.m., about an hour before the explosions.

"We were down there when we heard the explosions, but we didn't see them," Laurie Burin said. "And we were able to just walk out like normal and we are now in our hotel about a mile-and-a-half away. So we're good, thankfully."

The Burins were leaving the family meeting area "maybe two or two-and-a-half blocks away from the finish," she said.

"But we heard explosions and everybody's kind of like, 'What was that?' It was really loud," Laurie said. "But people just kind of kept going about their business, like, 'Oh, maybe it was something from Fenway Park (where the Red Sox played the annual Patriots Day game). People don't know because they're not used to being down here."

"We just walked out and saw all the police cars and fire trucks, everything started coming in and we thought, 'Something's bad, something's not good.'"

Like the Burins, Knutson, who ran the race in 3:46, said she was waiting with her friend in the family meeting area. She said they were watching for their families when they heard a loud blast.

"Thankfully, our families were at mile 22 and 25 cheering for us and not at the finish line," Knutson, who finished some 25 minutes before the blasts, wrote in a Facebook message to the *Observer*. "It's all so sad and I'm praying



Melissa Knutson of Plymouth with her husband Mike and children Noah, Chase and Kristian in the family meeting area after Monday's Boston Marathon.



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Laurie Burin, with daughter Autumn before they left for Boston, said they heard the explosions "and everybody's kind of like, 'What was that?' We just walked out and saw all the police cars and fire trucks, everything started coming in and we thought, 'Something's bad, something's not good.'"

for those affected. I'm angry that these few horrible people have inflicted such pain and suffering for no reason. I'm trying to focus on all of the amazing first responders and the kindness of the running community. I don't want to leave this historic event feeling just sad and bitter."

Laurie Burin said the Burins are "so thankful that she ran as fast as she did and that she was safe because you just think of what could have happened. We saw the crowds, we saw how easily people could be injured and we're just so thankful that she wasn't and that we were able to get out the way we did."



About 30 minutes before explosions rocked the Boston Marathon finish line, 2012 Salem grad Autumn Burin of Canton was all smiles about finishing in just over three-and-a-half hours. Burin and her family were not injured from the explosions.

### Like nothing else

Autumn Burin, who ran the race in her blue Grand Valley State University running club singlet, said the race experience itself was almost blissful.

"Just the energy during the race, it was incredible," Autumn said. "People were cheering me the entire way and you just feel like you really accomplished something. It's just a cool feeling. It was like nothing I've ever experienced in my whole life."

And not even bombs going off at the finish line will stop her from someday

running in a future Boston Marathon. She hopes others won't shy away from participating, too.

"Yeah, it's so scary what happened," Autumn said. "But the Boston Marathon is something that's just so cherished and I really think it can come back from this."

"I hope to run Boston again someday. We'll see what happens as a result of this. But I don't think people can let fear stand in the way of what they want to accomplish."

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# United Way awards grants

Plymouth Community United Way recently announced grants totaling \$170,996.52 to non-profit organizations that provided emergency food, rental and utility assistance as well as other services in Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County in 2012.

St. Vincent de Paul societies at St. John Neumann, Resurrection and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic churches received money to help individuals and families with utility shutoff and eviction notices.

In an effort to not only address these issues, United Way officials said grants were awarded to organizations attempting to prevent the problems and make lasting change. Among the recipients were Plymouth Canton Community Schools (reading and math summer academy for 300 elementary students), Christmas in Action (home repairs for Canton senior citizens), Southeast Michigan Veterans Stand Down (aid to homeless veterans), Human Service Collaborative (assistance for crises cases), Community Opportunity Center (services for the mentally challenged),

New Hope Center for Grief Support (counseling), St. Aloysius, St. Christine and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parishes (food banks), Plymouth Dental Fund (emergency dental care for Plymouth and Canton residents), and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (energy education classes to help low-income residents).

Along with awarding grants, PCUW raises funds for partner agencies such as First Step, Angela Hospice, The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps and Plymouth Community Council on Aging. The nonprofits offer a variety of services from transportation for seniors to safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.

PCUW accepts grant applications year-round from 501(c)(3) organizations that provide basic human needs such as food, shelter and utilities in the Plymouth and Canton area. Nonprofits should not be presently funded by PCUW. Applications are available at the office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 4.

## EXPO

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a Buddy's coupon for a four-square cheese pizza courtesy of O&E Media. In addition, there will also be a drawing every hour for prizes and gift cards.

Returning for the second year as the expo's exclusive gold level sponsor is Comfort Dental Spa of Farmington Hills. Featured speaker is Dr. Aziza Askari, who will discuss "Your Mouth, Your Body."

Askari holds an advanced degree from the University of Michigan and a mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry. Come hear about how oral health and whole-body health are uniquely related.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital joins the Expo as the entertainment sponsor. The Livonia-based hospital, part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, has been serving the community for more than 50 years. The entertainment segment this year features Winans, a Grammy-nominated, Stellar Award and NAACP Award winning artist.

Known as the "hardest-working woman in gospel music," Winans has 13 gospel and comedy albums. Her honors include Stellar Award

Winner Female Vocalist of the Year, Music Video of the Year for *How I Got Over*, a Grammy nomination and more.

Rick Bloom, O&E Media guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, will be a guest speaker again this year. Bloom will discuss "Getting More Returns Without Taking Risks." Schoolcraft College will sponsor several demonstrations, including the popular "Zumba Gold" and "Strength Training for Seniors" presented by American Health and Fitness.

Larry Ruehlen of O&E Media will offer up Facebook tips, strategies for social media users. In addition, come take your photo with the Fathead® Wall Graphics of Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander and first baseman Prince Fielder. Take your photo and we will post it on a special photo gallery at hometownlife.com for your friends and family to see.

See the complete list of speakers and topics in today's Spring Expo section.

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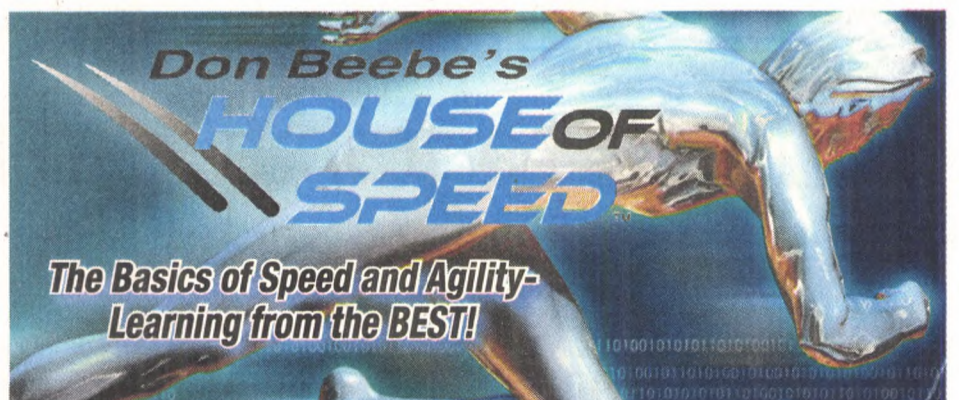
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Eight-year-old Laney Jakubowski has her nails done by Gabrielle Cionti.

# Hair today, hair tomorrow

Fundraiser helps cancer patients keep their curls

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Doris Jinnis vividly remembers being diagnosed with breast cancer in September 2012 — “It was surreal,” she said — and the weeks of radiation treatment that followed and, ultimately, left her cancer-free.

Those feelings were foremost in her mind Saturday when she went to get her nails done at Formula Salon in Plymouth, where owner Tricia Mavin was hosting a fundraiser for The Rapunzel Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping cancer patients keep their hair during chemotherapy.

Jinnis, a Westland resident, remembered being caught completely by surprise by the diagnosis. She had, after all, faithfully listened to the experts and gotten the requisite mammograms. It was one of those tests that caught the spot, not even a lump, that indicated the disease. She remembers getting the news — it was like her doctor was “talking like Charlie Brown’s teacher,” she said — but couldn’t remember exactly what was being said.

“It was surreal,” Jinnis said. “I was faithful getting my mammograms. It wasn’t anything I had felt. It wasn’t anything I was expecting.”

Treatment cured the problem, but on a recent follow-up trip to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, she noticed a flyer for the Formula Salon fundraiser on the table. A receptionist handed it to her and said

it “might be something I was interested in,” Jinnis remembered.

She was, and she showed her interest Saturday, arriving at Formula Salon not long after doors opened to get her nails done.

“It was a no-brainer,” Jinnis said of attending the fundraiser. “I wanted to give back.”

It was the reaction Mavin was hoping for from regular clients and other walk-in patrons hoping to help. She said the salon has “a lot of clients” who go through chemotherapy, and the most upsetting thing to them, she said, is the prospect of losing their hair. She said 8- to 9-percent of women choose not to undergo chemotherapy at all because they don’t want to lose their hair.

The Rapunzel Project’s mission, according to its website ([www.rapunzelproject.org](http://www.rapunzelproject.org)), is to let patients know there’s an option — cold cap therapy — that prevents the hair loss associated with chemotherapy. Cold cap therapy uses special caps, frozen to a very cold temperature and worn before, during and after each chemotherapy treatment. The cooling of the hair follicles prevents the toxins from the treatment from reaching them.

According to information on Rapunzel’s website, only three hospitals in Michigan — Beaumont (Royal Oak), the Rose Cancer Center and Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills — offers cold cap. Formula Salon’s fundraiser Saturday was designed to raise money to purchase the kinds of

freezers needed to offer the therapy.

Anna Daigle, a regional manager for Kenra Professional LLC, the company from which Formula Salon buys hair-care products, said her company partners with The Rapunzel Project “because it’s so related to the beauty industry.”

“Think about it ... A woman’s stylist hears all those concerns (about losing hair),” Daigle said. “How great is it the stylist can do something about it?”

When Daigle heard staffers at Formula Salon were looking for a fundraiser, she pitched The Rapunzel Project, and the staff bought into it. Stylist Juliet Cobello heard the idea and ran with it. They watched a video about it on Kenra’s website, “and there wasn’t a dry eye in the room,” Cobello said.

“We were looking for something, and (Rapunzel) just kind of spoke to us,” said Cobello, a 22-year-old from Plymouth. “I’m always looking for something to do that is for the good of people ... That really spoke to me. I was just really inspired by that.”

The salon didn’t really have a goal in mind. They offered all of their services for a minimum donation, and had raffles for which “many generous local businesses” donated gift certificates and baskets. Mostly, they just wanted to raise awareness.

“That’s what’s going to get the hospitals involved,” Cobello said. “It’s going to get people talking about this. That’s what’s going to make the difference.”

## STUDY

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ple, including city officials, planning commissioners and developers who’ve dealt with the city. For comparisons, the students looked at how developments are handled in Canton Township, Novi and Auburn Hills. Their work was overseen by U-M engineering professor Prakash Sathé.

They cited communications problems between developers and the city as a major stumbling block that hampers projects and causes frustration on both sides.

Recommendations included training for city board members, having a city point person in charge of all development projects, and more frequent meetings, such as of the Planning Commission, when necessary so that project changes can be reviewed in a timely way.

Keys and Walker also recommended the city use computer software that would allow developers to use computers to

apply for projects, submit drawings and keep track of projects’ status with the city.

Mayor Dan Dwyer told Keys and Walker their report “won’t sit on a shelf.”

### Volunteer training

Commissioner Mike Wright, who worked on the project along with Commissioners Meg Dooley and Gerry Sabatini, said some of the recommendations are already being implemented, especially training for planning, ZBA and historic commission members. Members of those boards serve without compensation.

“We think it’s really, really important that they be given the training that they need so they can maximize the time that they’re spending,” Wright said, adding that training is being done through the Michigan Municipal League.

“There’re some good resources out there that we could tap into,” he added.

Wright said that he personally wants to also look into new technolo-

gy — the type of software Walker and Keys recommended — and having a dedicated development director. That position would not need to be full time, he said.

Wright said Plymouth is already seeing an uptick in development activity, with more permits being pulled and a multi-unit residential development being proposed for Plymouth Road east of Mill.

Keys and Walker, prompted by a question from Dwyer, said working on the study opened their eyes to the municipal and political side of the development equation.

“This was a completely new area for me,” Walker said.

“I had no idea of all the steps,” Keys said. “There’s so much involved in getting one building up.”

Improving the development process was a goal for the city commission in 2012 and was renewed in January as a 2013 goal.

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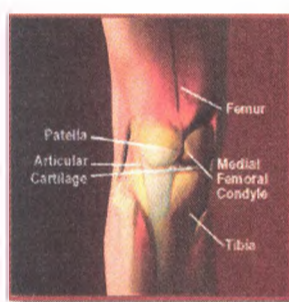


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## Police probe pricing dispute between masseuse, client

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A dispute between a Detroit masseuse and her client escalated until a gun was drawn inside a Canton motel, though no shots were fired, according to a Canton police report.

The incident unfolded about 12:30 a.m. Monday at the Extended Stay America on Haggerty south of Ford. Police went to the loca-

tion amid reports of a dispute between the masseuse, who allegedly tried to charge the man \$250 even though he told police they had agreed on a \$50 payment, the police report said.

Police arrived and found the woman outside in a 2013 Dodge Avenger with a companion who had accompanied her to the motel. The masseuse, described as a 30-year-old white Detroit woman, had placed a masseuse advertise-

ment on a website, backpage.com, and had received a call from a 37-year-old Lexington man to meet him at the motel, the police report said.

The woman's version was that the two had agreed to a price of \$250. She said when she arrived, the man told her to remove her clothes and she refused. She said he then told her to leave.

The woman told police the man pulled a gun on her. The alleged customer told

police he had been given the woman's phone number by a friend and that the two had agreed to a price of \$50. He said she arrived and told him that he would have to pay \$250 or she would seek backup from a man who had accompanied her and who was waiting in the vehicle, the police report said.

The woman allegedly reached inside her purse, and her customer thought she was going for a gun, the report said. He

allegedly responded by brandishing a 9mm handgun and ordering her to get out.

The police report also indicated the man had an AR-15 rifle in his room.

The woman's vehicle, described as being rented, was impounded after police learned she wasn't authorized to drive it, the police report said.

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### CANTON CRIME WATCH

#### iPhone evidence

An iPhone left behind helped lead Canton police to one of five suspects accused of leaving the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant without paying, a police report said.

The incident happened just before 11 p.m. last Thursday at the restaurant on Ford Road east of Sheldon.

The restaurant notified police after a group of teens left without paying their \$59 tab, the police report said.

One of the teens had asked for barbecue sauce, and when the female server went to get it, the group fled the eatery, the report said.

The group left behind an iPhone and an umbrella. According to the police report, the iPhone was used to track down one of the suspects, who agreed to pay the bill.

#### Business vandalism

Canton police received reports of vandalism at Chet's Rent-All, a tool and equipment rental business on Ford Road east of Lilley.

The incident happened between Friday and Monday, according to a 45-year-old Belleville man who notified police. The man told police he

noticed a section of fencing had been cut and moved from the southwest corner of the property, and that other damage had been done to another section of the fence.

The man also reported graffiti had been found on the south side of a wall on the property.

#### Walmart theft

A Walmart employee is facing charges after police were notified of allegations he was stealing merchandise from the retail chain's store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

Police received a report of incidents that occurred over a period of several weeks ending last Thursday, when authorities were contacted.

It is alleged the 26-year-old male employee had taken items such as energy drinks, car interior lights, food, electronics and dog food.

The police report indicated the employee is facing embezzlement charges.

#### Speeder caught

Canton police issued a reckless driving citation to a 19-year-old Livonia man who was allegedly speeding and swerv-

ing while driving through the Traditions condominium complex near Saltz and Canton Center roads.

The incident happened on the evening of April 10.

Police received reports the car had been speeding along Stonewood and Lakeview.

Police found the car not far away on Chelsea, where three white males were seen huddling around it to change a flat tire, a police report said.

A woman who had been out walking her dog told police the driver could easily have hurt someone if he had lost control of the vehicle.

#### Vehicle vandalism

A 49-year-old man reported that his 2005 GMC Envoy was damaged while it was parked in the driveway of his residence on Stanton Court, northeast of Geddes and Denton roads.

The man filed a police report after the rear window of his vehicle was shattered sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday, a police report said. There was no indication entry was made into the vehicle.

— By Darrell Clem

### PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

#### Township residents report frauds

A Plymouth Township man reported April 9 that his identity had been used by someone else to open credit-card accounts at three different chain stores a couple of days earlier.

The man's identity had been used to open accounts with Office Depot, Staples and Victoria's Secret, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. It had also been used in an attempt to open a Kohl's account, the victim told police, but that application was turned down.

The man contacted a credit-reporting agency, which told him it would issue a fraud alert, police said. He also filed a report with the Federal Trade Commission.

In another fraud against a township resident, a woman reported that her debit card had been used March 22 to make an online purchase. The victim canceled the card and is attempting to get reimbursed for the debit through her credit union, she told police.

The woman said she had the debit card in her possession and doesn't know how someone could've gotten the number.

#### Work site thefts

Tools, building materials and

scrap metal have been stolen from outside Herriman & Associates, a property management firm on Wilcox Road, over the last several months.

The thefts were reported earlier this month by an employee, who said the incidents occurred three separate times: in November, in January and in March, according to a police report.

The last theft was of a hand drill that was stolen from the site in late March, the employee told police. The employee asked for extra police patrols in the area.

#### Tires slashed

Tires on two vehicles were punctured or cut in separate incidents in the township earlier this month.

The first tire-slashing took place on Northville Road late on April 2 or some time the next morning, a police report said. All four tires on a Honda Odyssey parked in the driveway had been deflated, police said.

The second incident took place at the Plymouth Square Apartments, on Marguerite Drive in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. The rear tires on a 1999 Buick LS had been punctured, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

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# Plymouth shop owner turns risky move into career dream

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Lindsey Burns left a well-paying job in the Philadelphia area for an uncertain future in one of the country's most economically troubled states.

But that risk, nearly three years ago, plus an off-the-cuff inquiry by her mother, put Burns on the fast track to a long-held dream.

Burns is the new sole owner of Bohemian Home, an eclectic array of vintage and new furniture, jewelry, household products and objets d'art in downtown Plymouth. Burns, who started a part-time job at the store on Forest Avenue in September 2010, bought half the business from co-founder Carol Eisenstein early last year, and the other half from Nancy Boltik, Eisenstein's founding partner, less than a year later.

Right time, right place, says Burns.

"This is what I love. I like finding new things, and every day's different," she said in her store on Monday.

#### Art at work

Burns, of Plymouth, has an arts background — she is a ceramist and has a bachelor of fine arts degree — and worked, while in college and for a short time after, at Crescent Moon, a gallery and gift shop in South Haven. That's where the idea of having her own shop took root.

"I loved it. I knew it was what I wanted to



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do," she said.

Burns was managing the restaurant and food-service operations at a country club in a Philadelphia suburb when she paid a visit to her parents, Mike and Terry Burns, in May of 2010. They had settled in Plymouth after Mike's job with Ford Motor Co. took them to Salvador, Brazil, for three years (Lindsey, fresh out of college at the time, spent six months with them, then headed to Philly).

She fell in love with Plymouth — the small-town feel, the walkability — on that 2010 trip, and decided to make the leap.

"Everyone thought I was nuts, 'cause I quit a job I had, making lots of money," she said. "I packed up my Mini Cooper, the car I had at the

time, with as much as I could fit in it." The country club job, she said, was all-consuming and not what she had seen herself doing.

#### Serendipity, hard work

Burns moved to Plymouth without work, but Terry Burns, a Bohemian Home fan, stopped in one day and, uncharacteristically for her, asked if they were hiring. They were.

"I loved the whole feel of the store," Burns said. "I loved everything about the store."

But a part-time retail job wouldn't pay all the bills, so Burns began selling cars at Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge in January 2011, returning to Bohemian Home to work

the occasional special event. Terry Burns ended up taking over her daughter's part-time job there.

Just over a year later, Eisenstein was ready to retire, and Burns bought her out, keeping her job at Dick Scott and putting in time at the store after hours and on weekends.

"I always knew I wasn't a nine-to-five-type of person," Burns said.

Later in 2012, Boltik talked about retiring herself, and Burns again took the leap, this time saying goodbye at the dealership.



The collection at Bohemian Home is eclectic.

"We're both excited that Lindsey was able to purchase the shop, and it will carry on the name," said Boltik, of Plymouth Township. "We worked hard to get it up and running."

Bohemian Home opened in April of 2008, as the economy was heading toward the depths of what's now called the Great Recession. "We started out when times were really bad," said Boltik. "Luckily, it evened off a little while we were in business."

#### Inspiring style

Burns hasn't made major changes in the store, saying she perhaps is offering more gift selections and wants to focus on vintage items and bringing in some of her own ceramics. Currently, ceramic pendant lamps Burns made her-

self are for sale.

She casts a wide net for the store's selections: flea markets, estate sales, wholesalers, trade shows, even other local stores. She also has "pickers" who know what she needs and are skilled at polishing up diamonds in the rough.

"Weekly, it changes, so that's a fun thing," Burns said of the selection.

People visit her store not just to shop, Burns said, but to get ideas, scout different styles and sometimes tell stories, prompted by some of the vintage items, about the old typewriter or box camera they had in the house while growing up.

"I like having people come in and be inspired," Burns said.

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# Blue Dress Benefit aids anti-child abuse programs

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Jasmine Millwood is turning a bad memory into a symbol of hope with Lighthouse Family Charity's first Blue Dress Benefit.

The fundraiser for Lighthouse, a Plymouth-based non-profit organized to fight child abuse, is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. There will be live and silent auctions, an array of hors d'oeuvres, desserts by Kilwin's, music by the band Collision 6 and live artmaking by speed painter Matt Santia, whose works will be auctioned off.

Millwood, the executive director of Lighthouse, said last

September's inaugural Run for Ribbons, a Lighthouse benefit fun run through Plymouth, was well received, and people began asking if there would be another fund-raising event.

"We had an amazing outpouring of support from the community," Millwood said, and that's how the idea for the Blue Dress Benefit came about. (There are tentative plans for a second Run for Ribbons, too.)

The name comes from an ugly blue dress that Millwood was forced to wear as a young girl, prompting teasing from schoolmates, and also for the pretty dress she promised herself she would one day have.

## Symbolic dress

That girlhood dress became a

symbol of oppression for Millwood, who was physically and emotionally abused as a child, events she wrote about in her 2012 memoir *Unbreakable*, and "I always told myself I would be beautiful in a beautiful blue dress," she said.

Blue is also the color of the child-abuse awareness movement, and April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

The Blue Dress Benefit's live auction will include a weekend for two at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, a night for two at Greektown's Athenium Hotel, tickets to the Bayview Yacht Club's annual regatta, and the Santia paintings. One painting will be of Detroit Tigers pitching ace

Justin Verlander, while subjects of the others will be decided based on attendees' requests.

## Auction activity

The silent auction will offer gift baskets from local businesses, Tigers and Detroit Pistons tickets, wine-tastings at Cellar 849 and Zinn's Wine Bar, VIP tickets to Plymouth Township's July fireworks show and more.

Lighthouse works to raise awareness of the problem of child abuse and provides resources and references to help prevent it, stop it, and deal with its consequences. Millwood and others are being trained to offer prevention programs at schools.

Some of the money from last year's Run for Ribbons, Millwood said, went toward meetings for adult survivors of abuse, who shared their stories in a professional setting with a psychologist and a social worker on hand.

Millwood said she attended as Lighthouse director, but that the sessions ended up being helpful for her as well. "It was a great series of meetings," she said.

Tickets to the Blue Dress Benefit are \$50 each and can be purchased through the Lighthouse website, [www.lighthousefamilycharity.org](http://www.lighthousefamilycharity.org), or at the door before the event.

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Alumni mentor Tyler Bergquist and teacher/coach Diana Woodward critique the food and presentation for team members Chelsea Polydoros and Taylor Hoener.

## CULINARY

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year for faculty adviser Diana Woodward's team, including the team itself. This year's version is different from last year's, which means a new team had to defend the record of the old team.

### Tough chore

That makes this year's experience all the more difficult.

"It's ridiculously hard," Woodward said. "It's as if it never happened. We set the precedent last year, but we didn't have any returning students, so no one knew what to expect. It's like starting fresh."

The team also had local businesses helping it this year, sponsorships that are new to the team, which generally has to raise its own money and buy its own ingredients. Staffers at Old World Olive Press in Plymouth helped the team raise money — one Valentine's Day fundraiser brought in some \$1,200 — and "donated as much product as we could use, which we like," Woodward said.

Old World Olive Press owner Shasta Fase said it's all about community.

"We've been received so well in Plymouth," said Fase, who opened the Plymouth store in June 2010. "We have loyal customers, we've made friends. We feel like we just want to give back."

Then, as the team was preparing for the trip to Baltimore, the folks at Franklin Hills Country Club in Farmington Hills dropped off more than \$500 worth of supplies, including ingredients and paper products.



Chelsea Polydoros makes pear mousse.



Chopping crispy pancetta.

"That kind of support is critical," Woodward said.

It's not just sponsor support that's helping the team. Alumni mentor Tyler Bergquist, a 2009 Plymouth High School grad who was part of the team for four years, is back to work with the

2013 version, putting in almost as many hours as team members.

"I enjoy coming back ... I enjoy the competition," said Bergquist, who now cooks at Forest Grill in Farmington Hills. "I like having everything put in place, and then just cook-



Paul DiNicola preps the lamb.

ing. I like pushing the limits of what you can do in that time and space."

### Practice, practice

More critical is the practice time. Competition rules give the team a 10-foot area in which to work and exactly an hour to complete the meal, and practices are regimented to make sure that happens. Points are deducted, timing is examined and rules are rigidly followed, all in the name of preparation.

"When we get to the actual competition, it's so natural to us, we breezed

right through it," Plymouth High School senior Emily Koelzer said. "We put the pressure on ourselves so we know what to expect."

Woodward said that kind of work ethic is what makes P-CEP's team click. It started in November, five days a week and the occasional weekend, including all five days of spring break.

It's a self-imposed discipline that never wavers. DiNicola skipped his family's spring break vacation to practice. Koelzer is a diabetic who has



Practice begins within the 10-foot cooking area, and the team has one hour to prepare and present the meal.

to have her blood sugar monitored, but never misses practice. Taylor Hoener made it to practice the same day her mother had breast cancer surgery.

### No less than best

"They don't settle for anything less than the absolute best they can do," Woodward said. "If we know they can do better, we hold them accountable. We try to scare (other teams) with the level of discipline we have and the way we challenge ourselves."

But even all that practice might not matter. The team — Koelzer, DiNicola, Hoener and Chelsea Polydoros — has been working more than four months perfecting its style, but the veteran coach knows all that work isn't the whole story.

"It doesn't matter how good you are, it doesn't matter how good your menu is and it doesn't matter how much you practice," Woodward said. "It's all down to how you execute that day."

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# 'Oh, my God:' Runner reacts to bombings

By Brad Emons  
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As a Canton firefighter and emergency medical technician, Maureen Stoecklein has experienced her fair share of grave and dangerous situations.

The former Madonna University volleyball standout qualified for her first Boston Marathon and finished the 26.2-mile race in 3 hours, 32 minutes and 4 seconds, almost 30 minutes before two explosions hit the finish line area on Boylston Street, which has left three persons dead and over 180 injured.

Just recently married, the former Moe Paulin was being reunited in the family greeting area with her husband Chris, who is also a Canton firefighter.

"You go through the finishers chute, get your medal, you turn right down the first street that is there and there's where you meet your family," said Stoecklein, who grew up in the Livonia and now resides in Westland. "It's about a block from the finish. It sounded like a cannon went off. We thought a building collapsed or something. Within seconds we saw fire trucks, police cars, motorcycles saturating the area. And that's when you thought, 'Oh, my God, there's been a bombing.'"

And Stoecklein could sense right away that something was amiss.



CHRIS STOECKLEIN

Westland's Maureen Stoecklein (middle), a former Madonna University volleyball player, completed her Boston Marathon in 3:32:04, and heard the explosions while waiting with her husband in the family meeting area following the race.

"We were parked in Chinatown, which is near that area," said the Farmington Hills Mercy High grad. "A lady came by and she was crying on the phone. I said, 'Oh, my God, there must have been a bombing.' Then I found out right away on my phone that there was a bombing at the finish line. We were right there. We heard it."

"They had cell phones at the family meeting area. Even though we coordinated a meeting spot, it took an hour to find each other. Then they shut cell phone services down."

Stoecklein and her husband drove to Boston and were on their way back home on Tuesday morning.

"We were staying at the Seaport, which is actually a really good loca-

tion," she said. "You're along the water and not in the city. We were actually a mile or so away from the finish line. The whole city was shut down. I Where we were along the water there were probably 25 Coast Guard boats, State Police boats, Boston Police boats going up-and-down. We went to eat across the street and we were the only ones in the restaurant. It's a well-known restaurant called Anthony's and we sat and watched the boats on the water - up-and-down, up-and-down. They still have police officers in front of our hotel and the street is lined with officers as well. And we're right across the water from the airport. There weren't any airplanes flying out, they were only coming in. The planes were taking off from the opposite

direction of the city."

It was only the day before that Stoecklein and her husband visited the finish line area.

"The day before, Chris and I went in that Marathon Sport, the store that got the windows blown out," she said. "We took pictures right there. I told Chris I never thought going to that race there would be a bomb threat because there are police on the street everywhere. It's also amazing how the FBI and all the others moved into the city within minutes it seemed like."

Despite the tragedy, Stoecklein was able to re-qualify for next year's Boston.

"It was quite an experience, that's for sure," she said. "It wasn't bad, it qualified me again if I want to go back. I really had a hard time the last six miles. My legs, from all the downhill that I wasn't used to, got cramping up. I didn't push it, because I knew if I did, I'd go into full cramp. I didn't want to mess around. I just wanted to finish. I was at 7:50 pace most of it, then my final pace was 8:03 overall. I was clipping along a little bit better than that the first half."

"They talk about Heartbreak Hill, but I had three hills and I don't know which one it was. It's pretty rolling. It's a tough course."

Stoecklein, a triath-

lete who has completed the Ironman distance, said Boston is like no other event.

"I had never run a race that big - ever," she said. "By the time you get on the bus and by the time you get there - just the volume of people."

"The course is just lined with people. It's unreal. I've never seen anything like it. The support ... kids holding out their hands the whole 26 miles

... it's just a really, really cool environment. I wore head phones because that's what I do, but the last mile I took them off to take in the whole thing. It's just incredible."

But the bombings has left a scar on Stoecklein and many other 2013 Boston Marathoners.

"Just horrible, it's sad," she said.

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## Open-mic performers sought for next BaseLine show

The BaseLine Folk Society, musicians dedicated to the live performance of traditional acoustic folk music, will host its April coffehouse concert in Plymouth beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The event, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, will have no featured artist, but will instead be an "all open-mic night," with as many as 14 slots available for musicians. It will be hosted by singer-songwriter John Rinn, a regular at BaseLine.

Individual musicians or groups interested in performing at BaseLine Saturday should show up between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to sign up for slots.

The show will take place at the PCAC's Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. The building is south of M-14.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door. BaseLine concerts are on the third Saturday of each month from September through May.

BaseLine hosted a successful an earlier all open-mic event in December.



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### After hours

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The event will feature food and networking with fellow chamber members. There will also be a cash bar available. After Hours events average between 60-100 attendees. Panache 447 is located at 447 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

### Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop, "Multi-Media, the Road to Success," 8:30-9:30 a.m. April 23.

The workshop will show businesses how to jump-start marketing in multiple ways to create an affordable plan to reach their market. The workshop will talk about having effective search words for a website, how to use effective online advertising and how to use cable advertising in an effective and cost efficient manner.

There is no charge to attend, but we can only take 35 reservations. The event will be held at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail). Call (734) 453-1540 for details.

### Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for exhibit space at the annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, set for Monday, May 6, from 5-7:30 p.m., at the Inn at St. John's.

Exhibit space prices are \$110 or \$135 (premium) and includes a 6-foot by 3-foot skirted table.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth attracts 650-750 attendees from the community and member businesses, 95 total exhibitors including 20 restaurants, Community Service Awards presented to 20 honorees and each exhibi-

tor can bring three people.

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. Anyone interested in exhibiting can contact the chamber at (734) 453-1540 or email [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) by April 26.

### Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

This year's theme is "The Great Divide: U-M vs. MSU." The event features more than 200 raffles, trips to Cabo San Lucas and Boyne Mountain, airline tickets, jewelry and more. Two winners will go home with \$1,000 in cash. The night also includes a strolling dinner and open bar.

Cost is \$75 per person. The event is sponsored by Jack Demmer Automotive Group and MSA Delivery Service.

Contact the chamber office, (734) 453-4040, for additional information.

### AD luncheon

Athletic directors from the University of Michigan (David Brandon) and Michigan State University (Mark Hollis) headline a joint meeting of the Plymouth Community, Livonia, Northville and Westland chambers of commerce Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

While they lead programs that are heated rivals, both men work to support the Big Ten Conference and NCAA. Both leaders will share comments about their current projects, challenges and answer questions.

The cost to attend this event is \$30 for members or \$40 for non-members. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., the program starts at noon.

Reservations are required, with payment, by April 22. To reserve, email [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.



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Real BarBQ, which opened with optimism in April 2012, has closed less than a year later, with owners citing sluggish sales as the reason.

## Real BarBQ cites sluggish sales as reason for closing

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Real BarBQ, a restaurant that immersed itself in the Canton community and its causes, has cited sluggish sales as the reason it has closed for business at Ford and Lilley roads.

"We just weren't generating enough revenue to make it a sustainable business," owner Dave Ebner said. "It was kind of frustrating, but we couldn't continue to lose money."

Real BarBQ has sold its restaurant in Lincoln Park and closed its location on East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit. The company had hoped to sell its Canton eatery.

"We were working on it," Ebner said Monday, "but it's slowly slipping away."

Real BarBQ closed March 31 on Canton's main business corridor, Ebner said, a surprising development that came as the restaurant was promoting March Madness basketball games and Name That Tune nights.

Real BarBQ had opened last April after a series of delays.

"When they finally did get open, they were really aggressive in their outreach to the community and trying to get involved and be a part of the community," said township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the Ford Road Downtown Development Authority board. "It really surprised me that they closed, just because a number of people I know were fairly regular customers there."

Canton resident Mary Rodrigue said Real BarBQ had become a favorite. "I thought it was as good as Slows (Bar-B-Q in Detroit) without the two-hour wait," she said.

Ebner said the customers just didn't come out in the numbers needed to survive.

That said, Real BarBQ made a tangible difference in Canton.

It raised money for Joanne Savage, a local widow and mother of three sons, as she battles a rare cancer, peritoneal carcinoma, after her husband Pat succumbed to esophageal cancer.

It sponsored the Salem High School baseball team, Ebner said, and

Salem's football team used to visit Real BarBQ on Monday evenings to review the game reel from the previous week on the big screen.

The restaurant raised money for cancer through Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and it gave free desserts to patrons who brought in more than \$5 in school supplies for Plymouth-Canton area students.

Ebner speculated that Real BarBQ's menu wasn't diverse enough, though some people had expected it would survive with little barbecue competition in the immediate area.

Another Canton eatery that had served barbecue, Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, closed a few months ago near Canton Center and Geddes — another disappointment to that restaurant's patrons.

Real BarBQ leaves a vacant storefront along Canton's main business corridor, less than a year after it opened. "It's a shame," McLaughlin said. "We're disappointed."

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Wine Month

Vintner's Canton Winery celebrates Michigan Wine Month through April.

During the month of April and each month through September, Vintner's Canton will be offering a "fabulously fruity" wine at \$1 off each bottle. Beginning with Wildberry Chianti as the wine of the month for April, the following wines will be available at a reduced price: May - Peach Chardonnay; June - Strawberry White Merlot; July - Blackberry Malbec; August - Black Cherry Pinot Noir; and September - Green Apple Riesling. All wines are available at the winery on a regular basis but during the month they are featured, prices will be reduced \$1 a bottle.

Each purchase during April will enter the buyer into a drawing to be held April 30 for a batch (25 bottles) of Gold Medallion Wine.

For more information, visit the winery's website at [www.vintnerscanton.com](http://www.vintnerscanton.com). Vintner's Canton Winery is located at 8515 N. Lilley (in the Golden Gate Plaza).

### Sensory friendly

In honor of Autism Awareness Month, Sky Zone Canton will host their first ever Sensory Friendly Night Monday, April 29.

The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. No music will be played and jump shoes will be optional. One hour jumps will be just \$5 for special-needs children and young adults as well as their families and caregivers to enjoy an evening of bouncy fun.

Sky Zone will also hold a 50/50 raffle and the general public is welcome to jump at the regular price with a \$5 donation from each ticket. All proceeds raised will go to support research for autism.

"Trampolines can be a valuable therapy tool for children with autism and sensory disorders. In an effort to cater the Sky Zone experience to these individuals and families, we are looking forward to creating a completely sensory friendly environment," said Colleen Fitzgerald, owner of Sky Zone Canton. "This is about creating a special time for these families, while raising awareness



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amongst the community."

Autism Awareness Month was established in the 1970s to bring attention to the disorder and educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

Sky Zone Canton is located at 42550 Executive Drive in Canton. For more information on Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park visit [www.skyzone.com](http://www.skyzone.com).

### Corporate counsel

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has appointed Plymouth resident Keith Lermينياux as corporation counsel. Lermينياux, who has practiced law for 32 years, has worked for the Office of Corporation Counsel since 2000, most recently as deputy corporation counsel where he supervised some of the county's high-profile litigation matters. He assumes his new duties May 1.

Prior to joining Oakland County, Lermينياux was a partner at Dickinson Wright PLLC from 1990-2000 and Vandever Garzia from 1980-1990. He began his legal career as an associate at Cummings McCloyre in 1979. He received his juris doctor from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law in 1979 and earned a bachelor of science in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 1976.

Lermينياux, 58, lives in Plymouth Township with his wife Patricia. He has a son, daughter, and two stepdaughters.



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# Social media can turn ugly in a hurry

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

A few years ago if you said social media, most people would have no idea what you were talking about. Today, people know exactly what you're talking about. Whether it's Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn, more and more of us are using social media. It's not surprising that scam artists are following suit and using social media as a way to implement their scams.

Over the weekend, I read a number of disturbing articles about people that have fallen for scams involving social media. These include identity and investment scams. It is important that when you use



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

social media, you keep your guard up.

I wish I could tell you how to avoid scams on social media, but I can't. These scams take many different forms and, therefore, there is no one thing that you can do to avoid them. However, like other types of scams, whether it's using emails or phone calls, being reasonable and using common sense is the best way to protect yourself.

One scam happening frequently is phishing, which seeks to obtain your private

personal information such as Social Security numbers, passwords and user names. Once scam artists have this information, they can wreak havoc on your finances.

The latest scam where phishing is involved uses Twitter. In this scenario, the scam artist steals a Twitter account and sends a message that contains a link that sends someone to a Twitter login page. Unfortunately, that Twitter login page is not actually hosted by Twitter, but rather by the scam artist. Therefore, when you enter your information, it doesn't go to Twitter, but rather goes to the crooks. The pages that you link to look very legitimate, but they are not.

## Be careful

How do you avoid this? It's difficult, however, the consequences of falling for a scam will make life even more difficult. The bottom line is be careful what you link to. When it comes to sensitive information, just because someone asks for it, doesn't mean you have to give it to them.

Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites are also being used for investment scams. People are putting information on these sites touting all sorts of investments and ways to double or even triple your money without risk. It is amazing how many people fall for these scams. It doesn't matter whether it's a website,

social media or someone at a cocktail party. When someone starts touting fantastic returns on an investment, that's a sign to walk away.

I admit, I don't use social media. I am somewhat of a dinosaur. However, the reality is more and more people are using it and eventually I will as well. My advice is to use social media, take it for what it is and have fun with it. However, remember when you use it, never let your guard down.

Good luck!

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

## AROUND PLYMOUTH-CANTON

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Date/Time:** Monday, April 22, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

**Location:** VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth

**Details:** The VFW Post 6695 hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Anyone donating blood in April will be entered into a drawing for an iPad mini.

**Contact:** Call Larry, (734) 377-8329.

### ROAD RALLY

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 27, check-in begins at 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Check-in is at Smith Elementary School, 1298 McKinley in Plymouth

**Details:** Registration is now open for the annual Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors Road Rally. Competing teams race around the city solving puzzles, performing activities, and enjoying an evening on the town. The rally ends at a final dinner party location. The rally begins at 4 p.m., and projected arrival time at final destination is 7:30 p.m. Early-bird registration ends April 1, but participants can still register (for \$25) until April 7.

**Contact:** Pete and Eileen Ganster at (734) 718-4589 or [pganster@comcast.net](mailto:pganster@comcast.net)

### BOWLING 4 AUTISM

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 27, 12:30 P.M.

**Location:** Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

**Details:** Chicks 4 Charity host a bowling benefit for autism, with Woman's Life Society matching the first \$500 raised. Proceeds will benefit Burger School for Students with Autism. The \$15 cost includes two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. The event will feature a 50/50 drawing and raffle. Checks can be mailed to Chicks 4 Charity c/o Tammy Brown, 6040 Willow Creek Dr., Canton, MI 48187.

**Contact:** For more information call Kristina Wittner, (734) 787-9954.

### HEISE COFFEE

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 19, 7:30-9 a.m.

**Location:** Panera Bread, 400 S. Main in Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him in a casual setting and discuss state and local issues. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

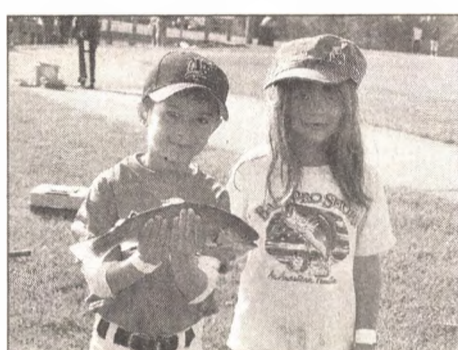
**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail [kurtheise@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtheise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### MILLER WOODS TOURS

**Dates/Times:** Sundays, April 21 and 28, 2-4 p.m.

**Location:** Miller Woods (Powell Road, east of Ridge between N. Territorial and Ann Arbor Road)

**Details:** Free, guided tours will occur in April to see the native spring wildflowers in Miller Woods. Tours depend on when the flowers are blooming, but are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 21 and 28.



## Family fishing

Canton residents are invited to unpack their fishing gear and head to Canton's annual Family Fishing Derby 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 4, in Heritage Park. The pond at Heritage Park, located at west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road, will be stocked and ready to go with rainbow trout and hybrid bluegill fish. No fishing license is required for the derby, which is open to Canton residents only. Proof of residency is required and there is a fee of \$5. For information, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

Check the website at [millerwoods.com](http://millerwoods.com) for up-to-date tour dates. Tours start every half hour. Park on side of road. Sorry, no dogs allowed in the nature preserve.

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

**Contact:** Call or email Judy at (734) 347-1001 or [jbstone716@comcast.net](mailto:jbstone716@comcast.net) or Alice at 248-348-9610 or [dachrenko@hotmail.com](mailto:dachrenko@hotmail.com)

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 13, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton

**Details:** The guest speaker for the May Canton Women's Connection meeting will be the popular and returning Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township treasurer, who will talk about what's happening in Canton. RSVP by Friday, May 10.

**Contact:** June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or email [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net).

### CRAFTERS WANTED

**Date/Time:** Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours

**Location:** Plymouth

**Details:** Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. The spaces are limited and are filling up quickly. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

**Contact:** For more information contact Colleen Brown [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com) or (734) 455-1614.

## Color guard sets auditions

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band is holding try-outs for the 2013 Color Guard. These auditions are open to any student interested in being a part of the award-winning ensemble. There is no experience necessary and students are encouraged to attend all three audition dates.

The audition dates are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (April 22, 24, 26) from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at Plymouth High School, located at 8400 Beck in Canton.

Color guard is considered the visual aspect of the marching band. Members dance, spin flags and props, and perform alongside the 180-member marching band during

the fall competition and football season.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes and be ready to move. Current eighth- through 11th-graders should meet in the Plymouth High School Band room all three days. Contact director Jeffrey Cash at your [jeffrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey@gmail.com) with questions you may have regarding these dates. No prepared performance required. Just come ready to move.

### Meetings set

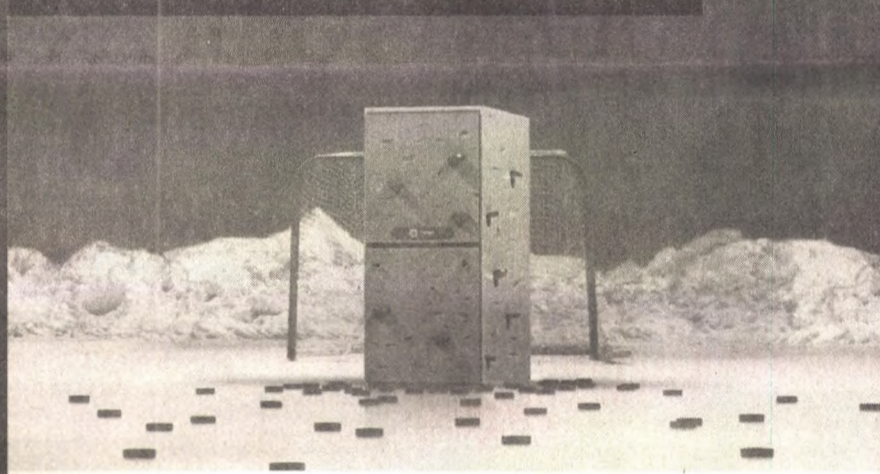
Also, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is hosting information meetings for students and parents interested in the 2013 marching band season. The next meet-

ing is Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., in the Plymouth High School band room (enter near the big yellow semi-trailer). Throughout the 2013 season, the high school students will perform and compete in front of thousands of people including a trip to Indianapolis, Ind., at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the 2012 Super Bowl.

Current eighth-graders and other incoming student musicians interested in joining the PCMB are encouraged to attend one of these informational meetings. The new 2013 Marching Band begins practicing in May and continues through the summer with camps and rehearsals.

For more information, visit [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net).

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## Honor a special woman

Salute the special woman in your life during the month of May.

Send us a photo of you and your mom, grandmother, step-mom, aunt, godmother or that special "mom-like" woman who has made a difference in your life.

Send the photo (jpeg format only, as large as possible) to [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com). Be sure to identify (first and last names please) you and your mom and where you live (i.e. Birmingham, Milford, Plymouth). And tell us in two sentences or less why your mom, grandmother, aunt or other person is special to you.

Look for a photo gallery of all submissions during the month of May at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

This Salute to Woman photo gallery is sponsored

by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in Canton.

Five lucky winners will receive a \$20 gift card to Kohl's or Meijer in a random drawing of all names and photos submitted. The photo gal-

lery will be on display at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) throughout the month of May.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Streetscape movement will be a welcome sight

A 1.25-mile extension of the Ann Arbor Road streetscape in Plymouth Township is the next step toward a dream long held by township officials of a more attractive, inviting place for businesses and their customers.

There are those who don't think it's much of a "dream," but it is certainly a laudable goal. And while there's little data to show how much a pretty road helps deliver either businesses or customers, there's also none to say it hurts.

The \$784,000 project, approved recently by the township's Downtown Development Authority and the Board of Trustees, could begin in a matter of weeks and is expected to be completed over about three months. It will mean

the construction of brick pillars, decorative fencing and sidewalk ramps along the right of way, plus a stamped-concrete "verge" between the curb and the grass. New sod, flowering annuals and an irrigation system will also be put in.

The project will focus on the stretch of the south side of Ann Arbor Road between General Drive and Sheldon, with a small portion of it going on the north side of the road west of Sheldon.

The streetscape has already been installed along parts of Ann Arbor Road, mostly between Eckles and Haggerty, and the extension will offer the same curb appeal. In addition to matching the look already in place between Eckles and Haggerty the

next phase will match streetscape work that's already been done in front of some individual businesses further west, including the Kroger supermarket, the Bank of Ann Arbor branch, Victory Honda and the Speedway gas station at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon.

News of the coming project was understandably greeted with a mixture of enthusiasm and skepticism by people at businesses on the strip. While pretty much everyone agrees it'll be pretty, there are divergent opinions about how much good it will actually do.

Either way, it's nice to see movement on the project, which was originally started in 2005 and has lain dormant since. It's being paid for through money the

DDA has on hand, plus \$300,000 the DDA plans to borrow from the township's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The loan will be paid back over two years at a 4-percent interest rate.

One thing township officials might want to do is hold their own property to the same beautification standards. The old township hall property at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road is a barren distraction to what officials are trying to accomplish along the rest of the road. While Fifth Third Bank has purchased part of that property, and will be told it must match the streetscape, the rest of it still belongs to the township, and should be treated the same as any other property along the road.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Students deserve more

By Maggie Wunderlich  
Guest Columnist

The Sandy Hook School shootings were a horrid reminder our children depend on us to protect them in schools and when even one child dies, we fail miserably.

The question is: Exactly how are we supposed to protect them? Are guns in schools the answer? Are security personnel or criminal background checks enough? While national conversations go on about this, educators are faced with what to do in the meantime.

Aside from obvious security and safety measures like signing in at the office or security cameras, more can be done in Plymouth-Canton schools to prevent school violence from occurring in the first place.



Maggie Wunderlich

We place a lot of importance on early intervention when it comes to reading and academics, but isn't it just as imperative to implement disciplinary intervention programs at the elementary and middle schools?

Such programs have proven to effectively deter school violence. A study of 23 elementary schools in Florida showed intervention was effective in decreasing the recurrence of disciplinary incidents. Particularly, each of those schools utilized a vital resource. What was it and how can we work this magic in our schools? Simple. A school counselor was on staff at each of the elementary schools.

School counselors are a vital resource, highly trained professionals who are uniquely qualified to guide students with academic, social, personal and career development. For example, they can provide academic guidance, conduct individual and group counseling, consult with parents or teachers, and make references to community resources. They are capable of developing programs such as awareness campaigns, mentoring, peer advising and mediation that help develop empathy, understanding and positive morals. What's more, they could organize and facilitate conflict resolution programs, which teach adolescents problem solving skills.

School counselors also play an important role in creating a safe learning environment. In a recent statement in the *Washington Post*, President Obama acknowledged school counselors can develop trusting relationships in which threats can be detected and crises averted. As the third largest district in Michigan, Plymouth-Canton has thousands of students who are entrusted in our care. Don't these students deserve to be in a safe learning environment where they can succeed?

School counselors can effectively prevent violence by using programs as early as elementary school. Sadly, there are only three school counselors in our elementary schools (there are 11 in the middle schools and 15 at the high schools). Compared to the state ratio of one counselor to 706 students, we are doing better at the secondary level. For example, the average for all three high schools is one counselor to about 415 students. The average for all five middle schools is one counselor to about 513 students. However, these ratios still fall short of the ASCA recommendation of one counselor to 250 students.

The cost of hiring more school counselors may be offset if we also hired support staff or paraprofessionals who could take over the counselors' administrative tasks. This would free up the school counselor's time to work more directly with students.

While some may roll their eyes and ask where the money is coming from, what needs to be considered is that not hiring them could cost us something more precious than money. It could cost us our children's lives, if they were victims of school violence such as the Sandy Hook shootings.

Intervening early in elementary schools will have long lasting positive effects on all students. That is why we need to be proactive and apply early intervention now, before it's too late.

Maggie Wunderlich is an English Language Learning paraprofessional in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

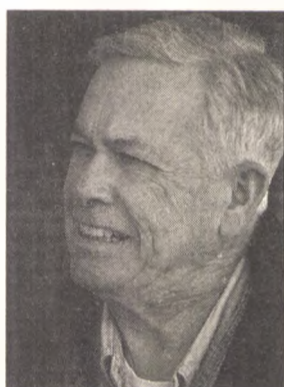
## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Have the changes in Michigan's tax code — such as the pension tax or the loss of the deduction for paying local income taxes — affected the bottom line on your state taxes this year?

We asked this question on Monday — Tax Day — at the Plymouth District Library.



"Probably paying more."  
Gaye Bradshaw  
Plymouth Township



"I'm a retiree. ... I'm in the category (of pensions exempted from taxation). ... It's good news."  
Gene Dickirson  
Plymouth Township



"To be honest with you, not really. It came out to be pretty much the same."  
Kevin Burke  
Livonia



"They haven't affected me too much. It's a difficult time right now to be on either side of the tax issue. ... If it had been different, I'd be in Lansing."  
Marsha Kozlowski  
Plymouth Township

## LETTERS

### Supports bond

As state representative for Plymouth and eastern Canton, a trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation and, most importantly, the parent of two students in the PCCS, I am urging voters to support the May 7 bond proposal for the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Having carefully reviewed the proposal, and after meeting with parents, teachers, and administrators in Plymouth-Canton, I've concluded that the bond is in the best interests of our taxpayers.

First of all, the bond does not raise taxes. It will build a new middle school in Canton to replace the obsolete Central Middle School, improve technology, purchase new equipment and buses, update school buildings, and improve school security for our kids. It benefits everyone in our district.

Secondly, at a time when public school funding has been cut across the state, it's important for us to maintain Plymouth-Canton's advantage by keeping more funding in the classroom.

My family, and thousands of families like mine, moved to Plymouth and Canton for a better quality of life, low taxes, and great schools. The May 7 bond respects and preserves these values, and will keep Plymouth and Canton at the forefront of Michigan's economic recovery.

Please join me and my family in voting "yes" for the May 7 bond proposal.

Kurt L. Heise  
state representative  
20th District

### 'Yes' on bond

Everyone hates taxes. It's probably in American's DNA. However, in order to have a successful society, we must have some measure

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of taxation in which to conduct government business. To that end, Canton and Plymouth residents are faced with the approval of a bond issue on May 7 for improvements to our community schools. I urge you to vote yes.

There's an old saying "you can't judge a book by its cover," yet it is that which draws our eye to view the contents of any book. The "cover" of any community is twofold — public safety and schools — that draws interest from home buyers and businesses alike to look further into the desirability of a community in which to locate, invest and thrive. If a community has good schools and quality public safety, the rest of the "content" — parks, shopping, arts and history, trails — just adds to it.

If Canton and Plymouth are going to thrive, they need to be competitive scholastically. People "choose" where to live first based on the offerings of the community, then look for a job. If the schools aren't in top shape, new buyers will look elsewhere.

Canton and Plymouth have long had a strong reputation for good schools. With the advent of

Proposal A, the PC schools received a significantly reduced annual allotment per pupil, and have for years been "robbing Peter to pay Paul" to keep our schools competitive and successful. The buildings are worn from deferred maintenance; busses, rattling over unpaved roads, are beaten up; Central has long been decrepit (it was when I attended in 1972); Canton kids are bussed far and wide to get to middle school, when the far majority of middle school students now and in the future will come from Canton; technology is here to stay — like it or not. Up-to-date competitive technology is important for students and teachers.

This bond maintains our current level of taxation to accomplish these improvements. Lower taxes are good; even taxation is tolerable. This is not an increase over current levels. This is tolerable.

Canton voters have the most to gain, and the most to lose. Failure to build a new middle school in Canton will mean our kids are bussed long distances to substandard school buildings. Canton has growth potential remaining, and with growth comes stronger property values. With Canton students having fewer advantages, the growth will slow, and property values will be tepid. We have only to look at Detroit to witness in real life what happens with the fundamental elements of any community are neglected — schools and public safety. It can happen anywhere if the voters and taxpayers are shortsighted.

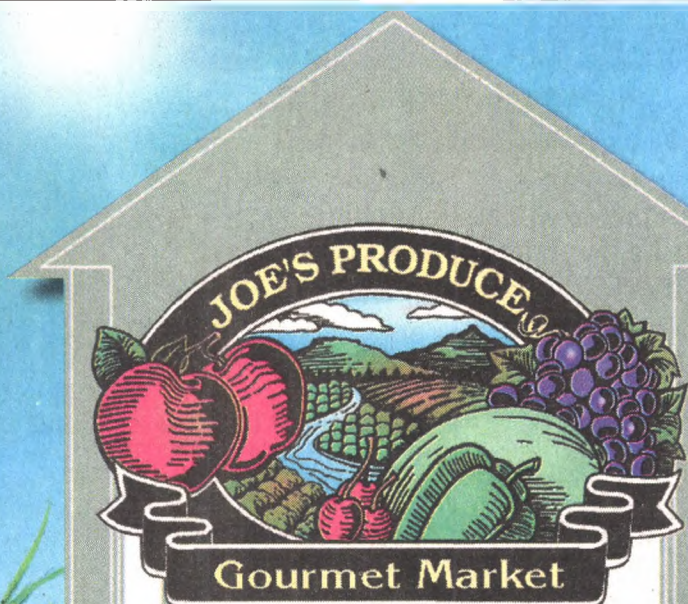
Take advantage of the many public meetings being held around Canton by the school district to get informed. Then I urge you to vote yes.

Melissa McLaughlin  
Canton treasurer

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OHL WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS PREVIEW

## Biggest test awaits Whalers

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Even though Plymouth Whalers defenseman and captain Colin MacDonald hails from London, Ontario, don't expect him to be worrying about visiting friends and family this weekend.

That's because MacDonald's team has some hockey business to attend to beginning 7 p.m. Friday in London, when the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Finals get under way.

The last time the Whalers went this far was 2007, also against London. That year, the Whalers won the OHL championship.

"I think it's a little bigger for my family," said MacDonald, asked about returning to his hometown for the series during Tuesday's OHL media conference call. "For me



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

London will need to stop Plymouth's Vince Trocheck (No. 25) in the OHL Western Conference finals. Trocheck, shown here last series against Owen Sound, enters Friday's game against the Knights with 21 points in 10 playoff games — the most in the league.

it's just another playoff series where we need to win.

"I'm looking forward to it and it's cool that it's in

London, but mainly (I'm) just looking forward to starting the conference finals."

All signs point to a

high-flying, entertaining series between the top two teams in the confer-

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### WHALERS VS. KNIGHTS

Following is the schedule for the best-of-seven Plymouth-London OHL Western Conference finals:

**Game 1:** 7 p.m. Friday, at London

**Game 2:** 2 p.m. Sunday, at London

**Game 3:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Plymouth

**Game 4:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Plymouth

**Game 5:** (if necessary) 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at London

**Game 6:** (if necessary) 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Plymouth

**Game 7:** (if necessary) 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, at London

**Tickets:** Call Computware Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or go to [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com).

### Golf May 5 for Miracle League of Plymouth

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team is going to bat for The Miracle League of Plymouth and community members who like to golf are invited to do the same.

On Sunday, May 5, at The Inn at St. John's, the Cardinals will host a charity golf outing.

Cost is \$120 per golfer for the four-person scramble format. That fee takes care of 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the Miracle League, which "provides opportunities for all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of their abilities."

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 377-1380 or [paulc826@gmail.com](mailto:paulc826@gmail.com) or go to the Cardinals website to download a registration form ([sites.google.com/site/cantcardinals700/](http://sites.google.com/site/cantcardinals700/)).

### Whalers pick Canton teen in OHL Draft

The Plymouth Whalers selected Canton native Tyler Sensky in the 12th round of the recent Ontario Hockey League draft.

Sensky, 16, is a defenseman from Computware U16.

As reported on the Whalers website, Kevin Hess of the OHL Central Scouting Bureau described Sensky as a "technically sound skater with good speed. Possesses a good shot from the point. Does a good job of finding a lane to get the puck to the net."

Plymouth's top pick (16th overall) was left wing Jordan Greenway of Potsdam, N.Y., and the Shattuck U16 team.

## Slam-dunk choice

Salem's Dierker glad to sign with Madonna

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Chris Dierker — like his former Salem teammate Tyler Stewart — speaks softly and possesses quality basketball skills.

And now Dierker will follow 2012 alum Stewart from the Park over to Madonna University.

Dierker, a 6-7 senior power forward and impact player for the Rocks, Friday signed his national letter of intent to join the Crusaders.

According to Dierker, who averaged 14.7 points and 10.7 rebounds in 2012-13 for Salem, signing with Madonna fit into his comfort zone.

"I played a big impact as I've been playing with him (Stewart) for a long time at Salem," said Dierker, following the signing ceremony. "I've also known the coach (Noel Emehiser) for a long time, going to the camps in the summer and the fall league since seventh grade."

Dierker and Stewart were two major contributors to Salem's Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship in 2011-12.

Longtime Salem head coach

Bob Brodie said Dierker should make the same successful transition to MU as a freshman that Stewart did.

"I talked to coach (Emehiser) and he's ... really happy with the way Tyler's progressed and he foresees a great future for him," Brodie said. "And he says the same thing seems true of Chris."

"He's seen Chris at the high school level and followed him quite a bit and he thinks he's going to have a successful experience in college, too."

#### A good fit

Brodie added Madonna is the perfect spot for Dierker to take the next step in his career.

"I think it's a good fit for him to go to Madonna," Brodie said. "He's playing with his ex-teammate and he's playing with a couple guys who were in our league. I think it's going to be a good fit."

"It's a gem in the rough for them to get a guy like him. I think he's a good player and he'll fit in well there."

Dierker — who was joined at last week's signing ceremony at Salem by Brodie, Emehiser, MU assistant coach Adam Ker-

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Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 23) takes aim at the basket during a 2012 playoff game against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

### BOYS GOLF PREVIEW - PT. 2

## Success already finding Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for the Plymouth varsity boys golf team to show new coach Nick Brandon that 2013 literally could be a banner season.

The Wildcats — with No. 5 golfer John Tatti nearly posting individual medalist honors — opened the year by capturing Monday's Detroit Golf Club Invitational, a 16-team tourney hosted by University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"We're satisfied with the win," said Brandon, who succeeds Chris Moore as Plymouth's coach. "But our goals are so much more than winning just one tournament. We want to win championships and we've got five opportunities to do that."

The team will be working towards winning the division, conference, districts, regionals and states.

"The nice thing about golf is, a lot of chances to hang banners and get your name on a banner in the gym," Brandon added. "That's what we're talking about."

A definite motivator is to



Plymouth kicked off the 2013 varsity boys golf season Monday, winning the Detroit Golf Club Invitational hosted by University of Detroit-Jesuit. Pictured (from left) are John Tatti, Ryan Rieckhoff, Kyle Rodes, Chris Kozler and Evan Chipman.

improve upon last year's top-10 finish at the Division 1 state finals (which followed Plymouth's KLAA South Division title with a 10-0 record and triumphs at districts and regionals).

**Friendly competition**  
Tatti, a junior, shot a 74

and played in a sudden death playoff for first overall.

"It just says a lot about him and the steps he's taken in his game," said Brandon, also assistant girls basketball coach at Plymouth. "When you can have a five-spot play-

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### Drive time

With Salem's Caroline Simko (No. 16) in pursuit, Plymouth's Sydney Rouse (No. 15) puts her leg into a kick during Saturday's varsity girls soccer contest. For more on the game, please turn to page B4.

# Big win for Salem girls

Salem's varsity girls track and field team tuned up for Thursday's annual City Meet with a lopsided victory Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

The Rocks registered a 103.66-to-33.33 KLAA Central Division win over the Spartans.

"The sun actually came out so we got to see some good times," Rocks head coach Dave Gerlach said. "Our kids went there and did what we needed to do."

"We worked on some things, our handoffs were good today and we won all four of the relays, so I'm real happy with where we're at

right now."

Salem improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA Central with the victory.

**SALEM 103.66**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 33.33**  
**April 16 at Stevenson**  
**Shot put:** 1. Shara Long (Salem), 33 feet, 11.25 inches; 3. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 31-5.5; **discus:** 1. Dana Blankenship (Salem), 87-5; **high jump:** 1. Maggie Law (LS), 4-8; **long jump:** 1. Brianna Jed (LS), 14-9; 2. Anna Lectka (LS), 14-3; 3. Nicole Sokolosky (LS), 14-2; **pole vault:** 1. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 10-6; 2. Sommer Pappas (LS), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Krutty (Salem), 17.82; **300 hurdles:** 1. Michon Girardot (Salem), 49.58; **100 dash:** 1. Khyli Ray (Salem), 13.11; 3. Jed (LS), 13.8; **200:** 1. Shekinah Johnson (Salem), 27.3; 2. Jed (LS), 28.82; **400:**

1. Alexandra Davis (Salem), 1:03.19; 2. Emily Brewer (LS), 1:04.22; 3. Allison Timberlake (LS), 1:05.15; **800:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:22.22; 2. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:34.56; **1,600:** 1. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 5:32.99; 3. Bayne Broney (LS), 5:46.27; **3,200:** 1. Brooke Kuchka (LS), no time available; 3. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 12:36.99; **400 relay:** 1. Salem (Ray, Jamyra Wilson, Bryanna Samuels, Johnson), 51.78; 2. Stevenson, 55.62; **800 relay:** 1. Salem (Davis, Wilson, Chizee Mbanugo, Samuels), 1:51.15; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.99; **1,600:** 1. Salem (Elizabeth Tripp, Anya Cho, Ray, Kavulich), 4:13.76; 2. Stevenson, 4:17.33; **3,200 relay:** 1. Salem (Shannon Flynn, Tripp, Kathryn Binsfield, Cho), 10:01.7; 2. Stevenson, 10:31.2.  
**Dual meet records:** Salem, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central.



Salem senior Chris Dierker (seated, center) last week signed to play men's basketball at Madonna University. Dierker is flanked by parents Lien and Bill. Standing are (from left) sister Michelle Dierker, Madonna assistant coach Adam Kerfoot, head coach Noel Emehiser and Rocks' varsity boys basketball coach Bob Brodie.

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## DIERKER

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foot and family members (parents Bill and Lien, sister Michelle) — noted that he talked to other NAIA schools, including Concordia and Spring Arbor.

But he always figured Madonna would be his landing spot.

"I don't mind it," said Dierker, about going to a nearby college. "My parents can go to a couple games."

Dierker is the second member of Madonna's 2013 class, following Trenton forward-center Dan Hall.

"We're really excited about Chris coming in," Emehiser said. "He is a big, strong, very athletic player. I think he's underrated in terms of

what people think he can do as a skill-type player. But we've been really impressed with him as a person as much as a player."

Emehiser envisions Dierker making an impact in the paint and all over the court — just as he did at Salem.

"We see him playing a forward position for us," Emehiser said. "Somebody that can face up and attack the rim off the dribble, crash the boards and get up the floor really well."

"He hopefully can add a dimension not only in transition, but also in the half-court."

### Lesson learned

Dierker stressed that his time in Salem's basketball program definitely prepared him for what lies ahead at MU.

"All my coaches, Brodie, (Steve) Aspinall, (Ryan) Nimmerguth, they helped a lot the past four years and made me better as a player and a person," Dierker said.

As for the biggest lesson he'll be taking with him from Canton to Livonia?

"Just to go your hardest and work your hardest at basketball and school," he added.

Brodie said there very well could be a long-range Salem-MU pipeline in the making with the signings of Stewart and Dierker.

"(Emehiser's) doing a good job recruiting locally," Brodie said. "Parents can go to games. The kids stay close to home. And it's quality basketball."

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.



## PC Force wins MXP title!

The Plymouth Canton Force 5th Grade basketball team won the MXP League Championship at Saline High School on March 24, finishing with a league record of 13-1 and overall mark of 18-1. Pictured are: (bottom row, from left) Esaias Ester, Sam Peterson, Devin Womack, Ethan Rottell, Doug Sartain and Tyler Martinez; (top row, from left) coach Doug Sartain, Josh Carver, Jalen Parker, Jake Vickers, Nick Downs and coach Ryan Vickers.

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# Salem suffers first loss

Salem couldn't overcome some sloppy defense Monday, dropping a 7-4 KLAA Kensington Conference baseball matchup against visiting Livonia Churchill.

The loss was the first of the season for the Rocks, following three victories.

The Rocks did load the bases with two outs in the seventh against Churchill relief pitcher John Szymanski, in an attempt to pull the game out. But Demetrius Dunlap (2-for-5, two RBI) hit a game-ending fly ball to right field.

It was an uphill battle all game long for Salem. Churchill went up 3-0 in the third against Rocks' starting pitcher Nick March, with two of the runs scoring on a two-out single by Nick Misiak.

Plymouth chipped away with runs in the bottom half of the frame (on an RBI double by Kyle Penn) and in the fourth, on a single by Austin Silletti (1-for-2) that scored Justin Sydowski (who walked).

The Chargers, however, padded their lead to 6-2 with three runs in the fifth, a rally helped along by three Salem errors.

Salem got two runs back in the sixth on a single down the third-base line by Dunlap. Aaron Moore (2-for-4, two runs) and Jack Driscoll (1-for-4, one run) scored on the single.

But Churchill (1-0, 1-0



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**Rounding the base for Salem is Derrick Vergolini during Monday's KLAA crossover baseball game against Livonia Churchill.**

in the KLAA) picked up a key tack-on run in the seventh on an infield hit.

Earning the win for the Chargers was starter Matt Vincentini, who pitched into the sixth.

Another Charger stand-out was Dan Cameron (3-for-4, three RBI).

For Salem, Penn went 3-for-3 to lead a nine-hit attack.

**NORTHVILLE 9, PLYMOUTH 4:** The host Mustangs scored five runs in the fourth inning Monday to outlast Plymouth, who dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA. Matt Janke singled and doubled and Andrew Hejka scored twice. Derek Eberling threw two scoreless innings in

relief for the Wildcats. **STEVENSON 3, CANTON 2:** Senior right-hander Mike Kanitra pitched a complete-game five-hitter Monday to earn the victory as host Livonia Stevenson (3-1, 1-0) edged the Chiefs (4-1, 0-1) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Kanitra struck out six and walked only one to outduel Canton senior left-hander Mike Stafford, who allowed five hits and four walks while fanning eight over seven innings.

Kanitra and Austin Stevens each knocked in a run for Stevenson, while Mike Vomastek scored the game-winner in the sixth.

Weston Price and Jake Boucher each went 2-for-3 with a run scored for Canton. Nick Hazergian added an RBI double.

# MU takes pair from Davenport

Scoring with two outs was the story of the day as the Madonna University baseball team swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header from visiting Davenport University at Ilitch Ballpark, 9-5 and 12-6.

The Crusaders got two hits and two RBI from Justin Cook in Game One, while Steve Pelletier, Victor Barron and John Lauro contributed two hits apiece.

Matthew Cook and Jeff Beckles also collected two RBI each as the Crusaders overcame a 4-1 deficit with five runs in the fifth inning.

Winning pitcher Peter Renaud (3-1) gave up five earned runs on 11 hits and three walks in five innings. Reliever Dan Stoney (Canton) held the Panthers scoreless over the final 3.1 innings on just two hits.

Jotham Woo went 3-for-5 with three RBI for Davenport, while starter Michael Clutterbuck (4-4) took the loss.

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In Game Two, homers by Lauro and Beckles keyed a 14-hit attack as the Crusaders improved to 23-7 overall and 10-1 in the WHAC.

Barron went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Donny Holland added two hits and two RBI. Lauro had a 3-run blast.

Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson), in relief of starter Justin Hicks, pitched 3.1 scoreless innings to improve to 3-0.

Davenport (23-12, 8-6) got two hits and two RBI from Edward Grochowalski.

Starter Danny Sullivan (5-2) took the loss.

**MADONNA 5-7, CORNERSTONE 4-6:** A pair of one-run victories Saturday at chilly Ilitch Ballpark enabled Madonna University (21-7, 8-1) to complete its sweep of a four-game WHAC series against visiting Cornerstone University (11-19, 6-9).

Justin Cook's walk-off homer in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Crusaders a 5-4 victory in Game One over the Golden Eagles. MU also captured the night-

cap, 7-6, as Matt Cook went 2-for-3 and hit a solo homer. Justin Cook went 2-for-3 with three RBI to help support Matt Cook's effort.

Victor Barron also contributed two hits.

Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson), who took over in the sixth inning for starter Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn), pitched two scoreless innings to up his record to 2-0.

Cornerstone reliever Kyle Marburger (2-1) took the loss, while Zach Haribson went 2-for-4 and Davis Martin added two RBI.

In Game One, MU out-hit Cornerstone, 10-8, as Barron, Justin Cook and Alex Charles each collected two hits and an RBI. Shane Dokey also went 2-for-4.

Madonna starter Jeremy Gooding went the first six innings, allowing three earned runs on six hits. He walked five and struck out seven.

Travis Schuba went the next 2.2 innings holding Cornerstone scoreless before Randall Stempel (1-0) came on in the ninth to get the final out and fanned three of the four batters he faced to get the victory.

Cornerstone reliever Brandon Willard (2-3), who pitched the final two innings after coming on for starter Cullen Montgomery, took the loss.

Tyler Krahn and Zack Meyer each had two hits for the Golden Eagles.

# WHALERS

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ence. London registered 105 points for No. 1 honors while the Whalers tallied 93 to win the West Division.

Plymouth coach/GM Mike Vellucci and his London counterpart, former NHL player and coach Dale Hunter, have enough talent to easily roll four forward lines and three defensive pairings.

"Well, they're the New York Yankees of the OHL," said Vellucci, describing the Knights. "They're the top team every year and they're going to obviously very competitive. They have a tough building, 9,100 people every night, and it's going to be tough."

"... There's skill on both teams and it's going to be entertaining for the fans to watch the skill out there. We expect nothing but a great series."

## New-wave Whalers

MacDonald and his teammates arrive in London brimming with confidence following a torrid second half.

The Whalers lost three of four meetings against the Knights, the last one a 4-1 loss on Dec. 29 at Compuware.

But the tables turned soon thereafter.

Vellucci acquired eventual OHL scoring champion Vince Trocheck (109 points) in early January.

Around that time, he handed the goaltending reins to rookie Alex Nedeljkovic (2.28, 19-2-1-1, .923).

Plymouth then played Knights-like hockey the rest of the way right through the first two rounds of the playoffs against Sarnia and Owen Sound.

"He's a pretty confident kid," said MacDonald about the 17-year-old Nedeljkovic. "He's a good goalie and he's good for the D in front of him."

"We have confidence in him, that he's going to make those stops that you need, and overall he's just a great kid."

So does Vellucci, who also has a solid netminding option in veteran Matt Mahalak.

"We watched him (Nedeljkovic) with Belle Tire last year, he's from Cleveland, our goalie coach has worked with him before and knew a lot about him," Vellucci said. "We knew he was good, and it doesn't matter your age. If you can play, you can play."

"He's just got that calming demeanor to him, he doesn't get rattled. We've seen goalies like that come through this league before."

## Intangibles help

If there ever was an area that might test that demeanor it's the Budweiser Gardens, filled every night with more than 9,000 fans.

"We played there before and we played in a tough building at Owen Sound," Vellucci said. "Even though there's not



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*'We've got a really hard-working team. I think the character in the room shows and we had a hard-fought series against Owen Sound and came out victorious.'*

**COLIN MACDONALD,**  
Whalers captain

# Whalers move on

Matt Mistele scored twice in the first period Sunday to spark the Plymouth Whalers to a series-clinching 3-1 victory over Owen Sound in Game 6 of the OHL Western Conference semifinal. Plymouth won the series 4-2.

The Whalers will face London in the conference finals, slated to begin 7 p.m. Friday in London.

Stopping 32 of 33 shots for the victory was Plymouth rookie goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who continued his sparkling play. He held the fort in

the second period, making 18 saves and giving up just a power-play goal to Cameron Brace to cut Plymouth's lead to 2-1.

That is how the game remained until Mitchell Heard tallied an empty netter with 12 seconds left in the contest, played before 3,225 at Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre.

Mistele opened the scoring at 2:33 of the first and he found the mark again at 18:49 of the frame. Assisting on both goals were Garrett Meurs and Heard.

## They could be key

During the second half and first two playoff rounds, the Whalers have featured a powerful offense with forwards Trocheck, Stefan Noesen, Tom Wilson and Rickard Rakell to name a few.

Yet Vellucci concurred several other so-called "under-the-radar" players could prove to be major factors in how the series unfolds.

"On our side nobody (in the media) talks about Mitchell Heard that much, or Matt Mistele, or Garrett Meurs," Vellucci said. "... And our defense never gets the recognition it deserves. All of them deserve recognition."

"They played well and I think if our defense and those three forwards I talked about have good series we should be OK."

The Whalers, in addition to MacDonald, are strong on defense with veterans such as Austin Levi and Nick Malysa plus first-year players Connor Carrick and Gianluca Curcuruto.

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# Shamrocks top field at Patriot Invitational

**By Brad Emons**  
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It was an early season meet that may be a precursor to next month's Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays.

Twelve teams vied Saturday for honors at the Patriot Invitational hosted by Livonia Franklin with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central capturing five events to earn the team title with 86 points.

The four-time defending Observerland champions were followed by Livonia Stevenson (64), Plymouth (59), host Franklin (54.5) and Livonia Churchill (53) rounding out the top five.

The Shamrocks emerged winners in the shot put (134 feet, 6 inches), discus (368-10), high jump (16-7), distance medley (11:19.1) and throwers 400-meter (52.9) relays as Dylan Roney was a part of four of those first-place finishes.

Stevenson's lone win came in the 4 x 200 relay as Joe Mims, Mike Muffler, Joey DeMarco

and Zaid Shareef were clocked in 1:35.7.

"I thought we performed pretty well especially with the cold, wet weather," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Our throwers - Danny (Pocalujka), Ben (Tabor), Jaleel (Jones) and Nick (Hitchcock) all threw very well. All of them threw or were very close to P.R.'s. They are a young group and Tim (Gabel) has done a great job with them."

The Spartans also got a fourth and fifth, respectively, from Jacob Coley and Stephen Fenech in the individual 1,600, which was won by Franklin sophomore Keenan Jones in 4:35.1.

"We improved from Tuesday (dual win over Novi) and are continuing to improve in the distances races," Shaw said. "Chris (Inch) does a good job with the distances runners and expects a lot out of them. I expect us only to get better there. We have some new athletes in the speed relays and are trying to find

the best combinations in these events to have the some success.

"We did pretty well in the sprint medley and 4 x 200. However, we need work on our hand-offs."

In addition to Jones winning the 1,600, the host Patriots also took the 4 x 100 relay (45.2), sprint medley (1:41.4) and the co-ed 400 (51.5) relays.

Churchill's lone first came in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:06.3). Despite frigid conditions punctuated by sleet and snow, the meet was completed with the exception of the long jump.

"We appreciate your patience with our expanded number of teams, our slight delay with medals and girls results, and the weather," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer told the participating coaches. "We managed to complete all but one event and still moved the meet along pretty well with a much bigger field of teams."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Canton youth football camps on horizon

Several Canton Chiefs football camps are just around the corner.

• From June 10-13 and July 15-18 (5-7:30 p.m. for each Monday through Thursday session) is the Canton Football Skills Camp for kids entering grades 7-9 in the fall. Call Canton freshman head coach Rich Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

• The Canton Football Wing T Camp is slated to take place 2-5 p.m. Monday, June 17, and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, through Thursday, June 20. It is for players entering

grades 10-12. Call Canton varsity head coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

• From Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, (from 9 a.m. to noon each day) will be the Canton Football Fundamental Camp, for youngsters entering grades 3-6 in the fall.

For more information, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173. Go to [www.cantonchiefs-football.com](http://www.cantonchiefs-football.com) to download forms for each camp.

### Girls hoop camps

• The Canton High School girls basketball camp is slated for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 3,

through Thursday, June 6. It is for girls entering grades 7-10. Canton's basketball staff will oversee the proceedings. The cost to register is \$60, including a camp T-shirt.

• Meanwhile, girls going into grades 4-7 will have the chance to sign up for the "Hoops" camp set to take place 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, at Canton. Taking part will be the coaching staffs from Plymouth, Salem and Canton. It costs \$60 to sign up, with campers receiving a T-shirt.

For both basketball camps, go to [www.communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us) to sign up.

# Speedy Lewis, strong 'D' lifts 'Cats to win

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Plymouth senior Madi Lewis isn't finding the back of the net she's helping make something happen for teammates.

In Saturday's contest against Salem, the University of Michigan-bound Lewis did both to spark the undefeated Wildcats to a 2-0 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

"Madi does draw a lot of attention from the other team, which does open up the other weapons we have," said Plymouth varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschich. "She's either taking the lead or creating for other people."

Posting the shutout victory for the Wildcats was junior goalie Kylie Robb.

Lewis tallied a goal and an assist and would have had a couple more goals if not for the stellar goalkeeping provided by Salem senior Ali Eggenberger, who stopped Lewis on three breakaways and came up big several other times with a variety of leaps, dives and slides.

"The goalie made some great saves today," said Lewis about Eggenberger. "She came out like she was supposed to. Just get her next time."

In the 12th minute of the KLAA crossover matchup, played in cold, wind and flurries, Plymouth senior defender Morgan Klabunde moved the ball to Lewis who banked

a low drive off the right goal post into the cage.

"I think I got it with my back to the goal," Lewis recalled. "And then I didn't feel any pressure on me so I turned and there was some space. So I just took the shot and finished."

The Rocks (2-1-1) did not go quietly, with good pressure at times in the Plymouth end of the pitch.

"We did give up quite a few set pieces within our own half," Neschich said. "They were dangerous on all of them and our defense and Kylie came up big."

The one-goal lead held up almost the rest of the contest, until the Wildcats added an insurance goal with less than 10 minutes left.

Lewis scooted down the right side and cut inside before sending a shot from inside the box that Eggenberger (10 saves) dove to deflect. The ball then glanced off the far post to the left of the box, where Klabunde retrieved it.

Klabunde then hit the top-right corner from about 25 yards out.

## Tough to stop

Salem head coach Scott Duhl tipped his hat to Lewis, but he added that the Wildcats have such a strong lineup that it almost becomes a pick-your-poison situation.

"I think any time you have a special player like Madi running behind and creating problems it's tough," said Duhl, in his



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Racing after a 50/50 ball during Saturday's varsity girls soccer matchup are Plymouth's Jillian Aguirre (No. 11) and Salem's Kaitlyn Pelech.

first season as head coach of the Rocks. "But they're organized and their two center backs (Emily Burkman, Alyssa Dillon) are potentially a couple of the best players in the conference.

"So when you have strength at the center back position and their midfield is really talented and they have a lot of different parts, ... good players on the ball, that makes it really difficult if you aren't able to get numbers around the ball and defend together."

Duhl lamented Plymouth getting the early goal.

"I think in general we came out and respected our opponent too much," Duhl said. "So any time you respect your opponent too much it's easy for them to have possession

and kind of take the play to you."

Despite the final outcome, he added that Eggenberger provided aggressive goalkeeping that should keep the Rocks in just about every match.

"I would say it was pretty unorthodox on a couple of them (Lewis's breakaways), coming out, some things we definitely don't do at training," Duhl added. "But just individually it was a really good effort from Ali and hopefully there'll be more of that."

Eggenberger said facing such an offensive force like Lewis is a bit of a Catch-22 situation.

"I just try my hardest and whatever happens, happens," Eggenberger said. "I know she's fast, so I just need to not commit to anything because then

she'll go around me."

Neschich said one of the keys to the win was moving the ball quickly in transition.

"They did a good job of clogging up the midfield," Neschich said. "When we bypassed the midfield, or played quickly through the midfield, we were very successful."

But Plymouth's stellar defense — backed up by Robb — also continues to spark the 4-0 Wildcats, who visit Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. Tuesday in a KLAA South Division tilt.

Saturday's shutout was the third straight for Robb; the only goal scored on Plymouth this season was in a 2-1 win over Novi in the season opener.

"Emily Burkman and Alyssa Dillon have been playing great for us in the center backs," Neschich said. "Lauren Babcock had a very strong game for us and Jillian Aguirre's playing great at our other outside back."

"And Amber (Allen) has been coming in and doing a great job, too. So we got five defenders that are really playing strong out there."

**PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0:** Alyssa Dillon and Madi Lewis each tallied a pair of goals Tuesday leading the Wildcats (5-0, 1-0), ranked No. 1 in Division 1, to a mercy rule win over Wayne Memorial (1-2, 0-1).

Stephanie Dillon, Emily Smith, Anna DiBiasi and Morgan Klabunde each added one goal.

Kylie Robb got the shutout in goal for Plymouth.

**CANTON 7, GLENN 1:** Natalie Winters and Maddie

Lucas each tallied hat tricks Tuesday night lifting the host Chiefs (1-3, 1-0) to a KLAA South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-1-1, 0-1).

Abigail Robichaud also contributed a goal for Canton, which led 3-0 at halftime.

C.C. Said scored unassisted for the Rockets.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2, INTER-CITY 0:** Second-half goals by senior Christa Kasprovic and sophomore Michelle Greening carried Lutheran High Westland (1-0-1, 1-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Tuesday over visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (1-1, 0-1).

Seniors Claire Oppenlande and Angela Morrison drew the assists.

Goalkeeper Samantha Benner, getting defensive help from Julia Yancy and Jessica Drife, made five saves to post the shutout.

"We controlled most of game," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said. "The first half we had several scoring chances and just couldn't find the back of the net. In the second half we did a much better job controlling the ball and scored two goals."

**LADYWOOD 3, REGINA 0:** Livonia Ladywood (5-0-1, 3-0-1), ranked No. 2 in Division 2, enjoyed a 25-5 shot advantage Tuesday en route to a Catholic League win over visiting Warren Regina (0-2-0, 0-2-0).

The Blazers scored all three goals in the first half — Shelby Walsh from Jenna Urso (13th minute); Ani Ramon from Emily Huddleston (19th minute) and DeYana Walker from Huddleston (28th minute).

Goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl combined for two saves as the Blazers notched their fourth shutout.

Sarah Hirschmann made 12 saves for the Saddletites.

"We were pleased with the effort tonight," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said "From start-to-finish our work rate was extremely high. Our bench came in and gave us a great lift in both halves."

## Better days might be in the 'cards' for Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

An influx of youngsters joining a reliable nucleus is plenty reason for Salem varsity boys golf coach Ryan Nimmerguth to be optimistic about the Rocks improving in 2013.

The Rocks (3-7 in 2012 in the KLAA Central Division) still have some pretty good returnees, too, in senior Brian Patterson (38.9 average) and a trio of juniors — twins Brady and Connor Cole (41.9, 43.9, respectively) and Nick Danis (42.9).

"Brian is a four-year golfer and the leader of the team," Nimmerguth said. "He has a quiet personality and chooses to lead through action rather than words.

"If his teammates follow his lead we will be in good shape this season."

Salem also has the earmarks of a team with improved depth.

And with junior Jack McCormack (moving over from baseball to golf) and promising freshmen Woody Mashni, Jake Lang and Adam Marcero, the team has four more golfers who during the pre-season have consistently registered low 40s.

"I have been pleasantly surprised by the four new members to the team," Nimmerguth noted. "Jack McCormack decided to join the golf team after playing baseball for two years and so far this year has consistently shot in the low 40s."

"All three freshman

have been shooting in the low 40s and are capable of pushing the upperclassmen for a spot in the varsity lineup."

To that end, Nimmerguth said he still has two varsity spots being competed for on the eve of Friday's season-opening PCEP Ryder Cup at Fox Hills.

In the running are senior Nate Sass, juniors Josh Eldridge and Jake Sealy.

"We're just looking for guys to step up and take the bull by the horns to earn those spots," Nimmerguth stressed.

Also competing for consideration are junior Noah Hirvela and sophomore Jakob Lenders.

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## GOLF

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er shoot 74 and be in the playoffs for the individual medalist honors, that speaks volumes about the depth we have and the competition we have."

Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes shot a 75, closely followed by junior teammates Evan Chipman and Chris Kozler (78 each). Tallying a 90 was senior Ryan Rieckhoff.

The thing that impresses Brandon about his new team, however, is any one of his top five could compete for medalist in any given dual meet or tournament.

And each one of them considers himself the best of the bunch.

"As a coach your biggest fear is you'll have a team that is afraid to compete with each other or uncomfortable with that aspect," Brandon continued. "These guys embrace it. And they do it the right way, they're the first to congratulate each other when they play well."

"But make no mistake, they want to be the number one guy. When you've got five talented players that all want to be the best player on the team, that's a really, really good thing.

"My job as a coach is to make sure they stay that hungry and that competitive."

## Talented lineup

Plymouth's "undisputed leader" is Rodes, however.

"We all rely on him for his consistent play, his respect and knowledge for the game, and his ability to step up when the rest of the team needs him to," Brandon noted. "He's honest, reliable and has a terrific all-around game."

The other senior is Rieckhoff, who, despite Monday's struggles, "is one of the most focused athletes I've ever been around. He is one of our most powerful players in terms of distance but his short game and ability on the green are what make his potential" limitless.

"As a senior, the rest of the team will feed off his focus and intensity," the coach noted. "I know Ryan will be ready to play every time we hit the course. His role on this team is so vital to our success."

Kozler, Chipman and Tatti, as juniors, are ready to push their way to the top of the pecking order.

About Kozler, he noted that confidence is his calling card.

"Chris can overcome any adversity that comes

his way," Brandon said. "And his passion for the game is evident every single day. He may be one of the most confident people I have ever known,"

Kozler's dedication and work ethic has led to "a monster jump between his sophomore and junior years."

As for Chipman, playing at the D1 state finals at Michigan State University last season provided invaluable experience and a potential springboard to more success this year.

"Evan has a consistency and reliability that is an important part of any successful team," Brandon went on. "... I expect a big year from Chip. He'll be a factor in every event that we play."

Tatti's showing at the Detroit Golf Club invite served notice that "he is ready to take his game to the next level" and challenge for top spot on the squad.

"Tatti is an explosive player," the coach continued. "A birdie is possible every time he steps up to the tee."

Rounding out the impressive cast are juniors Kyle Melnick, Alex Decker, Corey Smith and Jack Marentic.

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## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS SALEM 7

### SOUTH LYON EAST 2 April 16 at Salem

**No. 1 singles:** Ashley Walker (S) defeated Erin Blackledge, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Chelsea Yu (S) def. Kayla Marquardt, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Tiffany Chan (S) def. Rosemary Hyrila, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Kylie Enright (S) def. Monika Sedik, 6-1, 6-0.

**No. 1 doubles:** Julia Meireles-Katie Vena (S) def. Abbie Fielding-Megan Shaffer, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 2:** Megan Renehan-Lea Fields (SLE) def. Abi Collingwood-Kylie Flynn, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; **No. 3:** Laura Marple-Molly Young (SLE) def. Rachel Hershock-Kendall Berghofer, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kalaya

Thomas-Courtney Simpson (S) def. Mary Hansen-Kiersten Benninger, 7-5, 6-1; **No. 5:** Ashmi Nagar-Madison Kulik (S) def. Sarah Bohan-Grace Richvalsky, 6-1, 6-4.

**Dual match records:** Salem, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; S.L. East, 0-3 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central.

### PLYMOUTH 7

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2 April 16 at Plymouth

**No. 1 singles:** Carolyn McCullen (P) defeated Keerthi Chakuri, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Kendall Payne (F) def. Miranda Cerny, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Kirith Duraiswamy (P) def. Madison Eisenhauer, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Marlowe Susselman (P) def.

Kayla Madaj, 6-1, 6-1.

**No. 1 doubles:** Sarah Gable-Swetha Duraiswamy (P) def. Samantha Voss-Chelsea McWilliams, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Lauren Conley-Emma Mulenax (P) def. Stefani Hudy-Katly Swenson, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Amber Tseng-Teahn Horton (P) def. Allison Kaczynski-Blake Newberry, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Ally Cizek-Kym Facto (P) def. Carla Yanez-Kelsey Hanson, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 5:** Shannon Huff-Hannah Cobane (P) def. Ki-Jana Malone-Hannah Cook, 6-1, 6-0.

**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

## 'Cats romp to start year

Plymouth's varsity girls softball team pummeled Northville 15-0 Monday in the Wildcats' season opener.

Pacing the visiting Wildcats were Britney Miller (3-for-4, two doubles), Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4), Bri Giordano (2-for-4, double, one RBI) and Celeste Miller (2-for-3, double, two RBI).

Pitching five innings for the victory was Elaine Gerou, who gave up four hits and one walk and struck out five.

Freshman Rachel Zerona singled in three at bats for her first varsity hit.

"Our pitching, defense and hitting was amazing for our season opener against Northville," Wildcats coach Bev McManus said. "When the girls were warming up and took the field for pregame

I sensed a confidence and readiness for our season to finally begin."

Plymouth will next take part in Saturday's Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational.

**CHURCHILL 13, SALEM 8:** Livonia Churchill played home run derby Monday to open its 2013 girls softball season. The Chargers belted four on the day to beat host Salem in the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover, 13-8.

Casey Bias and Nicole Salloum hit back-to-back homers in the first inning, while Salloum and winning pitcher Katie Shereda contributed a 3-run blast and solo homer, respectively, to key a 4-run third-inning.

Churchill (1-0, 1-0), however, needed six runs in the top of the seventh inning to break a 7-all deadlock.

Top Churchill hitters included Salloum (3-for-4, three RBI); Bias (3-for-5, three RBI); Jeni Bourlier (3-for-3); and Shereda (2-for-3). Shereda went all seven in-

nings, scattering 10 hits while striking out three and not allowing a walk.

Jamie Squires (3-for-3), Jess Armstead (2-for-4, three RBI) and Kara Hutchison all homered for the Rocks (0-1, 0-1).

**CANTON 3, STEVENSON 1:** Winning pitcher Hanna Warren threw a three-hitter and helped her own cause going 3-for-4 with a double to lead the Chiefs (1-0, 1-0) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over host Livonia Stevenson (0-1, 0-1).

Warren struck out four and walked only one in seven innings. She got offensive help from Paige Aresco, who went 2-for-4 with a double to spoil of the varsity coaching debut of Stevenson's Lauren Delapaz, a former Canton standout.

Becca Koestering's RBI single scoring Cassidy Lipinski accounted for Stevenson's lone run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Losing pitcher Morgan Copperstone also went the distance, allowing 10 hits and two walks while fanning three.

## Chiefs' defense stiffens in 10-5 win over 'Cats

Canton built a quick 5-1 lead Tuesday and went on to post a 10-5 girls lacrosse victory over Plymouth.

Scoring five goals for Canton in the KLAA Kensington Conference tilt was Connie Cox to pace the Chiefs.

Annelise Niermann and Kelsey Tucker each registered two goals while Kelly Harris picked up the other marker.

For Plymouth, Natalie Nowicki's three goals was the main bright spot with single tallies by Haley Swanson and Jil-

lian Laroy. "Canton really played great defense all night," Plymouth coach Bob Hill said. "We had a hard time trying to solve it so hats off to them for the victory."

According to Canton coach Dave Bower, his team's defense (backstopped by junior goalie Melissa Neal) held off the Wildcats' rally late in the first half — after Plymouth cut the lead to 5-3 and were pressing for more.

"This was the turning point in the game," Bow-

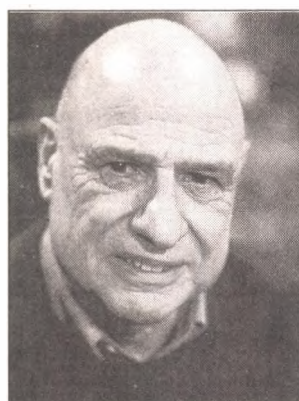
er said. "And it helped ignite our offense quickly in the second half, and we came out strong, scoring four unanswered goals."

Bower praised the efforts of the defense, led by senior captain Laura Murphy, senior Nicole Farley and junior Madison Day (filling in for injured senior captain Meredith White).

The Chiefs improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Kensington Conference conference while the Rocks dropped to 3-2, 1-2.



Speaker



Tony Campolo, pastor and author, will deliver the keynote message at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 2, at Laurel Manor Conference and Banquet Center. The breakfast, which starts at 7 a.m., also will feature the St. Michael Children's Choir. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students K-12. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, April 19. Mail checks to Sally Butler, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, 18858 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152 or call (248) 476-9427.

RELIGION CALENDAR

April

BEACH PARTY

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24  
**Location:** Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hiveley, Westland  
**Details:** Beach party will include sand, sun, food and fun. Donation of \$3 per person  
**Contact:** RSVP to Cheryl at (248) 756-3592 or leave message on church phone at (734) 721-9290

BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 26  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Contact: For appointments call (734) 722-1735 or (800) RED-CROSS

BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 21  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Adults pay \$3 and children, 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by Men's Club  
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BEAUGRAND, EILEEN J.

April 9, 2013, age 93. Born August 11, 1919. Resident of Dearborn, formerly of Elk Rapids and Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Niles Beaugrand. Dearest mother of Bonnie (Edward) Wagman, Stacie (late Jack), May and Laurie (Tom) Wooderson. Loving grandmother of Gregory (Jennifer) Wagman, Christopher (Elaine) Wagman, Amy (David) Rohweder, Rebecca Little, Kelli DiPietro, John (Angela) May, Natalie (Patrick) Keane, Emily Wooderson and Thomas Wooderson Jr. 17 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren also survive. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Fund. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



CAMPBELL, JANET DUDNEY

April 15, 2013 age 78 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Malcolm David. Loving mother to Mary Catherine, David (Patty), Elizabeth (Robert) McCullough, and Rev. Douglas (Rev. Emily) Dear sister to Jim (Janice) Cahoun, and her much younger sister Mary Lukens. Fabulous Grandma to Malcolm, John, Scott, Alex, Daniel, Sarah, and Hannah who brought much joy to her life. Visitation Fri 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. The family also will gather Sat 1 PM until the 2 PM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church or Plymouth - Canton Community Literacy Council, 46501 Warren, Canton, MI 48187.

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



SCHAEFFER, HONORABLE JUDGE MARGARET GROEFSEMA

The Hon. Margaret Groefsema Schaeffer, age 92, former judge for the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills, Michigan, died April 11, 2013, peacefully at her home of 62 years in Farmington Hills. She is survived by her children; Christine Skoglund (Dr. Paul) of Waterford, Paul Schaeffer of Waterford, the Hon. William E. Schaeffer of Battle Mountain, Nevada, and Virginia Schaeffer (Mitch Abrams) of Portland, Oregon; her two granddaughters, Madeline and Elise Abrams, also of Portland; her sisters, the Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, Judge (ret.), U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, of Grosse Pointe, and Dr. Christine Gram of Farmington Hills; and numerous nieces and nephews from Michigan, Florida, Colorado, Texas, and Washington. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 58 years, Marvin G. Schaeffer, in 2006. Judge Schaeffer was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 21, 1920. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in 1943 and a Juris Doctor with distinction in 1945. She was one of only two women graduates in her law class. After serving as a judicial law clerk for judges in Michigan and California, Judge Schaeffer joined her sister, Judge Kennedy, in practicing law with their father, Elmer Groefsema, a prominent Detroit attorney. Following their father's death, the two sisters continued to practice law together with the Detroit firm, Judge Schaeffer was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board for the State of Michigan in 1971. In 1974,

she was elected as 47th District Court Judge serving Farmington and Farmington Hills. Upon joining the bench, Judge Schaeffer and her sister, Judge Kennedy, became the first sisters to serve as judges in the United States. She served on the bench for 18 years before retiring in 1992. Her son, Bill, carries on the judicial tradition in Nevada. Judge Schaeffer was long active in civic and community activities. She served on the Farmington Hills City Council, the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, and the Farmington Community Center Board of Directors. She was a long-standing member of the American Association of University Women. She was also a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Judge Schaeffer was very generous with her time and her resources to many, including young attorneys practicing before her when she was judge as well as to those seeking political office, especially local ones. Judge Schaeffer was also an avid traveler and gardener. She and her husband, Marvin, traveled to all fifty states and all seven continents. Her travels included the then Soviet Union, Malta, Syria, Australia, Tunisia, India, Chile, Nepal, Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), China, Zimbabwe, Panama, South Africa, and Antarctica. Even after Marvin's death in 2006, her traveling did not stop. Amongst other trips, she traveled to the Netherlands in 2007 and, in celebration of her 90th birthday, to Alaska on a small-boat cruise with her family. Peonies from her childhood home continue to flower in her garden. A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 3 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, the University of Michigan Law School, or to a charity of your choice.

McCabe Funeral Home



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DITZHAZY, JOSEPH (JOE) A., SR.

89, formerly of Farmington, MI, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2013 in Beloit, WI. Born Dec. 13, 1923 in Ecorse, MI, at 16 he entered the CCC's in the UP and completed high school at Trout Creek. He joined the U.S. Army 104th Division Timberwolves. Wounded in Germany prior to the Battle of the Bulge, he received a purple heart. The GI bill enabled Joe to go to Michigan State, graduating in Forestry. There he met and married Helen E. Ringle on Sep. 11, 1948, having their son, Joseph Jr., in the Quonset huts. Their daughter Carol was born after they moved to Detroit. Joe worked 20 years as an engineer in the auto industry. He obtained a Masters in Education and worked 20 more years as a middle school math and science teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Schools. Retiring, Joe supported Helen in her 20 years as a professor at EMU in Ypsilanti. Together they hosted 20 YFU students from Europe, Africa, and South America and mentored hundreds of students of education. Joe counted a million miles driven in Michigan and across the USA. He visited most of the world's continents. For 40 years, he and Helen played bridge with many lifelong friends. He moved to Beloit, WI to live near his daughter Carol when Helen died. Survivors include his daughter, Carol (Walter) Vogel of Beloit, WI; eight grandchildren, Kira (Shannon) Shuman, Hillary, Whitney, Joseph A. III, and Hunter Ditzhazy, Kimberly, Alexander, and Christina Vogel; one great grandchild, Quinlan Shuman; three brothers, George (Ruth) Ditzhazy of Saginaw, MI, William Ditzhazy of Detroit, MI, and Frederick Ditzhazy of Florence, OR; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; son, Joseph A. Ditzhazy Jr.; brother, Frank; three sisters, Ellen, Ethel, and Catherine "Mavis". Sat. April 20, 2013 Pastor David Owen will lead a Funeral Service in Hess Chapel at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Family gathers at 10:00 am, friends join at 10:30 am and service begins at 11:00 am, ending at 12 noon. Committal ceremony with VFW will be held in Glen Eden Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Livonia, MI at 1pm. Tickets for 2 pm lunch at the nearby Leather Bottle will be given to family at the funeral. Friends who wish to attend, R.S.V.P. by e-mail to Carol at [carolrejoice@charter.net](mailto:carolrejoice@charter.net) Memorials may be given in Joseph's name to Ward Church or to EMU Foundation - Joseph and Helen Ditzhazy Leadership and Counseling Scholarship Endowment. Further information and online obituary at: [www.harrywillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrywillfuneralhome.com)



FOX, RALPH M.

Age 97, of Venice, FL, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died on April 12, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Bloomington, Illinois on October 10, 1915. Ralph attended Lake Forest Academy, received his B.S. from Yale and his M.D. from Harvard in 1942. During WWII he served as a medical officer in the US Navy before beginning post graduate work at the University of Michigan. He had an ophthalmology practice in Birmingham, Michigan for 30 years before retiring in 1982 and moving to Venice. Ralph was a member of numerous professional societies during his career. Surviving family members include his wife Betty J. McMillin-Fox of Venice; daughters Mary Sommer of Savannah, GA, Jane Fox-Garcia of Sacramento, CA, and Harriett E. Fox of Norcross, GA; son Robert S. Fox, M.D. of Neenah, WI; 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriett S. Fox and his brother Walter S. Fox. A memorial service will be held at Village on the Isle in Venice on Friday, April 19th at 10 AM. Memorial donations may be made to Village Partners i/c/o Village on the Isle, Venice Presbyterian Church or Tidewell Hospice. Ralph was a true gentleman with a kind and generous heart. He will be greatly missed. Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

FREEMAN, THOMAS F.

April 9, 2013 Age 93 of Lakeland, Florida. Formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of John (Doris) Grandfather of Cameron (Tracy), Scott (Beth), and Travis. Great grandfather of Joshua and Jason Freeman. Brother of ten sisters and brothers. Funeral services from Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday 1pm. Visitation at the funeral home Friday 2-9pm. Burial to take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association. Please view memorial and send tributes at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)



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## Jazzy weekend

Listen to music, attend a lecture at Dave Brubeck tribute

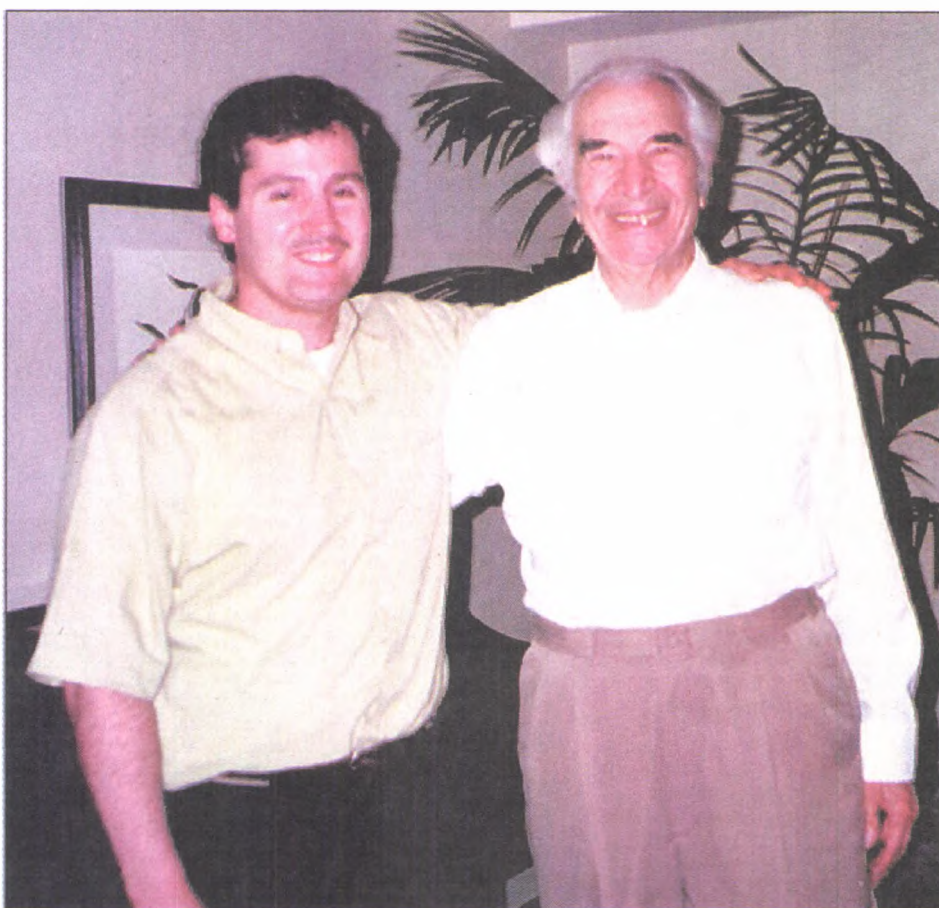
By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Riccardo Selva's upcoming musical tribute to jazz legend Dave Brubeck is more than just a concert.

Selva, head of Schoolcraft College's Jazz Studies Program, has lined up an entire weekend of events for student musicians, community bands and jazz lovers.

"I'm inviting school and community groups to participate. We'll coach and give musical advice on how to improve their playing. One thing we have to do is a better job of inspiring the culture on the art of music. Our culture doesn't support the art of music or teaching music," Selva said. "If young people aren't turned on by music, who will be our (future) audience? A lot of the facets of this event is bringing people in and inspiring them and showing them what it is to make music."

Russell Gloyd, conductor, music producer, arranger, is the guest artist for the "Up Jumped Spring Concert - A Tribute to Dave Brubeck," 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center, on the Schoolcraft campus, located on Haggerty, between 7 Mile and Six Mile, in Livonia. He'll conduct Brubeck's *Take Five* and *Blue Rondo A La Turk* for jazz ensemble, *The Way You Look Tonight* and *What is This Thing Called Love* for



Riccardo Selva and Dave Brubeck posed for a photo when Selva interviewed the jazz legend for his doctorate degree dissertation.

jazz octet, and *All My Hope* from Brubeck's mass, *To Hope! A Celebration*. Chorus, brass quintet and jazz quartet will perform the sacred music.

General admission is \$15, seniors and students pay \$10 and children are admitted for \$5. Tickets are available at the door and in advance from the Schoolcraft bookstore at (734) 462-4409.

Selva will sit in with the jazz ensemble, playing

saxophone, while Russell directs.

"We'll be jammin'," Selva said.

### Personal stories

Russell, who worked with Brubeck for 37 years, will present *Dave Brubeck 101* - his music and legacy, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in the VisTaTech Center's Presentation Room. The session is free and open to the public.

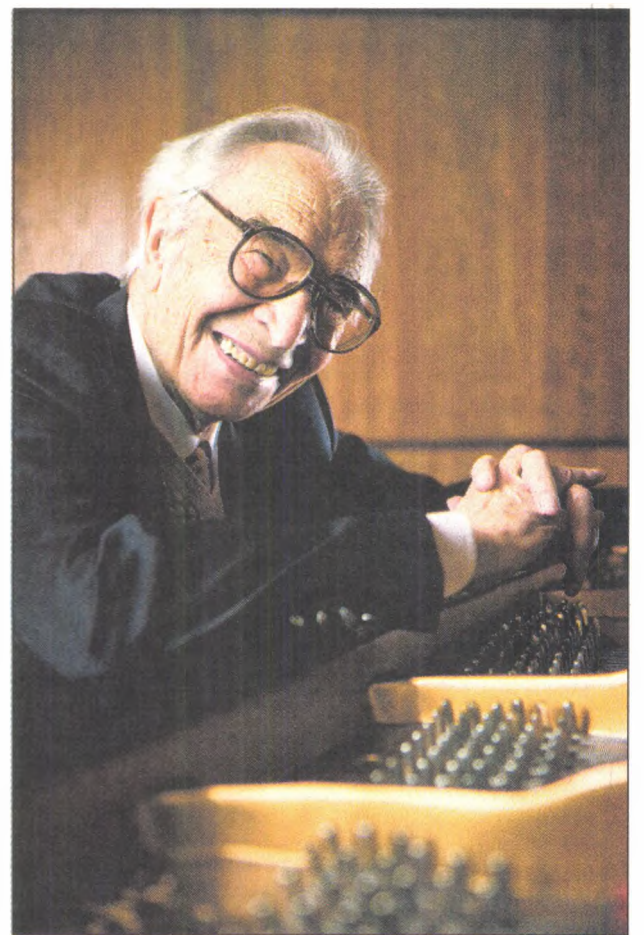
"He'll share stories.

One he shared with me was Dave Brubeck's kids didn't realize how good they had it. They came home (from school) one day and there was (jazz musician) Miles Davis shooting baskets in the driveway," Selva said. "Brubeck knew everyone and they loved him and worked with him."

### Interview with Brubeck

Selva got a chance to meet Brubeck while he was in graduate school at Northwestern University, working on a dissertation for a doctorate of music degree in saxophone performance. Selva completed his graduate project, "The Saxophone in Sacred Music," in 2003. It includes information from Selva's two-hour interview with Brubeck. The jazz pianist and composer had written and performed many sacred works, including his 1981 Mass, *To Hope!*.

According to Selva's dissertation, Brubeck said the man who commissioned the Mass want-



The late Dave Brubeck



Russell Gloyd is the guest conductor at the Up Jumped Spring Concert - A Tribute to Dave Brubeck, Monday, April 22 at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia.

### Inviting Gloyd

"Russell's appearance is the fruit of my friendship with Dave Brubeck," Selva said. He e-mailed Brubeck in 2011, hoping the jazz superstar would consider an appearance at Schoolcraft College, but the musician was unable to travel because of health reasons.

When Selva learned that Brubeck had died in December last year, he decided a tribute was in order. He asked Gloyd if Brubeck's sons might be available for a tribute concert.

"They weren't. They were working on a (music) commission. Russell said 'What do you think about having me?' That's how it all came together."

Other Tribute events, all open to the public and held at the VisTaTech Center:

- Jazz Combo Clinics, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20: School and community music groups may participate in the clinic.

- Open rehearsal with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Program, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21: Students of all ages may bring their musical instruments and sit in with the college musicians.

- Jazz Ensemble Clinic, 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 22: Guest ensembles and school and community groups may perform.

Non-musicians may attend any of the sessions to watch and listen.

ed him to write rhythmic music during the communion section of the worship service. The jazzy, happy music was aimed at turning church-goers' somber faces into smiles. Brubeck told Selva he wrote a "swinging" piece in response.

Most of Brubeck's other sacred works were written for concert performance. In his dissertation, Selva quoted Brubeck on the definition of sacred music. He said "any music that gets you closer to God" can be considered a sacred work.

Gloyd will talk about Brubeck's sacred repertoire at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 22 in the VisTaTech Center's Presentation Room. The lecture is free and open to the public.

### GET OUT!

#### Arts Crafts

##### COSTICK CENTER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 20

**Location:** 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Festival of the Arts includes panels of artwork created by Japanese children who survived the tsunami. Art demonstrations will include sculpting, pot turning, painting, weaving, and illustration. Children may take part in hands-on art projects. See other exhibits by Farmington Public Schools, Farmington Art Foundation members and Artists in Residence. Entertainment will include Farmington Community Band's clarinet choir and trombone ensemble, a ventriloquist, a sitar soloist, dance demonstrations by Dancing Feats and the Mid American Pom-Pon Studio, and more

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

##### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, May 24-Sept. 8

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

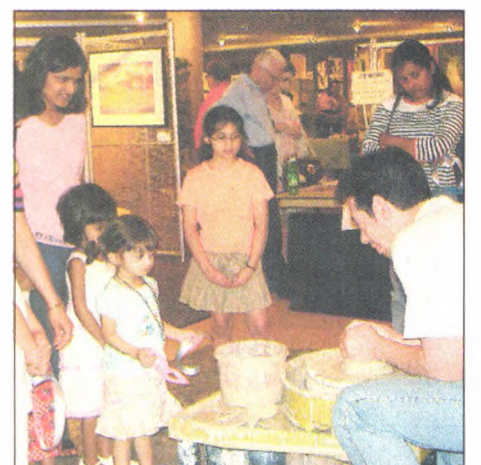
##### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through April 28

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** The photography of Claudia Retter

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300



Potter Brian Migdal, from Oakland Community College, demonstrates wheel throwing at a previous Festival of the Arts in Farmington Hills.

##### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 27

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

**Details:** "Line & Brush: Two Figurative Visions" shows the work of friends and art instructors, Amy Foster and Vianna Szabo. Foster is a master draftsman who loves line and gesture while Szabo's passion is paint and color. In conjunction with this exhibit, the artists will offer two-day workshops at the Northville Art House. Amy Foster will offer portrait drawing fundamentals, April 20-21 and Vianna Szabo will teach painting gesture portraits, April 27-28. Limited space is available. See the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org for more information

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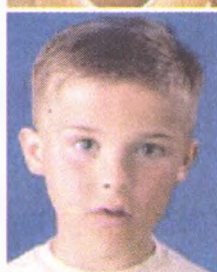
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## PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through April

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

**Details:** "Spaces & Places," is the PCAC's 4th annual open juried exhibit

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

## UPPER HALL GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Pub hours are 3 p.m.-midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; noon-midnight, Sunday; through April

**Location:** Inside Liberty Street Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth

**Details:** Tim Gralewski's serigraphic artwork

**Contact:** Kate Paul at (734) 469-4880

## Film

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 19-20, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21 and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "Quartet," \$3  
**Coming up:** "Safe Haven," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28; and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. April 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 20

**Location:** 17350 Lahser, Detroit

**Details:** "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," \$4

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

## Music

### BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month.

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** The Society celebrates open mic this month. There will be no featured

performers. As many as 14 open mic openings will be available. Performers may sing two songs, original or cover. Host is John Rinn, singer/songwriter/guitarist and a regular performer at Baseline

**Admission is \$5, including performers. Individual and family annual memberships also are available**

**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at Bf5president@aol.com

### FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11

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

**Details:** 33rd annual spring concert, "Even Stephen" features the 80-voice chorus directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr. The M4 Choir from Meads Mill Middle School in Northville also will perform. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Get advance tickets from the Costick Center at 26800 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or call (810) 632-4067

**Contact:** Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447

### JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

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

**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans. The next performance, on April 30, features Nuevo Jazz Detroit, with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on vibes and steel, Chuck Golemba on drum s and Jerry LeDuff on congas

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

### MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**Details:** The Philharmonic and its Youth Orchestra perform side by side on "An Outdoor Overture" by Aaron Copland. The concert also will feature music by Respighi, Dvorak and others.



Nuevo Jazz Detroit will play April 20 at Jazz at the Elks in Plymouth.

University of Michigan Associate Professor Evan Chambers will be on hand as the Philharmonic performs his work, "Watershed." Tickets are \$30; kids admitted free with a paying adult

**Contact:** (734) 451-2112

### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Barzin, April 19; Blue Water Ramblers, April 20; Paul Patton with Tangled Sisters, April 21; Bill Mallonee with Ryan Dilaha, April 25; Twangtown Paramours with The Potter's Field, April 26; Acoustic Eidolon, April 27; Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, May 3; Orpheum Bell and Lac La Belle, May 4; Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Floyd King and the Bushwackers, May 5. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

**Special program:** GreenFest will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 20-21 and will celebrate Earth Day. GreenFest will feature earth-friendly craft projects, an endangered species and green scavenger hunt, a 30-foot rock climbing wall (weather permitting), family yoga classes and animal

enrichment. Off Broadway Productions will present a mini-musical about recycling at the Events Pavilion at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Each GreenFest guest who turns in a Green Zoo survey — which can be downloaded at www.detroitzoo.org — will receive a reduced admission price of \$8, parking not included

**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

## Theater

### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27, May

**Location:** 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The romantic comedy, "Legally Blonde" is based on a popular movie starring Reese Witherspoon. On opening night Friday April 26, the Players will throw a "pinkalicious" party complete with rose-colored treats and drinks. Tickets are \$18 for adults and students receive \$2 discount on any performance

**Contact:** www.farmingtonplayers.org; (248) 553-2955

## Historical

### GREENFIELD VILLAGE

**Time/Date:** April 27-28, May 4-5 and 11-12

**Location:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn

**Details:** Tickets are on sale now for "Day Out with Thomas: The Go Go Thomas Tour 2013," which gives youngsters a chance to climb aboard Thomas the Tank Engine and take a 25-minute ride. The event includes Thomas-related activities, such as storytelling and arts & crafts. Train rides depart every 30 minutes, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$11.75 for members, 1 and older and includes free admission to Greenfield Village. Ticket prices for non-members are \$11.75 for children, 1-4; \$27.75 for youth, 5-12; \$33.75 for adults, 13-61; and \$32.75 for seniors, 62 and up

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 9

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

**Details:** New "Made in America" exhibit highlights America's contributions to industry, with a special emphasis on Michigan-made products. Visitors will find iconic American-made products throughout the Museum's "Main Street,"

including a 1931 Ford Model A pick-up truck belonging to Margaret Dunning, the Museum's major benefactor. Other notable items include eight pedal cars from the collection of Greg Gladki of Westland. Many more items from the Museum's collections are scattered throughout the exhibit, giving visitors a full sense of American ingenuity. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

**Contact:** (734) 455-8940

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# Cupcake battleground

## Local bakers send team to Food Network reality show

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Mae Sacdalan and Melissa Mosley will doff their aprons Sunday to watch themselves do battle with frosting and batter.

They and their younger sister, Mallory Magno, make up the baking trio behind the Detroit-area online business, Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes, which landed a spot in the Food Network's *Cupcake Wars* last fall. Their episode, featuring Sacdalan as lead baker and Mosley as assistant baker airs 8 p.m. April 21.

"Melissa and I would never think of auditioning for that type of show. Then one day in September I got a call on my cell phone. It was a Los Angeles number," Sacdalan said. She discovered the message was from the show's casting department which had discovered Sweet Magnolias while searching for vegan bakers online. "We were freaking out," Sacdalan recalled. "She said, I think you guys will be great."

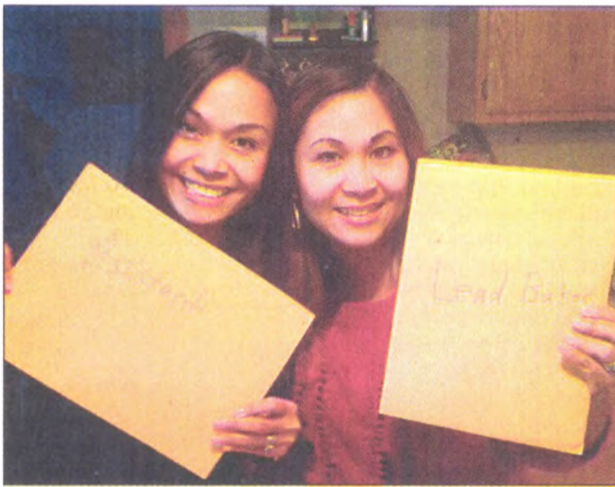
The three sisters began baking cupcakes together two years ago in Mosley's Livonia home, selling online and at festivals. Sacdalan lives in Warren and works for Macprofessionals in Novi. Mosley moved to Arizona with her family a few weeks ago, but also telecommutes to Macprofessionals. Magno, also of Warren, works as an anesthesia aide at St. John Hospital.

Mosley plans to return to Michigan this weekend to help her sisters staff a vendor booth Sunday at VegFest in Novi. She'll also watch the *Cupcake Wars* episode at a family viewing party.

The show challenges four teams of bakers from across the country to vari-



Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes contain no animal products.



Sisters Melissa Mosley (left) and Mae Sacdalan show the information packets they received from the Food Network's "Cupcake Wars." Their episode airs Sunday, April 21.

ous challenges each week. A team is eliminated after each challenge until only one remains. The prize is \$10,000 and a chance to showcase cupcakes at a winning gig.

Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes went up against teams from New Jersey, California and Arizona.

"It was a great experience," Sacdalan said. "The first round is a challenge round. You're given secret ingredients and you have 30 minutes to make cup-

cakes. The next round is to make three of your favorite cupcakes. You're able to pick what you want and then decorate it how you think a special guest would like it.

"When you're down to three bakers, the last round is to make 1,000 cupcakes in two hours and have a carpenter build a display."

Sacdalan can't say how she and her sister fared on the show, until after the episode airs.



Sisters Mae Sacdalan, (left) Melissa Mosley and Mallory Magno will have these fliers on hand — along with their cupcakes — Sunday, April 21, at their vendor booth at VegFest in Novi.

She said they didn't rehearse for the experience, although they tried to figure out how many cupcakes they could create in two hours.

"It was all about the math," she said.

All three sisters appeared in Sweet Magnolias audition video, a Gangnam-style tribute to cupcakes. They appear wearing oven mitts, holding cupcakes and dancing in an elevator and at various locations in downtown

Detroit.

"It's the funniest thing. Who wouldn't want to get us on the show?" Sacdalan said, with a laugh.

With Mosley now living in Arizona, Sacdalan and Magno bake at home in Warren and occasionally in a commercial kitchen in Southfield. They're counting on Mosley to expand the business out of state.

During the past year the sisters created a new product — the jar cake — which consists of frost-

ing and cupcake layered in a jar. Holiday Market in Royal Oak also began to sell their treats.

Sample Sweet Magnolias' Double Vanilla, Double Chocolate and Matcha Green Tea cupcakes 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at VegFest, a vegan tastefest at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi.

Visit its website at [sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com](http://sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com).

## CITY BITES

### Spaghetti dinner

**REDFORD** — Bring your appetite to St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford on Sunday, April 21, and help Dylan Meyer buy fleece. The 16-year-old Clarenceville High School student is organizing a dinner to help raise the \$3,500 needed to give a fleece blankets to 200 veterans in the Michigan Veterans Foundation shelter. He plans to buy 1,000 yards of material and make no-sew fleece blankets for veterans who are having difficulty reintegrating into the community after their military service. The volunteer project also will help Dylan earn his Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scout Troop 401. The dinner will run 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the church, 25350 Six Mile; (313) 534-7730. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, 3-10. It will include all-you-can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert. Dylan's mom, Kim Meyer, said her son has been in scouting since he was at the Tiger Cub rank as a first grader. "He's had this goal (Eagle Scout) since he was small," she said.

### VegFest

**NOVI** — Savory Mushroom Rice Bowl, Carmelized Pineapple Crumble, and Chocolate Ganache ... if you're getting hungry at the thought of sampling tasty, vegan fare, head to VegMichigan's annual VegFest, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. In addition to cooking demonstrations, national brand samples, vendors of eco-friendly products, cruelty-free fashion, children's activities, door prizes, and cookbooks, VegFest will include a food court with more than 60 restaurants and food vendors. Look for local businesses such as Hillers Market, Krishna Catering and Restaurant in Garden City, and Sweet Sass Foods

of Livonia. Comedian Carol Leifer, who follows a plant-based diet, will give the keynote address. Other speakers will include John Salley the NBA champ and former Detroit Piston, Dr. Neal Barnard, author and founder of Physicians Committee for Responsible medicine, Scott Jurek a world-renowned ultramarathon champion and former 24-hour American record holder, and Ruby Roth an author, artist and activist. They'll sign autographs in addition to giving presentations. Advance tickets are \$7, available by calling VegMichigan at (877) 778-3464 or by visiting [veg-michigan.org](http://veg-michigan.org). Admission at the door is \$10; no cost for children, 5 and under.



Leifer

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

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Fresh fruits such as grapes, blueberries, peaches, plums and kiwi can be added to recipes like these all year. For more recipes, visit [www.fruitsfromchile.com](http://www.fruitsfromchile.com)

### Spinach Salad with Fresh Grapes, Plums, Peaches and Kiwis

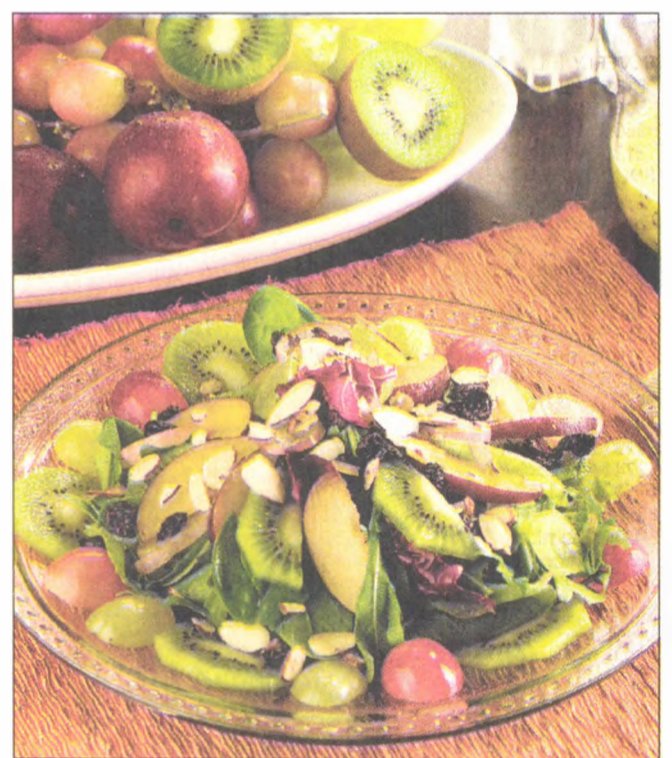
4 cups washed baby spinach  
½ cup red grapes  
½ cup green grapes  
2 plums sliced  
1 peach sliced  
2 kiwis sliced for garnish  
½ cup toasted almonds

#### Kiwi Vinaigrette:

3 kiwis peeled and chopped  
1 tablespoon rice vinegar  
3 tablespoons orange juice  
½ teaspoon Dijon mustard  
2-3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon agave or honey  
Salt and black pepper to taste

Place all vinaigrette ingredients in a food processor or blender and blend until smooth. Set aside.

Place spinach and sliced fruit in a salad bowl and toss with kiwi vinaigrette. Garnish with additional fruit pieces and top with toasted almonds.



Spinach Salad with fresh Grapes, Plums, Peaches and Kiwis

### Salmon, Fresh Chilean Blueberries and Lemon Salad with Chive Vinaigrette

Serves 4

8 cups salad greens, in small pieces  
1 pound salmon fillet, poached  
1 ½ cups fresh blueberries  
Lemon zest to garnish  
Vinaigrette:  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
½ cup olive oil  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 tablespoon fresh chives

Divide salad greens on four salad plates. Tear salmon into medium pieces and arrange on greens. Sprinkle on blueberries. Top with lemon zest. In a jar with a lid, add all vinaigrette ingredients. Shake well. Serve salads chilled with the dressing alongside.

— Courtesy of Family Features

## Unwanted alarms a serious issue for fire departments



The National Fire Protection Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs released in 2012 the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at [www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd](http://www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd).

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which includ-

ed 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their community," said Ken Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management,

and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as single-family dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke alarms within dwelling units.

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmens, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and the Unit-

ed States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collaboration.

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

## Heed concerns, threats

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q: I recently heard about someone who was actually shot and killed while being a board president of a condominium. Do you have any information about it?**

A: Mahmoud Yousef Hindi, a doctor accused of fatally shooting two board members of the Spring Creek Homeowners Association in Louisville, Ky., is now being held in jail without bond. Prosecutors are seeking

the death penalty for Hindi who opened fire during a Sept. 6, 2012, meeting and killed board president David



Robert Meisner

Meritt and board member Marvin Fisher. According to police reports, Hindi was frustrated over several battles with association leaders. He is quoted as saying "they just made the killer in me. I had to do it." "Those are not human beings, those are actually big-time racists." Hindi has since pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder and multiple counts of first-degree wanton endangerment. This underscores the fact that frustrations and anger in condominiums can result in the ultimate price being paid by those who are willing to serve and that no complaint should be taken lightly.

**Q: We have a person in our condominium that leaves food and water out for feral cats. The cats are a nuisance and we want them to leave. How can we keep residents from feeding them?**

A: If these feral cats are in your complex and they are not spayed or neutered, the stray cat population in your association can explode. Associations can expect good Samaritan residents to attempt to care for stray animals. Most people don't want to see animals starving and suffering, which is why feeding bans are not effective ways to control homeless cat populations. Moreover, in my experience, Associations don't always have the tools to stop residents from feeding the strays either. I counsel Association clients, however, to consider trap, neuter and return (TNR) programs to control nuisance homeless cats. Associations perceived as having inhumane or cruel rules regarding homeless cats, however, risk becoming the targets of community outrage and animal rights groups. You may wish to reach out to your local animal control agency to discuss the feasibility of TNR in your community.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com).

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 17-21, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43230 Barchester Rd	\$159,000
42352 Beechwood Ct	\$166,000
6760 Brookshire Dr	\$216,000
48122 Gladstone Rd	\$332,000
47113 Glastonbury Dr	\$295,000
863 Harrison St	\$250,000
4151 Hunters Cir W	\$65,000
50201 Jefferson St	\$258,000
43776 Laurelwood Dr	\$136,000
50463 Monroe St	\$216,000
8271 Orhan St	\$123,000

45926 S Stonewood Rd	\$250,000
1715 Stonebridge Way	\$304,000
46961 Torrey Hills Ct	\$305,000
909 Torrey Hills Dr	\$270,000
42075 Trent Dr	\$227,000
39874 Woodale Way	\$166,000
GARDEN CITY	
29456 Alvin St	\$28,000
33065 John Hawk St	\$48,000
LIVONIA	
35556 Ann Arbor Trl	\$160,000
36905 Ann Arbor Trl	\$121,000
35548 Bennett St	\$90,000
36612 Bobrich St	\$191,000
9907 Cranston St	\$148,000
35863 Elmira St	\$175,000
11858 Farmington Rd	\$90,000
14977 Haller St	\$33,000
15212 Knolston St	\$102,000
36915 Lancaster St	\$134,000
18825 Nola St	\$125,000
19280 Parkville St	\$74,000

33051 Perth St	\$184,000
19786 Saint Francis St	\$46,000
14621 Stonehouse Ave	\$111,000
18296 Whitby St	\$105,000
32200 Wisconsin St	\$120,000
NORTHVILLE	
17877 Briar Ridge Ln	\$708,000
44414 Broadmoor Blvd	\$366,000
45029 Broadmoor Cir S	\$359,000
45035 Broadmoor Cir S	\$345,000
17289 Crestbrook Dr	\$540,000
16164 Crystal Downs E	\$534,000
16228 Crystal Downs E	\$489,000
46400 Crystal Downs W	\$595,000
46454 Crystal Downs W	\$453,000
16359 Mulberry Way	\$328,000
16184 Oakwood Ct	\$431,000
15744 Robinwood Dr	\$255,000
536 Rouge St	\$180,000
19064 Stonewater Blvd	\$760,000
50451 Teton Ridge Rd	\$499,000
PLYMOUTH	

9961 N Canton Center Rd	\$278,000
47675 Norton Ct	\$465,000
48995 Pine Bluff Ct	\$473,000
Redford	
15832 Denby	\$38,000
17150 Garfield	\$33,000
14215 Marshall Dr	\$200,000
14238 Mason Dr	\$133,000
12801 Salem	\$45,000
WESTLAND	
30561 Avondale St	\$92,000
6620 Deerpark Dr	\$87,000
35870 Florane St	\$80,000
31472 Hazelwood St	\$65,000
33452 Melton St	\$78,000
38264 N Jean Ct	\$57,000
36699 Rolf St	\$123,000
1519 S Dowling St	\$80,000
6475 Sheppard Dr	\$105,000
2611 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$120,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 3-7, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
21891 Hampstead St	\$280,000
30645 Leemoor St	\$334,000
16005 Marguerite St	\$192,000
31356 W Rutland St	\$144,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23061 Sager Ct	\$201,000
BIRMINGHAM	
723 Ann St	\$249,000
1680 Bowers St	\$156,000
1998 Cole St	\$93,000
1887 Pembroke Rd	\$250,000
715 Pilgrim Ave	\$909,000
725 Tottenham Rd	\$400,000
111 Willis St # 407	\$521,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4495 Ardmore Dr	\$431,000
3787 Darlington Rd N	\$395,000
2741 S Woodward Ave #c-2	\$41,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
254 Alice Ave	\$40,000
4400 Chamberlain Dr	\$373,000
218 Hillboro Dr	\$190,000

5320 Hollow Dr	\$263,000
3610 Larkwood Ct	\$425,000
1747 Saint Johns Ct	\$312,000
2232 Sudbury Way	\$359,000
325 Wadsworth Ln	\$268,000
1691 Ward Rd	\$310,000
1710 Ward Rd	\$130,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8119 Farrant St	\$337,000
FARMINGTON	
35371 Dewberry St	\$156,000
36883 Lansbury Ln	\$147,000
33144 Tall Oaks St	\$150,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27650 Acorn Park Ct	\$205,000
29126 Augusta	\$390,000
32411 Briarcrest Knls	\$173,000
25546 Bridlepath Ln	\$252,000
30343 Essex Dr	\$220,000
28143 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$284,000
31494 Hunters Circle Dr	\$119,000
30953 Huntsman Dr E	\$269,000
27864 Kendallwood Dr	\$42,000
30157 Muirland Dr	\$225,000
26525 Old Homestead Ct	\$185,000
21332 Parklane St	\$228,000
37009 Sandalwood	\$185,000
22014 Springbrook Ave	\$20,000
30218 Stockton Ave	\$110,000
MILFORD	
928 Bishop St	\$212,000
824 E Liberty St	\$276,000

882 Meadowbrook Way	\$213,000
463 Napa Valley Dr	\$25,000
130 Our Land Ln	\$340,000
3080 Sands Ct	\$95,000
1318 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$25,000
1332 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$25,000
NORTHVILLE	
43609 Serenity Dr	\$390,000
NOVI	
45322 Bartlett Dr	\$359,000
1103 E Lake Dr	\$250,000
44740 Gwinnett Loop	\$125,000
27970 Hopkins Dr	\$156,000
27972 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000
27974 Hopkins Dr	\$155,000
27976 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000
28028 Hopkins Dr	\$161,000
28044 Hopkins Dr	\$152,000
26475 Mandalay Cir	\$711,000
47178 Northumberland St	\$523,000
25528 Portico Ln	\$120,000
42599 Whitman Way	\$250,000
28200 Wolcott Dr	\$93,000
28230 Wolcott Dr	\$310,000
28266 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
44582 Yorkshire Dr	\$200,000
SOUTH LYON	
24435 Brompton Way	\$40,000
25046 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
331 E Liberty St	\$75,000
331 E Liberty St	\$99,000
54841 Glenwood Ct	\$355,000

24455 Glenwood Dr	\$40,000
23949 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$428,000
59691 Mallory Ln	\$320,000
59073 Peters Barn Dr	\$75,000
61140 Saddlecreek Dr	\$264,000
53869 Springwood Dr	\$25,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21161 Andover Rd	\$135,000
29560 Bermuda Ln	\$82,000
20965 Constitution St	\$108,000
24171 Evergreen Rd	\$35,000
20081 Lacrosse Ave	\$68,000
28440 Lahser Rd	\$45,000
18265 Maryland Dr	\$106,000
29320 Murray Crescent Dr	\$165,000
26993 Pebblestone St	\$195,000
25140 Prairie Dr	\$150,000
27666 Spring Arbor Dr	\$69,000
29267 Wellington Ct	\$76,000
WHITE LAKE	
94 Blackberry Dr	\$245,000
8120 Casa Mia Dr	\$115,000
920 Dacea Ct	\$295,000
8850 Eastway Dr	\$324,000
9144 Glasgow Dr	\$139,000
10716 Oxbow Hts	\$167,000
1206 Pinecrest Dr	\$175,000
739 Rachelle St	\$380,000
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9562 Shelby Dr	\$190,000
8226 Springdale Dr	\$163,000
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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesday evenings in May from 7-9 p.m. covering "Advanced Condominium Operation, The Essentials for Success."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group, P.C. at (248) 644-4433 or (800) 470-4433, via e-mail at: [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com), or visit the seminar page on the website: [Meisner-law.com](http://Meisner-law.com).

#### Career Seminar

Learn about a \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, April 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty,

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#### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

#### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is

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#### Seminar on Tuesdays

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#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

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## Challenging fun for ALL ages

# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 747 or DC-10
- 4 Marvy
- 7 Place of exile
- 11 Fridge stick
- 13 Anger
- 14 Third-quarter tide
- 15 Verve
- 16 Stop signs
- 18 Powder lovers
- 20 Pounce
- 21 California fort
- 22 Two-bagger (abbr.)
- 23 Express a viewpoint
- 26 Rider's charge (2 wds.)
- 30 Long time
- 31 Marshal's problem
- 32 Toothpaste type
- 33 Enthralled
- 36 Choir selection

**DOWN**

- 1 Average guy
- 2 Pipe fittings
- 3 Boat-deck wood
- 4 Cliff inlet
- 5 Eyebrow shapes
- 6 Gamble

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

F	I	N	A	T	E	S	P	A	M
F	I	C	A	P	I	P	A	A	D
L	E	O	P	A	R	D	S	G	R
U	L	N	A	S	I	O	T	A	S
E	D	S	T	H	E	M	E	U	H
R	E	A	R	L	E	A	K		
V	I	P	E	R	S	P	E	A	R
W	O	L	F	U	G	L			
S	U	E	N	O	P	A	L	J	A
A	L	O	F	E	L	U	D	E	
R	A	S	P	T	A	S	S	E	L
O	V	E	N	E	K	E	F	I	L
B	E	D	S	N	E	T	T	A	E

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	9					8	3	
		5	7			6		
		9						
1	5			8			7	
	8						6	
	3		2	4				
								4
6	1					7		
		8		4	1	9		

Level: Beginner

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**WORDS**

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BEDROOM FRAMES  
BLINDS HOME  
BUREAU INTERIOR  
CABINETS LAYOUT  
CARPETING LOUNGE  
CHAIRS MEASURE  
CHEST NESTING  
CLEANING OTTOMAN  
COUCH PILLOWS  
COUNTERS PURCHASE  
CURTAINS RENOVATE  
DECORATE SECTIONAL  
DESIGNER SOFA  
DINING TABLE  
DRESSER WINDOWS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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5	6	1	4	9	7	8	2	3
8	2	7	6	3	5	1	4	9
4	8	9	7	2	8	6	1	5
2	8	1	6	5	4	9	7	3
9	2	5	7	3	1	6	8	4
8	3	4	7	9	2	5	1	6
1	7	4	2	8	6	3	9	5
2	9	6	7	3	7	4	1	8
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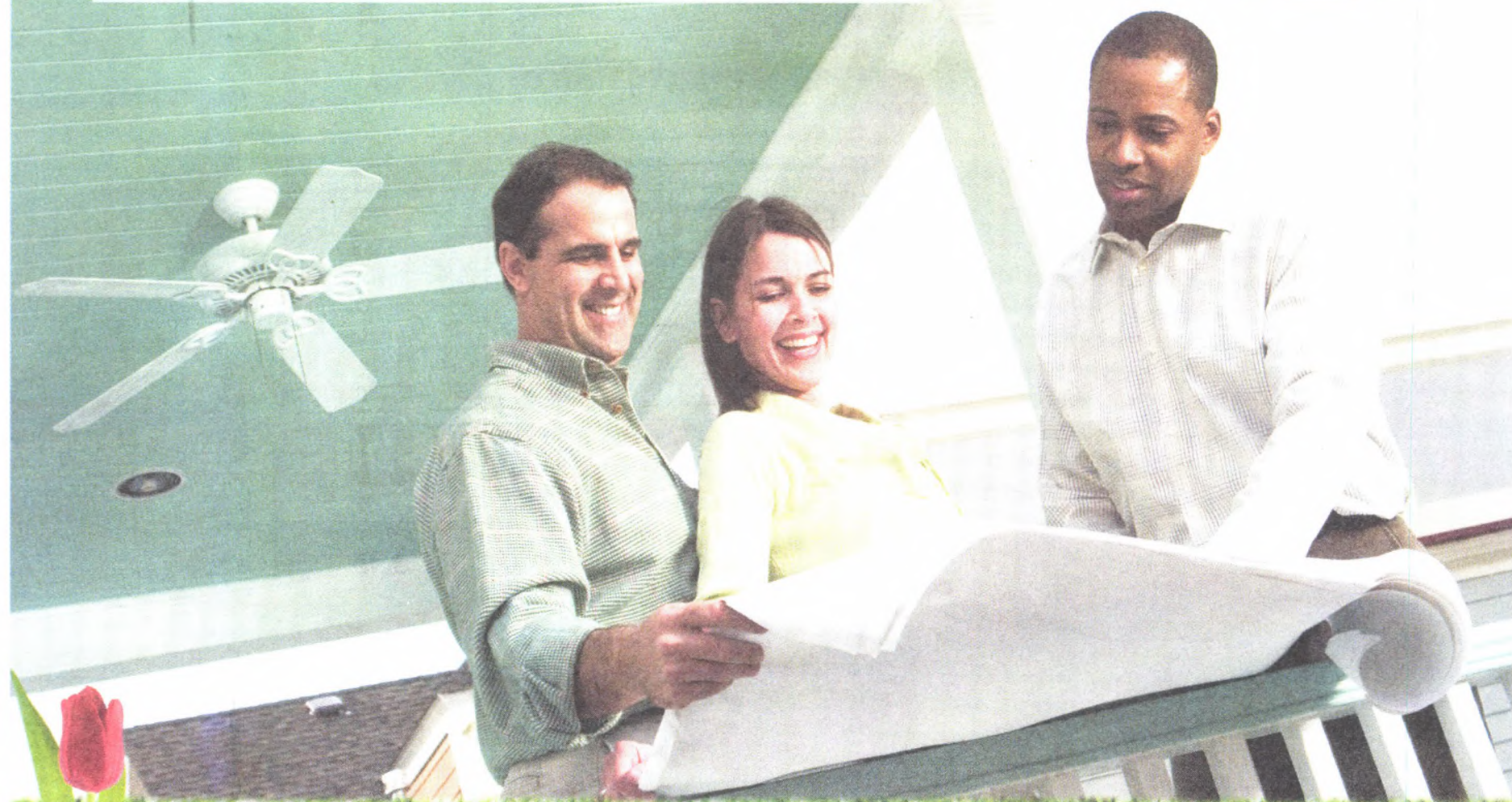
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# Take the party outside with an updated landscape

**By Sara Callender**

Contributing Writer

You don't have to look much further than the yard next door to create a lush landscape.

"An average homeowner, with all the tools out there, can get pretty educated pretty quickly," said Jon Sternfels, owner of Jon-Boy Landscaping in Redford. "Usually the homeowners already have a vision of what they want, so within a couple weeks, they can create, design and install their own landscape."

There is no "right way/wrong way" when it comes to landscaping, but professionals can give ideas and suggestions to fit into the design and budget. JonBoy offers basic front yard packages, starting at \$1,500, which includes demolition, installation and a variety of plants and shrubs. These types of projects typically take only two days to complete. Just like indoor upgrades, outdoor trends typically last several years.

One of the continuing and most popular trends from the past seven-eight years is tiered landscaping. This includes grouping quantities of shrubs and plants in different heights and colors. "If



you're going to drop 10 grand on landscaping, you're not going to keep changing it up," Sternfels said. "You're probably going to go with something that will look good for many years. Tiered landscaping has been popular for a long time and probably will continue to be. It offers a lot to look at, especially with different plants blooming at different times."

Lee Anne Angeloff, manager/owner at Milarch Nursery in Wixom, said the economy is affecting landscaping projects. Many homeowners are opting for smaller shrubs, like hydrangeas, bar-

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## Built-in refrigerators make kitchens unique



By Heather Mills  
Contributing Writer

Built-in refrigerators are meant to blend with the kitchen perfectly, creating a sleek look for your house. They are built-in to the cabinet area so if you are planning on moving soon, do not go for this option. However, if you hope to be in your home for years and want an appealing, unique look, consider built-in refrigerators.

They may be counter depth, all-refrigerator and customized. Learn a bit about these options before choosing the best one for your home.

One of the most liked categories of built-in refrigerators is the counter depth look, as this only extends out as far as the cabinets. This way, the refrigerator does not block your walkway at all, which is good whether you have a small kitchen or just want to use every inch of space you have. This type of refrigerator is usually wider and a bit taller than the standard fridge in order to make up for the lack of depth. Therefore, you do not lack any volume so that you still have plenty of room to keep your food. This item is more expensive than a typical refrigerator, but it is usually less costly than the other kinds of built-in refrigerators. Also, you have a few choices when it comes to a counter depth fridge, as it can be side-by-side, French door bottom freezer, or plain bottom freezer. The choice depends on your inclination.

Another kind of built-in refrigerator on the market is the all-refrigerator kind, which means that the entire appliance is taken up by a refrigerated area. There is no freezer, but you can get an appliance with only frozen area put in next to your all-fridge appliance. This allows you to have tons of space in each appliance, and is especially good for those who love to cook. If you want your kitchen to be gourmet, you should consider this choice when seeking built-in refrigerators.

You can also request a custom built-in fridge, which is an appliance that blends in to the rest of the kitchen since it matches the cabinets. While a counter depth refrigerator blends in by only coming out as far as the counter tops, a customized built-in appliance does the same but also features panels put over it so it looks like the cabinets. The point is for guests to initially be unable to tell the difference between the fridge and the cabinets, making for a really sleek look. This is considered well-liked, but is usually among the most expensive options for a kitchen.

If you desire to set your home apart from the rest, you may be checking out built-in refrigerators. This option is often costlier than a standard refrigerator, but you get a better, more modern look. If you are ready for a new look for your kitchen, consider the kinds of built-in refrigerators on the market.

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# Ideas for flooring in your home

By Brian Wilson

Your home is your paradise and if you are planning to renovate your home, go for changes that are not only eye-catching but also comfortable for you and your family. If you are going to change the flooring of your home, there are some tips for flooring of different parts of your house.

### Bedroom flooring

There are plenty of options when it comes to flooring in your bedroom. Being the most private and personalized part of your home, your bedroom is the place which grabs a big part of your budget whenever you are remodeling your home. You can use carpet, tile, hardwood, bamboo, cork or laminate. Play with different materials in different rooms. You can opt for striped light and dark shades in your boy's room so that if your son is going to create mess, which is unavoidable, the flooring can withstand the burden. Also the flooring can bear heavy traffic of the folks coming in the bedroom. For more powerful scratch- and water-resistant flooring, you can choose laminate.

### Living room flooring

It is the most used part that withholds most of the traffic coming in and out of the house. It is highly recommended that the flooring should be strong enough that it can endure all such amendments done with your furniture or to the increasing and decreasing ratio of visitors. For this purpose you can opt for hardwood flooring. Being classy and sophisticated in look it is the perfect choice for your living room whenever you are remodeling your home.

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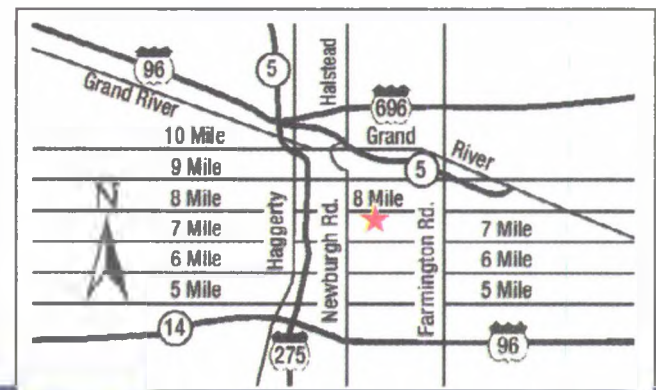
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Many people like to plant basil when starting herb gardens.

# Cultivate an herb garden

Many people cultivate gardens both inside and outside of their homes with a focus on adding aesthetic appeal to their property. But a garden that boasts plants that are edible and pleasing to the eye is a possibility as well.

Planting an herb garden is a creative way to enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of a wide variety of plants. Using fresh-harvested herbs in culinary endeavors imparts a taste that dried spices cannot match. What's more, fresh herbs are often easy to cultivate.

Herbs are versatile, capable of lending great flavor to foods while also playing different roles in personal health and beauty. Herbs can be grown to perfume homes and bodies. There are herbs that are also purported to help with ailments, from upset stomachs to anxiety.

When planting an herb garden, you may want to pay particular attention to the types of flavors and smells you like in your home and cooking. This will help you to narrow down the types of herbs you will plant. Many would-be herb gardeners tend to start small to see what luck they have when cultivating herbs. Fortunately, herbs can grow well in containers indoors, provided the soil is amenable and there is plenty of sunlight.

Herbs will grow best in well-prepared soil. Make sure that it is rich in organic matter and drains well. Also, for plants like parsley, be sure to have deep pots or dig deeply in the garden to establish long taproots.

Until the weather warms up, you may want to begin herb cultivation indoors and then transfer plants outside during the summer. Basil, for instance, is a tropical plant that does well in warm conditions. Therefore, it will need to be kept away from drafts and get several hours of direct sunshine a day. Place most herb planters in a south-facing window of a home to ensure they get ample sunlight and to allow the soil to dry adequately between waterings.

With many herbs, leaf production will diminish on any stems that flower. It is essential to pinch off flowers that form to encourage the herb plant to continue producing leaves, which are the parts of the plant most associated with seasoning and aroma.

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Despite their convenience and availability, riding mowers are not pieces of machinery that should be taken lightly.

## Riding mower safety

Riding lawn mowers are tailor-made for people who have large expanses of property to maintain. Though such mowers initially may have been created for commercial landscapers, eventually private citizens realized the benefits of owning a riding mower for the maintenance of their own properties.

A riding mower can considerably reduce the time and effort that goes into mowing the lawn. Today's riding mowers can do everything from cutting to mulching to blowing leaves and snow.

Despite their convenience and availability, riding mowers are not a piece of machinery that should be taken lightly. Various health statistics point to riding mowers as a major cause of injury and emergency room visits each year. A Johns Hopkins University study found more than 80,000

Americans are injured every year while mowing, and around 95 annual deaths can be attributed to riding mower accidents.

To ensure safety to yourself and others, heed these tips for operating your riding mower correctly.

- Look for a mower where the blade turns off if the machine tips or if the driver leaves the seat.
- Wear goggles and earbuds when operating the mower to avoid eye and ear injury.
- Remove sticks, toys, rocks and other items from the lawn before mowing.
- Operate the mower up and down a slope instead of sideways to maintain stability.
- Never fuel a hot engine.
- Do not let children ride the mower alone or in tandem with an adult.

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# Spring is prime time for home improvement projects

**By Jill Halpin**  
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If warmer temperatures have you dreaming of ways to spruce up your home, you are not alone.

Home improvement experts say that spring is the perfect time to tackle renovation projects or simple upgrades whether you are planning to sell your home or just stay put.

A few simple changes can help you turn your home into a sanctuary, a “place you can be at peace,” said Tony Belamo, owner of Black Forest Building Co.

“Many homeowners don’t realize that lifestyle is tied to physical space,” Belamo said.

“The outside of your house is always important, but what you see when you look out the windows is very important, too,” he added.

Start at the curb and take a good look around your home, advises Realtor Lisa Hall, owner of REMAX Dream Properties with offices in Livonia and Northville.

“I always tell my clients to look at homes as critically as possible: is there paint chipping off? Are there hanging gutters? Are there bushes that need to be trimmed back or removed? Now is the time to take care of those things,” Hall said.

“Stand outside and look at your porch and the front door. Does it need to be cleaned or replaced?” she said.

A brand new entry door and a fresh, pretty plant on the porch will go a long way toward boosting your home’s appearance, as will making sure windows and screens are clean.

“This is critical — you only get one chance to make a first impression,” said Hall, who has sold real estate for the past 30 years.

Other exterior projects, such as roofs and gutters that need attention should be addressed soon as well, Belamo said.

“Don’t wait until the rainy season,” he added.

Now is the time to start planning for kitchen renovation projects and get them under way during summer.

“Spring and summer are great times for kitchen remodeling. No one wants to be without a kitchen during cookie baking season,” cautioned Belamo.

Hall added that kitchens and bathrooms sell homes.

“Fresh paint and new light fixtures can make a huge difference,” not just in kitchen and baths but throughout the home, she said.

It all comes down to this, said Belamo: you want your home to “be a place where you can be at peace the end of the day.”



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## Hiring a landscaping service has many benefits

The desire to have a pristine, well-manicured landscape leads many homeowners to toil outdoors for hours every weekend. Hiring a professional landscaper can free up homeowners' time and help them ensure their yards are cared for properly.

One of the benefits of hiring a landscaper is the time savings. Landscapers typically have commercial-grade equipment that can dramatically reduce the time it takes to mow and perform other maintenance tasks around your property. Furthermore, some services have multiple employees working concurrently, enabling them to tackle several projects at the same time and complete them in a fraction of the time it would take a homeowner working on his or her own.

Landscapers familiar with botany and landscape design understand how to properly care for plants and trees on your property, while novice green thumbs may be unaware about when to prune trees and shrubs, at what height to cut the lawn and which plants will thrive in particular locations. Such do-it-yourself maintenance may even cost more money than leaving it to a professional.

Hiring a professional landscaper is, in many instances, more economical. For a certain weekly or monthly fee, homeowners receive the benefit of professional knowledge and execu-

tion. Also, homeowners will not have the expense of purchasing the various tools and equipment necessary for lawn and garden maintenance, tools and equipment that include lawn mowers, string weeders, edgers, fertilizer, grass seed, leaf blowers, and shovels.

Another benefit is the lawn will continue to be mowed whether a homeowner is home or not. During the spring and summer vacation season, it's easy for homeowners to overlook their lawn and garden in favor of recreation and leisure activities. Without proper watering and maintenance, lawns and gardens can brown or overgrowth can occur. But hiring a landscaping service allows homeowners to rest assured that their yards will be maintained whether they're home or not.

Hiring a local landscaping service will not only benefit homeowners, but also it will benefit the local economy. Residents can feel comfortable knowing their lawn service will be available for calls when needed and will be familiar with the community. Also, local contractors may go the extra mile to earn your business recommendation.

Hiring a landscaping service can be advantageous to homeowners who want to free up time and still enjoy a well-maintained landscape.

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# Dress up your yard with fencing options



Fencing serves many purposes. Some homeowners erect a fence for privacy, while others do so to contain pets and children. Because fencing can be expensive, some homeowners look for ways to cut costs, which can be relatively easy, especially for those homeowners willing to consider various materials when erecting their fence.

Traditional fences are available in materials ranging from wood to vinyl to metal. Homeowners have other options at their disposal if they prefer a more natural fence. Different shrubs, trees or grasses can be planted to create a barrier between properties or within the property.

When choosing a fencing material, consider that even a less expensive material may prove more expensive in the long run if it needs significant maintenance or has to be replaced in just a few years. Therefore, the most cost-effective fencing material may not necessarily be the least expensive one at the store. Here are some materials homeowners can consider.

- **Found material:** Repurposed wood or metal can be crafted into a rustic, one-of-a-kind fence. Materials can be found that are no cost, requiring only the cost of labor. Should you build it yourself, this can be next to nothing. Sometimes existing fences on another property can be disassembled and re-built on your own property for little to no cost as well.

- **Chainlink/chainwire:** Chainlink fencing is one of the most economical types of boundary fencing. The fencing comes in a variety of diamond sizes and is fixed to galvanized pipes spaced across the perimeter of the property. Although it is some of the least expensive fencing, it does not offer much privacy on its own. But if you are looking at fencing simply as a barrier, chainlink could be the way to go.

- **Picket fencing:** A wooden picket fence is another inexpensive fencing material. The pickets can be purchased in various heights, and this fence may be used as garden border fencing or to mark a property line between homes. Spacing the pickets widely apart may cut down on the number that need to be purchased, further keeping the cost down.

- **Bamboo:** Bamboo is a rapidly growing grass that produces a hard wood-like material that is used in many building applications. Bamboo wood can be used to build a fence, but the natural plant



also can be planted to form a living fence for privacy.

- **Stockade fencing:** A stockade fence is one of the more basic wood fencing options. Wooden slats are placed alongside one another to form an effective and affordable privacy fence. Stockade fencing can be stained or painted to preserve it. Many home improvement retailers sell panels of stockade fencing so that you can make fence installation a do-it-yourself project.

- **Vinyl fencing:** Although vinyl fencing is one of the more expensive fencing materials at the outset (it costs about twice the price of a wood fence), it does pay for itself rather quickly thanks to minimal maintenance. Unlike some other materials, vinyl will not rot or discolor. You also won't have to purchase stain, paint and expensive cleaners for a vinyl fence. That means once you make the investment, you will have years upon years of maintenance-free enjoyment.

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Pruning helps a tree or shrub maintain its shape and vigor by removing broken, dead or diseased branches that can be unsightly.

## Proper pruning keeps trees, shrubs healthy

Pruning trees and shrubs is necessary to ensure they maintain their health and vigor. Trees and shrubs should be inspected annually to determine if they need to be pruned. Mature trees typically do not need to be pruned as frequently as young trees, which need pruning to establish branch structure. Trees and shrubs that go years without pruning can become overgrown and weak. In addition to promoting tree and shrub health, pruning pays a host of other dividends.

- Pruning removes dead or diseased branches. Pruning helps a tree or shrub maintain its shape and vigor by removing broken, dead or diseased branches that can be unsightly and make it more difficult for the tree or shrub to stay healthy. When broken, dead or diseased branches are removed, trees or shrubs look healthier and add aesthetic appeal to a property.

- Pruning trees and shrubs promotes growth

of other plants. Trees and shrubs that go years without being pruned become overgrown, making it difficult for plants underneath or adjacent to them to grow in healthy. For example, grass beneath an overgrown tree might not get adequate sunlight, which it needs to establish strong roots so it can grow in lush and healthy. Pruning allows plants beneath the tree and shrub and even those next to the tree and shrub to grow in nicely.

- Pruning can sometimes bring plants back to life. Shrubs that have gone years without being pruned can sometimes still be salvaged. In some instances, pruning such shrubs can restore natural and healthy growth.

- Pruning reduces risk of accidents. Overgrown trees can interfere with power lines, increasing the risk of accidents and power outages. In addition, overgrown trees tend to have larger, weaker limbs, which can prove hazard-

ous and cause property damage during storms. Pruning overgrown trees reduces the risk of such accidents.

- Pruning can save money. Over time, overgrown trees might require professional assistance in order to be removed or pruned from a property. Homeowners who prune their trees as needed can save themselves the cost of a potentially pricey tree service.

- Pruning adds curb appeal. A property littered with overgrown trees and shrubs hurts a home's curb appeal, giving prospective buyers the impression that homeowners might have been careless with regard to maintaining the whole house and not just the lawn. But trees and shrubs that are pruned and well-maintained can add to a home's curb appeal, something that goes a long way toward impressing prospective buyers.

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# Can pools and lawns cohabitate peacefully?



The back yard has become a go-to destination for warm weather recreation. As the “staycation” has grown in popularity, more effort has been put forth in making the back yard a place where all members of the household can enjoy themselves.

That means merging interests into one space. A pool may be competing for acreage along with a decorative patch of lawn. Some homeowners wonder if lawns and pools can be successful alongside each other.

Many question if chlorinated pool water poses any ill effects on the grass in the back yard. In addition to splash-out of water during fun times in the pool, water also will be tracked across the lawn from children and adults exiting the pool or will flood the grass when it is necessary to clean and “backwash” the filter. Will you be left with a dried-out patch of chlorine-burnt lawn? Probably not.

Healthy chlorine levels in a pool are kept so that the pool water is generally on par with the chlorine levels contained in regular tap water. You wouldn't hesitate turning on the hose to water your lawn, so you shouldn't be overly concerned about pool water splashing out of the pool, particularly if you are stringent about maintaining the proper pH levels and chlorine levels. Also, soil can withstand chlorine at high acid levels and is pretty resilient about self-correcting. Furthermore, grass blades are selective

about which nutrients they absorb, so excess chlorine likely will not penetrate the grass blades.

Chlorine also dissipates in the sun. Therefore, while the levels may be elevated upon just hitting the grass, over a short while the chlorine will essentially be used up and pose no additional threat to the surrounding lawn.

Some people have actually said that watering your lawn with pool water can be an eco-friendly way of curbing water usage. Therefore, it may be safely used on lawns and most flowering plants. It is inadvisable to water vegetable gardens with pool water because of any trace levels of other chemicals that may be found in the pool water.

Homeowners still concerned about exposing their lawns to pool water can create a buffer zone around the pool. Inground pools are traditionally bordered by concrete or patio blocks. Place stone or mulch around the perimeter of an above-ground pool to catch any splashes and to create a barrier between the pool and the lawn. Also, direct backwashed water through a long tube and have it flow it to an area away from the lawn.

Pool owners who want to have vibrant grass likely don't need to worry about chlorine damaging their lawns. In fact, the lawns may flourish with the extra watering.

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# Outdoor fire pits add warmth, charm

People have sat around an open fire outdoors for centuries. Not only does fire provide warmth and light, it offers a relaxing setting for conversation and socialization.

The outdoor fire pit has transformed the concept of backyard entertaining. Homeowners understand how a fire pit can add value to a home and make their yard an inviting place to be on a summer evening or a chilly autumn night.

Outdoor fire pits are a relatively new creation that continue to grow in popularity. Once available strictly through specialty retailers, fire pits can now be found on the shelves of many home improvement and big box stores as well as online.

Fire pits can add a lot to a home's exterior entertaining area. Some fire pit styles and materials will last longer than others. Homeowners should assess their needs and the space available before choosing a fire pit for their home.

First, homeowners must decide if they want a permanent or portable fire pit. If you are ready to make an enduring change to your yard and landscape, then a permanent fire pit is the way to go. These can be made of stone or brick and are often very durable. Permanent fire pits can be incorporated into landscape designs to create a professional

patio look. They're also some of the safer types of fire pits because they cannot be knocked over and the bricks or retaining wall construction provide a barrier around the fire.

Portable fire pits are freestanding units that can be moved around the yard on a whim. They also can be loaded into the car and taken to a neighbor's house or even to the beach. Portable fire pits are less expensive than permanent models, and some homeowners prefer a trial run with a portable pit before deciding to install a permanent structure.

Portable fire pits are made of metal and usually coated with a fireproof paint. Over time, exposure to the elements can cause the metal to rust or weaken, something homeowners should consider prior to purchase.

Homeowners also must consider a fuel source for fire pits. Wood is a common fuel source for fire pits. Wood can be inexpensive, especially when gathered from around the yard. However, a wood-burning fire will constantly have to be fed with new branches. If you want to have a roaring fire but don't want to maintain it, then a gas-fueled fire pit is better. Natural gas fire pits can run off of a portable propane tank (think barbecue tank) or be directly connected to a home's natural gas supply.



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# Compost pile quick tips

By Michael Podlesny

I am convinced that composting is the No. 1 thing you can do as a home vegetable gardener that is beneficial for your soil and plants. Adding good quality compost to your soil helps with drainage, nutrients in the soil and so many other things. Along with the soil benefits you can also take a lot of organic material that would otherwise find its way into a landfill and actually put it to good use. The question is, if you are new to gardening, how do you get from that organic material to usable, quality compost?

First let's start with what is "organic" material. Organic material can be grass clippings, leaves, your left over dinner, coffee grounds, banana peels and so on. Plastic, Styrofoam and meat bones are not considered organic material for the compost pile.

Set aside an area of your yard where you will dump all of these items into. As a side note, when it comes to leftover food, it is best to bury that. It could draw in unwanted animals like raccoons, opossums, etc.

Once you have your pile of organic material in place you are all set. Nature will take care of the rest. Bacteria, insects and worms will work hard together to break your pile down into usable compost. If time is not a factor then you can literally let the pile sit there and it will eventually break down. However, like you, I want my compost a bit faster, so here are some things you can do to help speed things up.

## Shred

Using a yard shredder, chipper or your lawn mower, you can break down larger items in very small pieces. The smaller the pieces, the quicker they will break down.

## Water

You should be keeping your compost pile moist. Do not over water your compost pile as items in the pile will get matted down, which prohibits oxygen from reaching areas deep inside your compost pile, thus creating a "rotting" smell as anaerobic bacteria takes over. A light watering every other day, or more often if it gets hot and dry outside will do the trick.

## Turn

A good practice is to get into the habit of turning your pile over. A pitchfork is all you will need to complete this task. Every few days use your trusty pitchfork to literally turn the pile over by bringing the material from the bottom to the top and vice versa. For optimal results you want to turn the pile over when the center of the compost pile reaches 140 to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. You can pick up a compost pile thermometer for a few dollars.

Finally, remember to keep your compost pile well ventilated. The more air that reaches through the pile, the quicker and the better the outcome will be.

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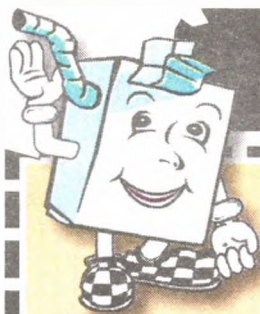
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# How to deer-proof your garden

Creating a beautiful and bountiful garden is a popular pastime for people all across the country. It is important to keep in mind that aesthetically appealing plants may be appetizing to area wildlife, including deer. Those who do not want their gardens to turn into all-you-can-eat buffets for deer, rabbits and other wild animals can take a more proactive approach to gardening.

Deer are opportunists who will no doubt see your garden as a salad bar ripe with all of their favorite foods. As housing developments continue to encroach on the natural habitats of deer and other animals, these animals are becoming more visible. Deer may not be able to forage for food effectively in their smaller, natural surroundings, or they may become accustomed to the "easy pickings" they find in neighborhood yards. Either way, you may encounter a deer in or around your area.

Keeping deer at bay involves some work and maintenance on the part of a homeowner. There are safe and humane methods to repelling deer, or at least blocking access to the plants worth protecting. Here are the main ways to deer-proof a garden.

## Fence it

Fences are one way to deter deer from entering a yard and dining on your garden. Keep in mind that deer can jump fences that are quite tall, but they have to be especially motivated to jump an eight-foot-tall fence. Still, they tend to be wary about scaling a fence when they cannot see what is on the other side. Therefore, if you are fencing out deer, choose a fence that camouflages the garden well and completely encloses the area to be protected. If you do not want the fence to be solid, consider putting stakes or thorny plants within the garden so that the deer will hesitate to jump into the garden.

## Scare them

Deer are naturally skittish around people, but over time they can become quite complacent around human beings. Once a deer decides that something will not present a threat, the deer can adapt to its presence.

Motion-activated devices may not work, nor the presence of pets. Predator urine is typically an effective way at keeping deer at bay. Bottled coyote urine can be quite effective, although human urine may work as well. Reapplying the product weekly around the plants is a good idea.

## Repel the deer

There are many organic or chemical-



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## DEER AREN'T FOND OF THESE PLANTS

When planting annuals, select among:

- Alyssum
- Begonias
- Calendula
- Celosia
- Dianthus
- Foxglove
- Geraniums
- Parsley
- Poppy
- Snapdragons

In terms of perennials, plant these items once, and deer could stay away:

- Ageratum
- Anemone
- Astilbe
- Bearded iris
- Catmint
- Honeysuckle
- Lantana
- Monkshood
- Rock rose
- Rosemary
- Soapwort
- Wisteria

Plant these herbs alongside flowers for even more protection:

- Chives
- Eucalyptus
- Garlic
- Mint
- Thyme
- Wintergreen

ly-based products on the market that deer may find offensive to the taste or smell. Hot pepper, sulfur and eggs or even the use of soapy water have been successful in certain instances. The use of blood meal or even human hair around the garden may repel the deer and keep them on a different foraging path. However, remember that any deer that is very hungry may ignore unpleasant tastes or smells for a quick bite.

## Change plants

If other food sources are available, there are some species of plants and trees that deer will avoid. Filling your garden with these plants can help you maintain a beautiful, albeit untasty, environment for deer.

Gardeners who use a combination of methods to keep deer out of their yards and gardens may have a higher success rate at deterring these animals.

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 30

## Is a sprinkling system right for you?

Water is essential to keeping a lawn or garden in good health. The trouble with watering is that it can be time-consuming, especially if your idea of watering is standing outside with the hose. But thanks to irrigation systems, watering has become a lot less hands-on.

An irrigation sprinkler or drip system takes much of the work out of watering a landscape. Some can also be fitted to deliver fertilizer and weed-prevention products to a lawn. But before any digging takes place, homeowners might want to learn about the advantages and disadvantages of irrigation systems.

### Advantages

One of the most obvious advantages is the time savings afforded by an automatic sprinkler or drip irrigation system. Once installed, many systems can be set to a timer to water at specific

time intervals and on certain days of the week. This means there's no need to worry about forgetting to water the lawn and coming back from vacation to find crisp, yellow grass.

Another advantage is that irrigation systems, particularly the drip type, can be positioned so that water is more effectively targeted where it is needed. Nozzles can be adjusted and underground drip tubes will deliver water right to the roots, rather than spraying walkways and driveways.

Another advantage is that automatic irrigation systems are generally hidden from view, which means there are no unsightly hoses stretched across the lawn and no more tripping hazards. Sprinkler heads pop up to spray and then retract when the job is done. Underground drip systems do their work out of view. For families with young children and pets who share outdoor spaces, automatic systems may be a safer option.

### Disadvantages

The primary disadvantage associated with a sprinkler system is the expense. These systems can be quite costly depending on the size of the property. Furthermore, portions of the lawn will have to be dug up to install pipework and attach it to the plumbing system of the home. This can equate to days or weeks without use of the yard. Afterward, the landscaping will have to be repaired.

It is best to install an irrigation system prior to the installation of sod or extensive landscaping because some of it will have to be torn up. Homeowners who already have pristine yards may be turned off by this reality.

Even the most efficient sprinkler systems can have their pitfalls. Wind can wreak havoc on sprinklers, directing water in the wrong direction. Underground pests may damage water-delivery systems, resulting in water pooling or broken parts. The repairs to fix an irrigation system can be much more costly than replacing a damaged garden hose.

Irrigation systems have their advantages and disadvantages, and homeowners should weigh their options before installing a new system.

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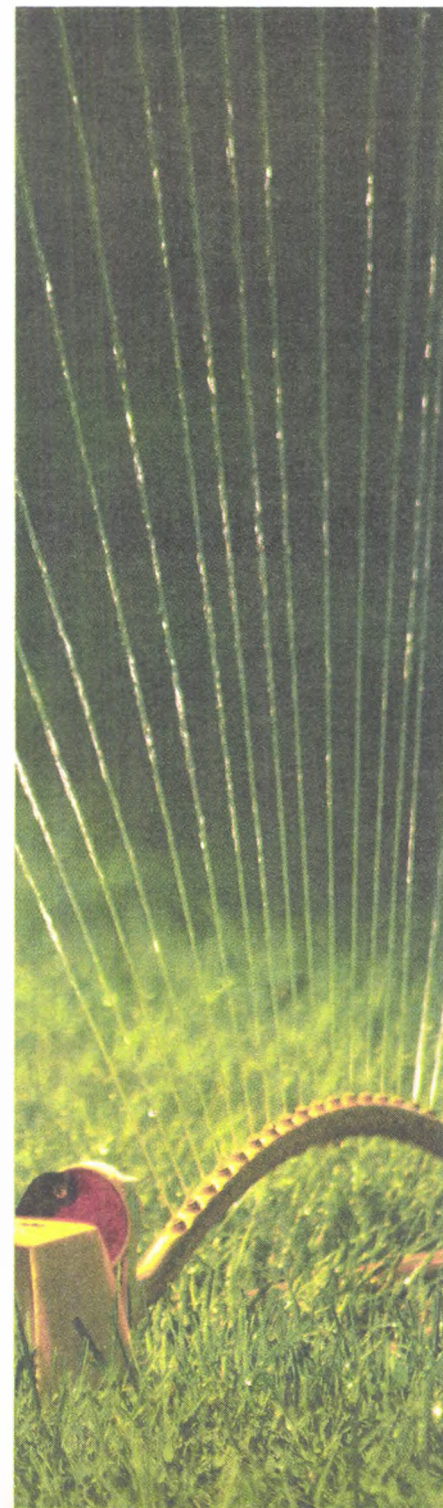
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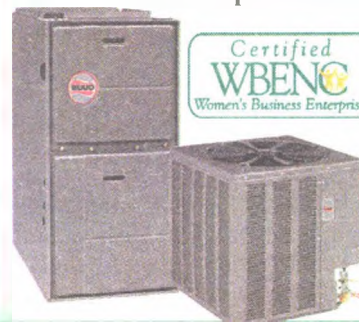
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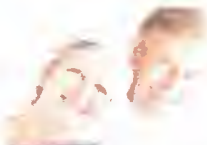
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# Edging lawn is worth the effort

Edging a lawn is a springtime rite of passage for many homeowners. When winter has come and gone, many lawns are left in need of some serious maintenance, including edging. Well-defined edges around the yard make the yard look more organized and better maintained. And edging is relatively easy, especially for those homeowners with a smaller yard. Edging can be time-consuming for those with more property, but when done properly, edging is definitely worth the effort.

- Remove debris from the areas you plan to edge. Before you even begin to edge, be sure to remove any debris from those areas that need edging. Debris, including rocks, twigs or the kids' toys, left lying around can be kicked up when you're edging, potentially causing injury to you or someone standing nearby.

- Purchase safety goggles. Even if you have removed all visible debris, there still may be some items hidden in the grass. These items can be kicked up and hit you in the eye, so purchase some safety goggles and be sure to wear them whenever you're edging. As an added precaution, keep kids and others away from any areas you're edging so they aren't injured

by any unseen debris that gets kicked up while you're working.

- Check your tools. Edging can be done by using a gas-powered edger or a string trimmer. Before you begin to edge, inspect these tools to ensure they're capable of handling the task at hand. Inspect the blades on a gas-powered edger to make sure they haven't dulled since their most recent use. If they are dull, sharpen them before you start to edge. When using a string trimmer, make sure you have enough string on hand to complete the project. String trimmers use a particular kind of string, so visit your local lawn care or hardware store if you don't feel like you have enough.

- Position your edger properly. Once you have given your tools the green light, it's time to start edging. When you begin, make sure the edger is between the sidewalk or driveway and the edge of the lawn, placing the wheel of the edger on the sidewalk or driveway and then pushing and pulling the edger until you have created a clear edge. If you have never edged before, you may want to practice on smaller, more isolated areas until you become comfortable operating the edger.

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## Eco-conscious ways to tend to your lawn

Many homeowners are constantly on the lookout for ways to make their homes more environmentally friendly. Such a pursuit is both noble because it helps the environment and practical because it often saves money.

While there are many eco-friendly improvements homeowners make inside their homes, it's important to note that there are several ways for men and women to be more environmentally conscious outside of their homes as well. Lawn care can be done in a way that's conscious of the environment, and the results can be just as appealing as if the lawn were tended to without regard for the planet. The following are just a few of the many ways homeowners can adopt more eco-friendly practices when tending to their lawns.

- Be conscientious when watering. Over-watering a lawn is pretty common, especially during the dog days of summer, when homeowners try to overcompensate for hot days with excessive watering. The growth of moss on sidewalks or the driveway is a telltale sign that you're watering too much, as is a standing pool of water on the grass. Homeowners who find it difficult to determine when their lawns have gotten enough water can purchase an intelligent irrigation control system that adapts your watering to a lawn's needs as well as the weather.

- Turn back the clock on your tools. Before gas mowers became the standard, man-powered push mowers were used to cut the grass. Such mowers still exist, and they require no fuel, making them a more eco-friendly option than their gas-powered counterparts.

Along those same lines, leaf blowers are a far less friendly way to rake leaves in the fall or clean the yard after a long winter. While there's no denying their effectiveness, leaf blowers need gas to operate, while a rake just requires some elbow grease and a little extra time out in the yard.

- Stay local. If you need to plant new grass or you're beginning a garden, then stick with local plants, flowers and grasses rather than more exotic options that are not native to your area. Plants, flowers and grasses that aren't native to your region will require more maintenance and often more watering. That added maintenance might prove to be a headache, and that excessive watering will not be beneficial to the environment. Native plants, flowers and grasses have already adapted to your climate, and they can provide just as much aesthetic appeal as more exotic alternatives.

- Avoid pesticides whenever possible. Many homeowners treat their lawns with pesticides, which can make a lawn look beautiful. But that beauty typically comes at a steep price, impacting local wildlife and perhaps even the local water supply.

- Don't let rain water go to waste. Rain barrels are a great way to make good use of rain. Rain barrels can be placed beneath a gutter's downspout, where they will collect water that can be reused throughout your property to water the lawn and garden. Rain barrels can be relatively expensive, but over time they will pay for themselves as you save money on your water bill.

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berry and roses. Landscaping projects have gone through ups and downs with the economy in recent years, Angeloff said. The plant industry is typically six months behind the building industry, she added.

“The house has to be built first, then planting,” Angeloff said. “People have to buy their groceries, and planting isn’t the top priority. But there are a lot of options.”

One high-end and popular trend is taking the indoors outside by creating a space as an extension of the home. It might be as simple as setting up a few benches and a barbecue grill in an area decorated with small trees, colorful shrubs, flowers and container gardens.

Some of the more elaborate outdoor kitchens can come with a price tag upward of \$20,000 and can take up to two months to install.

“These are pretty much for people who cook and eat every meal outside,” Sternfels said. “They may do a lot of entertaining or just spend a lot of their time outside.”

Vegetable gardening continues to be a rising trend that can be incorporated into the landscaping. More people are trying to eat healthy and save money on their grocery bills.

Penny Boleski, owner of 7 Mile Garden Center, in Redford, said vegetables

make up at least half — if not more — of all sales.

“Some of the vegetables are really pretty and would fit in nicely with the landscape,” Boleski said.

Don’t forget to consider maintenance when planning your landscaping project. While many customers ask for “no maintenance” landscapes, Sternfels said every lawn needs some care throughout the season.

The JonBoy crew sometimes maintains the higher-end jobs, he added.

“It’s really more correct to call them ‘low maintenance’ landscapes,” Sternfels said. “Usually, everything will require at least some watering, especially in the first few months after installation. Last year was a very hot, dry summer, so keeping up with the watering might have taken a little more effort.”

Those who want to enjoy the view with minimal work could choose shrubs that require less water and grow better in harsh conditions. Slow-growing plants will cut down on pruning. The lingering winter temperatures have stalled some landscaping projects this year, but Angeloff and Sternfels agreed that spring is always the busiest season no matter what the thermometer reads.

“People are excited to get going,” Sternfels said. “It’s really never too early to get a jump start to thinking and planning. You want to be able to enjoy your landscaping the whole season.”

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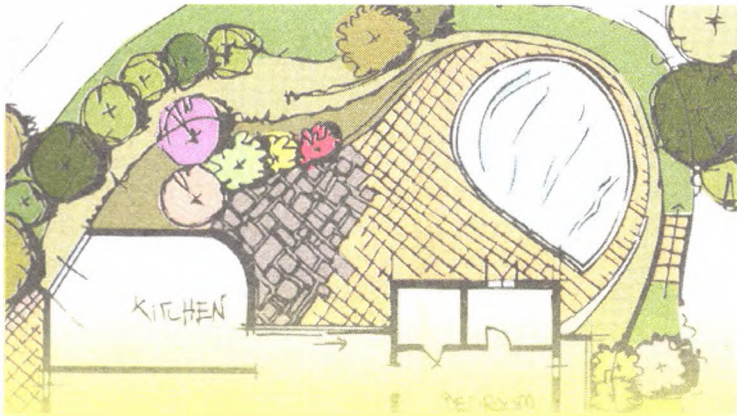
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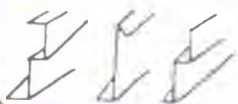
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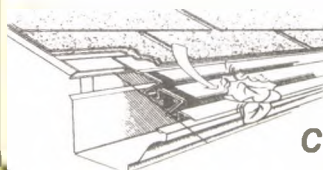
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