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## District considering changes to TAG program

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The parents of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students participating in the Talented and Gifted program who are worried about the program going away anytime soon probably don't have to worry.

Parents of TAG students who want the district to maintain the program in its present magnet-school state might not be so lucky.

A TAG study group composed of educators, administrators and parents is looking at options for the program and, while at least the housing component will stay the same for the 2014-15 school year, district officials haven't yet committed to what the program will look like beyond that.

Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen confirmed recently the program - with new selection criteria for 2014-15 - will remain housed at Miller and Dodson elementary schools and at East

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## Open house offers look at skilled trades

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

With the need for skilled trades manufacturing workers growing across the country and especially in Michigan, Schoolcraft College is planning an applied sciences open house for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The first-of-its-kind open house at Schoocraft is being organized by Gene Keyes, who directs the community college's manufacturing department, and is designed for high school and middle school students who are looking at career options in the trades and at the post-secondary education needed to land those jobs. Students who have creative minds or like to work with their hands are good fits for high-tech manufacturing, Keyes said.

Keyes said he wants to show young people what kinds of manufacturing opportunities are out there

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## City water rate rising, trash fee holds

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

It'll cost a little bit more to wash dishes, do laundry, flush and bathe in Plymouth starting this summer.

The monthly fee for trash-hauling, however, will remain steady - for the time being.

The Plymouth City Commission approved Monday increased water and sewer rates and maintained the current trash-cart fee, with a pair of voice votes.

The water and sewer increase will take the city's com-

bined retail rate from \$10.89 to \$11.34 for every 1,000 gallons of water used, beginning in July. With the average household using 18,000 gallons of water every three months, the increase will hike the average quarterly water bill to \$215.68, according to city officials. That average includes the fee for water used and a service charge of \$11.56 for a five-eighths-inch water meter, the typical household meter size.

The move is in response to wholesale price increases from Detroit (for water) and Wayne County (for sewage treatment

that are expected to be in place this summer. Plymouth's water and sewer budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year, including capital improvement projects, totals about \$5.25 million.

### Cart fee stable

Meanwhile, the monthly fee for the weekly pickup of a 65-gallon household trash cart will stay at \$10 for now.

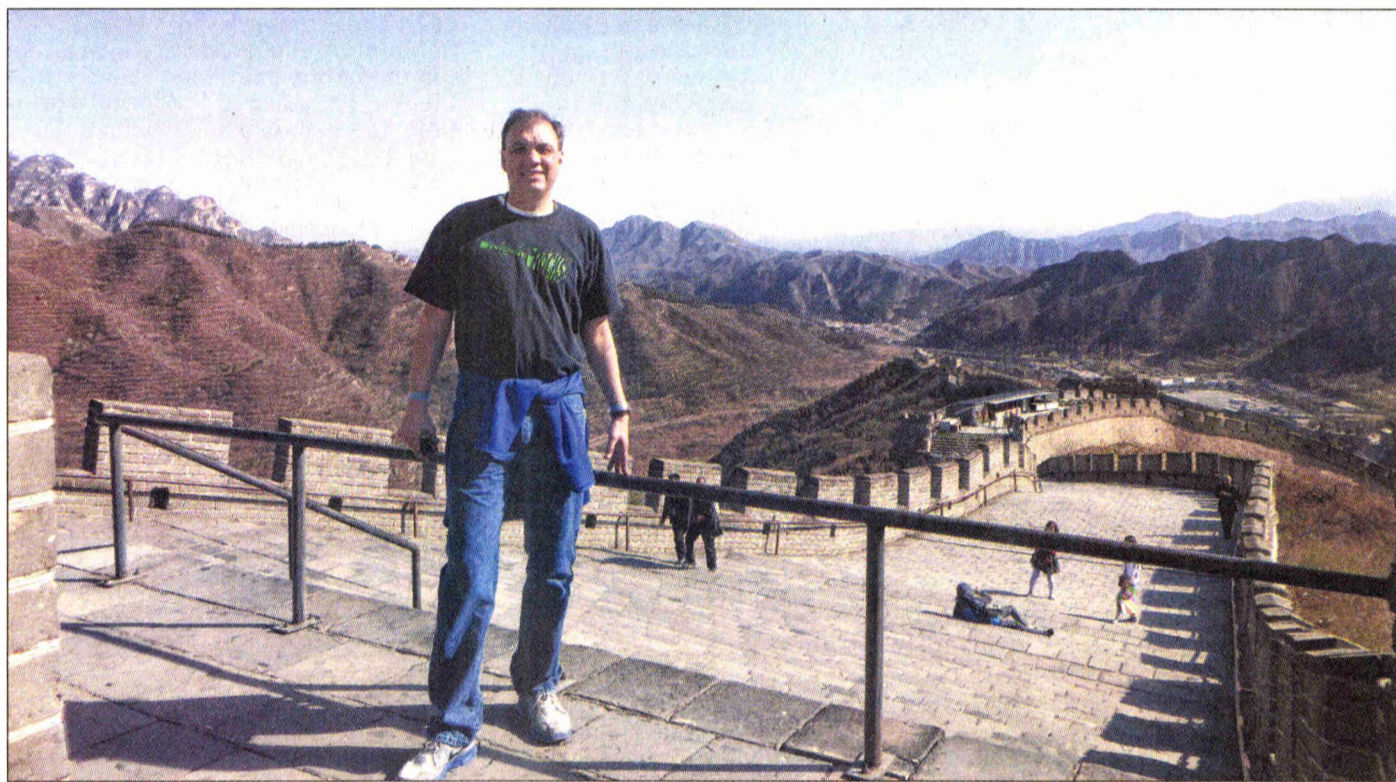
Officials say they want to hold off on any change in the cart fee until after a new solid-waste contract is reached later this year. The many variables in the waste-hauling market-

place, plus the pickup options officials might put into a contract, could affect the price and result in greater - or reduced - cart fees, they say.

The city will soon be seeking bids for a new contract, which is expected to be in place by the fall.

For households that put trash at the curb in specially purchased plastic bags, as an alternative to the carts, the price was also kept the same, at \$3 a bag, sold in rolls of 10. The bags are available at city hall,

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Wes Graff sports a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Plymouth Rocks T-shirt on the Great Wall of China. CHINA PHOTOS COURTESY OF WES GRAFF

## CHAMBER PRESIDENT FINDS CHANGE, CHALLENGES IN CHINA

Group explores economic opportunities

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

From gleaming new urban development and a workforce closely aligned with business needs to smog-filled air and traffic-filled streets, Wes Graff got an up-close look last month at China's new status as an economic superpower.

Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, was among nine chamber executives, most from chambers in Michigan, who took a nine-day trip to China in April with the aim of forging business ties and cultural understanding.

He came away impressed with the country's - and its cities' - size and ability to mobilize economically, but also feeling good about the Plymouth area's potential for drawing investment from China.

"I do think we are a good fit as a region" for Chinese investment, Graff said at the chamber office Monday, noting that Chinese business leaders view southeast Michigan as an 11-county region and know Detroit as the car capital. "It helps that we already have an established pocket of international businesses."

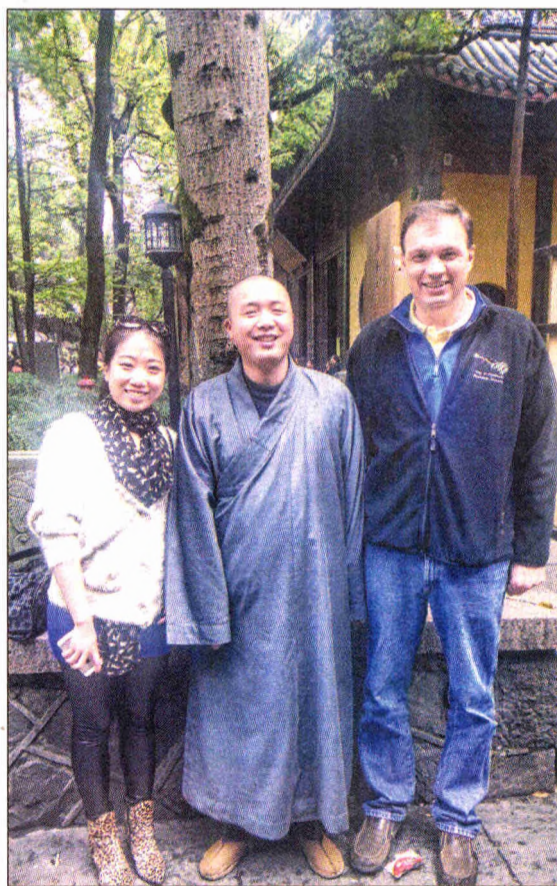
### Economic challenge

At the same time, Graff said, what he saw of China's government-planned economy poses challenges for the U.S., particularly in the way infrastructure projects get done quickly and the way students are given the specific skills their future employers will need.

"They have done a really good job of aligning infra-

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Graff poses with a monk and a Chinese woman in western casual dress.



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# Mini-hearing targets business regulation

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

## Call for 'balance'

Two members of the U.S. House of Representatives took aim Tuesday at what they characterized as government overreach, convening a field hearing in Plymouth Township on the impact of regulations on small businesses.

Michigan Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, brought House colleague Rep. John Mica, R-Florida, to Plymouth Township Hall to hear testimony from executives in the business community.

Mica chairs the oversight committee's subcommittee on government operations and was the only subcommittee member at the hearing, which drew about 40 people.

Bentivolio, a freshman who faces a Republican primary challenge from Oakland County businessman David Trott, said after the hearing that he wants to "loosen the stranglehold" that some regulations have. He sees a need for government regulation - citing the work of the Environmental Protection Agency in the 1970s as an example - but said "you have to find a balance."

"You have people in Washington who never worked a day in a real job dictating what people in the trenches can do," he said.

The hearing witnesses were Chris Fisher, president of Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan; Janet Kaboth, president of Whitacre Greer Co., an Alliance, Ohio, brick and paver manufacturer;

Michael Lenahan, president of Resource Recovery Corp. of West Michigan; and Richard Kligman, president of Superb Custom Homes, an area construction firm.

All seemed to agree that government regulation has gone too far. "We need to get back to where we're working together," Lenahan said, referring specifically to the EPA, which, he said, has developed a "command and control" relationship with his industry.

"There's not always a demonstration of need (for certain regulations) that's fully articulated or researched," Fisher said. Some rules, he said, seem to be government's way of "picking winners and losers" rather than a response to a genuine need.

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# CHINA

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structure needs, labor and business together," Graff said. The Chinese, he said, like to say they've put communism and capitalism together.

While he's not advocating a "command economy," Graff noted, the U.S. needs to do more to give citizens the education they'll need, especially in engineering and high-tech manufacturing, to compete in a global economy. More "strategic immigration" to the U.S., to bring in workers with specific skills not readily available here, is also needed, Graff said.

"We're competing in a world where people (in other countries) can fill those jobs," he said.

The condition of Michigan's road's, Graff said, is an example of infrastructure here failing business needs.

"Not a lot of potholes in China," he said. The group spent most of its time in major cities, however.

The chamber delegation's trip included

visits to factories and a tea plantation, dinner with the chief of Beijing's commerce department and lunch at a family home in one of Beijing's older neighborhoods. They also visited tourist destinations like the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square and Beijing's Forbidden City, home to Chinese emperors for several centuries starting in the 1400s.

Led by two English-speaking tour guides - such guides are highly prized in China, Graff said, and work hard to keep their jobs - the group visited Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai.

## City planning

"The sheer size of their cities is just amazing to me," Graff said.

Graff said the chamber group was especially impressed with Suzhou, a planned metropolitan area of about 10 million people in which most of the growth occurred in the last 20 years. Suzhou has factories producing a variety of goods, scenic waterways, high-rise buildings and the giant China-Singapore Suzhou

Industrial Park that includes a 75,000-student university and a human-resources "assurance" program that promises to provide employers with workers who have the skills they need.

Graff said he and other chamber representatives got to mingle with everyday Chinese. They were sometimes mobbed by street vendors, photographed by people excited to see American visitors and were able to haggle with shopkeepers in marketplaces.

The Chinese, he said, are well aware of the major problems they face, such as air pollution and traffic congestion, and are working on solutions.

In Beijing, he said, there is a limit on vehicle licensing and aspiring car-buyers have to win a lottery in order to be among those eligible to license one.

"The highways are just jammed. Beijing is unbelievable - it's a traffic jam all the time," he said.

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# WATER

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the Department of Municipal Services and at the Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads.

Officials are looking at an increase of 0.2 of a mill in the property tax that supports solid waste disposal. The increase would bring the millage to 1.92, or \$1.92 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

Commissioner Diane Bogenrieder was absent Monday.

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# TRADES

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and help meet a growing need for skilled manufacturing workers that's expected to increase even more as older workers now in the field retire. He also wants to introduce people to the new ways of manufacturing, like CNC - computer numerical control - machining.

"We in manufacturing do not build things like we did in years past. We use much more of technology today," Keyes said.

The open house, in Schoolcraft's Applied Science Building, will show visitors several college laboratories, such as computer-aided design (commonly referred to as CAD), welding and materials science.

## Business presence

Manufacturers from the area, including Clips and Clamps Industries, Roush, automotive supplier NYX and spraying equipment maker Exel N.A., will have representatives at the open house to talk about job opportunities.

The open house is

being heavily promoted by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, both of which have manufacturing committees. It is also being promoted in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, where high school students can take applied sciences classes through Schoolcraft.

"The shortages now (of skilled labor) and the projected shortages in the future are enormous issues for the Michigan industry," Wes Graff, the Plymouth chamber

president, wrote in an email.

Graff said he recently spoke to a man who works in international business recruiting who said the first thing businesses want to know about when considering new locations is the availability of labor. He pointed out that the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a shortage of 10 million manufacturing workers by 2020 and that 53 percent of skilled-trade workers in the U.S. were 45 or older in 2012, with more than 18 percent between the ages of 55 and 64.

According to Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget, the state's median wage for skilled trades is \$21 an hour, higher than the median of \$16 an hour for all occupations.

"I get email weekly from area businesses looking for good workers," Keyes said.

Schoolcraft's Applied Science Building is at the north end of the campus, which is on Haggerty south of Seven Mile in Livonia.

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# TAG

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Middle School in the fall. However, he acknowledged, the district will consider other options for the 2015-16 school year.

"The current practice is to cluster (TAG students)," Meissen said. "The question is, can we deliver a better education in their home school? That's the debate to have."

Board of Education President Judy Mardigan said the board

would definitely want to hear more about any potential changes.

"We expanded the TAG program a couple of years ago to open it to more kids," Mardigan said. "Parents seem to like the magnet-school concept. I like (Meissen's) idea on accelerated learning. ... I think the TAG program works pretty well. It's something the board should definitely weigh in on."

The committee has already completed the first phase of its look at the TAG program, revising eligibility criteria in an effort to allow more kids into the program. According to information on the district's website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us), 115 students meet the criteria for TAG eligibility for the 2014-15 school year.

Meissen said the committee's work revolved around developing criteria that would open the program to more students. One observation made early on, he said, was that TAG eligibility had come down to a singular test to identify TAG kids and then fitting those kids into available

seats in the program.

Meissen said he'd prefer to "get away from a waiting list concept."

"If you're going to meet the needs of kids, you have to get away from the idea of a 'number of slots,'" Meissen said. "We want to make a better program that is inclusive of more kids."

Toward that end, the district is studying an "accelerated learning" curriculum Meissen said is designed to "grow all students." It takes into account, among other variables, students' aptitude and skill in academics, athletics, the arts and other areas of the curriculum.

"We want to look at a comprehensive approach from pre-kindergarten through high school," Meissen said. "These are characteristics of our kids, these are characteristics of our curriculum and our job is to mesh them."

Among the tenets of accelerated learning are challenging every student every day, giving every student access to the best resources available appropriate to their need and allowing stu-

dents to flow in and out of advanced learning opportunities and where all schools offer depth of knowledge, deep and critical thinking in all subject areas.

It's the "all schools" part of that notion that rankles some current TAG families, who like having the program housed at Miller, Dodson and East.

"There's a difference between accelerated learning and talented and gifted learning," said Geoff Pavlic, a TAG parent with daughters in the fourth- and eighth-grade programs. "Studies show that a magnet program is a better way to teach TAG children."

Meissen said parents should have a more open mind and not jump to conclusions before hearing everything. The TAG program, he said, is not going away, though he acknowledged it may look different by the 2015-16 school year.

"There are different ways to deliver a program model," Meissen said. "That's where the fear (of parents) comes in. ... It's the fear of the unknown. There's so

much more known now about how to educate kids who learn at an accelerated level. The crux is, can you educate kids better in their home school or do they do better in a specialized location clustered together?"

The district's next step is to hire a consultant to provide training and leadership in the design of an accelerated learning program; the consultant would work with teachers over the summer.

The administration is expected to ask the school board for approval of a new accelerated learning program in November, then pilot it in the second semester of the 2014-15 school year, starting in January.

Full implementation of the program would be expected in the 2015-16 school year.

"We are going to have a talented and gifted (program)," Meissen said. "If there's a better way of delivering it ... that's kind of the beauty of teaching."

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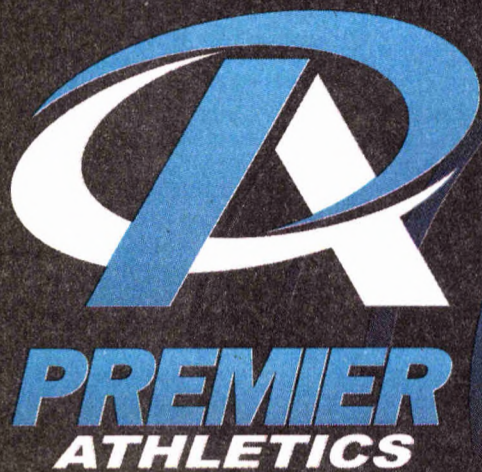


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## Safety precautions important when out on the water

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Sgt. Mike Wasil of the Wayne County Sheriff's Marine Unit is a big fan of life jackets for boaters.

"Life jackets worn, your chances go way up if you're wearing one," Wasil said of surviving a boating accident. "We wear our life jackets all the time. A lot of time, there isn't time to find your life jacket (in an emergency)."

Wasil has headed up the Marine Unit since 2009 and with colleagues patrols Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the inland Belleville Lake. This includes 38 miles of international border and 140 square miles of water.

Life jacket use and avoiding excessive alcohol are two key messages Wasil likes to get out, especially now as boaters take to local waters.

"Most of the accidents when you look at them could be avoided," he said. A drowning last year on Belleville Lake involved a victim without a life jacket. Wasil noted that since he began his tenure in 2009, there have been no Wayne County boating fatalities with life jackets in use.

"It's not against the law to drink while you're on the water," he said. The impaired standard of 0.08 blood-alcohol content now used for road drivers is higher for boaters, something law enforcement would like to change.

Operating under the influence on a boat is 0.10 BAC, he said, and there's been talk with lawmakers about lowering that.

Like driving on roads, he calls the designated boat operator who doesn't drink at all the best. "You add in waves, sun, being out all day,

it has a greater effect," Wasil said of drinking on a boat. "It seems to enhance the effects of the alcohol."

### Safety precautions

Back to the life jackets, Wasil and his colleagues now wear the inflatables, "comfortable, light weight and they work well." Older styles weren't as comfortable, but that excuse is long gone.

Boats often have a horn to summon help and many life jackets include a whistle you can use if you fall overboard. "It's a way to get people's attention," Wasil said. "It definitely could help to have one attached to your life jacket."

A "pea-less" whistle with no small ball inside is recommended for boaters, as it will work when wet.

A recent case of a man's body found in Lake St. Clair near where his boat capsized is under investigation. Law enforcement officials repeat their boating safety warnings each spring.

### Classes offered

He encourages attendance at the Sheriff's Office boating safety classes at Westfield Activities Center in Trenton. Information on registration is at 734-675-2660.

You can learn boating laws in the classes. "A lot of people know the road laws," he said, but not boating ones. The next class is scheduled May 20 and 27, continuing with monthly sessions through September.

Those born after July 1, 1996, now need a safety certificate to drive a boat – a new law. Also, those born after Dec. 31, 1978, need a safety certificate to use personal watercraft like a Jet-Ski.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Gun confiscated

Canton police confiscated a .40-caliber firearm from a 61-year-old Canton man's car, which was parked outside Summit on the Park.

The incident began Friday morning after police went to an apartment on Tamarack, northwest of Michigan Avenue and Lotz, to pick up the suspect following reports of a domestic-related felonious assault involving his wife.

Police notified that a door wasn't locked, so they went inside to check on the man, but learned he wasn't at home. They noticed broken glass on the floor of a bedroom and saw a box of shotgun shells.

The suspect's brother arrived while police were there and police subsequently learned the suspect might be at the Summit. Police found him there, but he denied any confrontation with his wife. He did confirm he had recently

bought a firearm and told police it was in his car.

Police retrieved the weapon, which was found under other belongings in the back seat. It had a magazine, but was unloaded. Police took the gun for safekeeping after it was learned he wasn't supposed to have a weapon under the terms of a personal protection order.

The investigation was continuing.

### Accounts hacked

A 33-year-old Canton woman told police Saturday that her former boyfriend had hacked into her email, Skype and Facebook accounts after she ended a six-year relationship with him.

The woman, who lives with two children in the Academy/West Point mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, said the ex-boyfriend had moved out in March due to a Child Protective Services child-safety plan.

He had stayed in a Canton motel until moving to Indiana.

The woman told police she hadn't been able to access her email account after it was hacked. Police contacted the suspect, who said he had accessed the woman's accounts because he wanted to find out what was going on with her.

The woman told police the suspect was upset because she had started a new relationship. She said he also had her telephone turned off and had made harassing calls to her workplace. Police advised the man to stop accessing the woman's personal accounts and to leave her alone.

The man, in turn, told police he needed to get a couch and a bed from the woman's home. Arrangements were being made for that. Police advised the woman to consider getting a personal protection order against the suspect.

– By Darrell Clem

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Men swarm car at red light

A Canton Township woman reported that her car was attacked by four men who were yelling for her to get out of it early May 1 while she was stopped for a red light in Plymouth Township. She was not hurt.

The woman, 19, told police she was heading home from work about 2:30 a.m. and was stopped for a light on west-bound Ann Arbor Road at Lilley, when a dark sport-utility vehicle stopped behind her and four men got out and started banging on her car windows and yelling for her to "get out of the vehicle," a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. One man grabbed the handle to a locked door, she said, and tried to open it, yelling at her to get out.

The woman said she drove through the red light and continued west on Ann Arbor Road.

### Trailer break-in

A cargo strap, a milk crate and a small section of pipe were the only things reported stolen in the break-in of a trailer outside a township business.

The padlock had been cut off the 20-foot trailer at American Speed, on Helm Street west of Sheldon, a police report said. The break-in occurred between 7 p.m. April 30 and 6 a.m. the next day, an employee told police.

### Larcenies

A teacher reported the theft of cash and medicine from the purse she had left in her classroom April 30 at Starkweather Academy at Fiegel, on Joy Road. The woman told police she had left her purse unattended for five minutes that day and later noticed it had been moved and unzipped. She looked inside, she said, to find the cash and pills were missing.

A vehicle battery was reported stolen Sunday from a

recreational vehicle parked in a storage lot on Ann Arbor Road. The complainant told police the battery had been taken some time since last fall.

A backpack with books and school supplies in it was reported stolen Sunday from an unlocked car parked outside a house on Chambury Court, west of Beck and north of Ann Arbor Road. The backpack was later recovered, with its contents, and returned to its owner, police said.

### Identity theft

A township man learned last month that his Social Security number had been used on someone else's federal income tax return, police report.

The man told police the Internal Revenue Service informed him of the fraud via an e-mail that he neglected to open right away, but opened after finding that his return, filed via computer, had been rejected, a police report said.

– By Matt Jachman

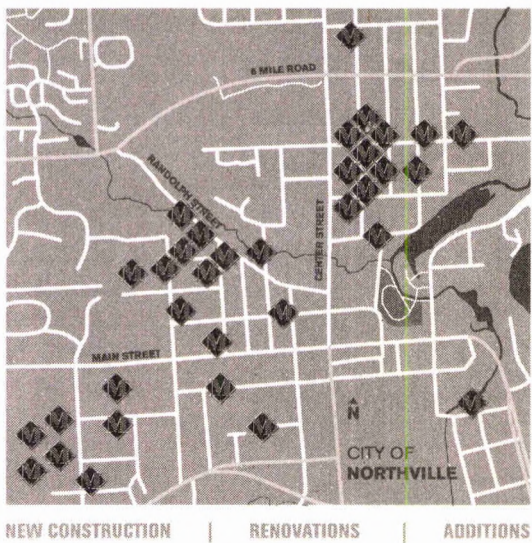
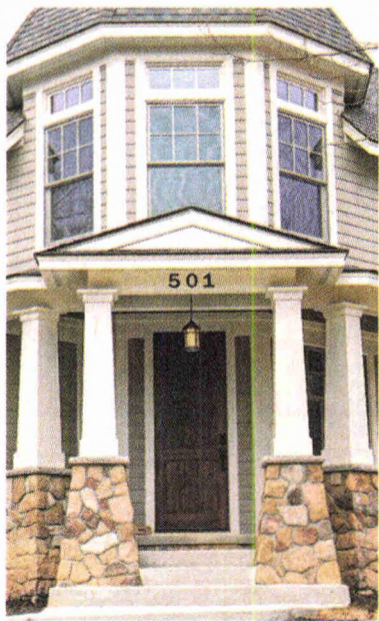
People often ask if I built that home and I usually have the same answer:

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# Missing teens found safe in S.C.

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A pair of missing Canton teens have been found safe in Greenville, S.C., police said Monday.

The girl, 17, and boy, 15, were located over the weekend after they disappeared Wednesday night, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

The teens, who fancied themselves a couple, fled to an area where the girl's grandmother lived,

Baugh said. "The 17-year-old called the Canton Police Department to say she didn't kidnap the 15-year-old," Baugh said.

Canton authorities worked with Greenville police to locate the missing teens.

"Everybody's safe," Baugh said.

The teens fled Michigan in a family friend's vehicle the girl allegedly had permission to drive only for limited use,

Baugh said. Prosecutors are expected to review details of the case to decide what, if any, charges should be filed.

The girl is expected to remain in South Carolina, based on what police have been told.

"The young girl is going to live with her grandmother there," Baugh said.

The boy was placed with protective services in South Carolina until his

mother could drive there to pick him up and bring him back to Michigan.

Canton police take seriously all reports of missing people, Baugh said.

"We take any type of runaway or missing person case seriously," he said, "and we will take every avenue to locate people from Canton who are missing."

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# One month in, Interstate 96 construction still on track

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

It's been nearly a month since Interstate 96 shut down through Redford and Livonia. And with a little bit of cold temperatures and even some snow, the project is moving along and is still expected to be completed no later than October.

Construction crews have demolished many of the bridge decks along the route, as well as removed much of the road's surface, leaving piles of dirt and concrete that tower over the freeway.

"We are on schedule, on target. We had a snow day, but that may have temporarily halted operations for 12 hours," said Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, which is overseeing the project. "We were fine."

A portion of the freeway near Newburgh, about 1,500 feet, has also seen the pouring of new concrete, the first new portion that will make up the freeway when it reopens. Horne said crews will work on a short span of laying concrete along the road and near the retaining walls to make sure it will set properly, but will later ramp up work and do bigger stretches as the project moves forward.

"We do small increments in the beginning," Horne said. "Once all the lanes are poured, you do the barrier walls and the center median."

The \$148 million project has kept the freeway between Telegraph and Newburgh shut down since April 5. With the closure, many drivers have taken to surface streets and the official detour routes provided by MDOT, which include I-94, I-696, the Lodge Freeway and the Southfield Free-

way. Many surface roads, including Plymouth, Five Mile and Six Mile, have seen some increased traffic with the project, though Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said his department has not had any major issues resulting from the larger amount of vehicles in town this past month.

"We've had minimal issues with that," he said.

Horne said MDOT continues to look at the alternate routes and work with Wayne County on determining signal timing to help keep traffic flowing appropriately.

"We are aware of detour routes getting congested," he said. "We're doing our best to get them optimized."

He said MDOT communicates with GPS providers to have them update their software and avoid routing drivers along the freeway. Google has even also removed the seven-mile stretch of the freeway from its Maps program.

## Schoolcraft open for business

City and business leaders have erected several signs along main roads approaching Schoolcraft, which is down to one lane in each direction because of the construction, letting people know that business continues to happen along the service drive.

The signs, which read "Schoolcraft service drive open for business," have been placed near the intersections to keep people coming to the many businesses along the road, which have reported a decrease in commerce since the closure.

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# Note to drivers: Pray through I-96 construction

Many of those who commute from the western suburbs of Detroit will spend a lot of extra time on the road for the remainder of 2014 because of the I-96 freeway closure. But Detroit's Catholic seminary is hoping faith-filled drivers can use the extra commute time to pray. To that end, Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and the Archdiocese of Detroit are giving away prayer CDs to 96 motorists who would pray the Rosary during their extra drive time.

"God is always waiting at the door of our hearts, wanting us to acknowledge and involve Him in our day," said Rev. Robert Spezia, undergraduate spiritual director and director of liturgy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, who

oversaw production of the CD and whose voice is heard beginning the Rosary. "We have a heavy construction season and people will be spending a lot more time in their cars - if we sincerely offer that time to God and pray, I can almost guarantee a peaceful commute instead of one so often filled with frustration and anger. I would challenge drivers to try it for 30 days and see if it affects their attitude and their heart."

The prayer CD, titled *Beg the Master of the Harvest*, is a live vocal and musical recording of the Rosary, a popular Catholic devotional prayer that calls on the intercession of the Blessed Mother while reflecting on passages about Christ from the Bible. It was recorded in 2007 by sem-

inarians at Sacred Heart - many of whom are now local priests - as a way to promote prayer for more priests in the Church, and as a fundraiser for the seminary's chapel.

"There are various depths at which we can pray the Rosary and it will be more at the surface level if we pray it while driving," Spezia said. "We should not be concerned about that - the Holy Spirit is still at work. At the surface levels, the rosary can initially strike us as boring, but there is great spiritual power in repeating Scripture. Parents, teachers and coaches know the power of repetition. Many people have said to us that it is their favorite Rosary CD because each decade is led by a different person."

The giveaway of pray-

er CDs dovetails with two other Catholic initiatives. In early March, Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron announced that the local Catholic Church was beginning a *Year of Prayer for a New Pentecost*, during which time Catholics were invited to pray for a renewal of Christian faith in southeast Michigan.

Drivers who would like a copy of the Rosary on CD can tweet @DetroitCatholic with the hashtag #96Rosaries, email 96Rosaries@aod.org, or call 313-596-7144. Requests by those on any commute will be honored. Those who would like to purchase the CDs for \$20 to benefit Sacred Heart Major Seminary Chapel can visit www.aod.org/RosaryCD or call 313-883-8508.



The interfaith youth pose proudly with the fruits of their labor.

# Interfaith youngsters mix fun, service at project

The Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach Youth Group completed another successful community service project together. Youth from ICO member organizations and local Girl Scouts met Saturday, May 3, to do hands-on service to the community.

First, they prepared the tableware for the upcoming Relay for Life Survivor's lunch. Members of both groups will also be volunteering at the Relay for Life event May 17-18 in Canton. Then, with instruction from the Scouts, the youth created Bath Bud-

dies and packaged them with soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes to take to the kids at the Wayne County Family Center, a shelter for families who find themselves temporarily homeless.

Participants hope that the gifts are both useful and fun for the children who live there. It was an enjoyable morning of fellowship and service where the youth and their families not only shared serving their communities together, they also learned about how much they had in common. The youth represented members from Canton Balakulam, Geneva Presby-

terian Church, Hindu Temple of Canton, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Canton-Singh and Plymouth-Falls Gurdwara.

The Interfaith Community Outreach group consists of a group of faiths and citizens that have come together for a common goal of hope, faith, building bridges and serving the community together. Some of the events that the group has participated in are food and clothing drives, Sept. 11, 2011, memorial at the Canton Mosque, Interfaith Health Care Fair at Geneva Presbyterian, youth movie nights and

community service projects. If you have any questions, or would like to have your congregation join, contact the organization at plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **TECHNOLOGY - PORTABLE DEVICE CASES**. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by contacting Elson Liu, Director of Integrated Technology Systems, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at techrfp@pccsk12.com or (734) 416-7827. Technical questions should also be directed to techrfp@pccsk12.com. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before **1 P.M., FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014**. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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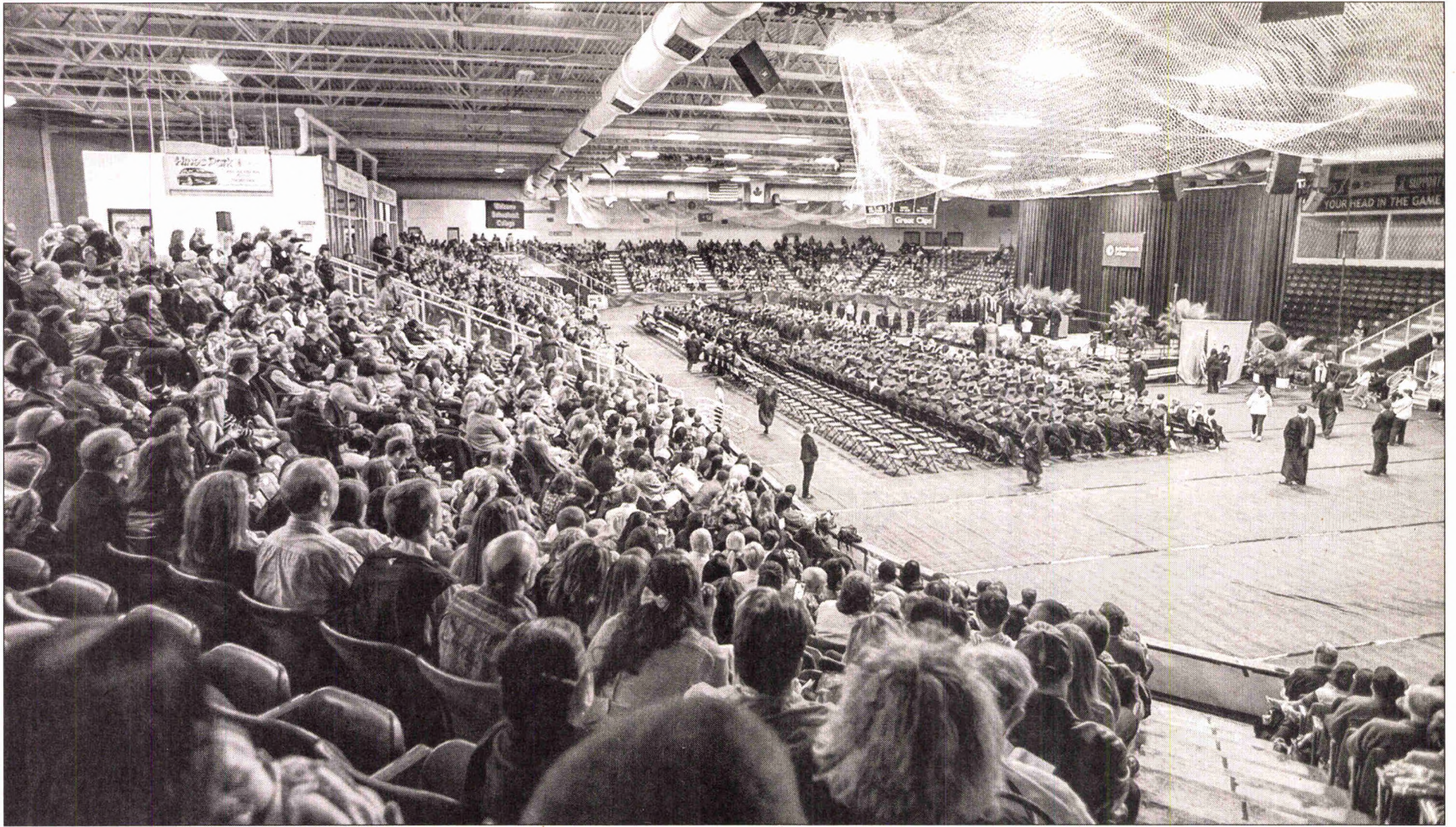
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Schoolcraft College held its 49th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. PHOTOS BY PAUL JARONSKI

# Schoolcraft College celebrates 49th commencement

Schoolcraft College held its 49th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Of the nearly 1,300 students eligible to participate (those earning an associate's degree or certificate) more than 400 graduates donned their caps and gowns and made the much-anticipated trek across the stage to the rousing applause of the nearly 3,000 friends and family.

In addition to honoring the graduates, the college presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to Commissary Senior Petty Officer Derrick Davenport, USN, and an honorary associate of arts and sciences degree to Graham W. J. Beal, director, president and CEO of the Detroit Institute of

Arts, who served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Davenport is a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. After graduation, he went on to work in several fine dining establishments and competed in culinary competitions. In 2000, he enlisted in the United States Navy. After training, he was stationed on the USS Annapolis and then in Afghanistan, where he set up the Afghan army's first bakeshop. After his tour of duty in the Middle East, he was promoted to his current position as executive chef for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2008.

In March 2011, Davenport lead the first ever Pentagon Culinary Arts Team and was the first



Graham W.J. Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, was the keynote speaker at Schoolcraft's commencement.

Navy chef to compete at the IKA/World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, on the United States Army Culinary Arts Team in 2012. In 2013, he won the Armed Forces Chef of the Year competition, cementing his reputation as one of the best cooks ever to come out of the U.S. Navy.

build on the museum's reputation with regard to art acquisitions and exhibitions and has greatly expanded the DIA's community outreach through programming and innovative art installations. Under Beal's leadership, the DIA has co-organized exhibitions, sharing the great works of Van Gogh, Medici, Michelangelo, Degas, Whistler, Rodin, Camille Claudel and Rembrandt with the metropolitan Detroit community and visitors from around the globe who visit the DIA each year.

Jacqueline Charniga, editor-in-chief of the college's student-run award-winning newspaper, *The Connection*, was selected to present the Student Reflection. Al-

though she earned an associate of arts degree in English, Charniga played upon Schoolcraft College's Culinary Program as she shared some of her experiences at the college, enjoying the "buffet of opportunities" the college provided her and encouraged her fellow graduates to "satisfy their appetites" and be sure to "fill their plates" as they move on to explore their futures.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

Sam is 54 years old. His youngest daughter just went off to college. Now he's in the market for a big screen tv.

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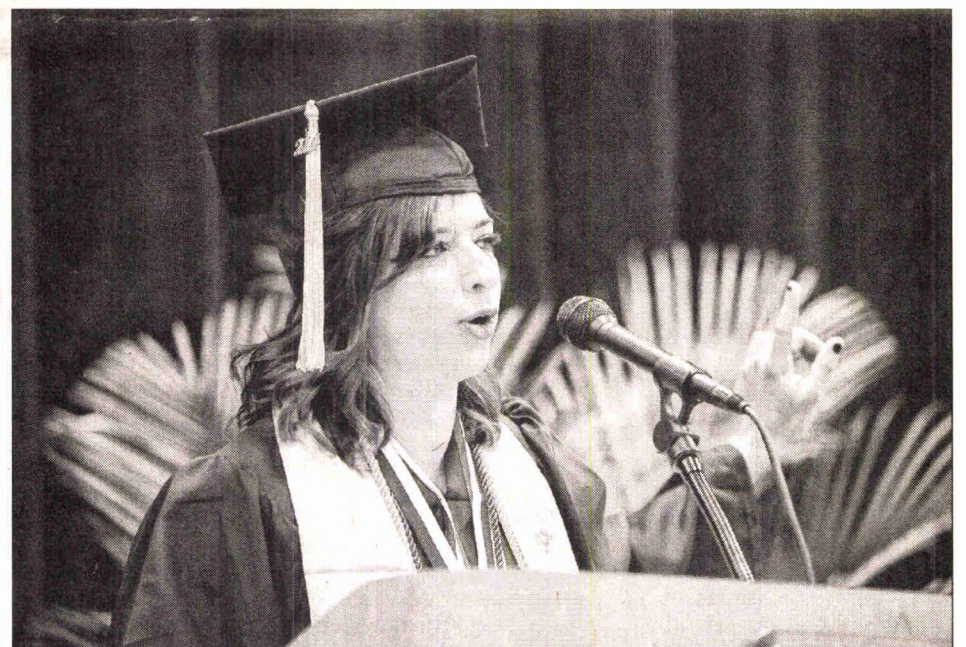
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Jacqueline Charniga of Livonia delivers the Student Reflection address.



Happy grads enjoy the sunshine and breeze after commencement.

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Eight seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and Eight seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2014-15 school year.

**Limited Registration window: May 9-May 23, 2014.**

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

**Registration will be open from May 9 - 23, 2014 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.**

All candidates **MUST** meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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# Angela Hospice honors Canton volunteers

Angela Hospice's Volunteer Services Manager Syndie Best always knew she had wonderful, dedicated volunteers. But looking over the national numbers, Best realized just how exceptional this group was.

"The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that the average volunteer devotes 44.4 hours per year," Best said. "Angela Hospice volunteers provide an average of 100.1 hours per year - more than twice the national average."

In addition, 15 of Angela Hospice's volunteers worked more than nine times the national average in 2013 - including Dennis Bostwick of Canton, who logged 413 hours last year.

"Patients love Dennis," said Kathy Ostroskie, volunteer coordinator for Angela Hospice. "He always has a smile on his face. He goes above and beyond - when one of his patients is close to death, he'll make additional visits to them. He's very good with fam-



Volunteer Services Manager Syndie Best (far left) and Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Ostroskie (far right) recognized some of Angela Hospice's hardest working volunteers, who each logged more than 400 service hours in 2013: Roseanne Stark, Bob Friar, and Joanne Friar of Livonia; Dennis Bostwick of Canton; and Jackie Brown of Detroit.

ilies, too."

Bostwick, who serves patients in Angela Hospice's Care Center and home care program, was honored at Angela Hospice's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held in April in recognition of its 408 volunteers.

More than 100 additional volunteers received accolades as well, for reaching milestones for each five years or 500 lifetime hours of service. Among them were Canton residents Fran Amico

for five years; Ella Bastine for 500 hours; Jo Erpelding for 15 years; Teresa Foley for five years and 500 hours; Alberta Karll for 3,500 hours; Rich Lister for 500 hours; Nathaniel Pittman for five years and 500 hours; Patricia Pittman for five years and 500 hours; and Marion Rozum for 3,000 hours.

For more on Angela Hospice and its volunteer program, visit [www.AskForAngela.com](http://www.AskForAngela.com) or call 734-464-7810.

# Fife-Drum Corps goes nuts for Kiwanis

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club are teaming up for the annual Peanut Day fundraiser Friday and Saturday.

Kiwanis Peanut Day began in Chicago in September 1951. Since then, more than \$73,000,000 has been raised for charitable projects.

"The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps are proud to join the Plymouth Kiwanis for this great event. We look forward to it every year," PFDC Ways & Means Chairman Lisa LiGreci said.

You certainly won't miss the Plymouth Kiwanians in their bright orange aprons and PFDC members wearing their uniforms with their instruments in tow to perform.

"These kids have been volunteering to

work side by side with the Plymouth Kiwanis Club for over 10 years," said Richard Lake, Peanut Days coordinator. "They're a great bunch of kids."

Peanut Day will be held Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, at the following locations and times:

» Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 3-7 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday

» Busch's Market, 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth, 5-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

» Hiller's Market, 15455 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, 3-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

» Picnic Basket Marketplace, 49471 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 3-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday

weekend is earmarked to benefit the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps to help with the costs of its 2014 Colonial Tour.

This year, PFDC will travel to Virginia to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery and perform with the United States Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, escort to the president. Other scheduled performances include Mt. Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown and many other historic landmarks in the area.

Please help out these two worthy organizations and bring some extra change.

To find the PFDC performance schedule and information to help support the PFDC, visit [www.pfdc.us](http://www.pfdc.us).

# Democrats prep for spring gala

Following a smash hit last year, the Democrats' fifth annual Spring Gala 2014 is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, 40941 W. Eight Mile.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer will be keynote speaker and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin will be an honored guest and speaker.

Levin's appearance commemorates his 36 years of service to the citizens of Michigan and the nation. He was keynote speaker at the first



Schauer



Levin

them to rub elbows with the stars in the panoply of Democratic local and national office holders and activists, organizers said.

Other highlights of the evening include an extensive banquet buffet orchestrated by Meadowbrook's executive chef Michael Olday, a cash bar and music and dancing to the ever-popular Steve King and the Dittilies.

Tickets are available by contacting Karen Zyczynski of the Dems of West Oakland County at [zyczynski2002@aol.com](mailto:zyczynski2002@aol.com).

Democratic Spring Gala in 2010.

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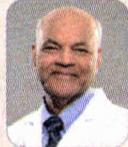
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# PLAY BALL!

Plymouth's Miracle League dodges weather to open season

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Nobody cared that it was chilly and overcast or that the first game of the day had to be canceled because of a balky Mother Nature.

One player, according to Commissioner Deb Madonna, shed a few tears when he thought baseball might be canceled.

He needn't have worried. When game time finally came at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, players ready to kick off the fourth season of Miracle League of Plymouth baseball anxiously awaited those time-honored words.

"Play ball!"

With announcer Jonathan Weid calling the action, the 2014 spring season got under way beneath cloudy skies and with chilly temperatures at Bilkie Family Field.

"It's very exciting, even though Mother Nature isn't cooperating," Madonna said. "Just seeing everybody again ... it's been a few months and a long winter. Getting the kids back onto the field to play again ... we had a cold winter, so spring has finally caught up to us a little bit."

The league opens with more players - 97 signed up this year - than a year ago, while using dozens of volunteers who act as buddies to the players, umpires, announcers, concession stand workers and any other role the league needs.

MLP is a league created four years ago as a means to give special-needs players a place to play America's pastime.

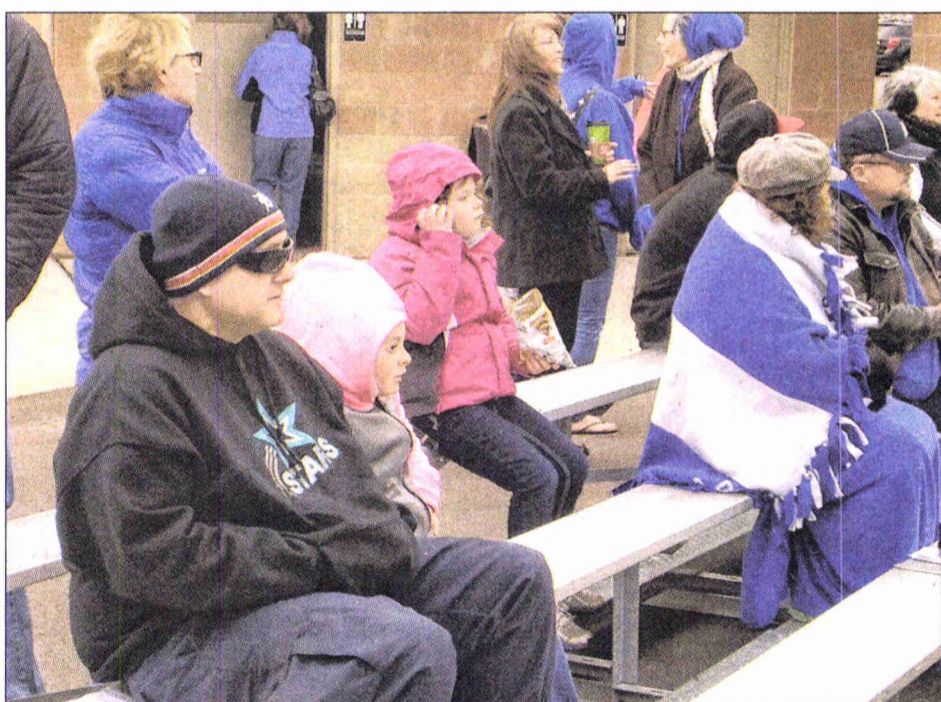
Charlie Terrill of Northville has played in the league since its inception. His two siblings have their individual activities; MLP belongs to Charlie.

"The league is awesome," said Becky Terrill, Charlie's mom. "It gives Charlie an opportunity to do something. We have three kids who do activities, so it's nice for Charlie to have his own thing."

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Miracle League player Jeff Cottrell scores the first run of the 2014 season.



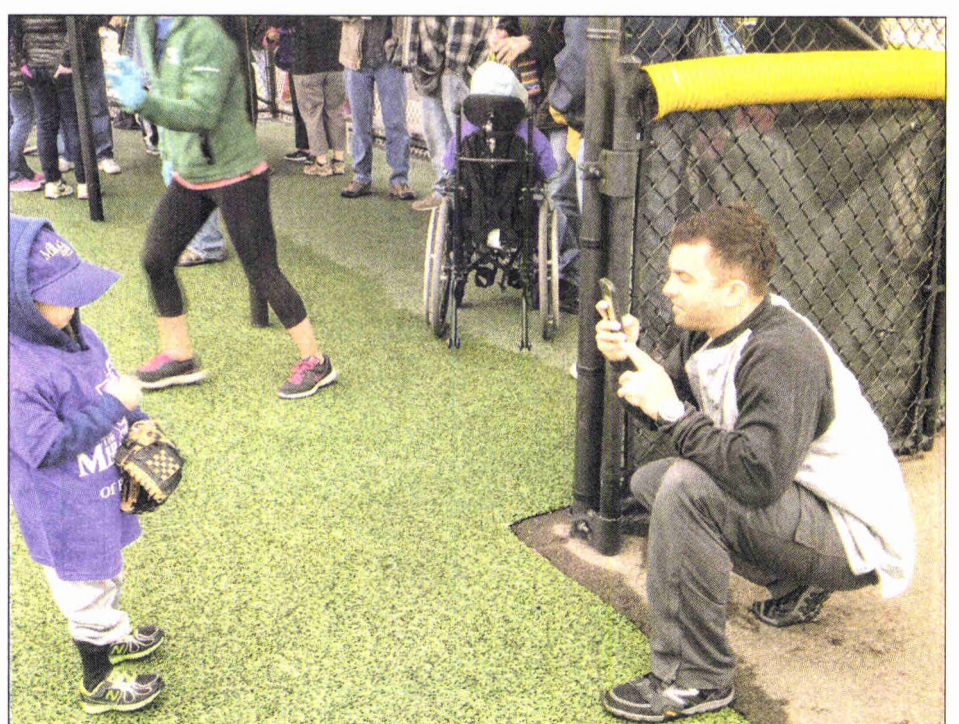
Fans didn't care what the weather was like for Saturday's opener. They dressed for the chill to cheer on the players.



Rachel Koelzer, a volunteer who coaches the Blue Miracles, explains the league to volunteer buddies before the Miracle League of Plymouth opening day Saturday.



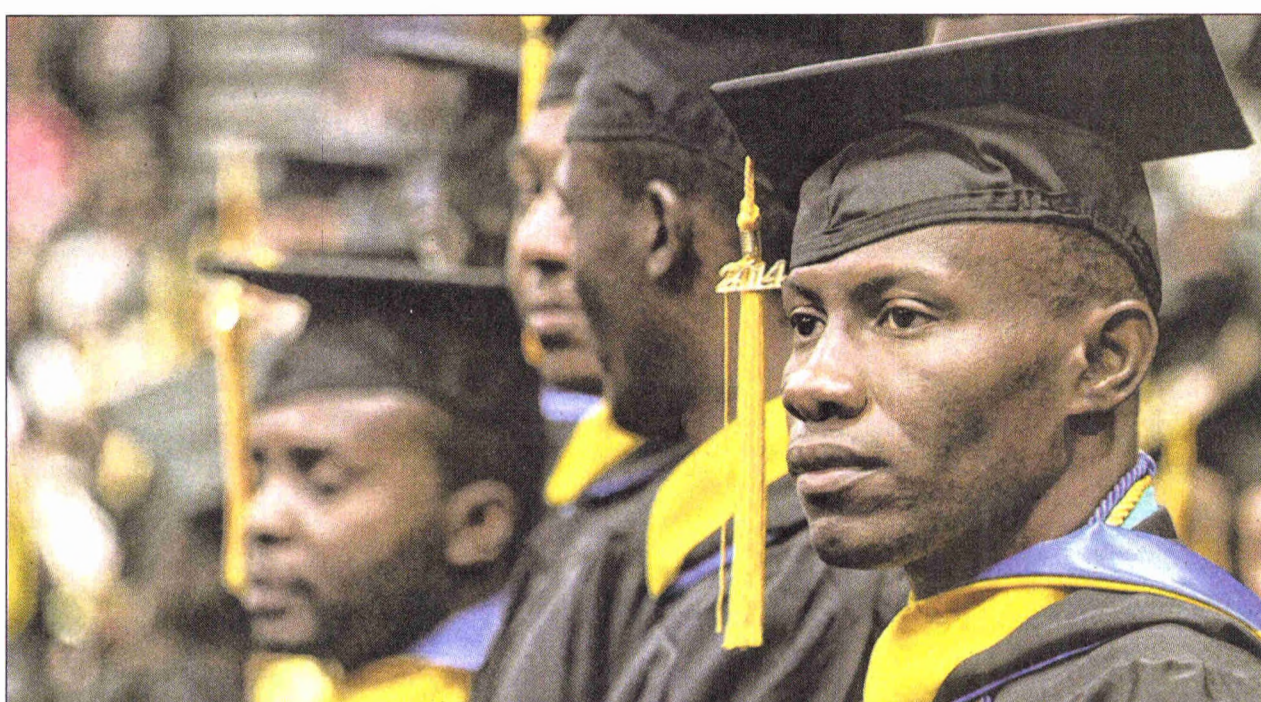
Ashley Bilkie of Northville throws out the first pitch.



Tim Gohl snaps a picture of his son Jayden before Saturday's opener.



# Madonna graduates 1,300 students, including seven in Haiti program



Madonna University graduates from Haiti stand together during the commencement ceremony. These seven graduates are the first from Madonna University's Haiti Educational Leadership Program. PHOTOS BY ALAN PINON

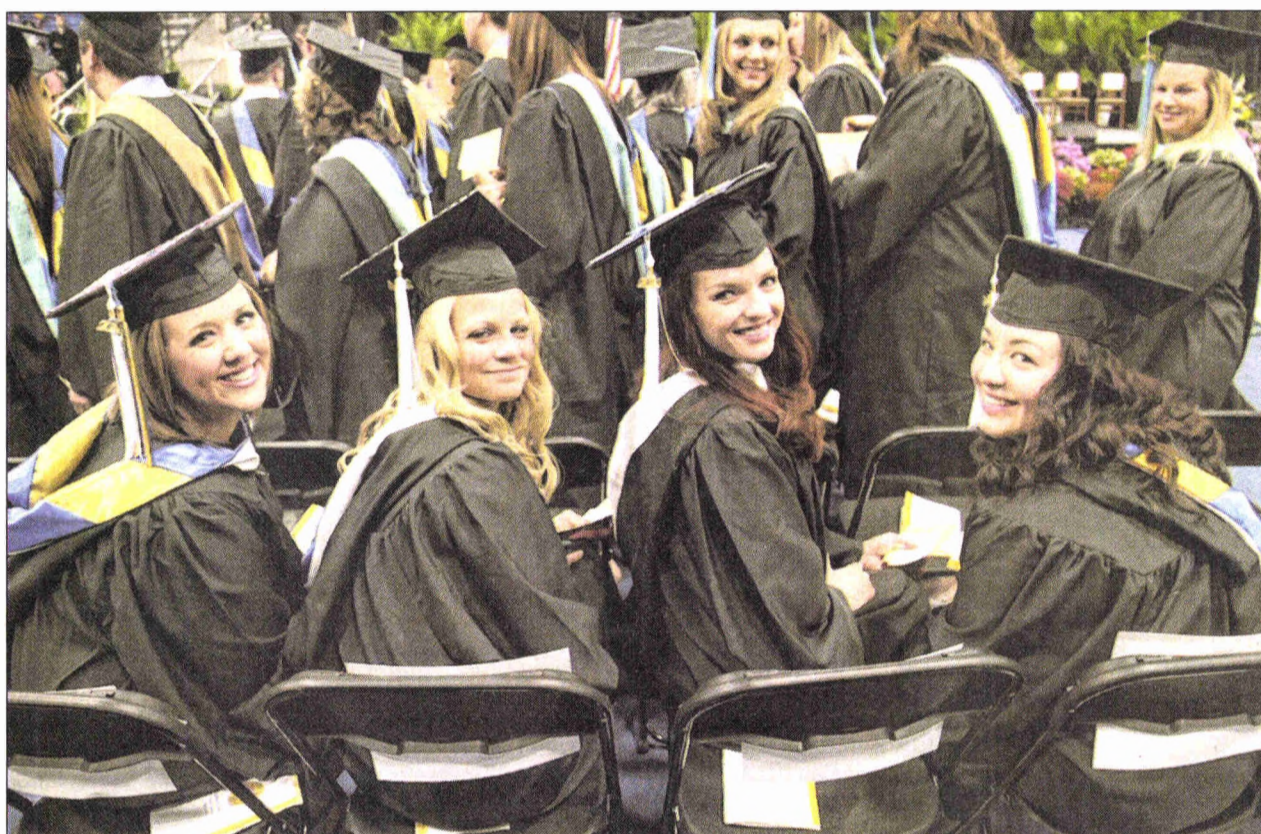
Before Madonna University's commencement ceremonies Sunday, Cheryl Nawrocki of Northville, a social work student, adjusted her graduation cap to make sure it was on correctly. On the top of her mortarboard, Nawrocki had spelled out "for U dad" in big purple letters.

It was his desire that she complete college. "He was a firm believer in education," she said. Although her dad died seven years ago from skin cancer, "he has been my driving force," Nawrocki said.

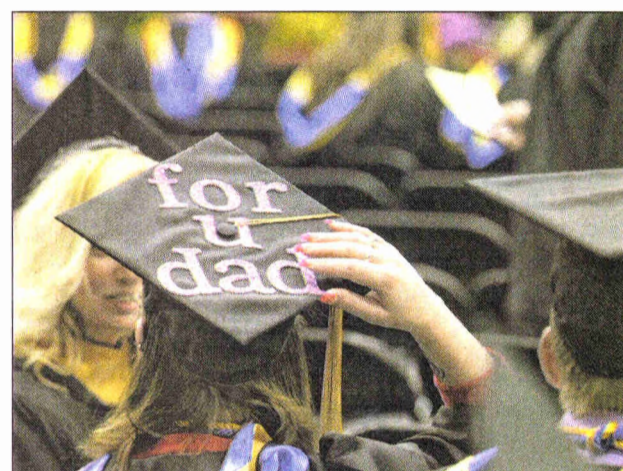
Nawrocki, along with 1,300 fellow graduates, celebrated Madonna University's 67th commencement at Compu-

ware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group were seven students from Haiti, who received a bachelor of science degree with a major in business administration and an embedded certificate in community development.

Launched in 2011, Madonna's Haiti Educational Leadership Program is a degree completion program that is delivered via distance learning technology and designed to prepare business leaders to help rebuild Haiti. Graduates are encouraged to use their leadership and entrepreneurial skills to create jobs and promote volunteerism that will improve families and neighborhoods in Haiti.



Madonna University sign language interpreting studies graduates (from left) Natalie Sanborn of Livonia, Stephanie Mayack of Washington, Laurie Kuhlman of Novi and Iris Haynes of Southgate sit together before graduation.



Cheryl Nawrocki of Northville adjusts her mortarboard before Madonna University's commencement ceremonies, Sunday, May 4. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work.

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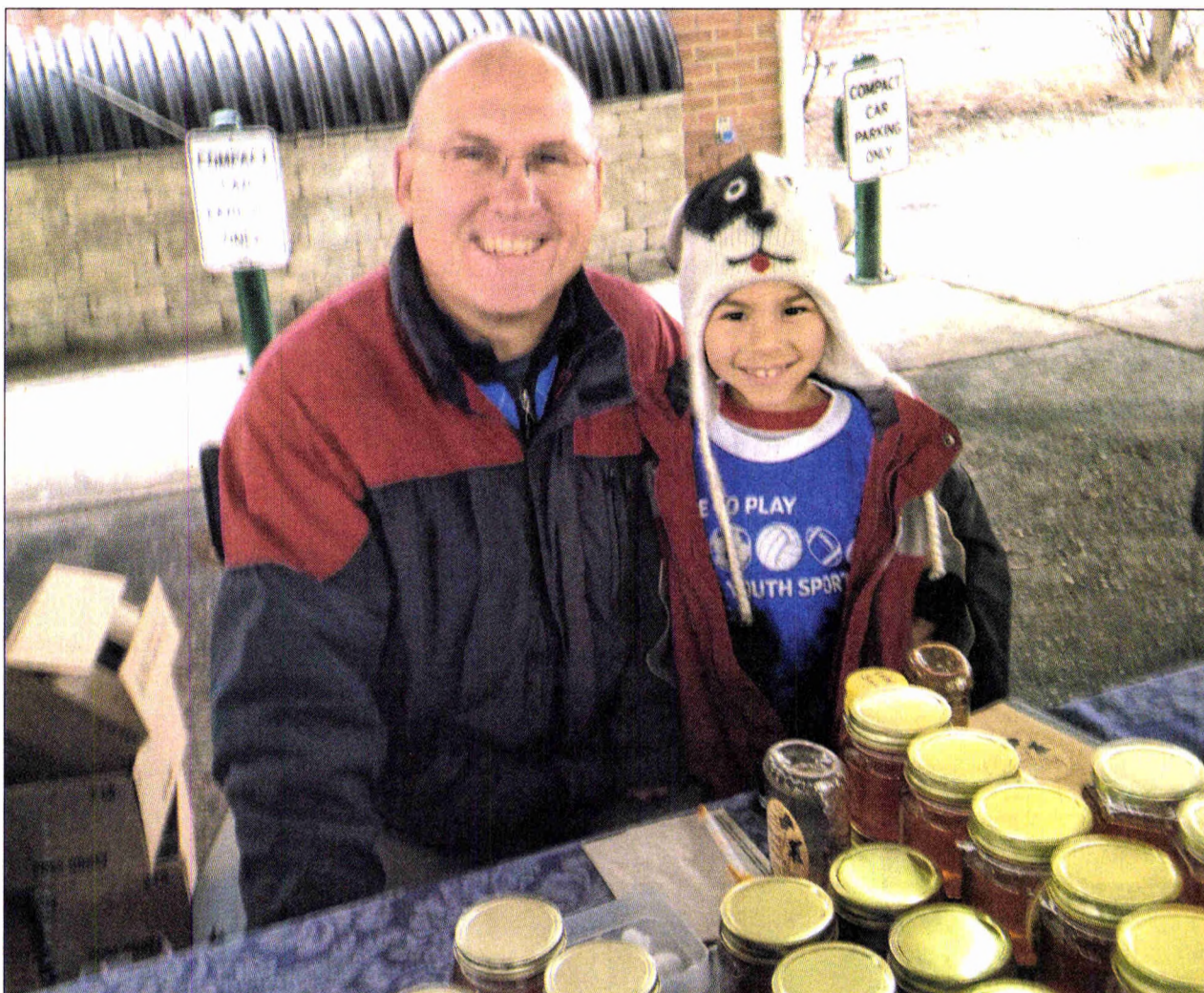
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Honey Bear Farms' Dave Zurek of Northville Township gets some help from son Benjamin, 7, during the Plymouth Farmers Market. Opening day was Saturday, May 3. JULIE BROWN

## Farmers market opens to rave reviews

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Erin and Jason Findlan are newcomers to Plymouth, having moved there in April. They brought son Nolan, 3, to the Plymouth Farmers Market on Saturday, May 3, its opening day.

"Seeing what they have," mom Erin said, with Jason Findlan adding, "Got to come out and see what all the excitement's about."

Erin Findlan said, "I'm surprised there are this many people this early." She likes the flowers. "He's looking for some

treats," she said of the couple's son.

"We love it," Jason Findlan said of their new hometown of Plymouth. "We love the downtown. There are always lots of people to sight-see, people watch."

They love Kellogg Park, adjacent to The Gathering, where market vendors had their wares that Saturday.

Allison Crowder of Plymouth brought daughter Harper, 8 months, in a stroller to the market. "Just to look at the vendors and see what's out," Crowder said. She comes to the market weekly May

through October.

"I think it's great," Crowder said. "It's walkable." She likes seeing her neighbors.

The market runs from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. It continues weekly through Oct. 25, skipping July 12 (Art in the Park) and Sept. 7 (Plymouth Fall Festival).

Produce, flowers, potted plants, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, sauces and more are offered.

Honey Bear Farms' Dave Zurek was out Saturday, May 3, with son

Benjamin, 7.

"He's my assistant today at the farmers market," Zurek said. "He's part time" due to Benjamin's imminent soccer game that morning through the Plymouth Family YMCA.

Dave Zurek, a Northville Township resident, has done the Plymouth market eight or nine years. "Very well. I really enjoy the people here," he said. "It's a Saturday market, so it feels like an old-time market. It's a good market. I like it. It's very well-run."

His wife was on the way to pick up Benjamin for soccer. "Ben helps me with inventory, too," added Zurek, who also does the weekly Northville Farmers Market each Thursday.

Zurek's market work means he doesn't see his son's soccer games until the fall YMCA league.

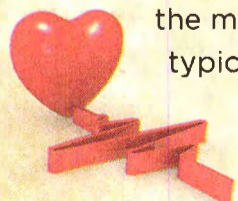
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### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Care center readies kids for elementary school

**Observer: Tell us about your business, including the products and services you offer.**

**Paradigm:** We care for children age 6 weeks through 5 years during the school year and through age 12 during the summer.

**Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?**

**Paradigm:** This is a second location. We opened first 11 years ago in Waterford. Our decision (we are sisters) back then was because we started having kids of our own. Being teachers (kindergarten and first grade), we started looking for child care that prepared kids for elementary school. We felt with our background and teaching knowledge, we could create and implement a very meaningful program.

**Observer: Why did you choose Canton?**

**Paradigm:** We believe it is a great community.

**Observer: What makes your business unique?**

**Paradigm:** Our children are not stuck in the same room all day long. Our children are grouped by age and stay with the same friends and the same teacher, but they rotate throughout our school to different rooms where teachers carry out lesson plans. We have a large motor room, music room, multicultural room, art room, math and science room, library, dramatic

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play area and an infant room. Children spend roughly 30 minutes a day in each room.

**Observer: How has the economy affected your business?**

**Paradigm:** It was sad to see so many families moving out of state for jobs. It seems to be getting better.

**Observer: Any advice for other business owners?**

**Paradigm:** Stick to doing what you do and do it the best.

**Observer: What's in store for the future?**

**Paradigm:** We are looking to get our feet under us quickly in Canton so we can begin implementing special additional programs to our already super programs.



Paradigm offers programs for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years during the school year and through 12 years during the summer.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Ownership change

According to the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, Burger Spot has a new owner.

Jack Ayoub bought the business from Matt Amin, who still owns the Omelette and Waffle Café, according to information provided in the DDA's weekly update. Ayoub said patrons should look for both menu and interior changes in the weeks ahead.

Burger Spot will continue to be one of the food vendors at the Friday night "Music in the Air" concerts.

#### Freudenberg sales hike

Freudenberg North America Limited Partnership has gained a 5.9-percent increase in sales for its 12 separate business groups in North America, generating \$2.1 billion in 2013 revenue, it was reported recently. The diversified manufacturing company supplies products and services to automotive, aerospace, medical, chemical, oil and gas and construction industries.

Freudenberg, based in Germany, achieved record sales for the fourth consecutive year, said Leesa Smith, Freudenberg North America president and regional representative.

"We were pleased with our 2013 financial results in North America," Smith said. "We have seen improvements in all areas of our business. Our strongest markets were oil and gas, medical and chemical (specialty lubricants, release agents and surface technologies)."

In 2013, Freudenberg relocated its North American headquarters from New Hampshire to Plymouth to be closer to key markets and facilities in the Midwest.

#### New manager

J.R. Thompson Co. announces the appointment of Canton resident Rick Covault to the position of business development manager.

He will be leading JRT's new business development efforts in the automotive, industrial, business-to-business and consumer products and service industries.

Covault has 20 years of executive management experience, most recently running his own advertising agency, Ballyhoo Communications, and as past president and partner at Regan Marketing Communications. Company officials said Covault brings a "broad range of skills to JRT, including business management, strategic planning, media planning and buying, plus 30 years of sales and client service management."

Covault holds a bachelor of integrated studies and an associate of applied science (printing) from Ferris State University.

#### Membership to the MAX

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts Membership to the Max at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford,

Canton. The event is designed to show businesses how to make the most of their chamber membership.

There's no cost to attend, but reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

#### Chamber After Hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Chamber After Hours event 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at 336 Main, in downtown Plymouth.

The event is designed, according to chamber officials, as a "great night with good food and networking with fellow members." After Hours events typically draw 60-100 people.

For more information, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540.

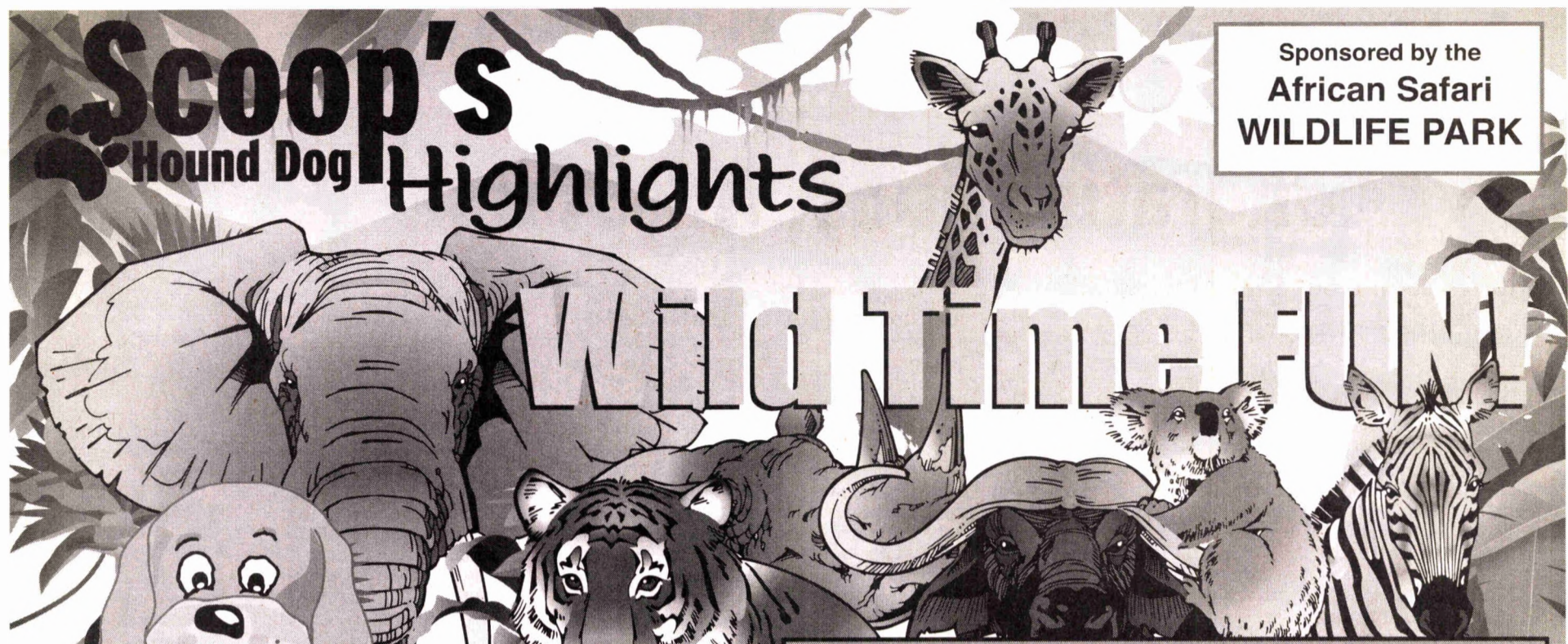
#### Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents a business development workshop 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the chamber office on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

"Does Your Website Rule or Droll" is presented by Meaghan McCann of Search Ad Marketing and will teach how to determine what consumers want when visiting a website for the first time, plus how to get consumers to call, visit or order; how to keep visitors coming back; and how to have a mutually beneficial relationship with your website provider.

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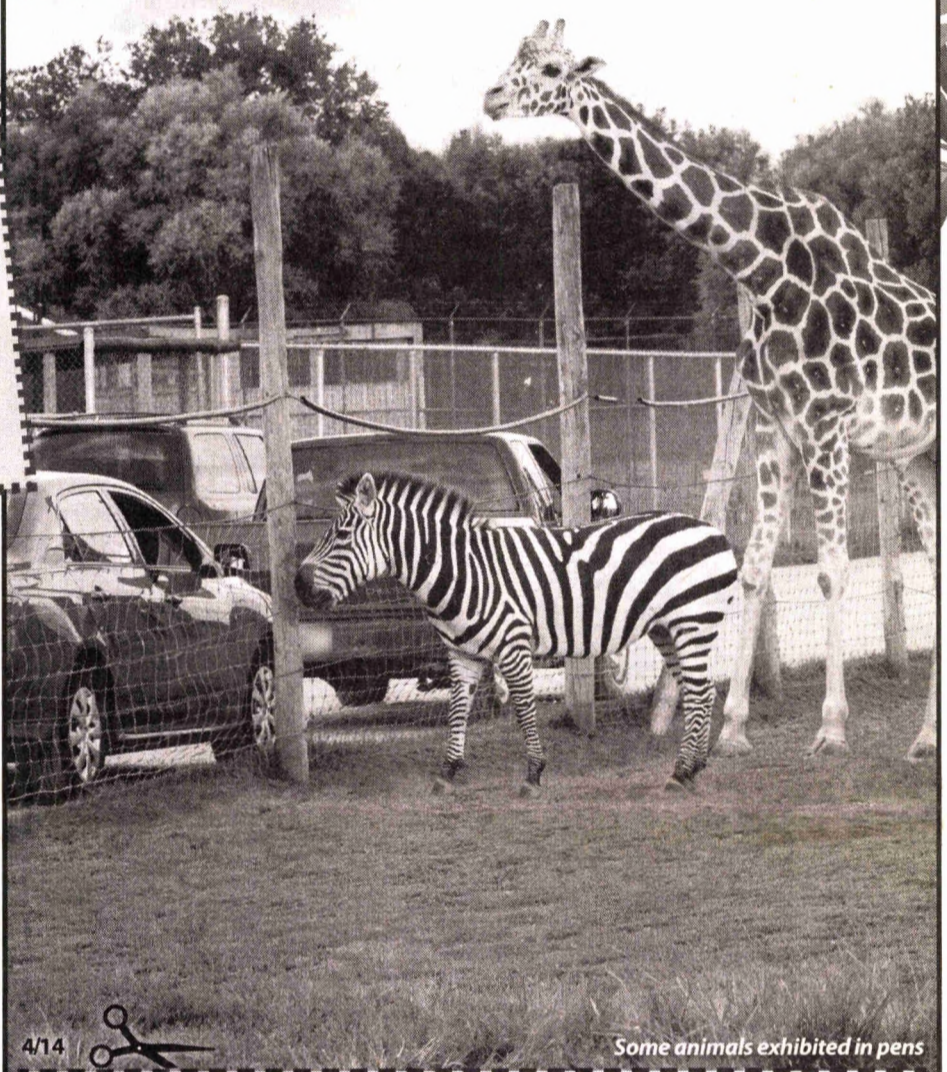
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Sammy Tieves	South Lyon	5/ 24
Michael Tieves	South Lyon	5/ 24
Taylor Brown	Canton	5/ 26
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<p><b>Daniel Taylor</b>, age 9:              "I want to become a better football player so I can help my team win a championship"</p>	<p><b>Dylan Senda</b>, age 9:              "I was born to play football! I am built for football!"</p>	<p><b>Elton Yaldo</b>, age 10:              "I'm a huge Detroit Lions fan and a football fan ever since I was 5".</p>
<p><b>Max Cooper</b>, age 5:              "I love football. I want to score a touchdown"</p>	<p><b>Congratulations to all of the winners and a special thanks to the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp</b></p>	
<p><b>Jackson Magyar-Pierson</b>, age 8:              "I would like to be like Calvin Johnson so I could play wide receiver next year when I play tackle football"</p>	<p><b>Marcellus Gaines</b>, age 13:              "My ultimate goal is to play football in the NFL. I strive to be and do the best for my team and set a positive example on and off the field."</p>	<p><b>Christian Wilson</b>, age 7:              "All my favorite football players are on that team. Football is my favorite sport."</p>

**Deadline for submissions:** Mail all entry forms to: Scoop the Newshound, 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit MI 48226 Level 2  
 All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on **May 30**  
 or email your form to: cbjordan@hometownlife.com Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



## Congratulations, All-Stars!

### Top students set shining example with their academic excellence

The school year is winding down and that means it's time to announce the *Observer & Eccentric* Media's 2014 Academic All-Star Team.

It's an announcement we look forward to with great anticipation.

The 2014 Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team is composed of 32 students, seven of whom posted perfect high school records and/or perfect test (SAT or

ACT) scores.

Another 39 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. They, too, merit praise.

The 2014 team represents the 29th consecutive year that the *Observer & Eccentric* has honored and celebrated academic excellence in our readership area.

On Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day), O&E Media will publish - in cooperation with Madonna University our longtime major sponsor - a special section that showcases these outstanding students.

Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

Other community partners include Community Alliance Credit Union, a section sponsor, and Parkside Credit Union, the essay sponsor. One lucky all-star will win a \$500 scholarship for an award-winning essay to be announced at the All-Star Awards Ceremony later this month.

The all-stars and runners-up are smart, caring and have high praise for the teachers who have made an impact on their lives. Take time to read about how involved these teens are and what they hope to accomplish in the future. We are proud of them and you will be, too.

They are examples of the good things happening in our local schools and communities today.

Be sure to read the May 11 special section.

Congratulations to our local all-stars and runners-up.

The 2014 All-Star

Team (in order of ranking):

**Anshu Chen** of Bloomfield Hills High School, **Collin Chow** of North Farmington High School, **Benjamin Drews** of Harrison High School, **Rashmika Goswami** of Harrison High School, **Albert Han** of Detroit Country Day, **Rohan Sinha** of Bloomfield Hills High School and **Katherine Young** of Detroit Country Day.

Followed by **Arkadiy Frasinich** of the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

Ten students tied for No. 3 ranking. They are **Riley Dankovich** of Marian High School, **Madhurima Das** of Plymouth High School, **Jonathan Greenberger** of Seaholm High School, **Neha Hafeez** of Canton High School, **Tapan Naik** of Farmington High School, **Kevin Ni** of Plymouth High School, **Ian O'Rourke** of Seaholm High School, **Nitin Ram** of Salem High School, **Savannah Sikorski** of Stevenson High School and **Alex Yue** of Canton High School.

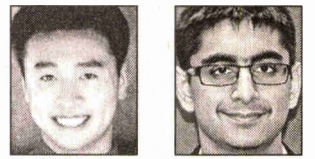
Followed by **Joo Yung Park** of Cranbrook Kingswood (fourth), **Vinayak Bhatia** of Farmington School (fifth), **Shannon Stork** of Marian High School (sixth), **Stephanie Liu** of Cranbrook Kingswood (seventh) **Barbara Scupholm** of Stevenson High School (eighth), **Hemanth Chittela** of Salem High School (ninth), **Aditya Vemulapati** of Churchill High School (tenth) and **Siba Alzohaili** of the International Academy (eleventh).

Tied for 12th ranking are **Bradley Smith** of Groves High School and **Steven Spens** of Clarenceville High School.

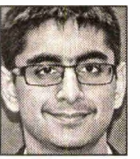
Followed next by **William Markey III** of Brother Rice High School, **Hanna Pfershy** of Groves High School and **Sammy Stevens** of Brother Rice High School.

Rounding out the outstanding team is **Stephen Fedak** of Churchill High School.

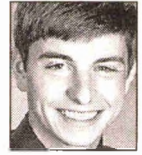
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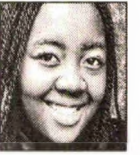
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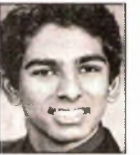
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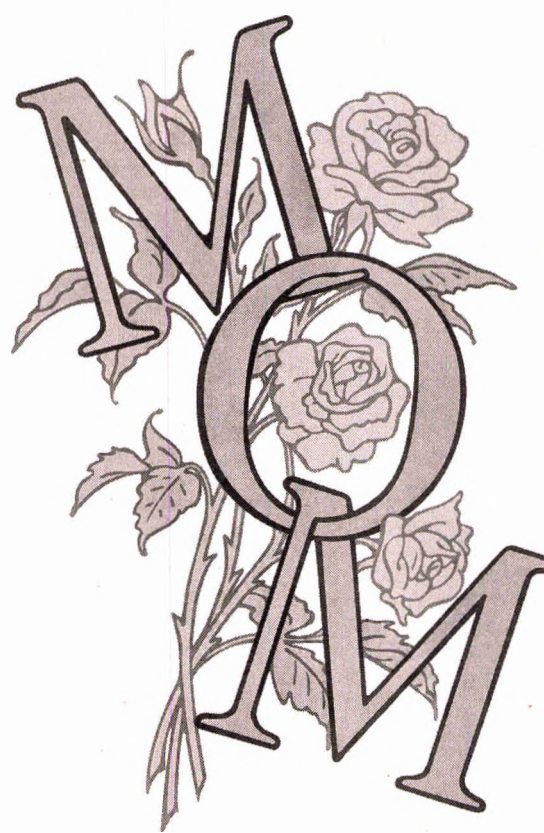
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emy students **Joshua Fitzpatrick** and **P. Jayme Putney** and **Kalen Cobb**, a student at Academy of Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. All three earned honorable mention honors.



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### OUR VIEWS



## Let your mom know just how special she is

Sunday is Mother's Day, a day when we stop what we're doing to honor that special woman who has devoted her life to her family.

Mothers play a major role in all of our lives. They nurture and care for us. They comfort us when we're sick or hurt. They laugh with us, cry with us and love us even when we aren't exactly lovable - and have a kiss that cures just about anything.

Mothers seem to know the right things to say and do to make a bad day better. Growing up, they were our personal chauffeur, cheerleader, chef, valet, tutor, maid and banker. They were there to help with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, with dance recitals and competitions. They were the ones with the biggest smiles when we scored a goal or got an A in school.

Our mothers were at our side to help us celebrate our successes and accept our defeats. They taught us the value of hard work, good judgment, courage and honesty. As youngsters, our mothers were our super-heroes; as teenagers they were the meanest moms ever. They saw everything because they had eyes in the back of their head and knew everything because they were mind readers.

Now, as adults, we realize our mothers were our teachers and our guides and that even though we are on our own, they are still there to lend a helping hand.

Mother's Day may be celebrated once a year, but for a mother, it is every day. This Mother's Day, do something special for the woman who gave so much of herself for you. Whether it's a card, a gift or a bouquet of flowers, show her how much you care. And know that somewhere hidden away is a special box that contains all your tokens of love from years gone by.

You are just as special to your mom as she is to you.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Halt park work

The people of Plymouth Township need to be aware of what the Board of Trustees is doing with their tax dollars. The work at the Township Park is beginning on a project that no one in the township wants to the tune of over \$2 million. Yes, the board (by a vote of 4-3) is pushing this project forward without any input at all from the community.

Who wants a \$350,000 amphitheater without an amplification system? That makes no sense. Why would anybody want to put on a performance that cannot be heard? So the people living close to the park had better prepare for the addition of amplification, which will disturb their peace and quiet. Shouldn't they have a say in that? Who wants an \$800,000 pavilion that is air conditioned? I have yet to meet anyone in the township who feels that this is a good idea.

Where are the priorities here? Our fire equipment is sorely in need of replacement. Shouldn't the \$2 million be spent on the safety of the citizens of the township? The construction in the park needs to be stopped right now. The citizens in this community need to be allowed input in a decision of this magnitude. Stop, and hold a public hearing to get input from the people. What is happening to our democracy when a couple of people (on the board) think that they can make a choice like this without considering the wants and needs of the people whose taxes are paying for it?

Watch for it on the next voting ballot: There will be a request for an increase in the millage to pay for the fire equipment the township needs. How about using this money from the park re-do to help pay for the safety needs of the community?

Jackie Peters  
Plymouth Township

#### Building a wall?

I wanted to comment on the article "Board should take public input on amphitheater" (May 1). First of all, it is right on. The Plymouth Township board is solidly split and generally favors King Richard and the "Aura of Negativity" Ron Edwards.

This board behaves as if a civil war is going on between Plymouth and Plymouth Township. It is ridiculous. It does nothing to enhance either community. The ending to this battle could also hurt Plymouth Township home values. It certainly will not harm the city of Plymouth's home values.

And let's face it, without the city of Plymouth and all its fine outings, stores and restaurants, where would the township be? Look around you. The cities without cute little downtowns are not as desirable. The synergy between Plymouth and Plymouth Township enhances each other. To deliberately tear it down smacks of disingenuous behavior.

I keep asking the Plymouth Township board to let the citizens decide on all the stuff the board wants. We do not need an amphitheater with Kellogg Park and all the stores nearby. Did you ask the neighbors if they want all that

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noise in their backyard? They keep saying that they are going to put out a survey and I ask, where is it?

Plymouth Township needs a board who will respect its citizens and listen to them. They do not need a dictatorship. Haven't we learned that does not work out well for the people who pay taxes to keep these demagogues in office. Why are Plymouth Township officials trying to build a wall?

Dianne Griswold  
Plymouth

#### Fire department vs. amphitheater

I am writing in regards to the current proposed township amphitheater and the money being spent on this project. In a letter to the editor in the last edition of your paper, a reader questioned the wisdom of the township board in spending money on an amphitheater, or would it be better to spend it on fire equipment.

We had the first fire in Lakepointe after the Lakepointe fire station was closed. The response to our fire was less than satisfactory due to faulty fire equipment. The brakes on the truck coming from Beck Road failed and Northville arrived before a second truck was dispatched from the station on Haggerty and Ann Arbor road.

It was reported that it took nine additional minutes for that truck to arrive before the house could be entered. Our insurance company spent between \$250,000 and \$300,000 on the restoration of our home, which we were out of for five months. The Lakepointe fire station is still closed and our township board wants to build an amphitheater that isn't necessary? I would suggest they get back to looking after the safety of the residents first before they spend money on pet project of some of the board members.

By the way, you can bet if this fire was at Ron Edwards home in Lakepointe, the fire station would be opened and properly staffed in a heart beat.

Dave and Cathy Mills  
Plymouth

#### Uphill battle

My wife and I are both experienced public school teachers and our children are students at P-CCS, so I read with great interest your editorial April 24 ("New tests for teachers only a beginning"). I was particularly intrigued by the secondary headline: "State needs to address education."

After several years of reading media accounts that bashed public education and teachers, it was refreshing to see an editorial that got right to the real issues of how training, compensation and re-

spect help to shape public education in Michigan.

Although the standards have become higher in Michigan recently, it has never been easy to become a certified teacher or to renew certification. I earned my provisional certificate in 1992 only after a minimum of 300 contact hours and then completed a student-teaching experience which essentially lasted from December to April teaching four to five classes per day, five days week.

This was in addition to the 30-plus hours of secondary education class work and the time spent finishing a major and a minor. Upon receiving my first teaching job, I almost immediately started a master of education program. More than 18 graduate hours in five years was required, so it made sense to complete the next 12 hours to achieve the master's degree.

Annually, I have attended on average about 30 clock hours of professional development and completed other training during the year and in the summer. I have renewed my professional certification three times (every five years) and this is accomplished with additional graduate hours or I can apply a blending of the district-sponsored professional development and other training that I have volunteered for. Incidentally, the new teachers have a lot more to go through, but training has always been paramount in most school districts.

As for compensation, most effective teachers do not get into education to get wealthy. One of my first principals put it well: "You can make a decent living as an educator, but you will never get rich." However, as your editorial pointed out, "about 40 percent of all teachers leave within the first five years of starting their jobs" and this is partly because many new teachers feel that they are being asked to do a seemingly impossible job for relatively little money and a shrinking amount of benefits and job security.

Ultimately, the training and compensation directly tie into respect. Culturally, some Americans have never had respect for professional educators. It is usually only when former students of mine enter the profession (or coach or substitute teach) that they finally recognize what a difficult, yet rewarding, profession and vocation that teaching is. As your editorial implied, until all of our citizenry works together for the future generations, it will be an uphill battle.

Andrew C. Jackson  
Canton

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**ALLEN AUCTION**

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 16, 5:30-8 p.m.

**Location:** Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The Allen Elementary PTO sponsors the school's Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social. Proceeds will be used to fund field trips, classroom enhancements and in-school assemblies. The event is open to all members of the Allen community free of charge. The event will include a mini-fair with carnival games and a dunk tank (tickets available for purchase for games). The event will also celebrate Allen's 60th anniversary.

**Contact:** Call Allen Elementary at 734-416-0100 for more details.

**MAKING LACE**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 17, 1-4 p.m.

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

**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts lace-making demonstrations by members of the Great Lakes Lace Group. Various styles of lace-making will be represented, including needle lace, knitted lace and tatting. The mission of the Great Lakes Lace Group is to stimulate and foster a public interest in and appreciation for all phases and facets of lace and lace-making, including but not limited to its history, collection and expertise regarding this time-honored, decorative art and craft and to promote and develop the skillful making of lace by way of demonstration, instruction, teaching or otherwise. Demonstrations will take place in the Museum's Sanford Burr Meeting Room on the lower level. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-17 years old.

**HEISE HOURS**

**Date:** Monday, May 12

**Times/Locations:**

» 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton

» Noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville

» 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REPKURT or

e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

**PRICE HOURS**

**Date:** Monday, May 12

**Times/Locations:**

» 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

» 1:30-3 p.m., Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, conducts district office hours, allowing constituents the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Mike Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882.

**CHURCH CONCERT**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** Friend of Unity, a Plymouth Unity church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stowe Dailey Shockley, who organizers say are noted for performing "positive thought/spiritual message" music. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

**Contact:** Email Margaret Assenmacher at mass4000@sbcglobal.net for more information or for tickets.

**BLUES @ THE ELKS**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 13, 7-10 p.m.

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

**Details:** Blues @ the Elks features RJ's Kansas City Six presents The Great Blues Shouters of the Southwest. RJ Spangler on drums, Dan Devins does vocals and plays harmonica, Alicia Marie on guitar, Gwen MacPhee on string bass, James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals and Ella Campbell on tenor sax. Blues @ the Elks takes place the second Tuesday of the month. There's a \$5 donation at the door.

**Contact:** For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

**JAZZ @ THE ELKS**

**Date/Time:** May 27, 7-10 p.m.

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

**Details:** The May 27 event features Dennis Tini Trio with April Tini on vocals. Dennis plays keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. Jazz @

**Starfish honors**



Bob, Susie and Jonathan Citrin were awarded the 2014 Starfish Great Hearts Award by CEO Ann Kalass at "An Evening for Starfish" held May 1 at The Henry Ford in Dearborn. The Citrin family are longtime supporters of Starfish Family Services. Jonathan Citrin currently serves on the Starfish Board as the immediate past chairman. "An Evening for Starfish" raised funds in support of vulnerable children and families in metro Detroit.

The Elks is \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

**Contact:** For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com

**CRAFTERS WANTED**

**Date/Time:** Sept. 5-7

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth's Fall Festival

**Details:** The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Deadline for Jewelry booth applications is June 30. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15.

**Contact:** More information can be found on the web site or email Colleen Brown at craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com.

**HEARING SCREENINGS**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 21, 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Hug Center for Hearing, 705 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Hug Center for Hearing hosts an open house celebrating "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month." Free hearing screenings, free hearing aid consultations and demonstrations of the latest hearing technology, including assisted

listening devices will be part of the celebration. Refreshments, raffle prizes and giveaways will also be provided.

**Contact:** For more information, or to RSVP, call 734-451-0800.

**FOURTH ART EXHIBIT**

**Date/Time:** Through May 31; champagne and desserts reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11

**Location:** D&M Art Studio, Canton

**Details:** The fourth annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition takes place at D&M Art Studio and features original artwork of women artists. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner/operator of D&M Art Studio, has once again assembled recent works of art including her work, those of her daughters Erin and Kristin, her sister Donna Knight and some of Dillenbeck's award-winning students, including Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullikson, Deana Salhaney and Kay Masini.

**Contact:** For further information about this event or D&M Art Studio, contact Sharon Lee Dillenbeck at 734-453-3710 or email her at dmartist1@aol.com.

**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

» Friday, May 16, 1-6:45 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton

» Monday, May 19, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

» Thursday, May 22, 2-7:45 p.m., Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar, Plymouth

» Thursday, May 22, 1-6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

» Thursday, May 22, 4-7:45 p.m., West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above locations. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Date/Time:** Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.

**Location:** Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton

**Details:** Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m.,

free raffles are at 3 p.m. and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry services more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smitherman at 734-664-5848 or the church at 734-722-7688.

**DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and it will donate funds to help support Salem High School football. Blackwell Ford and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of the Salem High School football program as part of Blackwell Ford's Drive 4 UR School program. For every person who test drives a new Ford vehicle at this one-day event, Blackwell Ford will donate \$20 to Salem's football program (limit one donation per household). Funds raised from this event will help the Salem football team "Go Further" through the purchases of new equipment, improve current facilities and provide necessary supplies for players in training.

**Contact:** For additional information, contact Blackwell Ford at 734-453-1100.

**HOSPICE SUPPORT**

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

**BNI MEETING**

**Date/Time:** Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The BNI Northville-The \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.

**Contact:** For more information, visit www.NorthvilleBNI.com

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# Pros, cons of buying life insurance for a child

I talked to a client's daughter who had just become a mother for the first time. She and her husband wanted to make sure that they did the right things from a legal and financial standpoint. They already understood the importance of a will and naming a guardian.

They wanted my advice on whether they should buy life insurance for their child. They had been approached by their insurance agent. They wanted some independent advice.

What I hoped to do is to give them the pros and cons so they could make the decision for themselves.

Traditionally, when someone



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buys life insurance, it's to replace lost income. For example, the breadwinner in a family whose untimely death could cause severe financial consequences is the individual that you typically look to insure.

In a situation with a child, there typically is no loss of income. There are, though, two issues to consider.

If a child does die, there is the cost of burial and potentially lost wages if the parents are

not compensated during their period of grief. Life insurance is obviously one way of recouping those costs.

Another reason often cited to buy life insurance for a child is to insure insurability in the future. In many life insurance policies, you can add on additional insurance without a medical exam.

In addition, people who sell insurance believe it is a good investment. After all, you can build up a cash value and, on some of these variable products, you could have other forms of investments.

The reasons for not buying life insurance for a child are it is unlikely that something

would happen to a child and money spent on premiums could be more productively invested for such things as a college education.

In addition, in today's world it is very unlikely that a child would not be able to get insurance in the future. The amount of insurance that you'd have to buy today to make the future insurance material is cost-prohibitive for most people.

From an investment standpoint, the general view – by those who do not sell insurance – is that life insurance is a very expensive way of investing with very little flexibility and limited investment options.

When you consider the pros

and cons, other than in very unusual situations, I do not recommend life insurance for a child. The money would be better spent investing for a child's college education. I believe life insurance is a means to cover risk, not an investment.

Focus on something that will increase the quality of their child's life, such as saving for their college education.

Good luck.

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## Air museum, RACER set to ink deal to buy bomber plant

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Living up to its slogan of "We Can Do It Again," the Yankee Air Museum announced that it will enter into an agreement with the RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust to purchase 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The announcement came one year and a week after YAM had launched a multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign to buy an area of the former GM Powertrain Plant where B-24 Liberator bombers were completed and delivered to the U.S. government during World War II.

"The Yankee Air Museum would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us with the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign," museum officials said in a statement released Thursday. "The fundraising efforts have been successful enough that we are moving to the next step of the campaign, which is working on an actual purchase agreement."

"As you can imagine, outside of the fundraising efforts, one of the most difficult parts of this project has been the figuring out the very challeng-



Last fall, Yankee Air Museum officials invited the public to see the portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant it will be buying from the RACER Trust. FILE PHOTO

ing infrastructure issues related to preserving the old Bomber Plant. We are hoping to resolve these issues as quickly as possible and anticipate a purchase agreement will be signed in the next seven to 10 days."

### Able to go ahead

According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, which has been helping in the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, the museum and RACER have agreed that they reached a point of being able to go ahead with the deal.

"We're pretty sure we have the resources to do this," he said. "The only stumbling block may be the utility hookups, but we expect to have it under control. We've raised enough to preserve the build-

ing, now we have to create a museum."

The museum had set a campaign goal of \$8 million to purchase the portion of the plant, put up walls to enclose it and hook up the utilities. The museum has raised more than \$7 million, with close to \$300,000 coming in through online donations and commitments in the last few days before the May 1 deadline.

"The level of public support has been both amazing and gratifying," Montgomery said. "This has really been a priority for the people of this area. We're thrilled we could get this far. It took one year and a week for a major capital campaign that normally takes three or four years."

But while it has accomplished its initial goal of saving the bomber plant, fund-

raising will continue "without interruption." According to the museum statement, the money will be needed to prepare "for any additional expense required to resolve the infrastructure issues as well as to be prepared for later phases of this project, including the creation of the new facility's planned exhibits."

### Larger building

Acquiring the building is a dream come true for the museum. The factory space is four times the size of its current museum and large enough inside to house all of its planes, except the massive B-52.

RACER Trust's mission is to clean up and revitalize former GM locations. Close to 50 percent of the former GM Powertrain Plant has been demolished so far. Once the work is done, the property will be available for redevelopment.

Because the portion of the bomber plant the museum is buying is part of the factory, two walls will need to be built to enclose the buildings. Montgomery is confident that the strategic demolition will be accomplished without damage to the old plant.

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## Studio celebrates 40th anniversary

Dancin' Feet, the longest operating dance studio in Canton, hosts its annual year-end performance this week celebrating 40 years of providing quality dance instruction to the Plymouth-Canton communities.

Performances take place at 7 p.m. Friday, May 9; at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10; and at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 11, in Salem High School's auditorium, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton. To celebrate the milestone, former students have been invited to join the opening number on stage during each recital for a special dance.

Dancin' Feet provides dance instruction at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, under the direction of Cheryl Reitz. Classes for all ages are offered six days a week in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, pointe, hip hop and cecchetti, as well as adult tap classes. Dancin' Feet also offers a competition team and a selection of summer classes.

"We're very proud to be celebrating our 40th anniversary as a dedicated business in the Plymouth-Canton community," Reitz said.

For more information about Dancin' Feet's ongoing classes and upcoming performances, call 734-394-5460.

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

## TRIUMPHANT RETURN

Duhl's return brings cheers from stands, solid team effort on field in Rocks' 0-0 tie with Churchill

By Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

As of 7:04 Monday night, Scott Duhl's "gap" was no more. The reappointed head coach of the Salem girls soccer team was taking steps on the sideline, in front of the team that he picked, for the first time this spring.

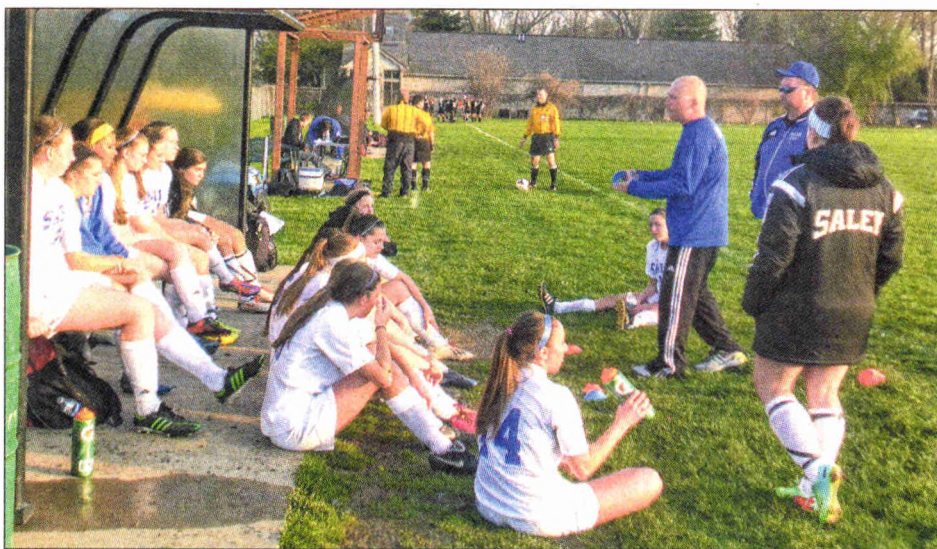
Although it turned out to be a 0-0 tie against Livonia Churchill (5-2-1), Salem (3-5-2) played with a sense of purpose and integrity all night.

Sharing the shutout for Salem were senior Aly Mann and freshman Skylar Brant (who each played a half) and

Churchill freshman Brittney Hayes. "One of the things that drives me about coaching is the camaraderie and togetherness about a team. Not having that, I've had a gap in my day, my time. They are just a joy to be around," Duhl said.

Unaccustomed to the limelight, Duhl was glad to be back doing what he loves. When his name was announced with the starting lineup before the game, the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Even Duhl himself was surprised at the applause from the fans when his name was first announced as "Salem



Reinstated Salem girls soccer coach Scott Duhl (third from right) talks to the players during halftime of Monday's game. EVAN PAPUTA

head coach."

"Usually not so many cheers," Duhl said. "This whole thing has been pretty overwhelming. It's crazy how many

people just in this community — I grew up here in this community — that

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44TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

# Hawks tops at Observerland



Vying for the lead in the 100 meter dash at the Observerland Relays are (from left) Farmington Harrison junior Iwarri Smith, Westland John Glenn junior Jaron Flournoy and Salem senior Steven Homrich. PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Host Salem finishes fourth out of 14 teams, Canton takes sixth at windy Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Saturday's 44th annual Observerland Relays literally was a numbers game at windswept Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Despite strong winds that sometimes slowed runners, Farmington Harrison's outstanding depth proved to be just enough to earn the championship, as the Hawks tallied 74 points — edging Livonia Stevenson, which finished with 72.

"You got to be up there and you got to place," said Harrison coach John Reed, whose team captured three events. "We got a lot of guys and I would have to say, I'm sure I used over 20 different guys to score points tonight. We only used a couple sprinters twice. Most guys out here tonight

probably only ran one time, so that was pretty good."

Reed then smiled about topping a talented field of teams that included Stevenson, third-place Livonia Franklin (52 points), host Salem (fourth with 50), defending Observerland champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central (fifth with 48) and Canton (sixth, 46).

"This is a huge win, I'm like in a little bit of shock. A lot of really good teams here. But we have a team that, these young guys have been growing up with us for a while, they're maturing into their own."

In the next tier of teams were Livonia Churchill (seventh, 37), Farmington (eighth, 29), Westland John Glenn (ninth, 26), Wayne Memorial (10th, 25) and Plymouth (11th, 22).

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PREP SOFTBALL



Salem's Sam Weiser, shown in this 2013 photo, and her teammates are clicking on all cylinders during a 10-game winning streak. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Rocks rally to win invite

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity softball team is rocking, rolling and winning — including Saturday's Salem Invitational.

Having knocked off three opponents earlier in the day, the Rocks faced Wyandotte in the championship game of the 17th annual tourney and rallied to capture a 12-11 victory in eight innings.

Then on Monday, Salem mercied Wayne Memorial 16-0 in a three-inning KLAAs crossover to make it 10 consecutive victories entering Wednesday's twinbill against Novi.

"I don't want to jinx us, but we have not lost a game since we got back from our successful spring training trip," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "It truly does make a difference, the wins speak mountains."

The Rocks (13-4 overall) needed some big-time offensive fireworks to bounce back against the Bears, who scored three runs in the top of the eighth to snap an 8-8 tie and go up 11-8.

But Salem was not to be denied.

First, Gabbi Zott doubled home Emily Marcero. Abbie Riedel followed with a pinch-hit single to put two runners on base and Zott scored on a sacrifice fly by Kristi Zink, reducing the deficit to one run.

Down to their final out, the Rocks pulled out the victory when Kristin Mihalic followed with a two-run homer.

"We haven't won our tourney in about five years so it's a nice win," Southerland said. "It was great to see the bats working."

The big guns against Wyandotte were Katie Hiltz (3-for-3), Jamie Squires (2-for-3, including a homer) and Zott —

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Rounding out the field were 12th-place Garden City (10), Redford Union (4) and Redford Thurston (1).

According to Stevenson head coach Scott Shaw, his team displayed depth and consistency to come up just two points shy of the championship.

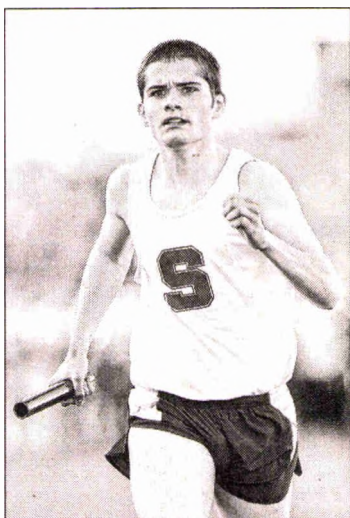
The Spartans' lone first came in the 6,400-meter relay as Kevin Callow, Zach Miastkowski, Stephen Fenech and Erik Grisa combined for a time of 19:32.07.

"We had a nice showing," Shaw said. "I know the kids get excited for this meet. We do fairly well, we don't have a lot of real superstars, but we got a lot of real steady kids and they all did a nice job."

"When you have three of them in each event, ... it's pretty nice because it's more of a team thing. Maybe we (only) won one event today, and we placed in a number of other ones."

Franklin, meanwhile, posted its best finish in years to pick up the third-place trophy. The Patriots won the individual 1,600-meter run (Keenan Jones in 4:37.29), while Matt Wirick, Alex Perelli, Spencer Opie and Nathan Rodgers combined for a first in the 4 x 100 relay (44.68).

"It's the first top-three since I've been coaching," said Pat Koelzer, now in his sixth year. "I think it's been awhile for Franklin. We did really well in our sprints. Keenan (Jones) winning the mile helped a lot. Alex (Perelli) really looked good in the 100. We did not really have a lot of success in the field events. It's been an area of development all season for us. But on the track, everybody really did their part. They stepped up ... and I'm a little surprised. We've had a long week of a lot of meets and we did not really load up guys too much for this. I guess they



Salem sophomore Jared Zella gives it his all during the 3200 relay at the Observerland Relays, Saturday evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

were fresh and it showed."

"We had two big dual meets coming into this week and we have another coming up Tuesday (against Westland John Glenn), so I didn't want to wear guys down too much. I guess maybe that paid off a little bit."

### Gauging the talent

Salem head coach Steve Aspinall predicted that the final standings would come down to the teams that more often than not were at the front of the line in each event.

The Rocks had a number of strong performances, but not enough firsts or seconds. Per event, points were allotted 10-8-6-4-2-1 to the top-six finishers, respectively.

"Overall, we had a lot of places, we placed in a lot of events," Aspinall said. "But it's tough to win if you don't get lots of firsts and seconds, and we didn't get a whole lot of firsts and seconds."

"We had a second in the long jump and that might have been the last top-two finish we had on the day. We had lots of third places, lots of fourths. Overall, pretty good. The times weren't the best because we had a flying flag

with 25 mile-per-hour winds all day, blowing in their face most of the way."

Aspinall said his team got a good glimpse at the talent that will be back at P-CEP on May 16 for the regionals.

"There's some great speed here," Aspinall noted. "Franklin's got speed, ... John Glenn's got speed and it will be nice to see those guys again."

Canton had an overall good day, according to assistant coach Matti Kilpelainen, helping oversee the Chiefs in the absence of head coach Jess Shough.

"I thought we performed pretty well, we have improved during the course of the season," Kilpelainen said. "Today was a real good meet for us. Our high jump we got a PR (personal best) from Jamal Dixon, 6-7, one of the best in the state."

"Our pole vaulters did pretty good, too, they got third place. We got some heights that would qualify at least one of them to a state meet if they can do it in the regionals. So we're improving."

Glenn's Jaron Flournoy captured the individual 100 in 10.95 and also teamed up with Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason and Austin Hickerson to win the 800 relay in 1:31.1.

The Rockets also appeared to have won the meet's final event, the 1,600 relay by a wide margin, but were disqualified by a meet official for doing illegal pacing along the track thus forfeiting 10 points and giving Plymouth the victory.

Wayne's sprint medley team of Joe Gatton, J'Lonte Cook, Shakarri Hill and Montel Hood also placed first in 2:33.63.

And to nobody's surprise, Churchill's Jacob Hage, Ethan Burke and Stephen Fedak took the pole vault relay (39-3).

*Livonia-Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.*

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## Relay good



Canton's varsity girls track and field team took part at Saturday's Livonia Stevenson Invitational. The Chiefs' 800-meter relay team of (from left) Taylor Pelland, Jocelyn Moraw, Channelle Holly and Samantha McGrath proudly display their medals after taking second place in the event.

## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

### 44th annual OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS May 3 at Canton H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Farmington Harrison, 74 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 72; 3. Livonia Franklin, 52; 4. Salem, 50; 5. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 6; Canton, 46; 7. Livonia Churchill, 37; 8. Farmington, 29; 9. Westland John Glenn, 26; 10. Wayne Memorial, 25; 11. Plymouth, 22; 12. Garden City, 10; 13. Redford Union, 4; 14. Redford Thurston, 1.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**Shot put relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Shane Campeau, Charlie Widmaier, Martin Anumba), 143 feet, 8.75 inches; 2. Farmington, 130-7; 3. Salem, 125-4.5; 4. Stevenson, 124-3; 5. Churchill, 123-6; 6. Canton, 120-5.5.

**Discus relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Campeau, Evan Hunter, Michael Misiak), 397-0; 2. Farmington, 391-11; 3. Stevenson, 370-1; 4. Harrison, 360-4; 5. Churchill, 341-7; 6. Plymouth, 309-1.

**High jump relay:** 1. Canton (Jamal Dixon, Brett Lee, Alec MacDonald), 17-10; 2. Harrison, 17-5; 3. Salem, 17-2; 4. Stevenson, 16-10; 5. Catholic Central, 16-6; 6. Farmington, 16-0.

**Long jump relay:** 1. Harrison (Malik Benison, Iwarri Smith, DeAndre Lipscomb), 61-8.5; 2. Salem, 56-1; 3. Canton, 54-9.5; 4. Stevenson, 53-9.5; 5. Farmington, 52-8.5; 6. Garden City, 52-4.

**Pole vault relay:** 1. Churchill (Jacob Hage, Ethan Burke, Stephen Fedak), 39-3; 2. Stevenson, 38-6; 2. Canton, 36-6; 4. Garden City, 28-6; 5. Salem, 26-6; 6. Franklin, 17-0.

**6,400-meter relay:** 1. Stevenson (Kevin Callow, Zach Miastkowski, Stephen Fenech, Erik Grisa), 19:32.07; 2. Catholic Central, 19:38.48; 2. Wayne, 19:59.92; 4. Churchill, 20:09.33; 5. Salem, 21:00.68; 6. Franklin, 21:21.07.

**110 individual hurdles:** 1. Michael Ojemudia (Harrison), 15.42; 2. Josh Craven (Farm.), 15.61; 3. Nathan Falzon (Stevenson), 15.68; 4. Keyon Thomas (RU), 15.7; 5. Donovan D'Amore (CC), 15.74; 6.

Laymon Giddings Whatley (Thurston), 15.85.

**Distance medley relay:** 1. Canton (Peter Bruchanek, Israel Pennock, Tom Walkinshaw, Ammar Chishti), 11:42.18; 2. Harrison, 11:48.21; 3. Stevenson, 11:48.66; 4. Franklin, 11:49.13; 5. Salem, 11:50.89; 6. Plymouth, 11:53.1.

**800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Freddie Thompson, Jaron Flournoy, Kenyatta Mason, Austin Hickerson), 1:31.1; 2. Franklin, 1:33.22; 3. Canton, 1:33.36; 4. Salem, 1:34.21; 5. Wayne, 1:34.56; 6. Churchill, 1:34.68.

**1,600 individual run:** 1. Keenan Jones (Franklin), 4:37.29; 2. Matt Cohan (Churchill), 4:42.66; 3. Micah Orr (John Glenn), 4:45.69; 4. Devin Gibson (Wayne), 4:47.0; 5. Chaz Jeffers (Salem), 4:48.1; 6. J'Haria Johnson (Garden City), 4:49.63.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Jonny Dalton, Mayur Patil, John Kody, Blerim Mema), 8:34.58; 2. Catholic Central, 8:47.35; 3. Stevenson, 8:56.18; 4. Salem, 8:59.51; 5. Churchill, 9:06.16; 6. Canton, 9:06.82.

**100 individual dash:** 1. Flournoy (John Glenn), 10.95; 2. Alex Perelli (Franklin), 11.08; 3. Steven Homrich (Salem), 11.21; 4. Iwarri Smith (Harrison), 11.24; 5. Shakarri Hill (Wayne), 11.41; 6. Austin Petrie (Stevenson), 11.69.

**Sprint medley relay:** 1. Wayne (Joe Gatton, J'Lonte Cook, Hill, Montel Hood), 2:33.63; 2. Harrison, 2:37.45; 3. Stevenson, 2:39.78; 4. Canton, 2:40.94; 5. Catholic Central, 2:42.32; 6. Franklin, 2:43.32.

**Shuttle hurdle relay:** 1. Harrison (Aaron Johnson, Jay Forest, Martell Fletcher, Ojemudia), 1:07.51; 2. Stevenson, 1:05.69; 3. Catholic Central, 1:07.51; 4. Churchill, 1:08.0; 5. Farmington, 1:09.39; 6. Franklin, 1:09.44.

**400 relay:** 1. Franklin (Matt Wirick, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Nathan Rodgers), 44.68; 2. Salem, 45.04; 3. Harrison, 45.09; 4. Churchill, 45.34; 5. Canton, 45.54; 6. Stevenson, 46.81.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Dalton, Aaron Bergman, Mema, Patil), 3:36.25; 2. Franklin, 3:39.82; 3. Harrison, 3:41.52; 4. Garden City, 3:41.84; 5. Stevenson, 3:42.62; 6. Wayne, 3:42.64.

## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON BOYS GOLF CONFERENCE TOURNEY May 2 at Fox Creek G.C.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi and Canton, 301 strokes each; 3. Plymouth, 302; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 310; 5. Northville, 312; 6. Livonia Churchill, 318; 7. Salem, 327; 8. South Lyon East, 329; 9. Livonia Franklin, 332; 10. South Lyon, 338; 11. Westland John Glenn, 451; 12. Wayne Memorial, 473.

**Individual co-medalists:** Donnie Trosper (Canton) and Garrett Buckley

(Novi), par-71 each.

### TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

**Canton (301):** 1. Donnie Trosper, 71; 9. (tie) Noah Lindlbauer and Suhas Potluri, 76 each; 14. Chris Dooley, 78; 33. Hunter Schlamp, 82; 50. Carter Schenk, 88.

**Plymouth (302):** 3. Evan Chipman, 73; 4. Chris Kozler, 74; 6. John Tatti, 76; 23. (tie) Alex Decker and Kyle Melnick, 80 each; 42. Jack Boczar, 84.

**Salem (327):** 23. Franco Papp, 80; 33. (tie) Brady Cole and Nick Danis, 82 each;

38. Connor Cole, 83; 46. Jack McCormack, 87; 57. Noah Hirvela, 92.

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

**FRANKLIN 168 CANTON 169**

### May 6 at Fox Hills

**Franklin scorers:** Greg Bo, 40 (medalist); Alex Nagy, 41; Matt Wiebelhaus, 43; Tyler Gerhard, 44; Josh Dudek, 46 and Alex Regis, 50.

**Canton scorers:** Noah Lindlbauer, 41;

Chris Dooley, 42; Carter Schenk, 43; Hunter Schlamp, 43; Suhas Potluri, 49 and Josh Johnson, 50.

**Dual match records:** Canton, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South Division.

### PLYMOUTH 144 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 165

### May 1 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

**Plymouth scorers:** Evan Chipman, 33 (medalist); John Tatti, 35; Jack Boczar, 37; Chris Kozler, 39; Alex Decker and Kyle

Melnick, 42 each.

**Franklin scorers:** Alex Regis, 39; Tyler Gerhard, 40; Greg Bo, 42; Matt Wiebelhaus, 44; Alex Nagy and Josh Dudek, 46 each.

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

### CANTON 136 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 171

### May 1 at Fox Hills Strategic Golf

**Canton scorers:** Suhas Potluri, 32 (medalist); Dominic Dimaya, 34; Curt Yun, 34; Brian Oldani, 36; Phillip Conrad, 36; Ryan Witzack, 36.

**John Glenn scorers:** James Hartman, 38; Alex Luckhardt, 42; Jesse Osario, 45; Darius Williams, 46; Brendan Harvey, 47.

**Dual match records:** Canton, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-3, 0-3 KLAA South.

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# 'Y' NOT?

Volunteer coaches help Plymouth Family YMCA programs connect with kids of all skill levels

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Forget about stats, standings and scholarships.

Youngsters who sign up for the myriad sports programs offered by the Plymouth Family YMCA are having a blast just playing the games — and learning about key life skills such as teamwork, respect and discipline at the same time.

And that's the mission statement followed by Plymouth YMCA volunteer coaches such as Eric Bacynski, Alecia Sweeney and Doug Soper.

All three joined the coaching staff to guide their own kids and help introduce them to the world of organized fun and games.

Several years later, they are still at it. Bacynski and Sweeney share coaching duties with a girls volleyball team (now participating in the just-started spring season) while Soper coaches basketball.

"I signed up to coach the girls volleyball team because my daughter wanted to play and I enjoy being active in her sports," Bacynski said. "Additionally, I welcomed it as an opportunity to teach a group of great girls that sports are about having fun, being active and learning how to work as a team; winning is a great benefit of all of those coming together."

Sweeney's motivation for becoming a volunteer coach also was to be there with her daughter.

But she also wanted to share with the girls her own love of volleyball and being part of a team.

"I think leagues like the YMCA offer great introductions to the different sports and give the kids the opportunity to try a variety of different sports and find what they like best," Sweeney said.

Soper concurred that his initial desire to become a volunteer coach with the Plymouth YMCA was to coach his son the basics of basketball.

Three years later, he is still loving the opportunity.

"I find it very reward-

ing to be able to teach the kids some new skills, have some fun and also instill some form of discipline outside of their normal family life," Soper said. "I also enjoy when the kids learn something new and then have success showing the new skill down the road."

**Volunteers crucial**

Bacynski, Sweeney and Soper are only a few of the many volunteers who are the life blood for connecting kids with Plymouth YMCA sports offerings — which also include baseball (T-ball, coach pitch and machine pitch) and soccer.

With close to 1,000 kids between ages 3-12 participating in various leagues, clinics and popular programs such as Girls on the Run, the need never subsides for quality volunteer coaches to commit to the Plymouth YMCA.

And while it is great to have volunteers stick with certain teams, coaching turnover is a fact of life with the Plymouth YMCA, according to community program director Josh Borg.

Finding folks to help out can be a "tricky" thing with today's on-the-run society. Keeping them for the long haul is even trickier, sometimes.

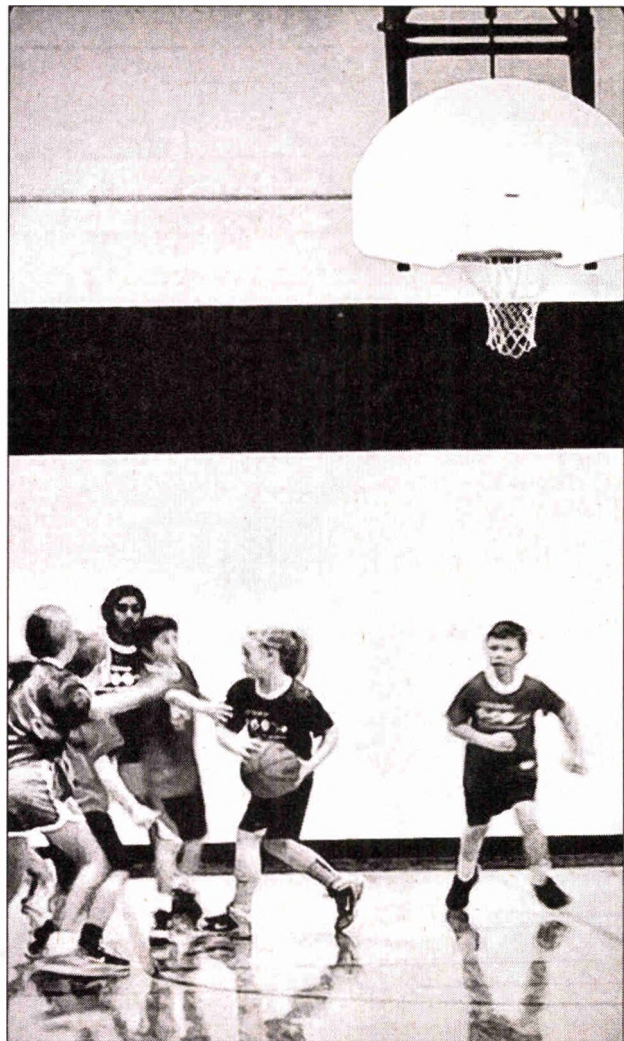
"It's one of the things I really try to work on is communication with our volunteers, just helping them out in whatever way I can," Borg said. "I tell them 'You're going to run the practice and you're going to run the game. As far as communication stuff with other parents, I can handle that.' Just because I know it is tough. That can be up to three-to-five hours out of your week."

"With full-time jobs and stuff that can get tough. So we do run into snags of trying to get volunteers."

In virtually every case, volunteers sign up for the same reasons, to be positive role models and teachers more than cheerleaders.

**Kinder, gentler**

Meanwhile, Sweeney said it is a plus that youngsters get to play and learn "in a little less competitive way, yet still



The Plymouth Family YMCA hosts coed basketball camps in July and August for youngsters ages 7-12. There also are winter leagues offered.

**FIND OUT MORE**

The Plymouth Family YMCA is located at 248 S. Union St. For more information about spring and summer programs, call program director Josh Borg at 734-386-0700, jborg@ymcadetroit.org or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth](http://www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth).

allows the kids to excel and grow at their own speed.

"Often kids move on to more competitive club type teams if that is what they are interested in and others stay in the YMCA programs and just learn and have fun."

Borg noted that he reinforces the kinder and gentler mission of the YMCA whenever new parents coming around to sign up their kids.

"A lot of our leagues, we don't do standings," Borg said. "We start to keep score at a certain age (8 years old or so). We do that not really to deter people from having a competitive spirit, I tell them you can still be competitive and participate in our program."

"But our overall focus isn't 'We want that team to win,' we want both teams to participate, both teams to be able to have some skill building. And at the end of the day, yes, there will be one team that either has more goals, has more points than the other team, but that's not an area that we focus on."

Sportsmanship is stressed by Bacynski and Sweeney with their players.

"Alecia and I always looked at it as setting the fundamentals for how these girls view sports," Bacynski said. "First and foremost, it was implicit, that sports are for boys and girls. Second, that good sportsmanship means treating your opponent as if they were a teammate; we frequently used scrimmages to drive this point home."

"Having the girls rotate teams and switch frequently ensures that they always treated each

other equally and with respect."

**The basics**

Beyond the games, meanwhile, is helping youngsters get off the couch and get into an active lifestyle that could stick with them for decades.

At least, Borg hopes that's the case more often than not.

"We definitely stress healthy living and that's what we try and promote with our leagues, too," Borg said. "If you want them to be active this is kind of where we fit into that."

"You don't have to be a track star to play in our soccer leagues or anything like that. We very much promote healthy living."

And, Borg emphasized, parents and their children take solace knowing YMCA programs welcome beginners.

"You wonder if you haven't done it before, especially a kid that wants to try a sport for the first time when he's 9," Borg said. "In this day and age people start sports so early (kids) wonder 'Am I going to be able to do it? Am I going to stick out because I don't know what I'm doing?'"

"That's why we like to offer this and say 'No, you can come here and you're not going to stick out.' That's what we are here for, to give you a program to teach you the basics."

The Plymouth Family YMCA is all about basics, buddies and building blocks. Those Xs and Os of competitive sports can wait.

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BOYS PREP LACROSSE

## Chiefs best 'Cats, get early jump on Park title

Goalie Smith, nine points by Topper spark Canton to 11-6 victory

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Collin Smith was a freshman, he and his Canton Chiefs boys lacrosse teammates were the best at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Three years later, the aggressive senior goalkeeper and team captain is looking to go out with those same bragging rights. Smith backstopped Canton to an 11-6 victory Friday against Plymouth on a cool, rainy night at P-CEP's varsity turf field.

"We just have to beat Salem (May 9) and win the Park," said Smith, who stopped 20 of 26 Plymouth shots. "It's something we've been looking for. We didn't win it the last two years. We came off my freshman year with a big win at the Park so we're looking to get it back to where it belongs."

Senior attackman Kyle Topper keyed Canton's offense, scoring four goals (three in the first half) and collecting five assists for a nine-point night.

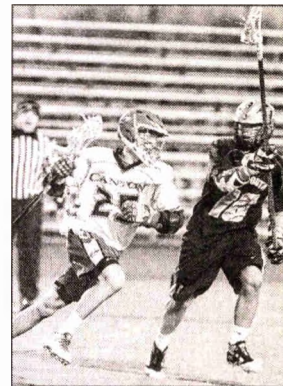
"Kyle Topper had another great game, and our face-off guy, Nolan Gilo (junior midfielder) is just playing fabulously this year," Canton coach Hank Lewandowski said. "He won most of our face-offs and he's done a really good job getting the ball up into our offense."

Junior midfielder Gerald Belanger registered three goals for Canton, with sophomore attackman Carson Pakula chipping in with two goals in the second half. Netting one goal each for the Chiefs were Max Kwiecien and Ben Phillips, while Brocton Baechler tallied two assists.

Registering two goals each for the Wildcats were Kyle Robertson, Nolan Ouellette and Zach Gallaher. Adding an assist for the night was Robertson.

Canton took a 3-0 lead after one quarter but had to hold off the pesky Wildcats, who came back to trail just 5-4 at halftime.

In the third quarter, however, the Chiefs raised it up a notch,



Canton's Carson Pakula (No. 25) looks to gain a step on Plymouth's Ben Riley (No. 18) during Friday night's game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

outscored the Wildcats 4-1 to take a commanding 9-5 edge entering the fourth.

Burly goalkeeper Smith had a lot to do with that as he muscled his way around the net, yelled encouragement and even sprinted far away from his goalmouth to get ground balls.

**On a mission**

"Yeah, I was just trying to help get ground balls," Smith said. "We struggled last game with ground balls in front of our net, so I figured I'd just try to help out my team and my (long-stick) poles a little bit more."

"I was a little more aggressive, I didn't stay home as much as I usually do."

Smith said he knows that when he does wander, that his teammates will cover for him. "Some of my poles, they got good sticks so they can knock stuff down as it comes towards the net."

Chiefs head coach Hank Lewandowski lauded Smith's strong, aggressive play.

"He's a great athlete, a good leader, a good team captain and he's made big saves for us all season long," Lewandowski said. "He's kept us in games when our inexperienced defense would lag off, he's made big saves and helped our transition game to get going."

According to Wildcats head coach Brian Walsh, the Canton goalie "takes up so much space in the cage that we shot a lot of shots wide trying to get corners."

Walsh said although his team is very young, with more freshmen than seniors, it was good to see how well it responded to Canton's quick lead. The Wildcats just could not sustain their rally.

PREP BASEBALL

## Salem offense rolling

Yet another jam-packed week for the Salem varsity baseball team got off to a rollicking start with Monday's 14-0 mercy victory over host Wayne Memorial.

Salem (14-5 entering Tuesday's game against Livonia Stevenson) didn't require a single hit to collect five runs in the first two frames against the Zebras.

But the offense really got going after that, with a seven-run fifth salting away the victory.

Shortstop Jack Driscoll had another big game, with three hits and four runs while Alex Nicholson's bases-loaded double drove in a pair.

Helping out the attack was catcher Logan Marshall, who registered his first varsity hit — driving in his first run as a result.

Getting the victory for the Rocks was pitcher Nick March (2-1).

Salem's busy week continued with Wednes-

day's home twinbill against Novi. Thursday the Rocks will visit Walled Lake Western and then host Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday.

On Saturday, Salem and Plymouth will again meet for the annual Strike Out Prostate Cancer benefit double-header. Game 1 will take place at Plymouth (11 a.m.), followed by the nightcap on Salem's varsity field at 2 p.m.

**NOVI 8, CANTON 5:** In Tuesday's makeup game, three hits and three RBI by Nick Hazergian was not enough for the Chiefs (11-6). Robert Guajardo added two hits.

Canton also lost 3-2 Monday against South Lyon, despite a hit and RBI by Weston Price and two hits and an RBI by Hazergian.

**PLYMOUTH 5, S.L. EAST 2:** Pitcher Derek Ebeling's two-hit complete game sparked the visiting Wildcats to Monday's K/LAA crossover win. Andrew Hejka went 3-for-3 and was the catalyst on offense for Plymouth (16-8). Patrick Downing contributed a key go-ahead RBI single. Downing, Jared Merandi, Seth Hubbard each tallied hits.

**SALEM 9-9, MILAN 3-7:** The visiting Rocks swept Saturday's double-header, with a six-run first getting the day off to a great start.

Josh Penn and Jack Driscoll each tallied two hits, with Driscoll connecting on a two-run home run (his first of the season). Improving to 5-0 for the year was Tyler Brooks.

In Game 2, Josh Penn hurled three frames of scoreless relief for the win, his first of the season.



## GIRLS SOCCER

# Slaviero's goal proves clutch for Chargers

## Frosh delivers in 1-0 triumph over Plymouth

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

In a match devoid of any real scoring chances, Livonia Churchill's Ashley Slaviero found the target and delivered a bulls-eye shot.

And the freshman proved to be the unlikely hero last Thursday night as she went top shelf from 25 yards out to give the host Chargers a pivotal 1-0 girls soccer victory over Plymouth.

Despite six matches left, Churchill now controls its own destiny in the KLAA South Division race after beating second-place Plymouth for the second straight time.

The Chargers improved to 5-2 overall and 4-0 in the division, two games up in the loss column on both the Wildcats and Canton.

Slaviero's goal was set up by senior midfielder's Kelsey Parrinello's back pass after she settled the ball from 15 yards out.

And the freshman made no mistake, drilling a shot just under the crossbar and over the outstretched fingertips of a leaping Plymouth senior goalkeeper Kylie Robb with 26:43 remaining in the match.

The first half was a defensive stalemate that featured no shots on goal and just one corner kick (by Plymouth).

Once the Chargers scored, things opened up somewhat, but between the two teams there were only four shots on goal. Plymouth's best chance came with 13:36 when a free kick sailed high over the crossbar from 25 yards out.

"I thought they (Churchill) did a very good job getting numbers in their back third and really frustrating us," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team fell to 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA South. "At the end of the day we didn't get the job done. We made several adjustments. I thought we created more offense, but it wasn't enough."

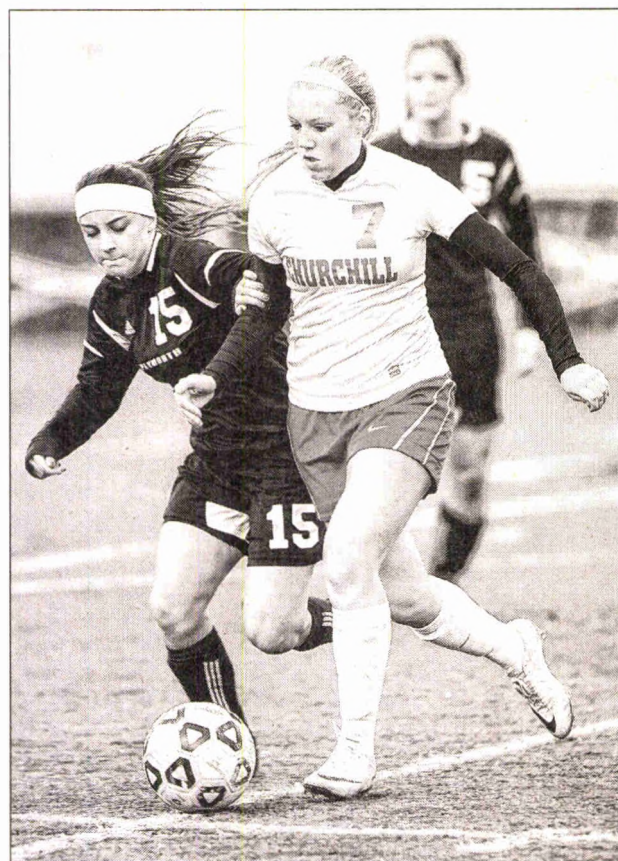
And Neschich gave credit where credit was due on the game-winning goal.

"That was a fantastic shot," the Plymouth coach said.

Churchill also won 1-0 in its previous meeting on Plymouth's home field.

**CANTON 3, SALEM 1:** On Friday night at P-CEP, Rachel Winters scored to break a 1-1 tie and help spark the Chiefs to a KLAA cross-over varsity girls soccer victory.

Also scoring for Canton (5-4-1) were Cristen Pederson and Hannah Lapko. "Both teams played strong and we played composed and moved the ball well in the first 25 minutes," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "We got the first goal from a cross across the goal by Chloe Donlin to Cristen Pederson



Churchill's Kelsey Parrinello (right) tries to beat Plymouth's Sydney Rouse to the 50-50 ball. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

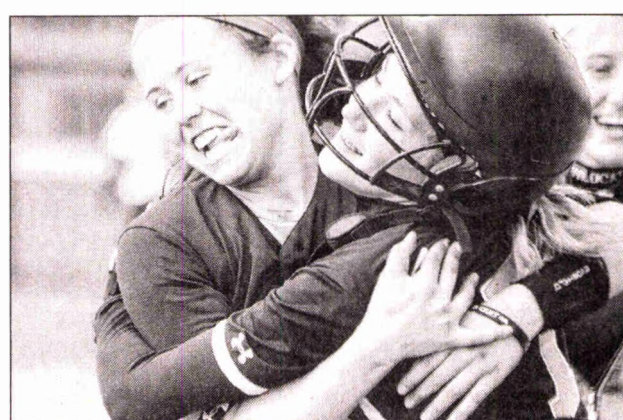
Both teams played even until later in the second half, when Rachel started to push forward and took a great shot, giving us a 2-1 lead.

The Rocks (3-5-1) pressured in efforts for the equalizer, but the Chiefs hung on with some insurance provided by the Lapko

marker. "We really needed the win," Reddy said. "We knew we couldn't let down and the girls held strong."

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## PREP SOFTBALL



After Plymouth's Rachel Zerona (right) scored Monday's winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning, she is mobbed by Brooke Senkbeil.

## 'Cats keep hot streak alive

Rachel Zerona picked the perfect time to take a trip around the bases, enabling host Plymouth to nip South Lyon East 3-2 in Monday's softball matchup of Kensington Conference division leaders.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh and the game tied 2-2, Zerona dropped a bunt down and beat it out for her second hit of the contest.

But she kept running thanks to a throwing error by the Cougars third baseman.

Around second went Zerona, then around third and she slid home with the winning run, beating the throw from right field.

The win upped Plymouth's record to 10-0 overall and 9-0 in the KLAA South Division, while South Lyon East (first in the Central) dropped to 12-4, 7-2.

Earning the win was Plymouth pitcher Mikayela Marciniak, who

gave up just three hits and struck out nine as she out-dued Sydney East (who gave up four hits, also fanning nine batters).

The Cougars went up 2-0 in the second inning, with Morgan Bowen driving in both runs with a base hit.

Plymouth came back to even things up 2-2 in the bottom of the third.

Gina Barber started the bottom of the inning with a sharp single and stole second base, and Brooke Senkbeil followed with her second walk of the game.

Zerona bunted for a hit to load the bases and Lindsay Lutton's single scored Barber to make it 2-1. Brittney Miller's ground ball to the right side of the infield brought home Senkbeil to knot the score.

Plymouth will visit Canton for a Thursday makeup doubleheader in a clash of the KLAA South's top teams.

## SALEM

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have reached out to me through social media, phone calls and texts. "I can't wait to get rolling more in this season."

### Worth fighting for

From the initial hearing six weeks ago at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools weekly board meeting until Duhl's reinstatement last week, the team proved to be Duhl's rock.

"Talk about girls that are really smart, fun people to be around. Overall, just a joy to be around," Duhl said.

Players spearheaded the campaign to bring Duhl back.

T-shirts with his name on the back were made and worn to the board meeting and even during the first Salem home game.

While the shirts weren't viewed as a good thing by everyone, to senior forward, Beth Miller, the campaign was well worth any unwanted hullabaloo.

"We made shirts, and that definitely caused a lot of controversy. We made national news because it was so outrageous what happened," Miller said.

From the outlook of senior defender, Olivia Kaye the T-shirts helped bring Duhl back. It was a rewarding feeling for Kaye to know that hard work really does pay off.

"During our first home game, we wore our white 'Duhl' T-shirts, which showed a lot of support and it caused a lot of controversy, which I think helped bring him back,"



Salem's Katie Binsfeld (No. 18) looks to thread a pass to a teammate Monday night, while Livonia Churchill's Kacie Murray (No. 5) approaches. ED HENGESH | EXPRESS PHOTO

Kaye said.

For sophomore "everything" player, Leah Moss, having Duhl back on the sidelines is a comforting feeling. The rapport between Moss and Duhl goes back to her days on her Michi-

gan Hawks club team that Duhl coaches.

"He brings a lot of positivity to the team, brings us all together, and thinks of us all as family," Moss said. "We are thrilled to have him back."

"He's a really good coach."

With the first game out of the way, the Rocks will look to gain momentum down the home stretch of the regular season.

## SOFTBALL

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two doubles, a triple and three RBIs.

Getting the win with four innings of relief was Marissa Hunley.

Salem had a much easier time earlier in the tournament, routing Ann Arbor Skyline (11-0), Dearborn Edsel Ford (11-5) and then nipping Livonia Franklin 7-6 in the semifinals.

» Against Skyline, the Rocks belted out 17 hits to back the two-hit pitching of Zink.

Leading the surge was Mihalic (3-for-4) and freshman Mel Anderson, who registered the first two home runs of her varsity career and drove in three.

Chipping in with two safeties each were Zink, Maranda Armstead, Kara Hutchison and Hiltz.

» Salem then defeated Edsel Ford, behind a complete game by Hunley.

Helping the cause on offense were Zink, Hutchison and Zott (three hits each) while Hiltz smacked a two-run homer and Marcero went 2-for-4.

» The victory over the Patriots was a see-saw affair.

Salem ultimately won the game on a sacrifice fly by Mihalic in the sixth.

Winning pitcher Zink helped her own cause by going 2-for-4 while Squires also had a 2-for-4 game.

Providing extra-base power were Armstead and Zott with doubles.

**SALEM 15-6, SOUTH LYON 2-4:** On April 30, the Rocks pounded out 18 hits to win the opener and then held off the Lions and raindrops in the nightcap.

Kristi Mihalic and Jamie Squires (single, double, triple) had three hits each in the opener to back the pitching of Kristi Zink.

Augmenting the attack with two hits each were Zink, Maranda Armstead, Sam Weiser, Gabbi Zott and Mel Anderson.

A four-run first propelled the Rocks in Game 2. Zink collected three hits while Anderson doubled and singled.

**SALEM 17, JOHN GLENN 2:** The Rocks needed just four innings to mercy Westland John Glenn on April 28.

Maranda Armstead (two doubles, single, four RBIs) and Mel Anderson (three hits, three RBIs) led the way. Adding two hits each were Kristi Zink and Emily Stewart.

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## Eagles in the swing



Plymouth Christian Academy batter Leah Cann gets ready to take a swing during last Thursday's varsity girls softball game against Macomb Christian. The Eagles won 17-6, scoring 15 unanswered runs after falling behind in the first inning. The Eagles are 1-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



RELIGION CALENDAR

**MAY**  
**BETHANY**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 31  
**Location:** Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford  
**Details:** Admission, \$13, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual.  
**Contact:** bethanysemi.org

**BREAKFAST**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 18  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne road, Westland  
**Details:** All-you-can-eat pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, ham, apple-sauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10  
**Contact:** 734-425-4421

**DINNER DANCE**  
**Time/Date:** Social hour at 5 p.m., buffet dinner, 6 p.m., May 18  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** "Spring Celebration" dinner dance is sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retire Orthodox priests and priests' widows. \$40 per person; children, 12 and under free  
**Contact:** Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or coccdetroit@yahoo.com

**LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10  
**Location:** Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford  
**Details:** Sabrina Black, CEO and clinical director of Abundant Life Counseling Center, is the speaker. Event will include music, lunch, and teaching. RSVP to the church office by May 7. A love offering will be taken  
**Contact:** 313-535-3100

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 17  
**Location:** St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope, Redford  
**Details:** The church will accept donations for the sale from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 16. No computers, monitors or television sets will be accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-533-7149

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16 and 10 a.m. to noon, May 17  
**Location:** Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Bag sale and half-off prices on Saturday. The church also will accept used ink cartridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling  
**Contact:** Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** Preview 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 9; 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Admission for preview night is \$2. \$3 bag sale and half-price sale on Saturday. Sale benefits Paws with a Cause and Lutheran Social Services  
**Contact:** 734-464-0211

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, ROUND-UP**  
**Time/Date:** Kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool round-up, 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 9; open house 10 a.m. to noon and

1-2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** Preschool through eighth grade. School tours available  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Friday, May 16  
**Location:** St. Matthew Lutheran School, 5885 Venoy, Westland  
**Details:** Open house for students interested in pre-school through eighth grade. St. Matthew also will begin a daycare June 9 for children, 2½-5. It will be open 7 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays  
**Contact:** Tara Herzberg at 734-578-7427

**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

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**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 Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**MOMS**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available

after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162  
**PRAYER**  
**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.  
**Contact:** 248-476-8860

**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org for additional information

**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**SONG CIRCLE**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

**SUPPORT**  
**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth,

Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

» **Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244  
 » **Farmington Hills Baptist**

**Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

Passages

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**BIRCH, CARL MYRON**

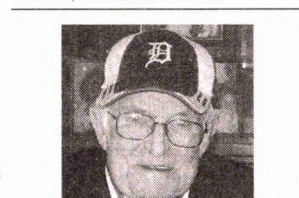
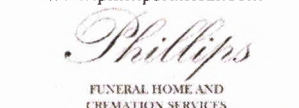
Age 78, passed away with his family at his bedside on May 4, 2014. Beloved husband of Gail Ann of 53 years. Loving father of his only son, Michael and his wife Leslie Forsy-Birch. Also survived by loving relatives and many dear friends. Carl retired from Lawyers Title Insurance Co. with 44 years of service. He enjoyed grilling outside and working in his many beautiful flower beds. Carl was active in many Masonic Organizations including; DeMolay, a PWM of his Blue Lodge, active in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Detroit, the Moslem Temple Shriners, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Order of the Amaranth. Carl was liked and loved by so many across the nation and beyond our borders. A Funeral Service will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday at 11 a.m. Visitation Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. and Thursday from 3 - 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church or Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Please share a memory of Carl by signing his guestbook at www.rgharris.com

**BOUTET, DALE R.**  
 Age 50, of Chesterfield, passed away April 29, 2014. Beloved husband of Christie, loving father of Ryan and the late Robbie Chapman; step-father of Christopher Herrmann and Alexander Milaszewski, dear son of Bernard R. and the late Marilyn; brother of Diane Tenerowicz and Darrell Boutet. Services were held Saturday, May 3 at Gendernalik Funeral Home, New Baltimore. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

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Age 70, passed away May 4, 2014. She was born on February 20, 1944, in Northville, daughter of the late Warren & Amy Simpson. Known for her devoted love to her husband, children and grandchildren, Patricia was the rock of the Groner family. She was very proud of her home and could often be found decorating the house for holidays, especially Christmas. She enjoyed baking, was an excellent cook and loved to go on color tours with her husband, Martin, in the fall. Patricia will always be remembered for her kind, generous spirit and her love for her family. She is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, Martin; her loving children: Dwayne (Janet) Roy, Christine (Robert) Kotoucek, Kelly (Russell) Collins and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one brother. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 8, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Friday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Make a Wish Foundation. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



**HALL, JAMES W.**

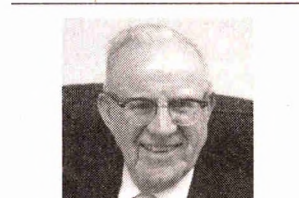
Age 88, May 5, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Mabel. Father of Steven (Carol), Susan (Dannie) Bazzell, Sandi (Chuck) Dreyer and the late James Jr. (Kathi), Donna Bissette, Michael and Anthony. Dear grandfather of Karen, James III, Tammy, Jason, Jennifer, Christopher, Michelle, Danielle, Jon, Adrian, Lindy & Matthew. Great Grandfather of Trinity, Liberty, Audrey, Taylor, Kate and James IV. Dear brother of John Henry Hall of Evansville, In. A committal service will be held at Roseland Park Cemetery, 29001 N. Woodward, Berkley, Michigan, Friday, May 9, at 2 p.m. Please share a memory at www.rgharris.com.

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**LADENBERGER AMY MARIE**

May 4, 2014. Age 26 of Plymouth/Canton. Beloved daughter of Robert A. and Katharine Ladenberger. Loving granddaughter of Robert H. (Grace) Ladenberger and Evelyn Brainerd. Dear niece of David Ladenberger, Suzanne (Kevin) Quasarano, Denise (Cal) Horn, David (Marcy) Brainerd, and Marianne (Jack) Dow. Also survived by several cousins. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m. at Vermeulen - Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann, Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis or Michigan Human Society. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



**SEGER, RALPH L. JR.**

Born May 27, 1921, passed away on May 2, 2014. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Eva; sisters, Dorothy Greene and Eleanor Wight, and brother Robert. He was the loving husband of Mary Jean (nee Cushing) Seger for 67 years. Beloved father of Robert (Patricia Ann) Seger, and Patricia Ann (John Dykstra) Seger. Cherished grandfather of Alexandra (Alexander) Cusmano and Gregory Seger. Great-grandfather of Martin James Cusmano. Mr. Seger retired from Uniroyal, was a founder of the investment firm of Seger-Elvekrog [Provident Investment Management], prior board member of the National Association of Investors Corp., Scoutmaster, travel enthusiast, and an avid golfer. Family requests memorials be directed to Michigan Technological University, or a scholarship fund of your choosing. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held later and inurnment will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, Michigan. Arrangements under the direction of Resurrection Funeral Home. Please share a memory at www.resurrectionfuneralhome.com.

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## Get a glimpse of Japanese culture at Ikebana floral show this May

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Rosemary Doyle knows exactly what she'll make for next week's ikebana floral art show in Southfield. But before she starts creating her design, the Livonia woman wants Mother Nature to get on board with her idea.

"Sometimes you only need one flower. Whatever you have in the yard sometimes works," said Doyle, a member of the Ikebana International Detroit Chapter #85. "I have quince. I'm waiting for a quince to bloom. That is what I want to use in the arrangement. I'm trying to force it to bloom. It's late this year."

In the meantime, she's visiting floral shops and visualizing her idea with other materials, just in case the quince doesn't bloom in time for the chapter's annual show, "Glimpse of Japan," Wednesday, May 14, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Doyle and other members will create approximately 24 arrangements for the show, which will open at 11:30 a.m. A program, with ikebana demonstrations, will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments. The event also will include door prizes, sale of ikebana supplies and other Japanese items. A Japanese calligrapher will write kanji symbols on paper suitable for framing for guests at no charge.

"We do provide lessons if anyone is interested in learning



Some Japanese-style flower arrangements, like this piece by Cynthia Kidd of Farmington Hills, use shallow containers.

the art. They are welcome to come as a guest to a meeting," said Lauren Paul, chapter president. "We have ongoing lessons every month."

The group, which includes approximately 50 members, meets the second Wednesday of the Month, March-December. The first learning session runs from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a monthly meeting and second session, from 1-3 p.m.

### East vs. West

"Each month is a different style arrangement," Paul said, adding that ikebana emphasizes line, angle and space within the arrangement, rather than "a mess of flowers."

"Flowers are more of an accent. That is how it is different from Western style. You



Toshiko Shimoura is an expert ikebana artist and teacher for the Ikebana International Detroit Chapter #85, which meets monthly in Southfield.

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## Designers look 'beyond armor' for samurai-inspired fashion

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Sarah Lapinski says her career in sewing and design "found" her after she inherited her grandmother's sewing machine.

The 1995 Plymouth Salem High School graduate had already earned a bachelor's degree in labor and urban studies from Wayne State University and had founded a women's artist collective, when she taught herself to sew.

"I designed a stuffed animal and was doing soft sculpture and developing my skills," said Lapinski, who later founded Wound Menswear and Motor City Sewing and Design. "I didn't know where it would take me. Now I have an agent in New York."

Although Lapinski retired her menswear firm in 2011, she has continued sewing — everything from movie costumes to designers' clothing lines to rental chair slip covers — through Motor City Sewing and Design. She lives in New York, and rents out her sewing studio in Detroit, but often travels home for business or to visit her mom, who lives in Westland. She'll be back in town next weekend to watch her newest creation, "Floating Lotus" on the fashion runway at the Detroit Institute of Arts, (DIA).

"Beyond the Armor Fashion Show" runs noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, wrapping up a design competition presented by the Detroit Garment Group Guild and the DIA.

Lapinski and nine other designers created garments inspired by the current DIA exhibit "Samurai: Beyond the



Former Plymouth resident and Salem High School graduate, Sarah Lapinski, designed this garment inspired by artwork and objects in the Samurai: Beyond the Sword exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Sword," a collection of art and objects that reveal the samurai warrior's aesthetic ideals and values. Their contest entries are on display through Monday, May 12, at Ikea, located on Ford Road just west of Haggerty, in Canton. The public can vote on their favorite at Ikea or online at [detroitgarmentgroup.org](http://detroitgarmentgroup.org). The winning design will be announced at the fashion show, which will feature the contest entries.

### Inspiration

The designers got a chance to view the samurai exhibit before taking needle and thread to fabric.

"I wanted it to transform me and I wanted to be open to what was there," Lapinski said. "I didn't know (the samurai) used such an abundance of technique and materials."

Lapinski's Floting

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## FLORAL

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appreciate it more for a single blossom than you do for a mass of color, a vase full of bright flowers. It's a meditative art. You contemplate each position, each placement."

Doyle describes the process of creating Ikebana as artistic, creative, reflective and quiet. The widowed mother of three adult children retired last year after teaching career development for individuals in job transition.

"Years ago because of the intensity of my work, I wanted to do flower arranging to relax. I took a brief class, but it was Western-style arranging," Doyle said. "I had

the inclination to work with flowers. When you think about doing an (ikebana) arrangement you think about it beforehand so it becomes an expression of thought. When you're doing art, even with flowers, you use a different part of your brain. When you do a design, it takes you out of your space."

### Learning the art

Doyle, who volunteers as a gallery monitor at the Detroit Institute of Arts, discovered Ikebana while stationed in the Asian gallery eight years ago. She noticed a woman just beyond the gallery was arranging flowers in a "beautiful" but non-Western-style grouping. She later discovered the woman was a floral designer at the Ikebana International show. She

attended the event, joined the chapter and has been active in Ikebana design ever since.

Members work at different skill levels on the same design at monthly meetings. Doyle said the hobby can be inexpensive because designers often use floral materials from their own

back yards. Ikebana containers can cost \$25 and up, although Paul said she has found less expensive vases at some area home goods stores.

"We know ahead of each meeting what style container to bring," Doyle said. "When I first started I didn't have anything. We were doing Moribana

(shallow-style containers) and I just took a 13-by-9 cake pan. Did it work? Yes. When I brought it home, I just put it in something else."

For more information about Ikebana International Detroit Chapter #85 and its upcoming show, visit [www.ikebanadetroit.org](http://www.ikebanadetroit.org).



An Ikebana arrangement by Rosemary Doyle of Livonia.



Sarah Lapinski, (left) with designer Anna Sui.

## SAMURAI

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Lotus reflects the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi, showing beauty in the imperfect, impermanent and incomplete. She created a coat and pants from a stained, used drop cloth. A cluster of metal lockets on one pant leg suggests armor. The lotus design on side panels of the coat represent the warriors' "spiritual leanings." Red velvet extensions on the back of the coat, near its shoulders, represent beetle claws.

"The samurai used beetles as a reference, their armor was based off beetles," Lapinski noted.

She hopes to garner enough votes to win the competition. Her previous honors have included Fashion Designer of the Year, from a *Real Detroit Weekly* survey in 2007, Best Local Designer from *Real Detroit Weekly* in 2010 and Best Menswear in Detroit from WDIV Channel 4, also in 2010.

"I want people to know to always follow their dreams. Don't ask permission or worry about money. Just do it. You'll figure it out," Lapinski said. "I didn't know where this would go and I just went with it."

RSVP for the fashion show by calling 313-833-4005. Visit Samurai: Beyond the Sword through June 1.

## Meet the artists



*Spirits that Move Us*, by Marilyn Meredith of Canton, is among the works displayed at the Ladies Dillenbeck fourth annual Art Exhibition this month at D & M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton. The show also includes works by studio owner Sharon Dillenbeck, her daughters, her sister and her students. A champagne and dessert reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11. For more information, call Dillenbeck at 734-453-3710 or email [dmartist@aol.com](mailto:dmartist@aol.com).

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Incorporating milk into your morning meal is an easy way to help close the gap between actual and recommended milk intake. Is fat-free milk your milk of choice? Here are five things you may not know about skim or fat-free milk:

1. Counting calories? One 8-ounce glass of fat-free milk has just 80 calories.
2. Three servings of fat-free or low-fat milk each day can help you maintain a healthy weight.
3. Drinking fat-free milk at breakfast could help stave off lunchtime hunger, according to an Australian study. Research-

ers found that drinking fat-free milk (20 ounces) in the morning helped increase satiety, or a feeling of fullness, and led to decreased calorie intake at the next meal, as compared with a fruit drink. The milk drinkers ate about 50 fewer calories (or nearly 9 percent less food) at lunch.

4. Think fat-free means fewer nutrients? Think again. Fat-free milk has the same nine essential nutrients as low-fat, reduced-fat, or whole milk — just with fewer calories.

5. Not all “milks” are created equal. Many of the alternative beverages just can't provide what you would get in a glass of fat-free dairy milk. For example, while an 8-ounce glass of vanilla almond “milk” has about the same calories, it contains only 1 gram of protein, compared to fat free milk's 8 grams of protein.

See how delicious fat-free milk can be with these easy and impressive breakfast recipes that include fat-free milk to start your day off right. For more fresh recipes using fat free milk, visit [MilkLife.com](http://MilkLife.com).

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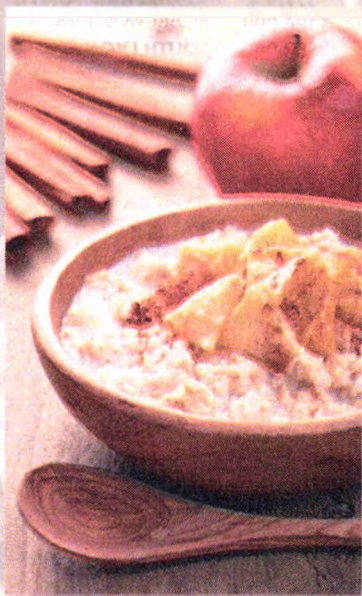
**¼ cup - sugar**  
**2 tablespoons cornstarch**  
**2 cups fat-free milk**  
**2 egg yolks, lightly beaten**  
**2 tablespoons almond butter**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla extract**  
**Mixed fresh berries for serving**  
**Crunchy cereal for serving**

Whisk sugar and cornstarch in a medium saucepan until well blended. Slowly drizzle in milk, whisking until smooth, then whisk in eggs. Cook pudding over medium heat until it begins to thicken, whisking often. Reduce heat to medium-low and, stir pudding with spatula, scraping the sides and bottom of pot until thickened.

Off heat, whisk in almond butter and vanilla. Transfer pudding to a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, pressing to the surface to prevent skin from forming, and chill for at least 2 hours.

Spoon ½ cup of chilled pudding into four parfait glasses. Top with some berries and 2 tablespoons cereal, then layer another ½ cup pudding on top, followed by more berries and cereal.

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**Apple pie spice**

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, stirring well. Pour into a lightly greased 3-quart oval slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting 8 hours. Add butter, stirring until it melts. Stir in syrup. Prepare apples according to package directions. Spoon oatmeal into bowls, and top with apples. Sprinkle with apple pie spice and serve immediately.

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**1 cup fat free or low-fat milk**  
**½ cup cheddar cheese, shredded**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare the broccoli and cheese sauce in the microwave according to package directions; set aside to cool slightly. Cook bacon, mushrooms, and green onions in a nonstick skillet over medium heat until bacon is cooked through and mushrooms are tender. Scatter bacon mixture in the bottom of the pie shell; place the pie shell on a baking sheet. In a bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk, then stir in the broccoli and cheese sauce along with the cheddar cheese. Pour the custard into the pie shell and bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until center is just set and a knife blade comes out clean when inserted into the center of the quiche. Let cool for at least 10 minutes before cutting into wedges

*Nutrition: 280 calories; 16 g fat; 6 g saturated fat; 160 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 22 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 510 mg sodium; 150 mg calcium*



### MANGO MADNESS SMOOTHIE

Makes two servings, 4 ounces of milk per serving

**½ cup quick-cooking oats**  
**1 cup low-fat or fat-free milk**  
**1 cup fresh or jarred mango cubes (peeled, if fresh)**  
**1 (11-ounce) can mandarin orange segments, drained**  
**2 tablespoons almond butter**  
**1 tablespoon honey**  
**1 tablespoon lime juice**  
**½ teaspoon ground ginger**

In a blender grind the oats until fine. Add the milk and buzz to blend, then add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

*Nutrition: 380 calories; 10g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 64 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 95 mg sodium; 233 mg calcium*



## Realtors offer advice for buyers

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Properties in metro Detroit are moving quickly these days, and prospective homeowners need to recognize that, according to veteran Realtors. "I think probably the best thing they can do is find a Realtor with over the top local knowledge," said Bob Bake of Plymouth's Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. He said a "seven-day a week person" is key when prospective owners look for homes.

He's been in the real estate field since 1967, and now works with daughter Carrie Bake and son-in-law Patrick Wong, also associate brokers and Realtors.

"It's very difficult to find a home right now in this market," said Bob Bake, a Plymouth resident. "People want to have all their decision-making done by Labor Day. They want to be moved in."

Bake recommends prospective owners get pre-qualified by an approved lender. "You've got to be nimble and agile and quick," he said. "You've got to be able to move fast."

Bake, his daughter and son-in-law focus on Plymouth, Canton and Northville homes, and he recommends pros with "a cutting edge advantage with local knowledge," he said. "Information ebbs and flows right from this table," Bake added of the table where regulars meet weekdays at Plymouth Panera's.

Tablemate Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who runs a local public relations firm, noted Carrie Bake is doing very well as a Realtor. "She knew the people that wanted to sell," Lorenz said of local homes available. "It's pretty impressive, actually."

Down the street in downtown Plymouth is broker/



Metro Detroit homes are selling quickly these days. GETTY IMAGES/FUSE

owner Richard Eisiminger of RichRealty. Eisiminger, a Canton resident, has been a Realtor since 1991.

"The best thing that buyers can do is get out and get with their Realtor," said Eisiminger. "Have a focused area and then know what the market is bringing. Know what comes up and goes quickly."

He and other industry pros agree homes in good shape in desirable areas go quickly. Eisiminger said when a prospective buyer makes an offer, "The negotiating's almost off the table because there are competing offers."

His focus is Canton, Ply-

mouth, Northville and Novi, and Eisiminger noted ranch homes in Westland are also starting to rebound on price.

Eisiminger agreed pre-approval with a lender is key: "Get all your documentation in with your lender. You need to go methodically with your lender."

Being an educated buyer as you look at homes is key. Eisiminger said he doesn't press people to buy a particular home if they're hesitant, noting buyers have a week to 10 days to investigate a property.

"The only thing lost is time, no money," he said of getting your deposit back. He urges

prospective buyers to have a professional inspection done and to have an attorney review the particulars of a sale.

Eisiminger agreed a full-time Realtor is ideal. He and others advocate homeownership, with Eisiminger citing it as part of the theme of the classic Christmas movie *It's a Wonderful Life*.

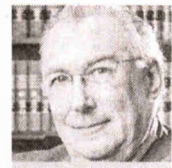
"If you have ownership, that neighborhood's going to thrive," said Eisiminger, adding, "You don't have anything in a rental situation and it's not even tax-deductible."

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## Standards vary on disability modification

**Q: I am wondering about the difference between making a reasonable modification as it relates to a handicapped person as opposed to people that don't speak English. Can you give me any insight?**

**A:** The obligation to make a reasonable accommodation in order to allow a reasonable modification applies only for handicap individuals not for national origin. Therefore, there is a difference as to what may need to be



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done for a deaf person and what may need to be done for a person who doesn't speak English. There appears not to have been any statement by HUD or any case that an association must provide at its cost a sign language interpreter for a deaf member attending a meeting. That would seem to be much more than allowing an accommodation from say rules and policies, but rather it would be the provision of a service to the handicapped person. However, the cost of doing so may be much less than the cost of defending against an administrative claim or lawsuit. On the other hand, if the association must provide a sign language interpreter so that a deaf person may participate in a meeting, query whether the association must also arrange for transportation for someone who cannot walk to or drive to a meeting so that person may participate.

**Q: I understand that Michigan has amended its landlord-tenant law to permit speedier repossession by a landlord on a tenant's death. What can you tell me?**

**A:** You are correct; the amendment speeds up and simplifies the process for owners to retake property from tenants who have passed away. Under the amendment, an owner who seeks repossession is deemed to have not unlawfully interfered with a tenant's possessory interest if several conditions are met: The owner believes the tenant had been dead for at least 18 days, rent has not been paid, and the owner waits at least 10 days after taking various specified actions including posting notice of intent to re-enter and contacting a person previously authorized by the tenant to receive notices. The amendment also provides that actions to regain possession of the premises must be commenced within 90 days from the time the cause of action arises or becomes known to the owner, but that an action for damage

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 16-20, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>		
32916 Outland Trl	\$480,000	
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>		
1054 Abbey St	\$156,000	
1591 E Maple Rd	\$262,000	
758 Graefield Ct	\$84,000	
1807 Hazel St	\$697,000	
1884 Humphrey Ave	\$235,000	
720 Kennesaw St	\$772,000	
720 Kennesaw St	\$783,000	
950 Larchlea Dr	\$645,000	
1743 Shipman Blvd	\$266,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>		
81 Barden Ct	\$290,000	
1079 Forest Ln	\$640,000	
625 Kingsley Trl	\$432,000	
7000 Lindenmere Dr	\$295,000	
2363 Tilbury Pl	\$1,500,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>		
2963 Aspen Ln	\$318,000	
2300 Bedford Rd	\$173,000	
1353 Knollcrest Cir	\$319,000	
7355 Parkstone Ln	\$700,000	
6899 Sandalwood Dr	\$270,000	
5108 Woodlands Ln	\$365,000	

42282 Woodward Ave # D2	\$85,000	
600 Covington Rd	\$610,000	
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>		
5067 Carinas Way Ct	\$301,000	
5133 Carinas Way Ct	\$367,000	
4760 Fairgrove Ln	\$220,000	
5065 Greenview Dr	\$269,000	
<b>FARMINGTON</b>		
22744 Brookdale St	\$115,000	
35552 Lark Harbor Ct # 6	\$152,000	
22815 Maple Ave	\$63,000	
33053 Meadowlark St	\$175,000	
33143 Meadowlark St	\$165,000	
30751 Shiawassee Rd # 31a	\$38,000	
36242 Smithfield Rd	\$210,000	
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>		
34035 Banbury St	\$175,000	
37548 Burton Ct	\$256,000	
21323 Cass St	\$219,000	
30973 Country Blf	\$135,000	
30880 Country Ridge Cir	\$332,000	
39303 Fulton Ct	\$135,000	
29258 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$148,000	
32968 Hargrove Ct	\$238,000	
33535 Heirloom Cir	\$400,000	
28036 Hickory	\$440,000	
27935 Kendallwood Dr	\$125,000	
29809 Kenloch Dr	\$330,000	
25651 Lynford St	\$185,000	

28645 Oakcrest Ct	\$230,000	
32740 Raphael Rd	\$258,000	
32406 Salvador St	\$77,000	
38464 Saratoga Cir	\$184,000	
23070 Tulane Ave	\$52,000	
28426 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B3	\$30,000	
27785 Wellington St	\$315,000	
28900 Wellington St	\$295,000	
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>		
27906 California Dr Ne	\$125,000	
<b>MILFORD</b>		
824 First St	\$163,000	
845 Abbey Ln	\$233,000	
303 Cabinet St	\$215,000	
2550 Meadowood Ln	\$146,000	
401 N Main St	\$128,000	
2675 Shady Ln	\$187,000	
205 Turnberry Ct	\$272,000	
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		
20866 E Glen Haven Cir	\$110,000	
20941 Lujon Dr	\$285,000	
<b>NOVI</b>		
30669 Ardmore Ct	\$138,000	
24512 Bashian Dr	\$110,000	
45000 Bayview Dr # 1	\$73,000	
45850 Cider Mill Rd	\$250,000	
23733 Hickory Grove Ln	\$320,000	
40257 Ladene Ln	\$225,000	
40578 Lenox Park Dr	\$290,000	
26160 Mandalay Cir	\$673,000	
41609 Monterey Dr	\$168,000	
24461 Riverview Ln	\$245,000	
25867 Shoreline Dr	\$965,000	

39599 Squire Rd	\$295,000	
25256 Sutton Ct	\$400,000	
45676 White Pines Dr	\$394,000	
45289 Yorkshire Dr	\$315,000	
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>		
429 Second St	\$248,000	
863 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000	
329 Hampton Ct	\$88,000	
712 Hidden Creek Dr	\$285,000	
60665 Lillian St	\$118,000	
24618 Padstone Dr	\$75,000	
963 S Parkwood Dr	\$230,000	
61211 Saddlecreek Dr	\$272,000	
58654 Swing Beam Ct	\$81,000	
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>		
27740 Arlington Dr	\$134,000	
19540 Butternut Ln	\$159,000	
23800 Evergreen Rd	\$98,000	
18418 Hilton Dr	\$145,000	
24614 Lois Ln	\$90,000	
17055 New Hampshire Dr	\$140,000	
26900 W 12 Mile Rd	\$80,000	
26701 W Carnegie Park Dr	\$49,000	
20502 Westhampton Ave	\$38,000	
29515 Wildbrook Dr	\$67,000	
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>		
8693 Brazos Ct	\$195,000	
9085 Glasgow Dr	\$198,000	
1410 Midwood Dr	\$155,000	
11450 N Fox	\$169,000	

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 13-17, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>		
8460 Alton St	\$153,000	
636 Buchanan St	\$240,000	
7244 Burgundy St	\$252,000	
1788 Crowndale Ln	\$241,000	
6495 Durham Dr	\$176,000	
1949 E Roundtable Dr	\$154,000	
4009 Elizabeth Ave	\$135,000	
50982 Federal Blvd	\$84,000	
51323 Federal Blvd	\$91,000	
282 Greenleaf St	\$185,000	
44768 Hanford Rd	\$136,000	
45105 Horseshoe Cir	\$128,000	
2125 Knollwood Dr	\$155,000	
2328 Lexington Cir N	\$275,000	
41170 Maplewood Dr	\$150,000	
3570 Napier Rd	\$160,000	
1822 Pebble Creek Dr	\$193,000	
44251 Sheridan St	\$230,000	
1842 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000	
1874 Steeplechase Rd	\$86,000	
464 Tyler Ln	\$230,000	
3496 Wall St	\$253,000	
43685 Yorktown St	\$173,000	
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>		
5932 Arcola St	\$52,000	
1027 Cardwell St	\$65,000	
1624 Gilman St	\$14,000	
6037 Inkster Rd	\$76,000	
<b>LIVONIA</b>		
11035 Arden St	\$150,000	
18579 Bainbridge Ave	\$169,000	
29212 Barkley St	\$148,000	
8845 Butwell St	\$150,000	
12353 Camden St	\$99,000	

36241 Club Dr	\$42,000	
29828 Curtis Rd	\$132,000	
9939 Deering St	\$143,000	
14303 Denne St	\$155,000	
30959 Dorais St	\$165,000	
35209 Elmira St	\$143,000	
31016 Fargo St	\$150,000	
33363 Fargo St	\$28,000	
16874 Farmington Rd	\$145,000	
20318 Fremont St	\$62,000	
14507 Gary Ln	\$160,000	
29620 Gaylord Ct	\$187,000	
9167 Gillman St	\$95,000	
32935 Grennada St	\$186,000	
9010 Hanlon St	\$170,000	
9336 Harrison St	\$100,000	
38070 Jamison St	\$160,000	
9244 Knolson St	\$136,000	
18024 Lathers St	\$75,000	
18432 Levan Rd	\$235,000	
19430 Merriman Rd	\$179,000	
9833 Middlebelt Rd	\$60,000	
33323 Navin Ct	\$225,000	
39216 Orangelawn St	\$146,000	
34127 Parkdale St	\$225,000	
28510 Pickford St	\$68,000	
8943 Roslyn St	\$118,000	
9990 Seltzer St	\$100,000	
32904 Summers St	\$140,000	
14440 Summerside St	\$110,000	
18249 Sunset St	\$204,000	
18337 University Park Dr	\$87,000	
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		
45861 Seven Mile Rd	\$216,000	
18951 Bayberry Way	\$595,000	
46080 Bloomcrest Dr	\$330,000	
17722 Briar Ridge Ln	\$627,000	
17793 Briar Ridge Ln	\$824,000	
17849 Briar Ridge Ln	\$676,000	
17904 Briar Ridge Ln	\$623,000	
16749 Carriage Way	\$148,000	
533 Horton St	\$158,000	

16829 Lochmoor Cir E	\$293,000	
19531 Northridge Dr	\$95,000	
50733 Northstar Way	\$761,000	
50826 Northstar Way	\$720,000	
49131 Rainbow Ln N	\$370,000	
39759 Rockcrest Cir	\$156,000	
327 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$299,000	
18072 Shagbark Dr	\$705,000	
50010 Teton Ridge Rd	\$1,096,000	
50262 Teton Ridge Rd	\$660,000	
50618 Teton Ridge Rd	\$689,000	
39533 Village Run Dr	\$270,000	
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>		
8821 Brookline Ave	\$243,000	
14804 Cherry Ln	\$185,000	
48029 Colony Farms Cir	\$160,000	
9093 Countrywood Dr	\$355,000	
11887 Deer Creek Run	\$445,000	
14696 Garland Ave	\$125,000	
13036 Glenview Dr	\$307,000	
1641 Gloucester St	\$335,000	
165 Hamilton Ave	\$175,000	
548 Harding St	\$450,000	
493 Maria Dr	\$115,000	
47399 Marisa Dr	\$445,000	
48688 Meadow Dr	\$288,000	
40665 Newport Dr	\$98,000	
8894 Northern Ave	\$188,000	
1449 Palmer St	\$300,000	
730 Penniman Ave	\$280,000	
730 Penniman Ave	\$338,000	
49265 Pine Bluff Ct	\$456,000	
49468 Pine Ridge Ct	\$590,000	
45795 Purcell Dr	\$330,000	
<b>REDFORD</b>		
26517 Clarita	\$60,000	
18676 Delaware Ave	\$52,000	
12891 Lenore	\$30,000	
14698 Lenore	\$85,000	
15666 Leona Dr	\$29,000	
9170 Lucerne	\$96,000	
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**Rummage Sales & Flea Markets**

**FARMINGTON** - May 15, 9am-8pm & May 16, bag sale 9am-2pm. First Farmington UMC, 3312 Grand River Ave. (Farmington & Grand River)

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
39025 S. Livonia E of 275. Preview sale: \$2 admission. Thurs, night 7-8:30 pm., Fri, May 9, 9:30am-3:00 pm. Sat, May 10, 9:30am-Noon \$3.00 Bag Sale

**GARDEN CITY** - May 8-10, 9am-6pm. 32906 John Hawk, 2 bks S. of Ford Rd. corner of Venoy Rd. Collectibles, dolls, antiques, household goods, medicinal supplies, furniture. EVERYTHING MUST SELL!!!

**Garage/Moving Sales**

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**LIVONIA:** 2 Family Garage Sale, 17685 Park Lane off of 8 Mile, May 8-13, 15-17, 8am-5pm.

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**Livonia: Garage Sale:** 1121 Karen St. May 8, 9 & 10, 9-4. Housewares, Furniture, Party/Lite. Beads, Collectibles, CDs & DVDs, Electronics, Retro Items, Office Stuff, One of a Kind Things & That!

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**New Hudson:** Multi-family garage sale Household goods, tools, furniture, and miscellaneous items. 54795 Walnut Dr. Friday, Saturday 9am-4pm Sunday 9am-1pm

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cat or turkey
  - 4 Bedroom fixture
  - 8 Off-road vehicle
  - 12 Fiesta cheer
  - 13 Mountain range near China
  - 14 Emanation
  - 15 Bird's width
  - 17 Hyde Park sight
  - 18 Fountain treats
  - 19 Grand Canyon sight
  - 21 Part of UCLA
  - 23 Snooty ones
  - 27 Castaway's refuge
  - 30 Kind of caterpillar
  - 33 Drop — line
  - 34 Shower
  - 35 2001 to Ovid
  - 36 Mare's offspring
  - 37 Stomach muscles, for short
  - 38 Leave speechless
  - 39 Boor
  - 40 Subatomic particle
  - 42 Ecol. group
  - 44 Bumpkin
  - 47 Filmdom's Anouk —
  - 51 Cartoon bear
  - 54 Type of spectacles (hyph.)
  - 56 Demeanor
  - 57 — no idea!
  - 58 Stretch of turbulent water
  - 59 Low voice
  - 60 Diva — Gluck
  - 61 Prince Val's son
- DOWN**
- 1 Removes a car
  - 2 Mishmash
  - 3 Darn socks
  - 4 Roundup gear
  - 5 Mont Blanc, e.g.
  - 6 Lady's honorific
  - 7 Knotty wood
  - 8 Samurai's land
  - 9 NATO turf
  - 10 Hurler's stat
  - 11 Ms. Shriver
  - 16 Early anatomist
  - 20 Atl. crosser, once
  - 22 Mo. bill
  - 24 "Typee" sequel
  - 25 Swain
  - 26 Cellar contents
  - 27 Jordan neighbor
  - 28 The "Elephant Boy"
  - 29 Actress — Bonet
  - 31 Ostrich cousin
  - 32 Softball team
  - 36 Panache
  - 38 Zoom on runners
  - 41 Animal with one horn
  - 43 Bamboo muncher
  - 45 "Wool" on clay sheep
  - 46 Ancient cosmetic
  - 48 Oscar-winner — Sorvino
  - 49 Qatar ruler
  - 50 Sports channel
  - 51 Vocalist — Sumac
  - 52 Shale extract
  - 53 Hear clearly
  - 55 Plow into

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

C	A	L	F	G	E	E	G	O	G	O
A	L	O	E	Y	E	S	O	M	A	R
B	U	R	L	P	L	A	T	O	N	I
M	I	T	E	S	A	N	I	T	A	
L	E	G	I	T	H	R	S	Z	I	P
G	O	R	P	M	A	R	N	E	R	O
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F	O	A	M	R	O	D	Y	E	T	I

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44				45	46		47		48	49	50
51	52	53			54		55				
56				57					58		
59				60					61		

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SUDOKU

	8			9				5		
							4			
		5		6			9		8	
			4					1		
2				1					3	
	5	4	9					6		
7			6					2	1	
			7							
9	1									

Level: Beginner

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

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DEGRADES PSYCHOLOGICAL  
DEPRESSION RELAXATION  
DISEASE STRESS  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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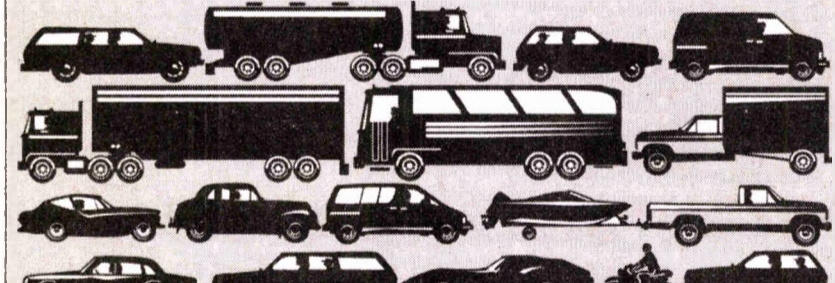
**Sudoku**

5	9	7	2	4	3	6	1	8
4	6	9	8	1	7	2	3	5
1	2	3	6	5	9	8	7	4
7	9	2	3	8	6	5	4	1
3	4	1	8	7	5	6	9	2
8	7	3	4	2	6	5	1	9
6	3	8	7	9	1	5	4	2
2	2	7	9	3	8	5	6	9
9	1	5	4	6	2	7	8	3

**Word Search**

L	E	T	R	E	A	T	M	E	N	T	R	A	E	W	C	Y	U		
N	S	O	L	M	A	N	A	G	E	M	E	N	T	G	L	P	L		
N	S	I	T	H	O	M	A	N	A	G	E	M	E	N	T	G	L		
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I	T	R	A	D	R	E	N	A	L	I	N	E	W	A	I	B	O	H	P
S	S	I	E	D	G	M	E	D	I	T	A	T	I	O	N	Y	S	T	N
S	L	P	C	X	W	P	Y	H	N	O	I	S	N	E	T	M	B	T	O
E	G	S	S	U	E	M	S	N	O	I	T	A	T	I	P	L	A	P	I
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C	I	N	A	P	M	D	P	H	Y	S	I	C	A	L	Y	E	U	L	T

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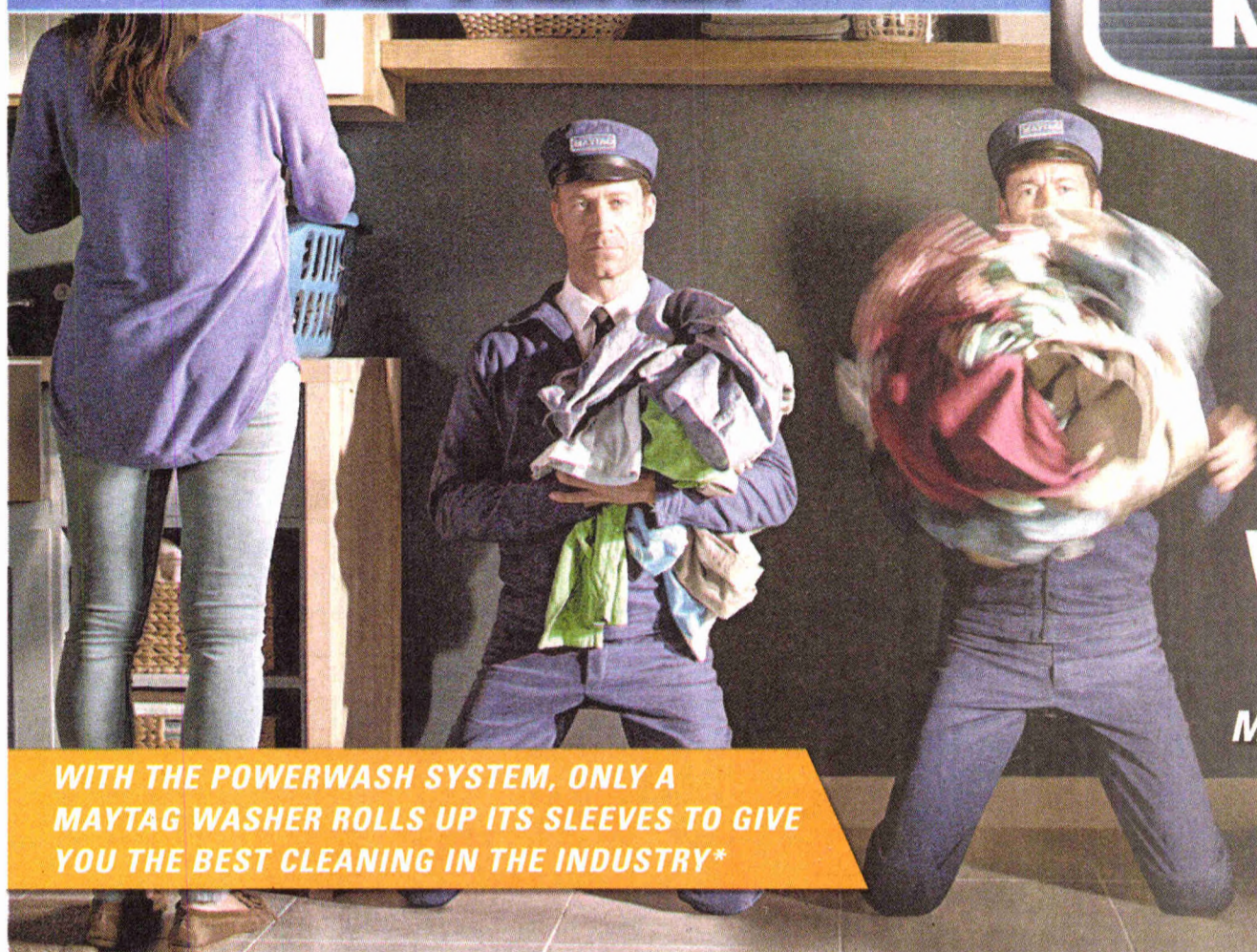
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