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Kindred spirits

Even as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators, board members, staffers and supporters gathered in the board room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center Tuesday to await the fate of their own \$114.4 million bond proposal, all thoughts weren't on their own question.

Once polls closed at 8 p.m., thoughts also turned to Livonia, where that district was seeking a \$195 million bond. The question, "Anyone heard what happened in Livonia?" was heard frequently.

Shortly after 9 p.m., that question was answered when it was learned Livonia voters had narrowly approved the proposal.

A few minutes later, numbers came in from Plymouth Township, the last community to report vote totals, sealing an overwhelming win for the Plymouth-Canton bond.

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Since passing the language for their \$114.4 million bond question back in February, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have sweated out the wait, making their pitch to some 40 groups including service clubs, township boards, and parent groups.

That effort paid off Tuesday. The bond question passed easily, garnering 65 percent of the vote to give Plymouth-Canton one of its most resounding victories. The bond passed by a huge margin in Canton (71-29 percent), and even carried Plymouth Township, where similar efforts failed in 2006 and 2007.

"I'm thrilled the community cared about kids and wanted to make a great investment in schools," said Judy Mar-

HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how the communities that make up the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district voted on the \$114.4 million bond:

Community	Yes	No
Plymouth (city)	982	487
Plymouth (Twp.)	3,123	2,409
Canton	6,394	2,582
Salem Twp.	72	91
Superior Twp.	12	34
Northville Twp.	144	167

digian, vice president of the district's Board of Education. "The case for the need was clearly made, and the people responded. We're going to be great stewards of these projects."

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Board of Education members Sheila Paton (right) and Judy Mardigian exchange a hug after finding out the bond proposal was approved by voters.

Murder mystery

The Plymouth United Way will be the beneficiary when the winning team solves "The Exchange," a murder mystery fundraiser to benefit PCUW.

The plot: An international criminal is loose in Plymouth with a briefcase full of cash. He plans to exchange the cash for valuable goods 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, somewhere downtown. It is now the team's mission, to determine who to meet, what to bring, and where to bring it in order to save the city.

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Liz Kerstens and Pam Yockey work the historical museum booth. Beatrice Gray picks up information and enters a drawing.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marketing, mingling mix at annual showcase

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer



Mo Saif and Ray Also, making Leo's Coney Island coney dogs.

Noman "Norman" Aiyash was clearly enjoying his work Monday at the 24th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth.

Aiyash and his crew from Leo's Coney Island in Plymouth Township were serving Coney dogs, chicken, chili, salad and fixings at The Inn at St. John's during the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce event, and dinnertime visitors, tempted by an array of choices, consistently lined up at the Leo's tables.

"I love to be with the community," said Aiyash, a partner and manager at Leo's, on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty.

"We're serving more than

500 people," he continued. "I know how much food I've got." He and the staff, Aiyash added, had brought enough chicken for 700, and were running out of it.

The Leo's exhibit, said Wes Graff, the chamber president, was an example of how Showcase offers word-of-mouth marketing and introduces businesses to potential customers.

"They're using this to the maximum capacity," Graff said.

The Plymouth Township Leo's opened in 2008 and, said Aiyash, has been to several Showcases since then. Aiyash said he was seeing on Monday a mix of Leo's regulars and people who hadn't been to the restaurant.

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City OKs hikes in water rate, trash cart fee

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Running the dishwasher and the washing machine, watering the lawn, washing the car and filling the pool will get a bit more expensive in Plymouth starting in July.

The Plymouth City Commission, with a voice vote Monday, approved an increase in the water and sewer rate of 18 cents per thousand gallons of water, bringing the total combined rate to \$10.89 per thousand.

The hike, less than 2 percent, will bring the typical quarterly household water bill in the city to nearly \$208. That's \$196.02 for water and sewer — the household average is about 18,000 gallons every three months — plus an \$11.56 meter fee for a five-eighths-inch meter, the most common household meter size.

The hike, a part of the 2013-14 city budget proposal, is in response to increases in the wholesale rates charged to the city for water and sewerage treatment service, plus the cost of running Plymouth's water and sewerage system, including \$735,000 in system upgrades that are to be done in conjunction with this year's street improvement program.

City officials anticipate a 4.3-percent increase in the wholesale cost of water from Detroit, and a 3.78-percent increase in the cost of sewerage transmission and treatment, a system that is billed through Wayne County. Fixed water and sewer charges from Detroit and the county are also going up.

Both the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the county have been moving in recent years toward greater reliance on fixed charges rather than on volume-based rates, which fluctuate according to the amount of water used. Detroit is expected to charge Plymouth about \$864,000 for water during the 2013-14 budget year, for example, based

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Showcase honors top volunteers

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Jack Tornga said he was "in awe" over the award presented to him on Monday, and Lisa Aquino, similarly, said she was "a little bit embarrassed" about her honor. "But it's cool," Aquino added.

Tornga, a 26-year member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth, and Aquino, a three-year member of the Canton Township-based Chicks 4 Charities, were among the 28 people recognized as volunteers of the year by their respective service clubs and community organizations. The awards were presented Monday during the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth at The Inn at St. John's.

"I didn't ever expect anything like this," said Tornga, of Plymouth Township, by phone on Tuesday. "I'm not looking for any attaboys, I just like to participate in Rotary."

"Just amazing how many people were congratulating me and making it a really big deal, so it was nice," said Aquino, of Novi. "I get a little bit embarrassed about it, but it's cool."

Tornga, 91, joined Rotary shortly after retiring from Ford Credit in 1986. He boasts 26 years of perfect attendance, has been to 26 district conferences and is a past president

of both the club and its foundation, which distributes grants to the various causes Rotary supports, from awarding scholarships to local college-bound students to helping eradicate polio throughout the world, a Rotary International project.

Aquino, a market research analyst for an advertising agency, is one of a core of about 15 women dedicated to Chicks 4 Charities, which was founded in 2007 with the goal of "paying it forward." The group plans and hosts fundraising events large and small and responds to a variety of community needs.

President Lisa Swanson said Aquino always has an upbeat attitude as

she pitches in to help with Chicks 4 Charities projects.

"Something about her personality mixed with her networking and drive to good in the community, it just does so much for our group," Swanson said. "I feel like we're all put on this earth to make it a better place," said Aquino.

Others honored

Monday's volunteers of the year presentation was sponsored by Bank of Ann Arbor.

The other honorees were: Paul Hood, Plymouth Community United Way; Karen Jachym, Trailwood Garden Club; Theresa Furget, Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club; Christina Callender, Plymouth Goodfellows; Craig Jagger, Kiwanis Club of Plymouth; Roy Banks, Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Stewart Israel, Plymouth Rock Lodge 47 (Masons); and Debra Madonna, Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Also: Amy Marie O'Neill, Veterans of For-



Local clubs and charities honored their top volunteers at Monday's Showcase and Taste of Plymouth.

eign Wars Post 6695; Barbara Peterson, Plymouth Historical Museum; Ann Hause, Plymouth Garden Club; Chris Flaviani, Salvation Army Plymouth Corps; Abby Stonerook, Plymouth-Canton Jaycees; Joe White, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.; Douglas Mans, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities; Stanley B. Goldberg, Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council; and Patty and Glen Kordick, Miracle League of Plymouth.

Also: Jim Harb, Education Excellence Foundation; Nancy Finley, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; Charles Cone, Plymouth Lions Club; Mark Riegall, Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth; Kathryn Schaffer, Laff Out Loud Toastmasters; Nancy Little, Relay for Life of Plymouth; Paula Brown, Plymouth Community YMCA; and Donald Green, American Legion Post 391.

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on anticipated usage, and more than \$300,000 of that is a fixed charge. Just two years ago, according to figures provided by finance director Mark Christiansen, Detroit's fixed charge was under \$190,000.

Plymouth's water and sewer budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, which starts Monday, July 1, is about \$4.65 million.

Trash fees also up

Trash disposal will also get a bit more expensive for Plymouth residents starting in July.

The commission, with another voice vote Monday, approved an increase in

the monthly trash cart fee from \$9.42 to \$10 a month. That means a households with one trash cart will pay \$120 annual for it.

The hike is just over 6 percent. The commission did not raise the \$3-a-bag fee for city trash bags, which are an alternative to the cart system; officials said trash bag use is limited.

Trash cart fees and bag sales are expected to generate about \$381,000 during the next fiscal year, about 34 percent of the city's waste and recycling fund. Most of the remaining revenue for the nearly \$1.1 million solid waste budget will come from a 1.72-mill (\$1.72 for every \$1,000 in taxable value) solid waste levy.

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Don and Doris Carter are regulars at the Showcase.

SHOWCASE

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'A lot of fun'

So was David Hulett, of Fat Chef in a Little Coat Catering Co., located in the Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township.

Hulett, serving barbecued pulled pork, said he liked the buzz Fat Chef was seeing in its first visit to Showcase. "Got a lot of people coming in," he said.

Hulett, the Fat Chef of the company's title, and brother Steve, the business manager, opened the catering company about six years ago and an attached pizzeria last July.

"We love working with the community and the people in this area," said their mother, Cathy Hulett, a Fat Chef event coordinator. "It's just a lot of fun."

Nearby, at the Northville City Fire Department exhibit, Lt. Jim Davison and two other firefighters were handing out fire safety information and trinkets like toy fire helmets, pencils and chip bag clips.

"Lots of questions" from visitors, said Davison, who retired from the fire department in Canton after 34 years before starting the NCFD. "Lots of good information being passed onto them."

The NCFD, with on-call firefighters, has provided firefighting and emergency medical services in the city of Plymouth since January 2012, and Davison said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincoc thought Showcase would be a good way to spread the word about the cooperative effort. It was the department's first Showcase appearance, and the exhibit was popular — for one that wasn't giving away food. "Next time we'll bring food," Davison said.

Networking event

Nearly 100 businesses, nonprofits and other organizations were represented at Showcase, including the 17 restaurants and food shops participating in the Taste of Plymouth. The event is a way for chamber members to introduce their goods and services and a way for visitors to net-

work and socialize.

"The place is packed again," said Graff.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, was making a repeat Showcase appearance, saying he was getting questions from visitors on funding for road repair and maintenance and on legislation that would change Michigan's no-fault insurance law.

"Mostly it's just meet and greet," said Heise. "People are just happy that we're here. ... It's a great way to meet people."

Graff said Showcase attendance Monday was over 600. The event's major sponsors were Hines Park Lincoln and Community Financial Credit Union.

Winners of the Sysco Taste of Plymouth honors were: Ironwood Grill, meat entree (ribs); Laurel Manor, vegetarian entree (lasagna); Rusty Bucket, appetizer (spinach con queso); and Kilwin's of Plymouth, dessert (chocolate).

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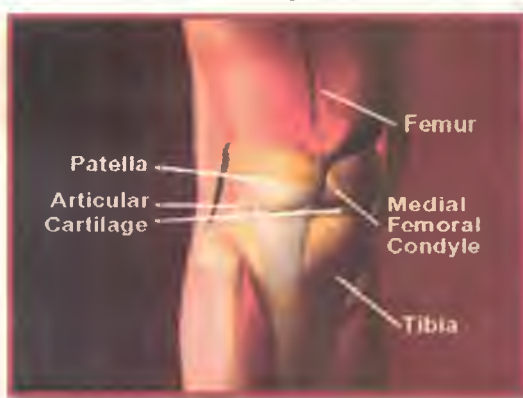


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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Night prowler

A woman who lives in Stoneybrooke Apartments, southwest of Joy Road and I-275, called police for help when she heard someone trying to break into her apartment, a police report said. The incident happened just after 1 a.m. Saturday.

The woman told police she was sleeping when she heard someone trying to pry open a window near the balcony of her apartment. The possible intruder had fled by the time police arrived. Police reported finding pry marks and a bent screen.

Identity theft

A man who lives on Bancroft, northwest of Lilley and Warren, notified police after he filed his state income taxes only to learn he had become the victim of identity theft, a police report said. He told police his Social Security number didn't match the one that already had been used for a refund.

The man contacted the Internal Revenue Service, Michigan State Police and three credit bureaus. The IRS advised him to file a local police report and to obtain an identity theft packet.

BMW damage

A man who lives on Canton Court, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty, was in his residence when he looked outside and saw a teenage girl using a sharp object to scratch his 2002 BMW X5. The incident happened shortly before 4 p.m. Monday.

The man went outside and noticed damage had been done to his vehicle. He confronted the suspect, who told him the damage to his vehicle must have happened accidentally when her jacket touched the car as she walked by it, according to a police report.

Mother cited

A Canton woman was cited for unlawful entry after she went inside her ex-

husband's apartment on Foxthorn, southwest of Warren and Lilley, while he was away from home, a police report said.

The 46-year-old woman told police she had gone there to pick up her daughter. Her ex-husband called police after he arrived and found the woman in his residence.

The man and woman have been divorced for eight years and have a 9-year-old daughter. The youngster wasn't at the apartment; she had just been picked up by her father from someone who had been watching her.

The man told police he saw the ex-wife walking out of the door of his apartment. He told police they don't have a court-ordered custody agreement and that they handled the situation themselves.

The man described his ex-wife as an alcoholic, the police report said. He had advised her two weeks ago that he wouldn't let their daughter go with her until she sought help for her addiction.

Tailgate stolen

A 66-year-old man notified police after someone stole the tailgate off his 2008 Ford pickup while it was parked in his driveway on Alexandria Court, southwest of Cherry Hill and Beck roads, between 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The man realized the tailgate had been stolen when he got into his truck and started backing up, causing the contents of the truck bed to fall out, the report said.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Pot bust

A 22-year-old Canton Township man was ticketed on a marijuana-possession charge early Sunday after admitting to police that he had pot in the car he was in.

An officer patrolling Township Park, on Ann Arbor Trail near McLumpha, spotted the man and a female friend in a parked Ford Focus shortly after midnight Sunday, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officer checked their identification and informed them the park closes at dark, the report said.

Upon speaking with the pair, the report noted, the officer smelled marijuana, and asked the man, who was in the driver's seat, if there was marijuana in the car. He admitted there was, police said.

Police found 1.6 grams of suspected marijuana buds in the center console of the Focus, and they tested positive for marijuana, police said. Police also found two pipes and a grinder in the car.

The man was arrested and charged with marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors. His court date is Tuesday, May 28.

The Focus was turned over to the passenger at the suspect's request, police said.

Shoplifting

A 30-year-old Garden City man was arrested on a shoplifting charge Sunday

after a security guard at Kmart, on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, told police he had seen him steal two packages of 5 Hour Energy drink.

The guard told police he spotted the incident on a security camera: the man, he said, concealed two packages of 5 Hour Energy in his sweatshirt and walked past the cash registers.

The guard then confronted the man, who, he said, admitted to the theft and was also found with a \$100 cellular phone from the store for which he hadn't paid.

The two went to the store's loss prevention office and police were called.

Fraud report

A 39-year-old township woman reported Saturday that her Master Card had been fraudulently used in an online shopping spree.

The woman told police that she had checked her credit card statement via computer and noticed a charge of nearly \$827 from the Best Buy online store, according to a police report. The charge was made on Friday.

The woman said she hadn't authorized the charge and didn't know how her credit card information had been obtained. The bank that issued the card, she said, is not going to hold her liable for the spending.

— By Matt Jachman

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Forever After Production 'swings' into 'Tarzan'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Holly Platis understands the difficulty of working with monkeys. As the stage director of the Forever After Production of *Tarzan, the Stage Musical* this weekend, she has had to hold "monkey rehearsals."
"This is very difficult because most of the actors are apes and there's only a few humans in the play," she said. "We have 30 people who are apes and 10 plants and 10 crew members who work with the apes."

The Canton-based youth theater company will present the musical over two weekends, beginning Friday, May 10, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Based on the Disney movie, the play tells the tale of a shipwreck that leaves an infant boy orphaned on the shores of West Africa. The baby is adopted and raised by the mate of the leader of a tribe of gorillas who is grieving the loss of her baby. The boy yearns for acceptance from his ape father and to discover the reason for his uniqueness. Eventually he encounters his first human — Jane Porter, a curious young explorer — and all of their worlds are transformed.

Of course, the production will feature the songs written by singer/composer Phil Collins as well as plenty of swinging through the air on vines. ZFX Flying Effects has been working with the actors in preparation for opening night.

"We'll have vines and set pieces for them to come in and off stage," said Platis. "They'll also be performance decks on



Sydney Hicks (from left) of Canton plays Kala, with Aleksander Papanastopoulos of Canton as Kerchek and Andrew Buckshaw of Canton as Tarzan.



Jeffery Selewski of Canton (Terk) hams it up with Little Tarzan - Zachary Papanastopoulos of Canton.

the back. We have a good set building team in with Kyle Kaufmann and Stu Selewski."

Share the wealth

Andrew Buckshaw of Canton has been cast as the adult Tarzan. Zachary Papanastopoulos, also of Canton, will play the younger Tarzan. Because the performances will be over two weekends, Platis is "sharing the wealth" by

having two Janes — Cara Gross of Canton and Lydia Frutig of Ann Arbor.

"I thought it would be a challenging role," said Buckshaw. "It's the most challenging role acting-wise. I don't have a lot of lines, but they're physical in how they come across. Tarzan doesn't speak like a normal person. In the beginning, I had difficulty in figuring out the patterns."

'Love theater'

Gross had wanted to be Jane right from the start and went into auditions in February with the right mindset. She's watched the movie a few times and a lot of clips from the Broadway production. She copied a lot of the lines and practiced reciting them.

Her first show with Forever After, a tuition-based theater program, was in May 2012, appearing in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Coat* and *Footloose*.
"I love theater, I'm a

choir girl from way back," she said. "My father was a thespian in high school. I guess I'm following in his footsteps. It's second nature for me to be on stage. It's not intimidating, it's exhilarating."

Forever After is a youth theater company for children and young adults to age 21 which does seven main stage shows at the Village Theater and at the Berman Performing Arts Center in Bloomfield Hills.

Ticket sales and sponsorships help support the acting company as does the tuition. The actors come from Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Northville and as far away as Jackson, Clarkston, Sterling Heights and Monroe.

Parents also must help with the productions, whether it's making costumes or doing things like publicity.

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SHOW TIME

What: Tarzan, the Stage Musical
When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11 and 17-18, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12 and 18-19
Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 50400 Cherry Hill at the corner of Ridge in Canton.
Tickets: Tickets can be purchased at The Summit at The Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, at (734) 394-5460, at www.foreverafterproductions.com or at the door. The box office opens one hour before show time.
Contact: For more information, go to www.foreverafterproductions.com.

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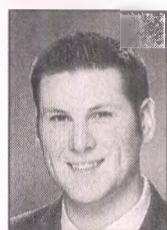
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Let me Google that for you

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Whenever I speak with readers, colleagues, friends and family members, I'm always surprised by how unwilling many of them are to learn about technology. I was recently at a business conference where I heard many folks talk



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

to get folks started (much like these articles), but with so many questions from so many people, I've adopted a new approach. The Google approach.

Google can answer any question you have. It is easy to use, quick to use and provides many results so that correct information can be confirmed from multiple reputable sources.

Need to learn how to properly shoot a basketball? Google it. Want to know the name of that guy who played in *Fargo*? Google it. Want to learn how to start a Facebook page for a business or a Twitter account for personal use? Google it.

Of course, Google isn't the only method — rather it's a great resource to help you answer any

question you may have. Another great way to learn something (and I can't believe I have to type this) is to simply try it.

Just try it

When you were growing up, did anyone ever teach you how to do a cannonball dive into a pool? Or how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Probably not. Chances are, you learned by doing.

Learning by doing also applies to the Internet, but only if you are willing to try.

I always revert to the Twitter example because it is by far the most common thing people are confused about on the Internet. They'll say, "It is confusing" or "I don't know how to do it." Then I'll ask them if they tried and they always say "no."

Believe it or not, Twitter, and even Facebook and other social media sites, are some of the easiest things to use. Twitter for example, walks you through the entire process of setting up an account. The site helps you follow users, upload a photo, create a profile, send a tweet and tell friends you joined the site. Most sites and many devices have similar tutorials that make set-up a breeze, but you can't learn to use them if you don't try.

I think the main reason people are unwilling to try Twitter or to try to use new devices is

that they are afraid of not understanding the material and therefore getting frustrated or feeling out of touch. However, technology-based frustration is a thing of the past. This isn't like 1994, where if your computer broke you called customer service and stayed on hold for an hour.

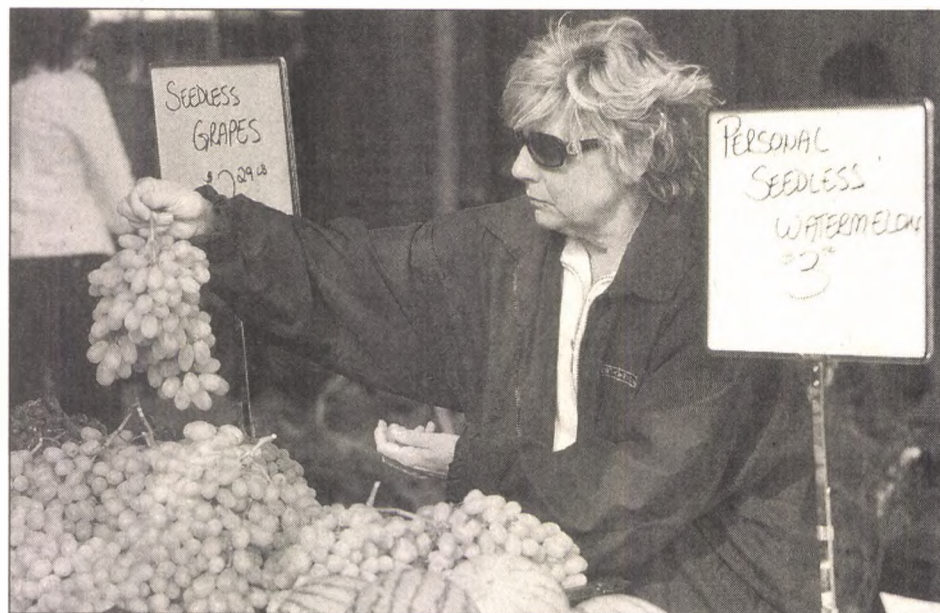
Nowadays, we can get instant satisfaction and solve problems immediately with search engines like Google. So if you try to set up your new Twitter account, switch to a new phone or do something even more advanced, you can always Google it!

When using Google to help solve life's daily problems, be sure to phrase what you are looking for in the form of a question. That will help Google bring you the best possible results. For example: typing in "How to send a tweet" will bring more precise results than "Twitter help."

It may take a few clicks to find a link that provides the right information, but be patient. You can rephrase your search if you need to find what you are looking for.

Next time you hear about a new type of technology, instead of fearing it, Google it. You could learn before many others and become an early adapter.

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Marlene O'Brien of Dave and Marlene's Produce adds fresh stock to her display.

Opening day

Farmers Market draws a crowd to downtown

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Barb Hoffman of Plymouth Township brought her 9-month-old son, Jacob, to a coffee get-together at the Plymouth Farmers Market Saturday with friend Jenny O'Connor of Livonia. O'Connor brought daughter Lily, 15 months.

"Oh, we love it," O'Connor said of the market, which opened Saturday and runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays in The Gathering and by Kellogg Park through Oct. 26. "I think it's nice to have a place that's local. It creates a sense of community."

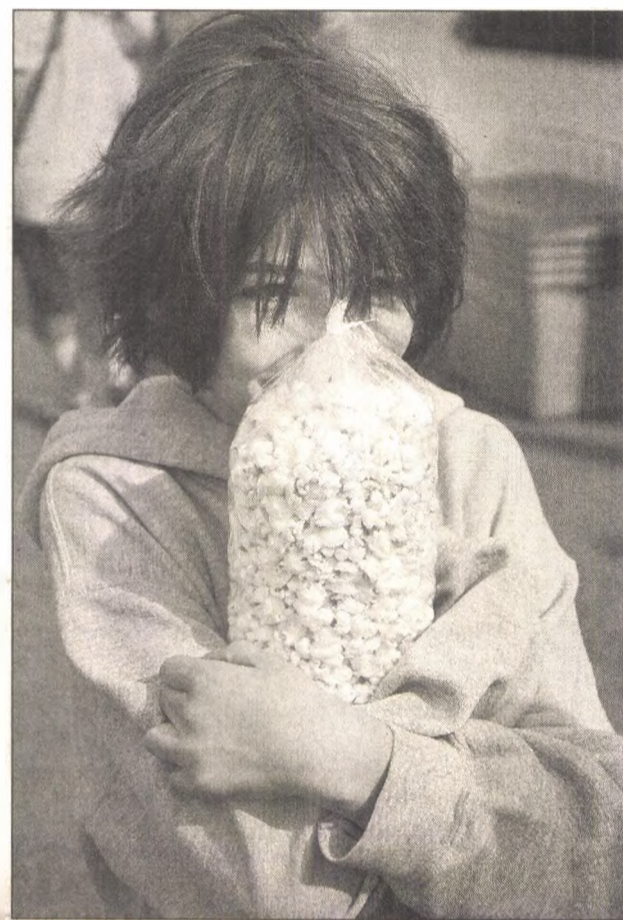
Friend Hoffman added, "It's a fun thing to do with the kids Saturday morning." The two women, both pushing strollers, noted the children are up anyway.

The popular market is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. It drew big crowds Saturday with the beautiful spring weather. There were a number of flowers, just in time for Mother's Day, as well as other items.

Brandon Mitchell of Plymouth Township was at his Cellar Door Soap Co. booth, with his vegan-friendly soaps. He's been doing that from his home for around five years.

Mitchell also does the farmers markets in Northville, Canton, Dearborn and at Eastern Market in Detroit. "This is by far my best," he said of Plymouth. "Almost everyone who comes down here is a Plymouth resident."

He paused to answer questions for customers before answering a question on the market's appeal. "It's community," Mitchell said. "It's nice to get out and enjoy the weather, get some fresh



Ten-year-old Katie Rapai loves kettle corn and she just had her braces removed, so it was time to celebrate Saturday at the Plymouth Farmers Market.



Judy Zachary of Plymouth Township picked up some gerbera daisies Saturday on opening day of the Plymouth Farmers Market.

produce and plants. It's good for the family, good for the dogs.

"It's like the first day of school," he said of the Plymouth market's opening. "I'm not cooped up in the house making soap." On Penniman by Kel-

logg Park was Michael Bradford of Dearborn Heights, with his Plymouth-based Bradford & Benamer's Gourmet Cheesecake. Samples of New York-style cheesecake proved popular.

"It's delicious," said Justin Berkowitz of Ann Arbor, who was avoiding University of Michigan graduation crowds that day. "It's great," he added of the market. "I've never been out for this one before."

Bradford said the business started in February. "It's taken off, it really has," he said. "Nobody does a good cheesecake." The market isn't held Saturdays during Art in the Park or Plymouth Fall Festival.

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City of Plymouth Ordinance Notice

2013 Season Grass, Weeds and Property Maintenance Code to be strictly enforced.

Grass and Weeds

Section 302.4: All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches in height. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs as further delineated in Section 18-751 of this Article, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Sec. 18-752. Duty to cut. It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds prior to May 15 in each year and to again destroy same prior to August 1, and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average.
(Code 1982, § 9.62; Ord. No. 86-3, § 2, 3-17-86; Ord. No. 2006-2, § 2, 7-17-06)

Sec. 18-753. Cutting by city. If any owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the city shall refuse or neglect to cut and destroy all noxious weeds as provided in this division, then the city manager shall cause the land to be entered upon by city employees for the purpose of cutting and destroying such weeds and such entering upon shall not be deemed a trespass.
(Code 1982, § 9.63)

Property Maintenance

Sec. 18-230. Standards for maintenance of premises. All premises in the city shall be maintained in accordance with the following provisions:
(1) No machinery, equipment, vehicles, lumber piles, crates, boxes, building blocks, furniture, recreation equipment or other materials either discarded, unsightly or showing evidence of a need for repairs, with or without a current license, shall be stored, parked, abandoned, or junked in any yard; and should such use of land occur, it shall be deemed a nuisance. This section shall not apply to construction material while such material is being actively used in the construction of the premises.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

New associate

Dr. Robert E. Potter Jr. of Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic welcomed his daughter, Dr. Danielle Potter, into the practice.

Danielle Potter graduated from National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill., in December and joined the clinic in January. She grew up in the Canton community, attended Salem High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State before receiving her doctorate.

Danielle Potter intends to continue the clinic's role of providing chiropractic care and nutritional support. She also adds rehabilitative skills to the clinic's services. As an introductory offer during the month of May, she is scheduling a no-charge postural analysis screening.

Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic is located at 6231 N. Canton Center, Suite 109. For details, call (734) 455-6767.

Business mixer

Ribar Floral in Plymouth sponsors its monthly Business-2-Business mixer 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N Territorial, in Plymouth.

There are no fees, no groups to join. The event is simply designed for busi-

ness-to-business mixing. Attendees should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas.
For more information, call (734) 455-8722.

Business news

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Eclectic Attic is looking for a business to share their space, approximately 800 square feet, on Forest Ave. Anyone interested can call Tina at (734) 416-1186.

• After seven years, ROM Fitness Studio will be closing May 24. The current plan is for Whitaker Therapy to remain at the same location. If any one is in need of contacting the company or scheduling for therapy the phone number is (734) 459-4538.

• Hub Real Estate Solutions added Patty Cramer to the team. Cramer has years of industry experience with consistent sales production and looks forward to doing the same at Hub. In addition, she has a background in Interior Design and will be offering this service and home staging along with her real estate expertise.

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Library celebrates award with party

The pride of Canton will be showing when the community comes together 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Canton Public Library to celebrate the inaugural LibraryAware Community Award from Library Journal and EBSCO Novelist.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will accept a plaque from Library Journal publisher Ian Singer, and EBSCO Novelist Vice President Duncan Smith will present the

Canton Public Library staff with a \$10,000 award.

The award was created to honor a library for "getting out to the community and demonstrating its value" and to highlight a community that values its library, says Nancy Dowd, product lead for LibraryAware, who will also be in attendance.

"Receiving this award is a validation of our efforts to connect our community and we are honored to be chosen,"

says library Director Eva Davis. "Our staff works very hard to know our community and increase the quality of life of our patrons. We hope that our community joins us to celebrate."

The Canton Public Library was chosen over about 100 other applicants and impressed the judges with its ability to work with many community agencies, organizations and businesses while maintaining a strong focus on literacy. Other

finalists include the Skokie Public Library in Skokie, IL and Hartford Public Library in Hartford, CT, who will receive \$7,500 and \$5,000 respectively.

The public is invited to attend this special after-hours event, which will include the award presentation and light refreshments and will feature many of the library's community partners.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Arena hosts benefit skate

Billed as a Mother's Eve Skate, Canton-based Arctic Edge has announced a skating event 1-3 p.m. Saturday to benefit the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center of Livonia, which serves a wide area.

Coming one day before Mother's Day, the event allows all moms to skate free. The event includes a silent auction and features mother-and-child-themed games on ice, along with prizes and

music by DJ Roman. "The (AAA Pregnancy Resource) Center provides hope to women with unexpected pregnancies," said Brook Boggs, Arctic Edge marketing specialist.

Arctic Edge also has a donation box through Wednesday, May 22, in the lobby, where donors may drop off diapers, bottle brushes, child tethers, laundry soap, small three-pack bottles, crib sheets and brush/comb sets.

Pilates studio holds St. Jude workout

Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio hosts a "Core for Kids - A Workout for St. Jude" event at noon Saturday, May 11, in Kellogg Park to raise funds to help support the life-saving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event will include a family friendly workout, complete with a DJ, contests, prizes and the chance to meet Don Muhlback from the Detroit Lions.

This is the first year Core Sport has held the St. Jude event.

"We look forward to this family and kid friendly workout event to help raise awareness and funds for the kids of St. Jude," said Lisa Paparelli, event coordinator and studio manager. "It brings together health enthusiasts in cities like

Plymouth to truly support the mission of St. Jude of finding cures to treat deadly childhood diseases while getting fit."

For information about this event, follow Core Sport on Facebook and visit the website www.coresportstudio.com.

League ready for more 'Miracles'



The banner says it all at Bilkie Family Field as the Miracle League of Plymouth opens its third season.

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With bright blue skies and an enthusiastic crowd on hand, Gavin Carrigan's one word description was probably spot-on when the Miracle League of Plymouth opened its third year Saturday at Bilkie Family Field in downtown Plymouth.

"Awesome!" That's how 10-year-old Gavin felt, especially after being named the league's new "Junior Commissioner" before throwing out the season's first pitch shortly after 10 a.m.

Gavin and more than 90 other players on eight teams gathered for the spring season of Year Three of the Miracle League of Plymouth, the baseball league that gives special-needs players, who otherwise might not get the chance, the opportunity to take part in the national pastime.

Teams have up to 13 players each, and games are played Saturdays at Bilkie Family Field, named for league benefactors Bob and Shari Bilkie.

Players get a lot of help from a variety of coaches, umpires, parents and "buddies," volunteers who sign up simply to help.

"Every player gets everybody paying attention, and that's a little different from a lot of teams," Madonna said. "Everybody's got their families out here, and some bring their teachers and friends, and that's their support system."

Changing roles

Mike Jurlin of Farmington Hills was an umpire last year, but this season he's moving into the dugout as coach of the Tigers.

"This is such a great program for the kids," Jurlin said. "In all honesty, it's just a great program for the adults. There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing the joy on these kids faces."

It's the big reason Tim Hansz of Plymouth Township — "It gives back to others, lets me be more caring and compassionate," Hansz said — and Bob Telep of Livonia are back for their third year of "buddying."

"I love seeing the expressions on the children's faces, and knowing some of the joy of playing baseball," Telep said.

Star power

Bilkie Field features a snack bar, and this year opening day saw the raffling of a 50-inch television to benefit the league's golf outing.

Of course, Jonathan Weid of Plymouth Township was on the announcer's microphone, as he has been since the beginning.

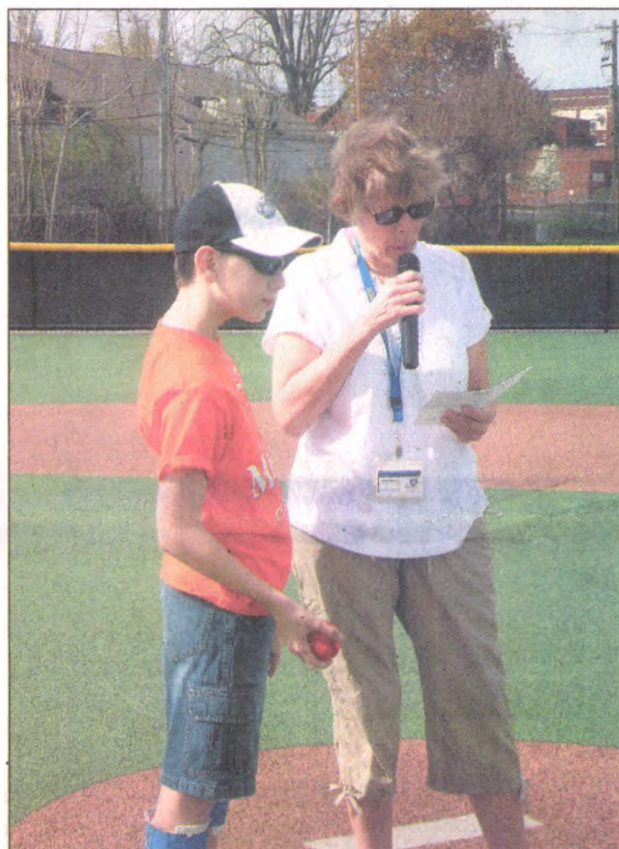
"It's like having Ernie Harwell back," Madonna said of Weid.

Madonna knows it's the first chance most of her players have had to play the game, and she loves watching them succeeding.

"It gets them out there playing," said commissioner Deb Madonna. "A lot of the kids haven't been on a team before, so this is their first experience. Many of the kids watch their brothers and sisters out on teams, but this time they're the superstars."



The Miracle League will feature more than 90 players on eight teams, along with a group of volunteers, buddies, family, friends and fans.



Miracle League of Plymouth Commissioner Deb Madonna announces that 10-year-old Gavin Carrigan has been named the league's "junior commissioner."



Each Miracle League player gets a buddy.



Rose's Restaurant owner Richard Costantino collects for the raffle tickets people are buying for a shot at a 50-inch television as part of a Miracle League fundraiser.



The ball is teed up, then whacked up the middle as Miracle League of Plymouth baseball gets under way.



Miracle League "buddy" Josie Inman helps Devyn Dixon round third and head for home.



Tim Hansz (left) of Plymouth Township and Bob Telep of Livonia sign up to be "buddies" for Miracle League players. Both men have been buddies all three years the league has operated.



Plymouth-Canton community relations chief Mary Holaly (left) and Board of Education Vice President Judy Mardigian confirm numbers as the district's \$114.4 million bond question is overwhelmingly approved by voters.

BOND

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The district will use bond proceeds, to be paid back over 20 years, to build a new middle school in Canton, make much-needed technology infrastructure and equipment improvements, fund a 10-year replacement plan for its 130-bus fleet and make improvements to facilities around the district.

At the top

Voting at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township, Ed and Lynn Gruenwald thought those were desirable goals. They have a granddaughter in the eighth grade at Central Middle School, and both of them supported the bond.

"It's going to update computers for years to come," Ed Gruenwald said. "Plymouth-Can-

ton needs to be right at the top among all the schools."

Failure would have meant expenses of more than \$700,000 from the general fund.

"It was such a big effort by everybody," Superintendent Jeremy Hughes said. "It helps us make up some lost ground and helps us move forward."

Denise Zander helped lead the Vote Yes citizens committee that has been pushing the bond since the beginning. Zander said district officials clearly made the case for the need, and were able to convince voters they weren't asking for more than they needed.

Getting the message

"We're thrilled," Zander said. "I think what made the most sense to people was the no increase to their current tax rate. The district worked hard

to ask for something within their means and no more. It was a no-brainer, and the people understood that."

At St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton resident Sandy Derica voted in favor of the bond.

"I want to see education move forward," Derica said. "Kids today, if they want to get a good job, they're going to need a good education."

The bond passed in the City of Plymouth and Canton and Plymouth Townships. It failed by narrow margins in Salem, Superior and Northville Townships.

"I'm very proud of our community," board Secretary Adrienne Davis said. "They got our message. That's what I'm really excited about."

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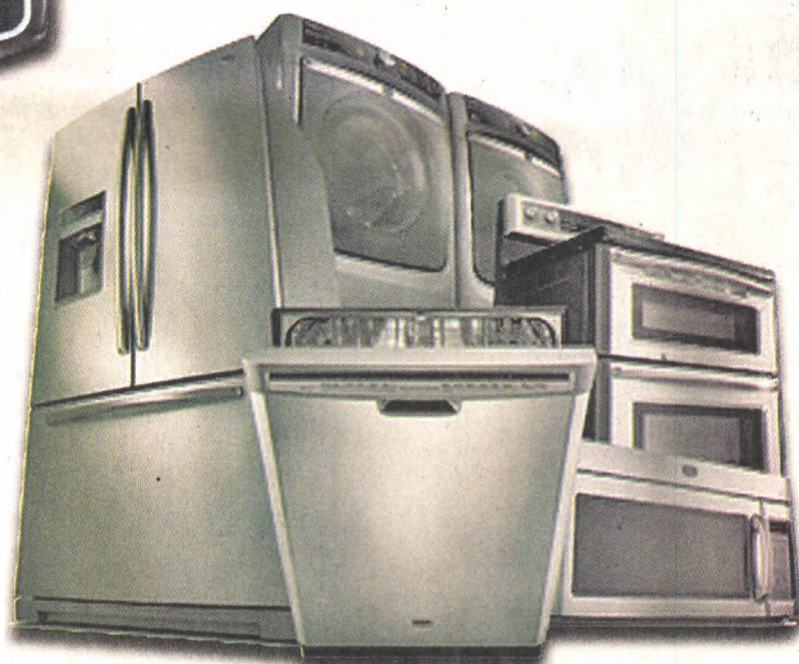
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Buzuvis named community development chief

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

John Buzuvis, a seven-year city employee, is Plymouth's new community development director. The new job is an expansion of Buzuvis' workload and a consolidation of his titles without, officials noted, an increase in pay. The appointment was approved Monday by the Plymouth City Commission. "I'm happy for the challenge," Buzuvis said Wednesday, adding that the new job will allow him to work in more areas of city government. "It's the best thing for the city." Buzuvis had been the director of business oper-

ations at the Downtown Development Authority and the city's special projects director, and his compensation will continue to be split by the city and the DDA. He will continue in those roles — assisting DDA operations director Tony Bruscato and doing DDA budgeting and infrastructure improvement administration, plus grant-writing and overseeing special projects at City Hall — and take on administrative duties with the building department. His new title will cover all aspects of his job. The new position of community development director stems from the City Commission's goal of bringing more efficiency to the processes by which developers

apply for building projects, get them reviewed by appropriate city agencies, get them inspected, and see them to completion. A study of the current development path by two University of Michigan industrial engineering students, presented to commission members recently, included a recommendation that the city have a community development director. Buzuvis, while noting he will be an administrator, not a technical specialist, said he hopes to be a "one-stop shop" for people looking to get permits for anything from a backyard shed to a new mixed-use development. He plans to look at using technology — such as a program that allows builders to apply for and get

city updates on their projects via the Internet — to increase efficiencies. "We want to streamline everything for everybody, because time is money, and we want to respect the developers' time and money that they've spent," Buzuvis said. "At the same time, time is money for us, too. ... It cuts down on the back-end administration costs." Commissioners were pleased Monday with the appointment. "I think there is going to be a nice synergy achieved," said Commissioner Mike Wright. "We're increasing the service level of the city without increasing expenditures," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle. Buzuvis, 36, a Plymouth native, has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's in public administration from Eastern Michigan University.



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John Buzuvis has been named Plymouth's community development director.

He and wife Shannon live in the city and have two children. Buzuvis is also an on-call firefighter for the Northville City Fire Department, responding to calls out of the Plymouth Station. "I've really enjoyed my

seven years here at the city. I'm excited," he said. "I'm looking forward to learning and being a team member in different parts of city operations."

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Chamber to unveil benefits, services

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden is promising to roll out new benefits and services for the 526-member business organization amid ongoing efforts to develop a long-term strategic plan. Paden intends to unveil the latest plans Monday morning during a program at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Registration and networking starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by the program at 8 a.m. It's free and includes a continental breakfast. Paden is asking attendees to regis-



Paden

ter by the close of the business day Friday by calling (734) 453-4040. The event is open to chamber members and non-members. "Anyone from the business community can attend," Paden said. "We have been doing some strategic planning. We wanted to bring our membership together and convey to them the benefits and services we have that are new." Paden said the new benefits and services are

intended to help local businesses as the chamber ramps up its efforts to draw new members and form closer ties among those involved in the organization. "We're making efforts to bring added value to our Canton chamber members," he said. "We're going to be announcing the fruits of our labor." The event is sponsored by Atchinson Ford, St. Joseph Mercy-Canton and W.F. Whelan Co. For more information, call (734) 453-4040.

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Help Like Santa

Do you think Santa is busy only at Christmas time? No. Santa is busy all year round. Here is what Santa does. Santa goes to people and tries to teach them "How you can be of help to the needy people".

One day Santa was on a teaching mission. He met a rich and rude fruit market owner, Mr. Captain Grumpy. So Santa talks to Mr. Captain Grumpy and Santa explains how important it is to help the needy people. So Mr. Grumpy agreed to send ten boxes of fruit to Santa.

Then comes the first month and Mr. Grumpy makes ten boxes of fruits ready to send to Santa. He calls one of his poor employees, Mr. Walker and tells him to take these ten boxes of fruits to the North Pole and deliver them to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker is very happy to take the fruits to the North Pole because he is excited to meet Santa Claus. He takes a carrying pole and puts five boxes on one side and five on the other side. He puts the carrying pole on his shoulder and starts the Journey proudly!

The journey was long and tiring. Mr. Walker was hungry. He doesn't think he can walk anymore without eating something. He doesn't have anything to eat except juicy fruits for Santa. So he decided to eat a box of mangoes. Even though he's working in the fruit market, Mr. Grumpy never gave him a single fruit to taste. Now he opens the box and sees the perfectly ripe mangoes. He finishes the whole box of mangoes and delivers the 9 boxes of other fruits to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker may be a poor person but he is a very honest person. When he comes

back from the North Pole, he goes to Mr. Grumpy and tells the truth that he ate one full box of mangoes because he was so hungry. Mr. Grumpy gets really mad, he beats Mr. Walker and throws him out of the fruit market. Mr. Walker gets up and walks away crying.

A few days later Santa comes and meets Mr. Grumpy. Santa tells Mr. Grumpy "THANK YOU FOR ONE BOX OF MANGOES"

The End



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OUR VIEWS

O&E, local partners honor outstanding students

High school honors programs and graduation ceremonies have begun for the Class of 2013. Along with these traditions is a special one for Observer & Eccentric – the annual Academic All-Star Program.

Nearly 30 years ago, a local high school principal wrote to a managing editor and said if the O&E could take the time to honor high school athletes, surely we could do the same for outstanding students. And so the Academic All-Star Program was launched with the help of secondary school principals throughout our readership area.

Since then nearly 3,500 students have been named to an all-star team or designated as honorable mention. Three years ago, when marking the 25th anniversary of the program, we reached out to past all-stars and nominees. They live and work throughout the world. They are

teachers, physicians, scientists, journalists, engineers, poets and most are parents, too.

They are an elite group of scholars who are making a difference because of the education, encouragement and opportunities they received in local schools.

This year's group of all-star students will carry on that tradition of excellence. They are intelligent and motivated. They are generous with their time and talent. They are thankful for the wonderful teachers who have challenged, encouraged and nurtured them over the years.

Plymouth and Canton-area students named to the team include **Shannon Guo** of Canton High School, **Andrea Ringer** of Salem High School, **Angela Sun** of Canton High School, **Shirley Chen** of Plymouth High School, **Anna (Mengdan) Dai** of Plymouth

High School and **Jason Zhang** of Salem High School.

Take time to read the profiles of all the all-star nominees in the Academic All-Star Section in print on Sunday, May 12, and online at hometownlife.com (see Special Sections).

The 2013 All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in western Wayne and Oakland counties. Every school principal in the O&E Media readership area is invited to nominate two students. The team is selected solely on academic achievement (grade-point average in academic subjects and ACT or SAT test scores).

However, traditions like this can only be carried on with the support of an engaged community. Special thanks to our major partner, **Madonna University**, for continuing to support the

Academic All-Star Special Section.

Also partnering this year to recognize academic excellence are **Community Alliance Credit Union**, **Michigan Farm Bureau Health Services**, the **Townsend Hotel** and **Parkside Credit Union** of Livonia (for awarding one all-star a \$500 scholarship).

Thanks also to the judging team — Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School; Dan Willenborg, principal of Franklin High School in Livonia; and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. This team has been dedicated to helping the O&E honor outstanding students.

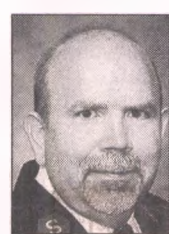
Congratulations to the 2013 O&E Media All-Star Team and all of the nominees who have worked hard to achieve and succeed. The future is bright!

GUEST COLUMN

Power of change in 'Doing the Most Good'

By Maj. Mark Anderson
Guest Columnist

With spring's arrival, metro Detroit is blossoming once again. People are emerging with the warm weather to enjoy a ball game, play in the park or simply walk around the neighborhood. As we reconnect with neighbors, it's also a great time to rededicate ourselves to Doing the Most Good®.



Mark Anderson

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division encourages metro Detroiters of all ages to make Doing the Most Good their personal mission during our eighth annual Doing the Most Good Week from May 9-19. It's all about small courtesies, big gestures and loads of kindnesses in-between in making a stronger commitment to helping our neighbors anytime or anyplace. It's about making "doing good" a priority in

our lives.

So what does Doing the Most Good look like in your life? Is it donating your talents or resources to a local charity? Is it visiting a shut-in or reading to children? Is it coaching a rec team or mowing another's lawn? Even if you're short on time and funds, there are opportunities galore to effortlessly do good unto others throughout your day ... hold the door for a stranger ... brighten someone's day with a smile ... say "thank you."

Think of the combined impact we would make throughout metro Detroit, if we all committed to doing one good deed each day. We might not have the power to change the world, but we can certainly strive to help change someone's life each day.

It's The Salvation Army's mission to Do the Most Good for the most people in need through the time and resources so graciously provided by people just like you. Thank you for all you do each day to support not only The Salvation Army, but the dozens of worthy causes within the community that make a real difference in others' lives. In Doing the Most Good for others, you're Doing the Most Good for yourself.

Legendary basketball coach John Wooden summed up the essence of Doing the Most Good Week beautifully: "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

Maj. **Mark Anderson** is the general secretary and metro Detroit area commander, The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. For more about celebrating The Salvation Army's Doing the Most Good® Week, and ways you can support The Salvation Army, visit www.salmich.org.

Mother's Day: Time to say thanks to mom for all she does

Sunday is Mother's Day, a day when we pause to say thank you and show our appreciation to those women who have played an important role in our lives.

Many of us will send cards or gifts or make a special visit to that special woman who has loved us in no matter what we have done, has been understanding and giving and put the needs of her family above all else.

According to writer Lisa Russell, "a job description for mothers is unlike that of any other occupation. Mothers have a lot of responsibilities, and yet there's no accrediting institution, mandatory minimum educational

level or other assessment to prove one's qualifications."

Mothers have no fancy title, but if there was one, it might read as on one web posting states, a research associate in the field of child development and human resources. A mother, according to Mom Salary Wizard, a mother must be a multi-talented individual and be able to act simultaneously in 21 different professional areas, ranging from transportation and logistics, education, mechanical, technical, economics and fashion, not to mention the diplomatic skills needed to negotiate matters of global importance, like sharing.

Mothers are our personal cheer team, chef, chauffeur, financial institution, laundry service, tutor and public relations coordinator. Mothers gets us where we need to be on time and properly dressed. As our personal PDA, mothers reminds us of important appointments and dates, and is better than a GPS unit in getting us there.

It is with a sense of deepest gratitude that we wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day. May you be lavished with the honor, love and respect you so rightly deserve today and every day. You provide so much for us, and for that we are truly thankful.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What outdoor activity to you plan to get to now that the weather has warmed up?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service's postal station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"I've been walking the dog. Maybe just walking more. A little too early (for gardening). Not until after Memorial Day."

Mary George
Canton Township



"Today is golfing. The league started two weeks ago. ... I'm looking forward to it tonight."

Laura Jameson
Plymouth



"Oh, working in the yard. Gardening. ... Perennials, annuals."

Donna Barretta
Plymouth Township



"Coming to Plymouth to have dinner."

Paula Merollis
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LETTERS

Still doing it

In the wake of the Republican filibuster of a Senate bill that would have provided for a watered-down background check for arms purchases that polls indicate over 90 percent of Americans supported, Pat Toomey, R-Pa., put the blame on President Obama. Really, even when 90 percent of the country is for it? The cost of this toxic hyper-partisanship displayed time again by Republicans in both houses of Congress over the last four years, irrespective of the wishes or needs of constituents or the nation, goes far beyond a failure to pass a common-sense but weak gun control provision. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell cravenly installed as priority one for the Republican Senate caucus mak-

ing Obama a one-term president in January 2009 rather than joining the president in attacking unemployment and the recession.

Tragically, McConnell was just the shameless front man, preening on "Meet The Press" or some other Sunday morning program that would have been more aptly called "Meet the Republicans." As detailed in a book by Robert Draper titled, "Do Not Ask What Good We Do: Inside the House of Representatives."

This cabal (Reps. and Sens. Cantor, McCarthy, Ryan, Sessions, Hensarling, Hoekstra, DeMint, Kyl, Coburn, Ensign, Corker joined by RW propagandist Frank Luntz and professional liar Newt Gingrich) met on the evening of inauguration day 2009 and pledged allegiance not to the people

of the United States and pursuing a path out of a terrible recession, but to the idea of denying Obama any victory no matter how small.

Remember how the sequester came to be, when Speaker Boehner after manufacturing a phony debt crisis got 98 percent of what he wanted so that the hostage, the full faith and credit of the U.S., would be spared? New estimates put job loss from that sequester at up to 40,000 for month one and this is only the beginning. A Hamilton Project report estimates that Republican obstruction and intransigence has cost over two million in potential job creation and other studies say the number is far higher.

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Markets are up, but don't be fooled by big numbers

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

If you have been following the financial news as of late, the Dow Jones Industrial average and the S&P 500 have both reached a record high. Because of this, many investors are questioning why their portfolios may not have done as well as the market. Those investors who have been sitting on the sideline are questioning if it is too late to get in.

Just because the Dow and the S&P 500 have both reached a record high does not mean every stock within their index has also reached a new high. For example, look at a company like Apple that is down one-third in value over the last six or eight months. In addition, companies like General Motors are still selling substantially below their IPO price.

The reality is that the way the indexes are calculated doesn't mean that all the stocks in the index are up or even that the majority of stocks in that index are up. In addition, it is important to recognize that the Dow (an index of just 30 stocks) and the S&P 500 do not take small U.S. companies or international stocks into consideration.

International stocks and small U.S. companies, which are key ingredients to a well-balanced



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

and diversified portfolio, have not performed nearly as well as the Dow and the S&P 500.

Balance and diversify

It's important to recognize that a balanced and diversified portfolio contains more than just stocks, it also contains bonds. Bonds are an excellent diversifier to a portfolio, but they have struggled in this low interest rate environment. Therefore, the composition of your portfolio should contain many more items than just stocks within the Dow and the S&P 500. In addition, the indexes assume that you are 100-percent invested. With most investors, that is not the case.

The bottom line is that indexes are nice to use as a benchmark; however, it is always important to remember that when it comes to your portfolio, you don't manage to the indexes. You manage to achieve your goals and objectives. Investors should never let the market dictate how they invest their money; rather, they should focus on their goals and objec-

tives. When investors let the market dictate how they invest, they end up buying high. Then, if there is a correction, they panic and sell low. This is not the strategy that will lead to success. At all times, investors need to focus on the most important thing and that is what they are trying to achieve as an investor.

Is it too late?

Many investors question ask if it is too late to jump into the market. My philosophy has always been that you invest not based upon where the market is, but rather your goals and objectives. If you're a long-term investor, the market is a great place to invest. If your goals are short term, the market is something you should avoid.

Investors who invest based upon where the market is tend not to be investors, but rather they are more like gamblers. And we all know what happens to gamblers — they lose. To be a successful investor, focus on the most important item and that is your goals and objectives.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Teens sleep outside to experience homelessness

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The plight of the homeless was a front and center for a group of teens from St. Damian, St. Theodore and Divine Savior Catholic Churches in Westland and St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford, who recently spent the night sleeping outside in cardboard boxes.

Designed to raise awareness and to raise funds and collect donations for Covenant House in Detroit, the 24 teenagers braved temperatures that dropped down into the 30s during their 12-hour stay outdoors.

"I layered on extra sweat shirts and sweat pants and brought a mummy sleeping bag to keep warm," said Kristen



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN
Victoria White checks the window in her box. She and her friend put two boxes together and cut windows out so they could talk to each other.

Mason of Westland. "It worked fairly well."

The event was held at St. Theodore Church, and each person paid \$8 to participate in the event; \$5 of that amount went directly to Covenant House, which

provides shelter, education and vocational training, and other support to teens age 13-22 who are homeless, runaways, or otherwise at-risk. The remaining \$3 helped cover the cost of a Dumpster to



St. Damian-St. Theodore-Divine Savior Youth Group member Kristen Mason gets her box ready for the "Homeless Experience" sleepover held at St. Theodore Church.

dispose of the cardboard boxes, program supplies and breakfast. Mason and a friend taped their boxes together and then cut windows in them so they could talk to each other during the night.

Wish list

In addition to the \$8 fee, the teens also brought in items from the Covenant House wish list. They couldn't not bring things

like flashlights, radios, pagers, cell phones, snacks and pop.

An 11th-grader at Livonia Franklin High School, Mason spent most of the night outside, but eventually went in around 5-5:30 a.m.

"That's about when I caved in," she said.

The teens showed up at St. Theodore at 7 p.m. to stack out their church's claim to a section of the

lawn. There was an opening prayer and introductions at 9 p.m., followed by the speakers from Covenant House.

They were served hot soup and sandwiches at 11 p.m. before retiring to their boxes for the night and had to get up at 7 a.m. to cleanup. According to the directions, the 7 a.m. wake-up call is because "all homeless are to be off the streets. Businesses open, and they are not a welcome sight."

Carol Nelius coordinated the event. It had been planned for last year, but had to be canceled.

"It started out as a way to raise awareness in the teens and to raise awareness of what agencies like Covenant House do," said Nelius, a Westland resident. "They brought three individuals to share how they became homeless and their experiences being homeless. One young man shared that he was in foster care and it wasn't a good situation. He ended up leaving and living on the streets until Covenant House came and found him."

Hazardous waste disposal day

Plymouth Township residents can complete their spring cleaning on Saturday with a trip to the township's household hazardous waste collection day.

The event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Compuware Arena, offers a way to safely dispose of leftover household products that can pose threats to the environment or human health.

Workers will be collecting old paints and stains, fertilizers and pesticides, automotive fluids, medicines (prescription and

over-the-counter), batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and compact fluorescent lamps (fluorescents contain mercury), computer equipment and more. There is no charge to residents for the service, but those dropping off items will be asked for a driver's license or other official Michigan identification in order to prove residency.

A full list of materials that will be accepted can be seen at www.plymouthtp.org; an item under "News and

Announcements" details the household hazardous waste day.

Some hazardous items — including television sets, videocassette recorders, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, tires, radioactive materials, ammunition and fireworks — will not be accepted.

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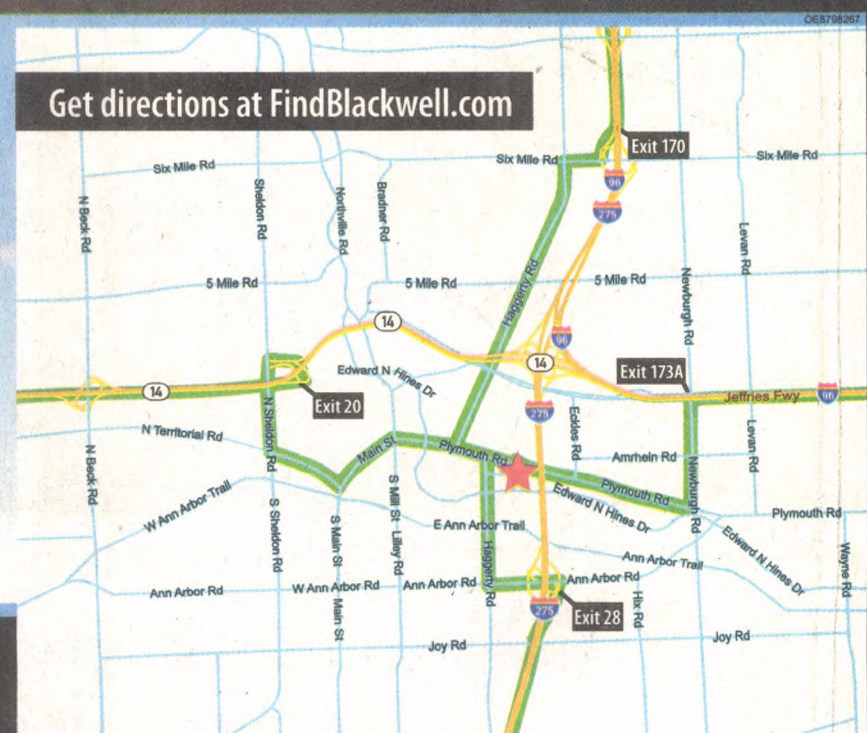
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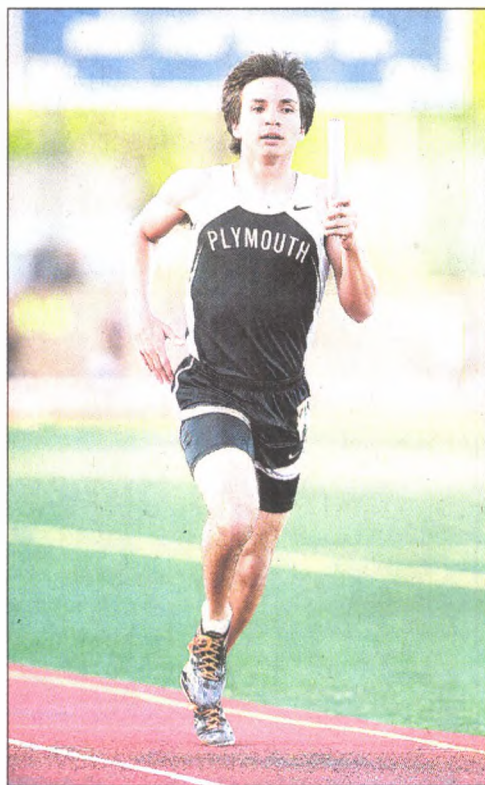
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Plymouth's Max Rogowski goes all out as the anchor for his team's distance medley relay.



Canton's James Hildreth scales the heights during the shuttle hurdles at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

Salem wins City by the Bay invite

Salem's varsity girls tennis team won Saturday's City by the Bay Invitational with a sweep of singles flights keying the triumph. Leading the Rocks to 22 points (ahead of event host Essexville Garber's 16) was the victorious singles lineup of Ashley Walker at No. 1, Chelsea Yu at No. 2, Tiffany Chan at No. 3 and Kylie Enright at No. 4. Other wins for Salem were collected by the No. 3 doubles tandem of Kendall Berghofer-Rachel Hershosk and the No. 4 doubles team of Natasha Consul-Courtney Simpson. Finishing in third out of six teams was Big Rapids, with 14 points.

CC still Observerland's best

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

If you want to be part of the Catholic Central track and field team, you don't go away during spring break. That has been coach Tony Magni's long-standing policy.

It's reminiscent of what Bo Schembechler declared when he was hired to coach the Michigan football team: "Those who stay will be champions."

Magni and the Shamrocks who stayed were champions again Saturday night in the 43rd annual Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

"We lost some kids who went on spring break and are not with us," Magni said. "When they see we won again, when we go back to school, they feel kinda bad. They wish they were with us."

"They chose spring break, which felt good for a week. This is something these kids will remember for a long time, longer than that one week."

"We don't need sunshine in Florida. Our sunshine is



Getting after it during the Observerland Relays at Farmington High School is Salem's Chaz Jeffress.

winning here." CC scored well in a majority of events and

captured the crown for the fifth consecutive year with a total of 86 points.

Livonia Churchill was the runner-up with 60; Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth were tied for third with 50 points and Farmington Harrison (44 points) completed the top five.

Salem placed sixth with 40 points while Canton finished ninth with 31 points.

Something to build on

"We sent a lot of our top guys to a meet on Friday so to still tie for third place at Observerland is a good feeling," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "A few of them doubled back and ran a few races on Saturday. We are hoping to build off this performance for Friday at conferences."

One of Magni's athletes who stayed is CC senior Jack Malinowski, who will end his high school career with a perfect record at the Observerland Relays.

Malinowski made multiple contributions to the team effort, finishing third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a personal best of 15.70, and he

helped the Shamrocks get second place in the high jump, shuttle hurdles and 1,600-meter relay.

"I was here as a freshman running the shuttles," Malinowski said. "We were able to place first or second almost every year. It's nice to go out with a win, going 4-0 at this meet."

"It's been a great year. I'm looking forward to the championship races now and getting ready for my future."

The Shamrocks had a solid start in the field events as expected, taking first place in three of the four it entered.

Junior Dylan Roney led the Shamrocks to victories in the shot put and discus, combining efforts with David Houle and Shane Campau in both.

CC also won the long jump with the team of Dan Jassop, Jason Kyles and Justin Monroe, and it was second in the high jump.

The Shamrocks didn't win any of the track events, but they scored well in most and won the

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Taylor makes GLIAC squad

Grand Valley State University redshirt junior shortstop Brianna Taylor, who batted .326 with five homers and 20 RBI in 32 games, was named as an at-large selection to the All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic conference team in women's softball.

Taylor, along with her twin sister, Britany, a redshirt junior outfielder, helped the Lakers to a 39-6 overall record and a 24-2 mark along with a first-place finish in the GLIAC.

The Lakers, ranked No. 9 nationally, were upset last weekend by Wayne State in the GLIAC playoffs.

Grand Valley, however, will be the No. 2 seed and host this weekend's NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament facing No. 7 seed Ferris State in Friday's opening round.

The four-team regional draw also includes No. 3 Missouri-St. Louis and No. 6 Southern Indiana.

Speedy Rocks force the issue

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem baserunners took everything Wayne Memorial's defense gave to them Monday, aggressively stockpiling extra bases and plenty of runs in a 19-0 mercy-rule victory.

The host Rocks needed just 2½ innings to finish off the Zebras, scoring 10 runs in the first — highlighted by senior tri-captain Katy Meade's three-run inside-the-park homer — and nine more in the second.

Salem (12-7 overall) got things rolling in the first, when Kristi Zink tripled. With one out, Kara Hutchinson doubled and the Wayne pitcher then walked the next four batters before Marisa Hunley singled.

Up stepped Meade, who drilled a shot to right field. It stayed in the yard, but she still circled the bases. "She had a nice hit," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "It was one of those things where



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Delivering a pitch Monday against Wayne Memorial is Salem's Marisa Hunley (No. 15).

she was running and she was giving it her all so she could score a run."

Fourteen batters came to the plate in that inning, with Zink actually getting

a second hit (a single).

In the second, nine more runs scored, with singles by Emily Marcelo and

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Blackwell Ford going extra yard for Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every person that gets behind the wheel at Blackwell Ford next Thursday will help Salem's football program gain speed en route to future success.

That's the premise of "Drive 4 UR School," set to take place at Blackwell Ford in Plymouth from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 16. It is a partnership between Blackwell and the Salem Linebacker Booster Club.

The football program stands to benefit simply because each person that test drives a vehicle during the event will result in Blackwell making a \$20 donation to the Salem Linebacker Booster Club (which in turn helps offset football program costs, largely to improve facilities and equipment).

Blackwell will make up to a \$6,000 total donation to the program.

"I think it's a great opportunity to get the Salem Rocks football name out there and to be involved in the community," Salem varsity head football coach Kurt Britnell said. "In the process we get to fundraise for



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Britnell and Salem Linebacker Booster Club president Bob Callahan will be official greeters, noted booster club vice president David Kwiecinski, also a Salem football dad and a Ford engineering manager.

"And then from there (they'll) hand it off to the boys (players) and the boys will walk them through the process," Kwiecinski said. "Parents will help with getting forms filled out and people in the cars."

He emphasized that those who come out to

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But Kwiecinski, whose son John is a kicker in the Salem program (he was on the freshman team in 2012), stressed that Blackwell's \$20 donation is good for one per household.

"It's \$20 per household, that's the catch," Kwiecinski said. "You can't have a mom and dad from the same household get two credits."

Kwiecinski noted that the booster club intends to use money from the fundraiser to "make significant improvements in our weight room. We need to make big improvements to that practice field out there. We're buying new equipment (for all three levels of Salem football)."

It is expected there will

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcats skill camp set

The Plymouth Wildcats football skills camp is set to take place from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Sessions are as follows: 5-to-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 5-9; 7-to-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12 this fall.

Speaking of Plymouth football, a mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 in the cafeteria.

Ninth graders will meet from 6-to-7:30 p.m. followed by players entering grades 10-12 from 7:30-to-9 p.m.

Mandatory paperwork will be issued and team expectations explained.

For information on the skills camp and parent/player meetings, go to www.plymouth-wildcatsfootball.com to download a camp brochure or for more information.

Questions can be directed to Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

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Titans win title on Birney goal

Plymouth native Mike Birney (No. 11) capped off a sensational showing for University of Detroit Mercy's men's lacrosse team at the MAAC Championship, scoring eight goals last weekend and a career-high five goals in Sunday's title game in Buffalo, N.Y. — including the game winner in overtime against Siena. Detroit won 11-10 in OT. Birney, pictured (above) in the championship game, was named the Most Outstanding Player of the MAAC tourney and is shown (at left) with his MOP Trophy. The Titans now advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time, facing Notre Dame on Saturday.

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Hot scorers key 7-4 Canton win

Canton's varsity girls lacrosse team defeated Plymouth 7-4 on Wednesday, May 1 to follow up a good week against Park opponents.

Continuing her assault on rival goalkeepers were Canton's Annelie Niermann (four goals) and Kelly Harris (three goals) as the Chiefs improved to 8-2 overall and 6-2 in conference play.

Canton led 3-2 at half-time, thanks to Niermann's second of the match and the Chiefs scored four unanswered goals after intermission to break it open.

"In the second half, our offense settled down, started completing passes and controlling large chunks of time," Canton head coach Dave Bower said.

But the pesky Wildcats

were't done, scoring two goals six seconds apart to slice the margin to 6-4.

"These Park rivalry games are always emotional and tough, since the girls on both teams know each other so well," Bower noted. "I'm proud of how our girls were able to struggle through some ugly play, especially in the first half, and come out with the victory."

He cited strong efforts from senior captain and midfielder Cassidy Tucker and junior attacker Sarah Davenport, particularly in coming up with key ground balls in the second half to deny Plymouth scoring chances.

Canton senior captains Laura Murphy, Meredith White and Nicole Farley all were outstanding on defense, he added.

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be a good turnout May 16, he continued, further underscoring how strong the connection is between the Salem program and Plymouth-Canton community.

"It's nice to be working with the program and we're kind of like the phoenix rising out of the

ashes," Kwiecinski said. "(From) the way Salem's football program used to be, what it became and now what Kurt and his staff are taking the program to be.

"So getting the word out and building this program is exactly what we need."

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Canton's John Everitt (center) competes in Saturday's 400-meter relay along with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Nick Giese (left) and Northville's Jonathon Li.

RELAYS

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meet with an all-round, good performance. In seven relay races, CC was no lower than fifth place with two runner-up finishes and four thirds. It didn't compete in the pole vault and didn't score in the 1,600 run, 100 dash or 400 relay. "Coming out of the field events with 38 points, you're sitting pretty good, and we knew we'd get some points here and there," Magni said. "I tell the kids, 'Every point counts. If you're sixth and you can catch the guy in fifth place, go get him. That's another point!' "As long as a lot of kids don't have to double and you can spread the sprinters out to give them enough rest between races, you'll do well. Obviously, you need some kids to perform well, and they really did tonight."

Churchill quartet excels

Churchill had its best finish in several years, and the top performers were distance runners Matt Cohan, George Bowles, Jon Alessandrini and Ben Yates. The foursome started the track finals by winning the 6,400-meter relay, and it returned five events later to earn a victory in the 3,200. Coach Rick Austin said the four were awesome and are peaking at the right time. "We knew we'd be up there in medal contention," Austin said. "I don't think you ever go in fully certain you're going to win an event. It all depends how other teams

build their relays. "Unless you're a really deep team, you can't cover all the relays, so you have to pick and choose where your strengths are. That's what we did." The Chargers also won the pole vault with the trio of Jake Hage, Adam Sheppard and Steve Fedak. Canton's Jamal Dixon jumped 6-5 to lead the Chiefs to a victory in the high jump with teammates Akil Wade and Brett Lee. "I kind of thought we might be a little bit higher (in the standings)," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "But again, there was a lot of good competition there. We've had our time at the top before, and of course now CC's had their time. Stevenson did well, Plymouth did well, Churchill did a great job."

To the wire

Two of the individual races featured close finishes. Shakarri Hill of Wayne Memorial edged Salem's Steven Homrich by a fraction of a second in the 100-meter dash, and Ma Sambou Jatta of Clarenceville nipped Churchill's Zach Zoltowski in the high hurdles. Farmington senior Drew Lindman ran a solid race throughout the individual 1,600 meters and finished with a strong kick to win the event on his home track. Harrison made a late jump in the team standings with victories in the shuttle hurdle and 400 relays. Northville won the distance and sprint medleys, Salem the 800 meters (1:30.74) and Plymouth the 1,600 (3:28.41). In Salem's victorious 800 medley were Drake

Jordan, Sean Davis, Guwoin Ingram and Homrich. Comprising Plymouth's winning relay were Lucas Bunting, Blerim Mera, Jonny Dalton and Max Rogowski. The Rocks also tallied a third in the long jump relay (Chris Dierker, Austin Whitted, Dhruv Patel) and fourth in the pole vault relay (Mick Girardot, Jineet Gandhi, Hunter Burin). Salem also scored in the 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay and mile run. "We scored well across the board but didn't earn enough high finishes to score big points," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "It is always nice to earn medals but in order to win a meet like the Observerland Relays, you need to score lots of firsts and seconds. The highlights of the night were the 800 relay." Aspinall added that although the team had a solid showing it will be looking for even better results at Friday's conference championships and the Division 1 regionals on May 17.

SALEM 85, S.L. EAST 51: Salem (3-2 in the KLAAs) concluded the dual meet season with Tuesday's romp over South Lyon East (0-5). Leading the Rocks were first-place winners Mick Girardot (pole vault); Drake Jordan (long jump); the 3,200-meter relay team of Colin McCormack, Steve McEvelly, Alex Creekmore, and Riley Dostader; Miles Mason (110 hurdles); Steven Homrich (100 dash); Mike Wildi (400); Chaz Jeffress (800); Sean Davis (200); Brendan McCann (3,200) and the 1,600-meter relay of Ade Davis, Evan Stevenson, Connor Hall and Jeffress. The Rocks also won the 400-meter relay with a school record time of 43.6, breaking a mark that stood since 1985. On the relay were Jordan, Davis, Homrich and Chris Dierker.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

43RD ANNUAL BOYS OBSERVERLAND RELAYS May 4 at Farmington HS

Team standings: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 86 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 60; 3. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, 50; 5. Farmington Harrison, 44; 6. Salem, 40; 7. Northville, 38; 8. Livonia Franklin, 32; 9. Canton, 31; 10. Farmington, 26; 11. Livonia Clarenceville, 11; 12. Wayne Memorial, 10; 13. Garden City, 8; 14. Redford Thurston, 6; 15. Redford Union, 4.

Shot put relay: 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Roney, 50-0; David Houle, 47-7.5; Shane Campau, 45-8), 143-3.5; 2. Franklin, 124-8.5; 3. Canton, 124-4; 4. Stevenson, 123-1; 5. Farmington, 118-1; 6. Churchill, 116-1. **Best throw:** Dylan Roney, 50-0.

Discus relay: 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Roney, 151-2; David Houle, 130-9; Shane Campau, 130-1), 412-0; 2. Farmington, 363-9; 3. Harrison, 333-5; 4. Stevenson, 329-11; 5. Churchill, 320-1; 6. Franklin, 313-11. **Best throw:** Dylan Roney, 151-2.

High jump relay: 1. Canton (Jamal Dixon, 6-5; Akil Wade, 6-1; Brett Lee, 5-6), 18 feet; 2. Catholic Central, 17-1; 3. Stevenson, 16-0; 4. Plymouth, 16-8; 5. Salem, 16-8; 6. Northville, 15-9. **Best jump:** Jamal Dixon, 6-5.

Long jump relay: 1. Catholic Central (Dan Jassop, 19-11.5; Jason Kyles, 17-7.5; Justin Monroe, 17-5.5), 55-0.5; 2. Harrison, 54-11; 3. Salem, 54-10.5; 4. Franklin, 54-9; 5. Canton, 53-5.5; 6. Stevenson, 50-4. **Best jump:** Dan Jassop, 19-11.5.

Pole vault relay: 1. Churchill (Jake Hage, 13-0; Adam Sheppard, 11-6; Steve Fedak, 11-6), 36-0; 2. Plymouth, 32-6; 3. Stevenson, 32-6; 4. (tie) Canton and Salem, 31-0; 6. Northville, 31-0. **Best vault:** Jake Hage, 13-0.

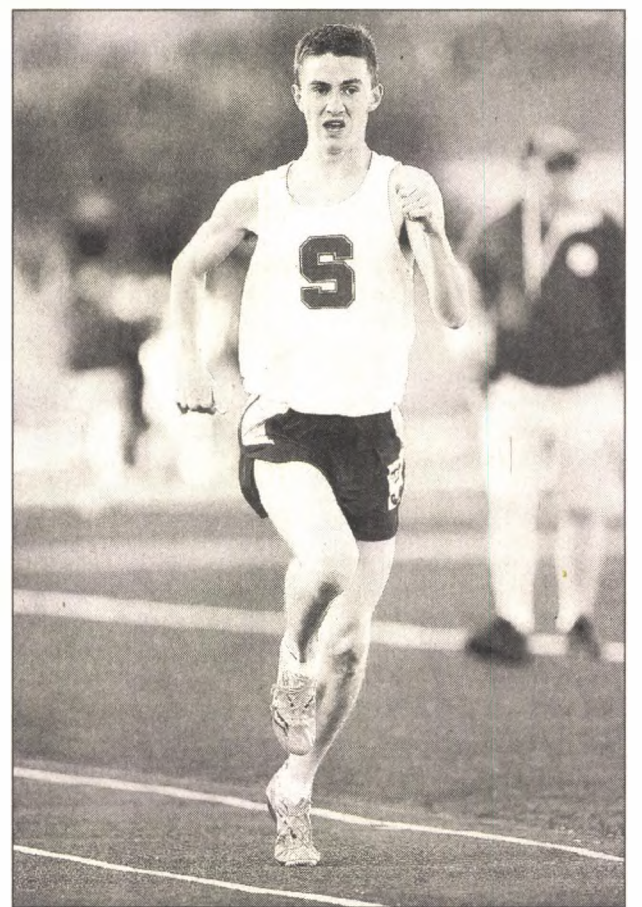
6,400-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Matt Cohan, George Bowles, Jon Alessandrini, Ben Yates), 18:50.29; 2. Stevenson, 18:58.06; 3. Catholic Central, 19:07.30; 4. Plymouth, 19:24.57; 5. Northville, 19:26.57; 6. Canton, 19:28.89.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Ma Sambou Jatta, Clarenceville, 15.15; 2. Zach Zoltowski, Churchill, 15.24; 3. Jack Malinowski, Catholic Central, 15.70; 4. Marcus Reed, Harrison, 15.82; 5. James Hildreth, Canton, 15.88; 6. Josh Craven, Farmington, 15.90.

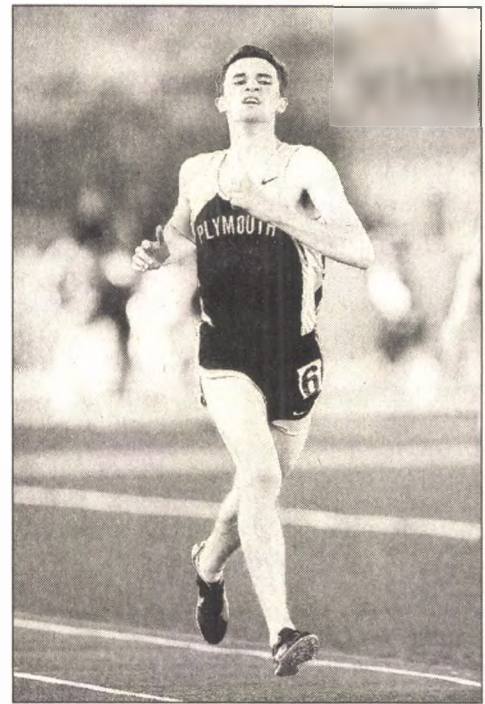
Distance medley relay: 1. Northville (Jason Ferrante, Dan Sims, Ryan Flanagan, Nick Noles), 10:47.43; 2. Plymouth, 11:00.82; 3. Franklin, 11:05.84; 4. Salem, 11:16.08; 5. Catholic Central, 11:26.76; 6. Churchill, 11:26.90.

800-meter relay: 1. Salem (Drake Jordan, Sean Davis, Guwoin Ingram, Steven Homrich), 1:30.74; 2. Plymouth, 1:32.36; 3. Catholic Central, 1:33.11; 4. Churchill, 1:33.32; 5. Harrison, 1:34.15; 6. Franklin, 1:35.13.

1,600-meter run: 1. Drew Lindman, Farmington, 4:32.59; 2. Jhaira Johnson, Garden City, 4:34.66; 3. Brandon Dalton, Plymouth, 4:36.51; 4. Steven



Salem's Steve McEvelly gains speed during the 1,600 run at Saturday's Observerland Relays.



Plymouth's Brandon Dalton closes in on the finish line of the 1,600 run.

McEvelly, Salem, 4:38.50; 5. Conor Naughton, Northville, 4:39.95; 6. Stephen Fenech, Stevenson, 4:41.04.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Matt Cohan, Ben Yates, Jon Alessandrini, George Bowles), 8:27.43; 2. Stevenson, 8:34.34; 3. Catholic Central, 8:37.57; 4. Farmington, 8:44.06; 5. Northville, 8:45.12; 6. Salem, 8:53.32.

100-meter dash: 1. Shakarri Hill, Wayne, 11.31; 2. Steven Homrich, Salem, 11.31; 3. Kevin Williams, Thurston, 11.45; 4. Dan Duncan, Franklin, 11.46; 5. Marcus Lane, Redford Union, 11.47; 6. Colby Morris, Canton, 11.48.

Sprint medley relay: 1. Northville (Bailey Edwards, Anthony Sourges, Ryan Flanagan, Eric Tang), 2:31.76; 2. Stevenson, 2:32.46; 3. Catholic Central, 2:32.70; 4. Harrison, 2:35.01; 5. Franklin, 2:35.71; 6. Canton, 2:36.70.

Shuttle relay: 1. Harrison (Jaylen Forest, Xalen Onyemelukwe, Michael Ojemudia, Marcus Reed), 1:01.48; 2. Catholic Central, 1:02.96; 3. Churchill, 1:03.59; 4. Canton, 1:08.60; 5. Plymouth, 1:10.01; 6. Farmington, 1:12.58.

400-meter relay: 1. Harrison (Josh Scott, Lorenzo Collins, Peyton Petersen, Gairus Coleman), 44.03; 2. Churchill, 44.90; 3. Franklin, 45.42; 4. Northville, 45.46; 5. Redford Union, 45.61; 6. Canton, 45.66.

1,600-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Lucas Bunting, Blerim Mera, Jonny Dalton, Max Rogowski), 3:28.41; 2. Catholic Central, 3:28.82; 3. Northville, 3:30.31; 4. Stevenson, 3:31.26; 5. Salem, 3:36.28; 6. Clarenceville, 3:36.39.

Young Chiefs get taste of relay competition

On the eve of the Observerland Relays, a number of Canton freshmen and sophomores competed at the Harrison Hawks Relays and earned valuable experience and — for some — medals for their efforts. Canton head coach Bob Richardson said Friday's event featured five medal-winning events, although team standings were not registered. The Chiefs brought 'A' and 'B' teams to Farmington Hills Harrison.

"It was very low key, no team scores," Richardson said. The veteran coach noted that the Hawks Relays could provide younger athletes experience "that's going to help for things later in the season and possibly for next year when they become the juniors and seniors." Meanwhile, he added that "we wanted to enter two teams because we have a lot of ninth and 10th graders. Everybody did at least

two events, some did three events and there were some personal records. We were real happy for the young guys." Canton's lone first-place finish was the high jump relay of Brett Lee and Alec MacDonald with a mark of 10 feet, nine inches. Finishing second with a time of 9 minutes, 28.8 seconds was the 3,200-meter relay tandem of Evan Childs, Alex Yokley, Peter Bruchnak and Billy Toth. Placing third in the pole

vault relay with a combined tally of 17-feet even were Canton's Ryan Winnicki and Nathan Albin; Winnicki teamed up with Mitch Morin to come in third in the long jump relay (33-3). The sprint relay team finished fourth with a time of 4:12.2 starting it off for the opening 400 meters was Tim Sweet, with Kevin Bindas and Winnicki each following with 200-meter legs. Anchoring the relay for the final 800 was Yokley.

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 to download forms for each camp.

Wolves/Hawks camps

The Wolves/Hawks Academy for boys and girls ages 4-9 will be from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through May 22, at Jaycee Park. For information, visit michiganwolveshawks.com; or email dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 4 at Stevenson

PARTICIPATING TEAMS (no team scores): Livonia Churchill (LC), Livonia Franklin (LF), Livonia Ladywood (LL), Livonia Stevenson (LS), Canton (Canton), Plymouth (Ply.), Farmington Hills Mercy (FHM), Southfield (S'field), Northville (N'ville), Birmingham Marian (BM), Lake Orion (LO), Warren Regina (WR), Dearborn (Dbn.).

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Amy Lewandowski (LL), 34 feet, 2.25 inches; 2. Emily Meier (Canton), 34-1; 3. Amber Warren (Canton), 33-11.5; 4. Emily Norscia (LC), 32-8.5; 5. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 32-4; 6. Chelsey Billingsley (LS), 30-5.5.

Discus: 1. Norscia (LC), 131-0; 2. Lewandowski (LL), 95-1; 3. Shelbi Hines (FHM), 89-1; 4. Meier (Canton), 88-11; 5. Krystyna Kitlinski (LL), 88-7; 6. Gabriel Carter (LC), 88-5.

High jump: 1. Eryka Ely (FHM), 5-1; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 5-1; 3. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 4-9; 4. (tie) Gabby Buscemi (WR) and

Lucia Azcunaga (LC), 4-6 each; 6. (tie) Sheila McKinley (LF), Juliet Hope (LC), Emily Chatterjee (LS) and Tamarind Forbes (S'field), 4-6 each.

Long jump: 1. Brianna Jed (LS), 16-3; 2. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-9.5; 3. Krashawn Willis (S'field), 15-7; 4. Kate Morris (LL), 15-1; 5. Anna Lectka (LS), 14-10; 6. Meaghan Warner (BM), 14-9.

Pole vault: 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (Plymouth), 10-6; 2. Emily Lang (Canton), 10-0; 3. Amanda Fox (LC), 9-6; 4. S. McKinley (LF), 9-0; 5. Sarah Simpson (LO), 8-6; 6. (tie) Bridget Alaniva (Canton) and Olivia Rytkarsky (LC) 8-0 each.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 16.17; 2. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.86; 3. Anna-Kay Barrett (S'field), 17.2; 4. Gabby Williams (Canton), 17.78; 5. Angela Lemanski (WR), 18.07; 6. Jeana Banka (Ply.), 18.23.

300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (LC), 46.94; 2. Williams (Canton), 50.53; 3. Taylour Tredwell (BM), 51.85; 4. Hannah Gove (LL), 51.97; 5. Banka (Ply.), 52.40; 6. Nikki Hawthorne (LF), 54.49; 6. Erica Burgess (LS), 54.49.

100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12.83; 2. Madison Agnew (LC), 12.9; 3. Charity Green (FHM), 12.92; 4. Jed (LS), 13.28; 5. Jasmine Crowley (LF), 13.43; 6. Eryka Ely (FHM), 13.6.

200: 1. Crystal Abernathy (S'field), 25.98; 2. Hofmann (LC), 26.85; 3. Chanel Gardner (LC), 27.51; 4. Bailey Hervey (S'field), 27.89; 5. Sam McGrath (Canton), 28.45; 6. Brianna Jed (LS), 28.64.

400: 1. Abernathy (S'field), 59.94; 2. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.71; 3. Julie Wonch (LF), 1:01.66; 4. Emily Brewer (LS), 1:02.24; 5. Amy Freed (LS), 1:02.66; 6. Ogechi Nwaopara (FHM), 1:03.45.

800: 1. Celeste White (FHM), 2:26.35; 2. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:30.5; 3. Julia Szuba (LC) 2:33.43; 4. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:34.49; 5. Adriana Smith (S'field), 2:34.55; 6. Jenna Hickson (LC), 2:34.86.

1,600: 1. Olivia McIntee (Canton), 5:28.89; 2. Azar (LC), 5:30.11; 3. Ellary Marano (LF), 5:30.56; 4. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:38.09; 5. Allysen Eads (FHM), 5:41.46; 6. Bayne Froney (LS), 5:41.55.

3,200: 1. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:10.0; 2. Kerigan Riley (LC), 12:20.99; 3. Froney (LS), 12:25.50; 4. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 12:32.99; 5. Natalie Douglas (LF), 12:39.72; 6. Natalie Martinez (LF), 12:42.81.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Gardner, Jarvis, Hofmann), 51.14; 2. Franklin, 52.95; 3. Mercy, 53.38; 4. Marian, 53.95; 5. Ladywood, 54.28; 6. Southfield, 54.42.

800 relay: 1. Southfield (Abernathy, Krashawn Willis, Kalisi Latta-Thompson, Carleena Toombs), 1:49.93; 2. Stevenson, 1:50.67; 3. Franklin, 1:51.67; 4. Marian, 1:52.06; 5. Canton, 1:55.0; 6. Ladywood, 1:56.0.

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Gallagher, Freed, Brewer Alison Timberlake), 4:15.7; 2. Marian, 4:22.72; 3. Southfield, 4:26.11; 4. Ladywood, 4:31.98; 5. Mercy, 4:38.73; 6. Plymouth, 4:40.23.

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Riley, Anderson, Szuba, Azar), 9:55.43; 2. Mercy, 10:31.05; 3. Stevenson, 10:39.26; 4. Crestwood, 10:57.17; 5. Southfield, 11:08.74; 6. Marian, 11:12.15.

Salem quartet strong at invite

Several members of Salem's varsity girls track and field team had outstanding performances at Friday's Golden Triangle Invitational at Saline High School. Those included Khyli Ray (100 meter dash), Anya Cho (1,600 and 3,200 runs), Rebecca Falzon (hurdles, discus) and

Dana Blankenship (discus). "We were not as sharp as I would have liked at this competition," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "We looked a bit tired and out of sync. We will try to refocus and reenergize for the conference finals on Friday."

Letter day for trio of Plymouth golfers

After Plymouth's "disappointing" showing Monday at the NexTee Boys Invite at Oakland Hills, three of the Wildcats varsity boys golf team had letter days on Tuesday — literally. Plymouth trounced Wayne Memorial 165-259 Tuesday at the Fox Hills Lake Course, with medalist honors going to junior Kyle Melnick (with a 36 for the day). Wildcats' head coach Nick Brandon, meanwhile, touted the performances by senior Brad Heuttner, junior Lucas Winkler and sophomore Andrew Lloyd. All three competed in their first varsity matches against Wayne, and their scores count-

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ed. Heuttner led the way with a 42, with Winkler and Lloyd chipping in with a 43 and 44, respectively. Brandon said all three earned their varsity letters in the dual match. Also on Plymouth's lineup card Tuesday was junior Alex Decker, with a 44. The victory gave the Wildcats a 5-0 record in the KLAA South Division with Wayne falling to 0-5. On Monday at Oakland Hills, however, the Wildcats finished 15th out of 30 teams at the NexTee invite. The runner-up medalist was Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes, with a 2-under 68.

Juniors Evan Chipman and Chris Kozler (78 and 79, respectively), senior Ryan Rieckhoff (80) and junior John Tatti (82) completed Plymouth's lineup. Winning with a total of 288 was Northville. "We simply weren't good enough to compete," Brandon said. "(It's) disappointing, because I know the guys were really excited to play Oakland Hills. And it was a real honor for us to play that course. "But this is a clear sign that we need to practice harder, focus better and value each shot." The invite was played on Oakland Hills' par-70 north course.



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Salem's Kristi Zink (No. 4) slides into home plate Monday ahead of the throw to Wayne Memorial's Emily Phillips (No. 7).

Ladywood kickers clinch division crown

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood soccer team broke new ground Tuesday night. The Blazers clinched their first Catholic League Central Division regular season title in school history with a 2-0 win Tuesday night over Birmingham Marian, No. 1 ranked in Division 2 and defending state champions. The Blazers, ranked No. 5 in Division 2, scored both of their goals in the second half with Abby Pelon scoring what proved to be the game-winner when she finished a shot from 20 yards out off an assist from Connor Huggins in the 68th minute. And just a minute later, Kennedy Bullard tipped in a cross from Jenna Urso to give Ladywood a two-goal cushion. "We set a bunch of goals at the start of the season and this was definitely one of them," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team improved to 14-2-2 over-

all and 7-0-2 in the division. "We're proud of this, but we have a couple more goals we are working towards." Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made six saves to record the team's 10th shutout of the season. Kaitlin Patouhas had four saves for the Mustangs (8-1-3, 6-1-2). "We really had to battle to get it done tonight," Shingledecker said. "Our defense and Sara Even were outstanding from start to finish. We received a major boost from our bench that produced two goals for us."

PLYMOUTH 8, JOHN GLENN 0: Alyssa Dillon scored three goals to pace host Plymouth (10-0-1, 5-0-1) Tuesday night against KLAA South Division rival Westland John Glenn. Other goal scorers for the Wildcats included Madi Lewis, Lauren Babcock, Sydney Rouse, Anna DeBiasi and Morgan Klubunde. **SALEM 1, NORTHVILLE 0:** Ali Eggenberger pitched a shutout for visiting Salem Monday in a KLAA Central Division matchup. Scoring the lone goal of the contest was Emma Tardiff, from Emily Hawks. The win upped Salem's re-

cord to 9-3-1 overall and 5-2-0 in the KLAA Central. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3, PARKWAY 0:** Three different players scored goals Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (8-1, 6-0) won its MIAC Red Division showdown at Sterling Heights Parkway (6-2, 4-0-1). Julia Yancy's indirect free kick in the first half proved to be the different, while Samantha Benner (unassisted) and Noelle Pierce (from Analee Kuhr) added second-half goals. Goalkeeper Angela Morrison made four saves to post the shutout. "Once again our defense and keeper played an outstanding game," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said. "Julia (Yancy) and Jessica (Drife) kept the defense organized. Everyone played hard and worked well together." **LADYWOOD 2, A.A. HURON 1:** Emily Huddleston's goal off an assist from Dominique Sarnecky with only five minutes remaining proved to be the different as Livonia Ladywood (13-2-2) edged Ann Arbor Huron (5-4-2) in a non-league match. Ladywood took a 1-0 lead in the 24th minute on Ani Ramon's goal from DeYana Walker, but Huron tied it up just before the half in the 37th minute on Chen Rael-Whitsett's goal. Ladywood goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl each made one save, while Ariel Freed had nine stops for the River Rats.

NAIA baseball pairings set

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced the pairings Monday for the 2013 NAIA Baseball Championship opening round and No. 18-ranked Madonna University is headed to the Cleveland, Tenn. bracket, hosted by Lee University. The Crusaders' appearance in the opening round is the third in program history and the first since 2010. MU (36-9), the bracket's No. 2 seed, is paired with No. 3-ranked and top-seeded Lee along with No. 24-ranked and third-seeded LSU-Shreveport. Avila (Mo.) is the bracket's fourth seed, while Grand View (Ia.) rounds out the five-team field as the fifth seed. Grand View and Avila open the tournament play at noon Thursday, while MU faces takes on LSU-

Shreveport at 3:30 p.m. with Lee set to take on the winner of the Grand View-Avila game at 7 p.m. All of the games will be played at Lee's Olympic Field. MU, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champion, is familiar with two of the other four teams in the field as the Crusaders are 3-0 this season against Lee and Avila. Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Divine Child Catholic) and Dan Stoney (Canton) combined to no-hit Avila on March 9 to close the Crusaders' spring trip as MU took a double-header by finals of 2-1 and 8-0. Gooding picked up his first win of the 2013 season on Feb. 9 in a 4-3 victory over No. 3 Lee. The senior right-hander struck out seven in his six innings.

The Pilots of LSU-Shreveport (40-16) come into the tournament having won 10 of their last 11 games after going 16-3 in the month of April. They captured their third straight Red River Athletic Conference tournament title last week and are making their fifth straight opening round appearance since the format started in 2009. The Pilots have won each of their last two opening round brackets to advance to the AVISTA NAIA World Series. Should MU defeat LSU-Shreveport, the Crusaders would move on to Friday's 3:30 p.m. game against the winner of Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. game. A loss would send the Crusaders to a Friday matchup against the loser of the Grand View-Avila game.

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Hunley along with a double by freshman Jamie Squires and a host of walks, errors and stolen bases mixed in. "The girls were aggressive today," Southerland said. "Their pitcher obviously wasn't the fastest, but they wanted to play a game today so they worked on their bunting a little bit, and their base running. "That's something you're supposed to do. We don't want them to get lazy just because there's wild pitches or passed balls. It's kind of instinctive now."

The continued hitting of Squires is something Southerland can't help but be pleased about as the team rolls through a compressed schedule due to numerous rainouts. "She's swinging a hot bat and we're hoping it stays hot," Southerland said. "For a freshman, she's the real deal." Salem faced Novi for a KLAA Central Division twinbill Wednesday and will host Plymouth at 4 p.m. Thursday in a make-up game. On Friday, the Rocks host Romulus and then face Canton in the annual game at Massey Field at 7 p.m. Monday.

PLYMOUTH 7, S.L. EAST 4: The Wildcats posted this KLAA

crossover softball win Monday thanks to three homers and a seventh-inning rally. Brooke Senkbeil and Mikayela Marciniak belted solo home runs, while Bri Giordano connected on a three-run shot to back the winning pitching of Marciniak (eight strikeouts). **STARS TOURNEY:** Plymouth finished third at last weekend's Stars Tournament, going 4-1 in the process. After posting wins over Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Pinconning and Allen Park, the Wildcats were nipped 7-6 by Dearborn Henry Ford in the semifinals. One of the Wildcats' big performers was senior pitcher Elaine Gerou, who pitched and won three games. Leading the offense were Brooke Senkbeil and Lindsey Lutton, each batting .500 for the tourney. Other standouts included Kayla Rebain (two homers), Brittney Miller (one homer) and Mikayela Marciniak (one homer).

Rocks, 'Cats teaming up to 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer'

Once again, two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park baseball programs are teaming up to send prostate cancer down swinging. On Saturday at the Park, Salem and Plymouth's varsity and junior varsity baseball teams will square off in the fourth annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer Day" fundraiser. Varsity teams will start the day 11 a.m. at Salem's varsity field. The Rocks and Wildcats varsity squads then will move over to Plymouth's diamond for the second half of the doubleheader (2 p.m. start). Also on the docket: a junior varsity game is set for 2 p.m. at Salem's main

field; at 11 a.m. the Salem and Plymouth freshman teams will compete. There will be no admission fee although donations will be accepted. Meanwhile, proceeds from concessions, 50/50 and raffle tickets also will be earmarked for the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Players are integral to helping the event and its mission be successful. They will sell tickets during Friday's lunch periods for prizes that will be raffled off to help meet the goal to raise \$2,000. During the game, they will don light blue wristbands provided by the Prostate Cancer Foundation to help raise awareness about the dis-

ease — reminding men and their families that regular checkups and screenings can help them live longer and healthier lives. "Strike Out Prostate Cancer Day" is sponsored by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Major League Baseball and Detroit Tigers. Nearly \$6,000 has been generated over the first three years of the event. For more information, go to <http://www.rocks-baseball.com/>. Or, to make a direct donation, send a check to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, ATTN: MHSBCA, 1250 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401. *

Big inning lifts Rocks

Run-scoring hits by Aaron Moore, Jack Driscoll, Demetrius Dunlap and Justin Sydlowski keyed Salem's six-run sixth inning Wednesday, giving the Rocks a 8-1 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial. Going six strong innings for Salem was starting pitcher Tyler Brooks, who struck out five and gave up six hits in the KLAA crossover varsity baseball tilt at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Salem (10-5 overall, 4-4 in the KLAA) got off to a quick 2-0 lead in the second thanks to RBI singles by Sydlowski and Lucas Salinas. That lead held up until the top of the sixth, when Jimmy Harden singled with two outs to score Kody Wojewski. But the Rocks immediately went to work on getting that run back when Austin Silletti led off by getting hit by a pitch. With runners on second and third and one out, Moore ripped a sizzling one-hopper that took a

PREP BASEBALL bad hop off the Wayne shortstop into left field to score courtesy runner Alex Nicholson for the first run of the frame. Driscoll then sent a low liner into center that the outfielder could not grab on the run, enabling Brandon Gillen to come home. Salem padded the lead to 6-1 when Dunlap singled to left to score Moore and Driscoll and Sydlowski finished the surge with his blast over the right fielder's head for a two-run double. Pitching the seventh inning for Salem to close out the win was Jeremy St. Laurent. On Saturday at Salem, the Rocks split a non-conference doubleheader with Dexter. Each game was decided by a 6-5 score. **Chiefs cage Lions** After Canton split a pair from Kalamazoo Saturday, the Chiefs rolled to a 5-2 victory over South Lyon on Monday.

Against the host Lions, Nick Hazergian was the story, giving up five hits, one earned run and fanning 13 batters while slugging an RBI double to break a 2-2 tie in the seventh. Chris Ferrill followed up Hazergian's clutch hit with a two-run double for some insurance runs in the KLAA crossover. The win upped Canton's record to 12-4 overall. On Saturday, the Chiefs defeated Kalamazoo 7-4 but dropped a 9-7 decision in Game 2. In the opener winning pitcher Jake Raymo scattered seven hits while Canton's offense was sparked by Tommy Parrelly (double, run, RBI). In the nightcap, Michael Stafford, James Hall and Joe Yager each collected two hits for the Chiefs. After Wednesday's KLAA South doubleheader against Livonia Church Hill, the Chiefs will face Westland John Glenn in the week's second division showdown.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Meijer West icers named Seven area players have been selected to represent the Metro West high school hockey team in the Meijer State Games, June 21-23, in the Grand Rapids area. Among those selected from Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson include junior forwards Devin Kelly, Tyler Irvine and Dominic Lutz. Also named to the squad from Livonia Churchill are junior defenseman Drew Pishes, junior goalie

David Turel and junior forward Andrew Sparks. Livonia Franklin junior forward C.J. Cromie also earned a spot in the squad that will be coached by Salem's Ryan Ossenmacher assisted by Gerry Vento (Plymouth) and Dan Whitener. **MU athletes earn salutes** Madonna University's Victor Barron (Fowlerville), who batted .476 and led the Crusader baseball team to a perfect 6-0 record, was named Wolverine-Hoosier-

Athletic Conference Player of the Week. Barron had two doubles and two triples among his 10 hits and also made 12 putouts along with 25 assists defensively. MU senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) was the second Crusader in as many weeks to earn WHAC Player of the Week in men's golf. Myers finished the 36-hole Spring Arbor Invitational with a 1-over 73-72-145 two day total to tie for first place medalist honors before losing to Davenport's Jorge Benitel in a one-game playoff.

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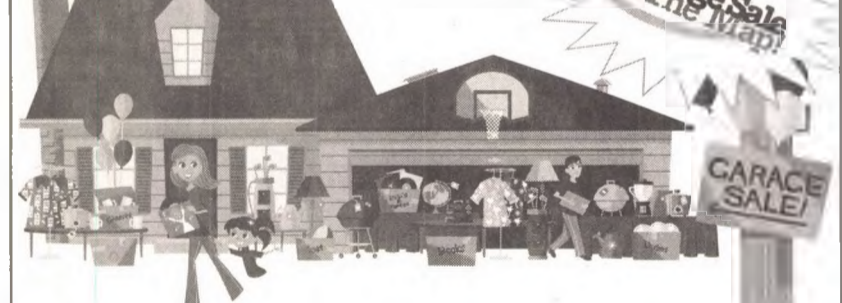
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Sat 5/11 9-3 6235
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Survey says: Buying a home can bring a young couple closer together

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Joe and Katie Allen are working to move into their new Superior Township home, which they've been fixing up the last six months.

"Hopefully getting to the end of it," he said. "Classic money pit." In the meantime, the Allens, both 32, are staying with their children, 3 and 5, at her parents' home in Canton.

The Allens sold their first Canton home in January. "Long-term value" is what he cites as an advantage of owning.

"We don't usually struggle to be on the same page," he said. He's the "make it happen person" on the home while his wife handles interior design.

They're doing 90 percent of the work themselves, and knew what it would cost, said Joe Allen, who owns an industrial parts distribution company. His wife is a homemaker.

Advice he'd give to other young couples buying a home

depends on the person and situation. Allen cautions against major changes if you're not on solid footing in your relationship now.

You need to prepare, he said, have your down payment in place and anticipate costs.

"Just have a good willingness to roll with what comes along," and plan, he said.

It's good to learn from others' experiences, Allen added.

John North, chief operating officer of Troy-based Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, agrees. "I think it speaks to the value of home ownership," said the 50-year-old Birmingham resident.

A recent survey done by Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel showed that many couples 18-34 are buying homes and, if done right, that can strengthen a relationship.

Millennials are waiting later to marry, North said. "Their belief that home ownership is part of the American dream, I think young people are acutely aware of that."



North purchased a home before he was married, and now lives with his wife in Birmingham. He too has words of wisdom for younger couples.

"They have to decide their needs and wants, and be willing to compromise," North said. Honesty's essential, and couples must be open about finances.

Planning ahead, even 10 years down the road, is also essential, he said, as is having fun. "There's probably nothing more rewarding," North said. "Enjoy it, have fun with it."

He agreed with Allen's assessment on the financial aspect of owning a home. "There's no question that home ownership throughout the years has proven one of the best investments," North said.

"Prices are on the rise pretty much across the board," Realtor North, in the field with CBWM for 15 years, said of the local market. "We're encouraged about the fact Michigan's doing a great job of attracting more jobs. We're encouraged and excited about the future."

He said younger couples now are career-focused but also interested in home ownership.

"We see the value of it, we know what it means to have a home," North said of older buyers. "It helps bring a family together."

He's been with CBWM his entire real estate career, and is encouraged by the local market. "Homes are available in every price range," North said, noting recent events have made bigger homes more affordable for younger couples.

The new study from Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC uncovered that about one in four married couples between the ages of 18-34 purchased their first home together before their wedding date, compared to 14 percent of those ages 45 and older. According to the survey, 35 percent of all married couples purchased their first home together by their second wedding anniversary, and 80 percent of married homeowners who purchased their home while married said it did more to strengthen their relationship than any other purchase they made together.

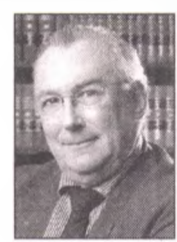
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Forcible entry suit doubtful

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: My parent's home has been foreclosed upon, but I have remained in possession despite notice that the agent for the closing purchaser intended to enter the premises and remove my parent's belongings while I was out of town. However, the agent entered the premises, removed the belongings, changed the locks, and affixed a "no trespassing" sign to the door. Do I have any basis to sue for forcible entry and detainer as well as conversion, which I am told are possible remedies?

A: Probably not based upon a recent decision from the State of Maryland which on similar facts found that a land owners right to re-enter a premises unlawfully detained had long existed at common law, so long as that



Robert Meisner

re-entry was peaceable, which was apparently the case here. The legislative procedure for obtaining a sheriff's writ of possession was only an alternative available to the landowner, which did not abrogate the common law right of self-help. The court also indicated that public policy supported the reasonable use of self-help in foreclosure repossession. However, you should check with your own attorney to see whether in fact the law in your jurisdiction may be different.

Q: We have a policy that allows one dog at the condominium with no size, weight or breed limitations. A co-owner wants to bring a pit bull into the condominium and we are concerned about that dog staying here. What can we do?

A: You may not have any basis to keep the dog out unless you amend your bylaws to restrict certain types of breeds. However, while Michigan has a strict liability policy with respect to dog bites, not all states do which led to a decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals which had to deal with the "one-bite rule" which holds that a victim must prove that the dog was dangerous or the bite was due to the negligence of the dog owner before liability is established. However, the Maryland Court of Appeals rejected the one-bite rule when the dog is a pit bull saying that pit bulls are "inherently dangerous," and a dog owner — and a landlord who allows the dog to reside in a rented apartment — could be held strictly liable. Moreover, the court in that case said "it is not necessary that the landlord (or the pit bull's owner) have actual knowledge that the specific pit bull involved is dangerous." Similarly, in a recent Kentucky Supreme Court case, the ruling was that a landlord who permits tenants to keep dogs could be as liable for the dog bite as the owner of the dog. You are best advised to speak with your community association attorney and/or if you are a landlord to take the appropriate precautions.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 14-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7425 Admiralty Dr	\$230,000
309 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$161,000
646 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$146,000
8750 Columbia Cir	\$143,000
7813 Corbin Dr	\$165,000
46490 Creekside Ct	\$228,000
41515 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$145,000
39757 Hillary Dr	\$125,000
4546 Hunters Cir E	\$64,000
43110 Keystone Ln	\$185,000
1660 Manton Blvd	\$185,000
648 Merrimac Rd	\$115,000
2493 Premier Ln	\$77,000
3405 Riverside Ct	\$196,000
3339 Riverside Dr	\$185,000
2076 S Brookhill Ln	\$77,000
43888 Shiloh Ct	\$164,000
43449 W Arbor Way Dr	\$72,000
1580 W Lakeview Ln	\$102,000
44205 Westminster Way	\$151,000
GARDEN CITY	
29418 Alvin St	\$26,000

31521 Bock St	\$52,000
31914 Donnelly St	\$35,000
6455 Fairfield St	\$75,000
32116 Florence St	\$70,000
271 Helen St	\$79,000
32944 John Hauk St	\$45,000
LIVONIA	
29646 Barkley St	\$127,000
20382 Beatrice St	\$60,000
17311 Bell Creek Ln	\$157,000
11300 Brookfield St	\$155,000
14232 Cavell St	\$95,000
36245 Club Dr	\$301,000
36276 Club Dr	\$30,000
18606 Deering St	\$65,000
14038 Denne St	\$130,000
17111 Dolores St	\$117,000
17121 Dolores St	\$95,000
14639 Ellen Dr	\$136,000
11698 Farmington Rd	\$88,000
18225 Fremont St	\$126,000
15937 Gary Ln	\$210,000
35621 Hees St	\$130,000
14112 Henry Ruff St	\$85,000
11422 Ingram St	\$162,000
8942 Knolson Ave	\$162,000
35259 Leon St	\$132,000
18797 Mayfield St	\$238,000
15610 Nola Cir	\$163,000
14585 Park St	\$120,000
36075 Parkhurst Ave	\$215,000
19019 Stamford St	\$204,000

36985 Vargo St	\$180,000
18849 Westbrook Dr	\$215,000
9829 Westmore St	\$60,000
9409 Westwind Dr	\$141,000
14812 Yale St	\$160,000
NORTHVILLE	
16356 Brookwood Ct	\$217,000
42199 Crestview Cir	\$338,000
39715 Golfview Dr	\$515,000
18994 Grande Vista Dr	\$100,000
406 Mountainview Dr	\$285,000
41624 Rayburn Dr	\$285,000
49762 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$500,000
PLYMOUTH	
17488 Williamsburg Ct	\$563,000
644 Adams St	\$183,000
49659 Draper Cir	\$110,000
698 Jener Pl	\$312,000
732 Kellogg St	\$47,000
41813 Lindsay Dr	\$215,000
717 McKinley St	\$252,000
641 S Harvey St	\$123,000
9609 Southworth Ave	\$120,000
11741 Spicer Dr	\$185,000
46671 Strathmore Rd	\$295,000
14845 Thornridge Dr	\$173,000
REDFORD	
8855 Appleton	\$32,000
18239 Delaware Ave	\$26,000
15405 Gaylord	\$48,000
9639 Hemingway	\$45,000

16052 Knight	\$34,000
11345 Leverne	\$43,000
12829 Leverne	\$44,000
12006 Nathalie	\$60,000
18428 Negaunee	\$45,000
9654 Riverdale	\$25,000
11401 Winston	\$70,000
WESTLAND	
27558 Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
39149 Armstrong Ln	\$92,000
36011 Avondale St	\$36,000
32224 Bertram Dr	\$84,000
36142 Canyon Dr	\$85,000
31958 Charlevoix Ct	\$10,000
35221 College St	\$19,000
8003 Coventry St	\$25,000
163 Dawson Ct	\$105,000
35521 Dove Trl	\$83,000
32500 Grandview Ave	\$82,000
36231 Hazelwood St	\$80,000
8589 Ingram St	\$119,000
33772 Lacrosse St	\$80,000
30215 Marshall Ct	\$86,000
33309 Mill Race Cir	\$85,000
5895 N Christine	\$127,000
5719 N Parent St	\$20,000
30651 Nelson Cir	\$127,000
520 Patinghill St	\$119,000
1303 Sharon St	\$60,000
1267 Surrey Hts	\$105,000
33100 Woodworth Ct	\$50,000

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BEVERLY HILLS	
31851 Beverly Ct	\$220,000
30279 Embassy St	\$125,000
BIRMINGHAM	
570 Aspen Rd	\$680,000
638 Dewey St	\$1,400,000
200 Greenwood St	\$800,000
1742 Mansfield Rd	\$274,000
731 Willits St	\$425,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1462 Inwoods Circle Ct	\$1,245,000

1295 Forest Ln	\$375,000
4146 Meadow Way	\$189,000
97 Whysall Ln	\$635,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5930 Franklin Rd	\$1,525,000
6659 Vachon Ct	\$240,000
4170 Valley Forge Rd	\$262,000
6180 Westmoor Rd	\$260,000
278 Westwood Dr	\$1,350,000
615 Windsor Run	\$330,000
711 Wooddale Rd	\$545,000
COMMERCIE TOWNSHIP	
2941 Gabriel Dr	\$115,000
2370 Yasmin Dr	\$55,000
FARMINGTON	
31708 Sherwood St	\$65,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28801 Aranel St	\$165,000
21417 Archwood Cir	\$135,000
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estate agents. The next class begins Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. and runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m. for five weeks (no class Memorial Day). The address is 41017 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The cost is \$99 for the 40-hour class and the book. To register, call Holly at (734) 459-4500.

Keller Williams seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee at a career seminar 6:30-7:30

p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For information, contact Jim Raines, (734) 459-4700 or jimraines@kw.com <mailto:jimraines@kw.com >.

Assessment collection

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a seminar on Wednesday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m. covering the assessment collection dilemma.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium or community association. Explore how to successfully navigate the new challenges in assessment collections for associations. Cost is \$45 for UCOM members (\$65 per person for nonmembers of UCOM). For registration information, contact United Condominium Owners of Michigan; www.ucomonline.org; (248) 352-8490; e-mail: info@ucomonline.org.

Chili lovers can sample their favorite fare at Livonia cookoff

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Gary Ray hopes to boost interest in the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show by holding it this weekend in Livonia.

The event, which was held in various locations over the past few years, starts at 9 a.m. with chili cooks setting up their tables, and ends at 4:30 p.m. with judges announcing the winners. The competition, sanctioned by the International Chili Society, (ICS) is set for Saturday, May 11 at Monahan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, south of Eight Mile. It's title refers to Michigan, the state, not the university.

"Years ago it was held at The Lark restaurant (West Bloomfield) and then it went to various other venues. The guy running it got busy and it got to the point that they would throw up a tent in the middle of a parking lot and nine or 10 cooks would show up," said Ray, an avid chili cook and a Livonia resident. "I wanted to start bringing it back to its old way."

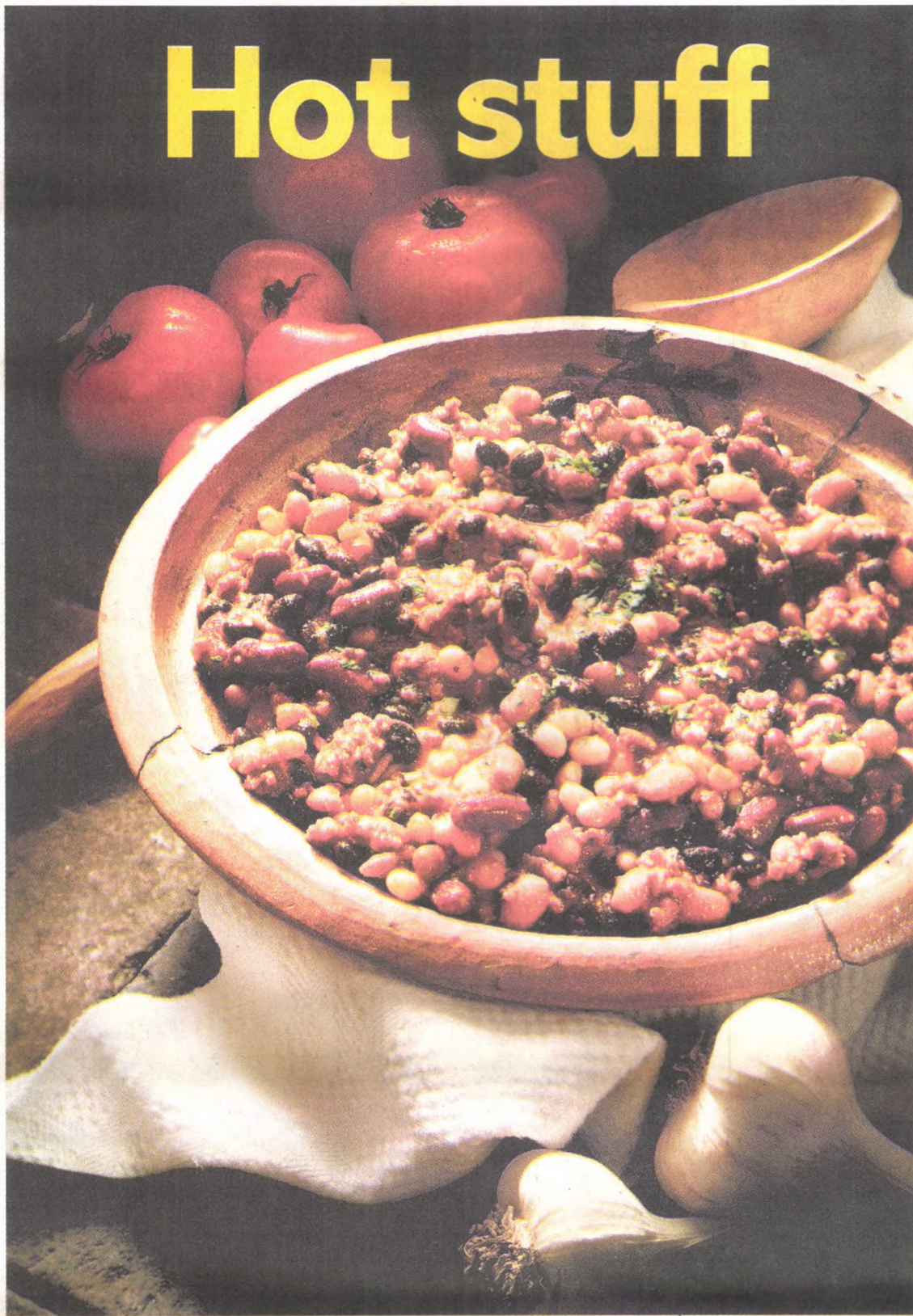
Ray and his wife, Lauren, won the ICS's world championship in the chili verde competition in 2008 and 2011. Top winners in the Michigan State Chili Cookoff's chili verde, salsa and red chili categories will win the right to compete in a world championship.

Ray said the Livonia event has drawn entrants from six states.

"I think we've got 35 (cooks) in the traditional red chili. There probably will be four world champs in red and probably three in chili verde will be there and two or three in salsa. Lauren and I won't be cooking in it because we're putting it on."

Ray began participating in chili cookoffs after watching a friend compete.

"I like cooking. I made my own chili at home and goofed



Taste competitive and "People's Choice" chili at the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show Saturday, May 11, in Livonia.

around with it. It took a number of years to get my first win, but it's fun."

He said he enjoys meeting other cooks and described competitors as friendly and helpful. He recalled watching the wind take down his cooking booth during an event in Illinois.

"It wasn't 10 minutes later that, whatever I lost in the crash, everyone ran over and gave me their extras."

Lauren initially helped while he cooked and then a few years into their hobby, decided to cook with him.

Unlimited samples

Admission to the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show is a \$10 donation at the door for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Visitors get unlimited tastings of the competitive chili and salsa, along with the cooks' non-competitive "People's Choice" entries.

Judging for salsa will be at 1 p.m., for chili verde at 2 p.m., and for red chili at 3 p.m.

Ray said suggests that the public arrive any time after 11:30 a.m.

"That's when the serious cooking is going on," he said. "A lot of people find it fascinating to find out how we do it on site. They'll get to see the cooking."

Several baskets, including one with a garden-theme and another filled with lottery tickets, will be raffled during the cookoff.

Ray said classic car owners are welcome to participate in the car show outside the venue at no charge.

For more information about the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show, call Ray at (734) 422-2744 or e-mail to lauren1ray@sbcglobal.net.

For more about the ICS visit chilicookoff.com

Celebrate spring with an egg-cellent outdoor brunch

Take advantage of warmer weather by hosting an outdoor brunch with egg-tastic recipes that are sure to please your friends and family.

Here's a list of items to consider when preparing for your outdoor brunch:

Angelic Eggs - Take hard-boil eggs, remove the yolks and combine with mayonnaise, chopped salmon, dill, Tabasco Original Red Sauce and salt; then refill the egg whites and serve.

Dog-Day Fruit Salad - Combine your favorite fresh fruits, such as strawberries, blueberries and raspberries, with orange juice, orange peel, and honey.

Classic Bloody Mary - Combine tomato juice, vodka, Worcestershire sauce, lime juice and Tabasco Original Red Sauce; stir, and pour over ice. Garnish with a celery stalk.

For more brunch recipes, visit www.Tabasco.com.

Eggs Benedict Casserole

Makes 6 servings

6 cups French bread, cut into cubes
12 large eggs
1 1/2 cups milk
3 tablespoons fresh chives, chopped

1 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce, divided
12 ounces Canadian bacon, chopped
1 (9-ounce) package Hollandaise sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Place French bread cubes in 8-cup shallow casserole dish. Beat eggs, milk, chives, salt and 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce in large bowl; stir in Canadian bacon. Pour over bread cubes. Let mixture stand 5



Eggs Benedict Casserole

minutes. Bake 40 minutes or until mixture is puffed and set.

Meanwhile, prepare Hollandaise sauce as package directs. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon of Tabasco sauce. Keep warm until ready to use.

Serve casserole with warm Hollandaise sauce.

Peppered Bacon & Egg Biscuit Sandwich

Makes 4 servings

8 slices bacon
2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce

8 large eggs
2 tablespoons milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
2 teaspoons butter
4 large baked biscuits, halved
4 slices American cheese

Preparation

Heat oven to 400° F. Place bacon slices on a baking sheet with sides or in a large casserole

dish and brush generously with Tabasco Sauce. Bake until crisp; about 18 minutes. Remove to a paper-towel lined plate and set aside.

In a medium bowl beat together eggs, milk, salt and black pepper. Melt butter in a skillet over medium-low heat. Add the eggs and cook, stirring often, until set; about 5 minutes.

Divide the cooked eggs into 4 portions. Place 1 portion of eggs, 2 slices of bacon and 1 slice of cheese on each of the 4 biscuit bottoms, cover with the 4 biscuit tops and serve.

Steak & Eggs Breakfast Tostadas

Makes 4 servings

2 teaspoons olive oil
2 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce
4 (6-inch) corn tortillas



Steak & Eggs Breakfast Tostadas



Peppered Egg & Bacon Biscuit Sandwich

6 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup chunky salsa
8 ounces cooked skirt steak, thinly sliced
1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced

Fresh chopped cilantro

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In a small cup, combine olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce. Brush tortillas with mixture and bake 15 minutes or until crisp.

In a medium bowl beat eggs, salt, and remaining 2 teaspoons Tabasco Sauce. Melt butter in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add egg mixture and stir gently, lifting up bottom as it thickens to allow uncooked eggs to run underneath. Cook and stir until desired doneness is reached.

To serve, top each tortilla with salsa, sliced steak, eggs, and avocado. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Spinach, Tomato and Parmesan Frittata

Makes 4 servings

6 large eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon fresh thyme
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups loosely packed chopped fresh spinach
4 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce

1/2 cup chopped tomato, seeds removed
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to broil. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, thyme, and salt. Melt butter in 10-inch oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add spinach and saute until just wilted, about 1 minute. Whisk Tabasco Sauce into egg mixture, lower heat to medium-low, and pour in eggs. Cook for 2 minutes, stir, and continue cooking until bottom is set, about 2

more minutes. Sprinkle the top with chopped tomato and cheese.

Place skillet under the broiler and cook until frittata is golden, 5 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes and serve.

Baja Breakfast Wraps

Makes 4 servings

1 cup cooked, diced chicken breast
1/2 cup tomato salsa
1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
1 teaspoon olive oil
4 large eggs, beaten
4 8-inch flour tortillas
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup guacamole

Combine the chicken, salsa and red sauce in a small saucepan set over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until ingredients are hot and liquid evaporates; about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

Heat olive oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add the eggs and cook, stirring often, until set.

Warm tortillas according to package instructions. Spoon eggs into warm tortillas; top with chicken mixture, cheese and guacamole. Roll each tortilla into a tight cylinder, burrito style. Serve immediately.

SHOWS

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the Arts and Acts Festival that also offers a film festival, literature competition, and theater performances, along with food and music. The visual arts portion of the festival will offer works by more than 85 artists, a children's art area, miniature art hunt and more. Festival hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30, in downtown Northville; www.ci.northville.mi.us and click on "community" and then arts commission.

• Art in the Park

Put on your best walking shoes for this annual event that runs 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14 in and around Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. More than 400 artists will sell their works. Music, food and interactive art round out this show. Visit www.artinthepark.com.

• Art Festival

The festival, which runs 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 20 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at The Marquee of Redford Township, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford Township, includes juried artist booths, theater, dance, music, creative writing, food, art demonstrations and live entertainment. Free arts workshops in music, literature and visual arts run noon-5 p.m. both days. Stop by one of the interactive art stations and make music, paint, write and sculpt. Visit www.rpaconservancy.org.



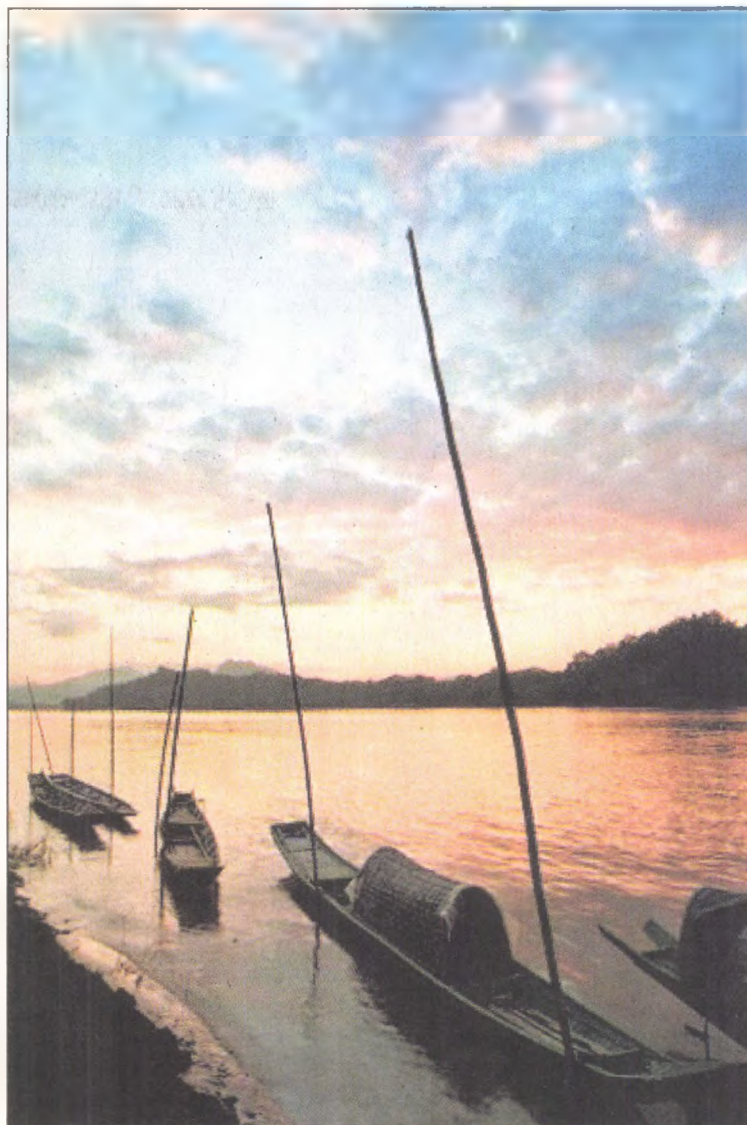
Robert Koss of Farmington Hills shows some of his handcrafted wood items. He'll be on hand at Art Birmingham Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12.

• The Ann Arbor Art Fairs

More than 1,000 artists will sell their works in this four-day, four-fair extravaganza of art, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 17-19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20, in and around Ann Arbor. The event consists of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, The Ann Arbor Summer Fair, The State Street Area Art Fair, and the South University Art Fair. For more information, visit www.artfairs.visitannarbor.org

• Milford Memories Art in the Village

More than 200 exhibitors sell their works, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11 in downtown Milford. Music, a Civil War encampment, rock wall, children's activities, and other events are scheduled in addition to the art fair. Visit milfordmemories.com



Doug Remien of Farmington will sell his photos at Art Birmingham, Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12, in downtown Birmingham.

• 16th Annual Ford Arts, Beats & Eats

This event, held Labor Day weekend, offers an art fair with more than 150 booths, as well as continuous entertain-

ment, food and other activities, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2, in downtown Royal Oak. Visit artsbeats.com.

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in July and another Birmingham show in September. Several of the shows will be held out of state, which gives her a chance to "see this wonderful USA, work and have fun, too." "I don't need extra vacations."

Painting, nursing

Spraul travels to her native Germany at least annually to visit family and photograph the flower fields and gardens that inspire her paintings.

She "always painted" while growing up on a farm in Renchen-Ulm, a small town near the Black Forest. Spraul studied nursing in college and later worked at a hospital, taking classes at a nearby art academy in her spare time. When she moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1994, she continued her art instruction with private classes. She and her husband also raised two children, a son who is in medical school, and a daughter who graduated from the University of Michigan last year.

Three years ago the couple moved to Livonia, where Spraul works out of her studio at home.

"Everything is perfect here. When I look out the window there is a pond with a fountain. It's very inspiring."

For more about Spraul's paintings, visit barbarakgallery.com. For more about Art Birmingham, a juried show with 150 artists, go to Art-Birmingham.org.



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Livonia artist captures the joy of spring on canvas

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

Barbara Spraul's gladiolos, sunflowers, poppies and wildflowers are in full bloom.

The Livonia artist has tended to her floral canvases with a palette knife and patience since last October.

"It's my gardening," she said, with a laugh. "I use only oil paint. I build it up in layers. Some paintings have more than 20 layers. I do the poppies and let it dry. Put in a layer of sweet grass and let it dry. Do daisies on top so that it looks three-dimensional and let it dry. Go back to the grass and build it up. Oil has a long drying time — four days to a week. In the summer I can put them in the sun outside to speed it up a little. But there is no quick fix. It's a lot of work. I work on canvases that take two to six months to finish and I work almost every day. I take Sunday off.

"I start at 8:30 a.m. and finish in the night at 11. I'm so passionate about painting. It's not work. I love it. I would do it anyway, but it's nice when they pay me for it."

Spraul will let her "garden" take root this weekend at the two-day fine art festival, 32nd Annual Art Birmingham, in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. She's one of several local artists participating in the show that runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 12. Thomas LeGault of Plymouth will be on hand with his colorful paintings; Doug Remien of Farmington will show his photos; and Robert Koss of Farmington Hills, who is new to the art festival scene, will offer handcrafted wood pieces, including coasters, lamps and clocks.



Barbara Spraul of Livonia shows one of her sunflower paintings. She'll sell her works Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12, at Art Birmingham in downtown Birmingham.

Outdoor shows

Spraul has shown her work in galleries for the past 10 years and for seven years at fine art fairs. Her husband convinced her to attend her first outdoor fair, which she figured would be a one-time experience.

"I was thinking it wasn't for me. It was a little show in Birmingham and it went so well. People bought and bought and bought," she recalled. "The next weekend there was a show in Frankenmuth. I called and said, yes, I'd like to do another. Then I called everyone."

Spraul discovered that she could make a living painting and selling her work at festivals. She also enjoyed talking with customers at the shows. "It's not easy. There is a lot



of preparing," she said, "but I love it."

Her husband will help her set up her booth at the 14 fairs she'll attend this year, including the Ann Arbor State Street Fair

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Flowers inspire Barbara Spraul's paintings.

More art fairs

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's annual Art Birmingham kicks off a spring-summer season of outdoor fine arts fairs in metro Detroit. Here's a sampling:

• Art on the Grand

The event runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 2 on Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove street and includes 100 artists, entertainment, children's activities, face painting and food. For more information, call 248-473-1856. For a schedule of performances, visit www.downtownfarmington.org.

• Berkley Art Bash

Take a stroll 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 8 on 12 Mile, between Tyler and Wakefield in downtown Berkley and see works by more than 100 artists, including Lori O'Connor of Redford with original photography. Hear live music and shop stores. Food trucks will be on hand; www.berkleyartbash.com.

• 17th Annual Royal Oak Clay, Glass & Metal show

Find anything you'd ever want in ceramics, glass and metal — from jewelry to lawn sculptures — at this show with more than 100 artists, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 8 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9, on Washington at Fifth in downtown Royal Oak. For more information visit www.royaloakchamber.com

• 25th Annual Art in the Sun

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ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford
Details: A dessert social will follow the service
Contact: Diane at (313) 937-2424

ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Service celebrates Jesus' ascension and will be followed by a free ice cream social
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast with ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

CAMP ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Now through May 31
Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland
Details: Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing
Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Rent a space and keep the profit from your sale. Space rental is \$25
Contact: (734) 326-7000

CONCERT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 12

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The Concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will present a concert of sacred songs. The 31 singers, under the direction of Leonard A. Proeber, have toured annually since 1955, with appearances in more than 30 states, Canada and Europe. No admission charge, but a free will offering will be accepted
Contact: (313) 532-8655

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11
Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi
Details: Julian Gargiulo will play "Piano Concerto No. 2 in c minor" by Rachmaninoff and Naomi Yamaguchi will play "Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488" by Mozart. Both will perform on a Steinway piano. The concert honors the future new Steinway piano for the church. Tickets are \$25, available in advance, online at olpsmusic-efevent.eventbrite.com, through mail order at olpsmusic.org/2013/files/ticketorderform.pdf, or at the door
Contact: (248) 347-7778

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. every Sunday
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church has started a contemporary mid-day service on Sunday. Other Sunday events are a prayer service at 9 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 12:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6 p.m.
Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491

LADIES BRUNCH

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11
Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, one block north of Five Mile near Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Robin Sullivan of WMUZ 103.5 is the guest speaker. Reservations deadline is May 8. A love offering will be taken at the event to help offset costs
Contact: RSVP to (313) 535-3100

MOM2MOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 18
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile,

one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Early bird admission from 9-10 a.m. is \$2. Admission from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. is \$1. Strollers are welcome
Contact: (734) 513-4121

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Kindergarten through eighth grade classes and preschool will be in session, giving visitors an understanding of a typical day as they watch youngsters learn and interact with staff. The Young 5's program director will be available to answer questions regarding this new program. Visitors will be able to take a guided tour through the school. The administration will be available to answer questions
Contact: (734) 425-4420 or e-mail to atonissen@stgenevieve.org; www.stgenevieve.org/school

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. May 19
Location: Community room, Prentiss Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park

Details: Stitch and kvell session. Bring any newly-finished or in-progress projects to show off or get help with.
Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: pre-sale, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 16-17 and 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 18

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Venoy, south of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Admission for pre-sale is \$1. Admission free Thursday-Saturday. \$5 bag sale on Saturday
Contact: (734) 425-0260

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile in Livonia

Details: Gently-used furniture, household items, clothing, children's books, toys and more will be sold. Lunch will be available. Rent a table for \$20 or two tables for \$30. Tables are 8 feet long and the deadline for reservations is May 15. Proceeds from lunch and table rental go toward mission projects. The event is sponsored by United Methodist Women
Contact: Jane Welton at (248) 417-9077 with questions or for table rental

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RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Sale is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18; donate items to the sale, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 17

Location: St. Valentine's School gym 25875 Hope Street, Redford

Contact: (313) 533-7149

SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: David Trotter of Canton, will talk about some of his many adventures discovering sunken ships in the Great Lakes. Trotter, a diver, author, and lecturer, has been featured on television and in newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada. His organization, Undersea Research Associates uses sophisticated state-of-the-art equipment for underwater search and survey for archeological and commercial purposes. \$5 donation at the door
Contact: Nancy McDonald at (734) 7235

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 18

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Details: Participants will sell items to the public. They contribute to the church youth trip to the National Convention and to church quilts who make and send quilts to Lutheran World Relief each year. Last year church quilts sent 212 quilts to those in need
Contact: Dianne Sherman at (734) 812-5172

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: RSVP by May 10 for this event starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Widowed men and women only may attend social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Cards, games and conversation follows dinner. No walk-ins or late-comers will be allowed
Coming up: Mass, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. Refreshments follow. Call Pat at (734) 895-6246 for more information
Contact: Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Carol at (313) 562-3080

June

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9

Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi

Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Raetzl. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID
Contact: (248) 347-7778

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

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

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

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COSGROVE, JEAN

May 6, 2013; age 78. Loving wife of the late Terry. Cherished mother of Tim (Karen), Jim (Val), Pat (Mary Jo), Mick (Linda) and Dan (Julie). Dear grandmother of Renae, Tom, Teri, Jim, Joe, Jackie, Maggie, Ryan, Erin, Shannon, Cara and Evan. Hardworking and devoted RN at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for 40 years. Visitation today from 3-9 pm with Vigil Service 7:30 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. In state Friday 10 am until time of service 10:30 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery.
www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

POMPA, MANUEL M.

May 6, 2013, age 90 of Novi. Beloved husband of the late Angelina for 55 Years. Loving father of Jerry (Candy), Roy (Susan), and Dave (Lisa). Dear grandfather of Erica (Kalani) Muragin, Stephen (Araceli), April (Scott) Rieli, Christine and Jordan. Dearest great-grandfather of Emilio, Mason, Makena, Mia, Samantha, and Dominic. Manuel was the oldest of 11 brothers and sisters. He leaves behind many loving family and friends. A memorial visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home- Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan) Livonia Friday 2-7PM with a 7PM funeral service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the National Parkinson's Foundation. Please share memories at Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



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