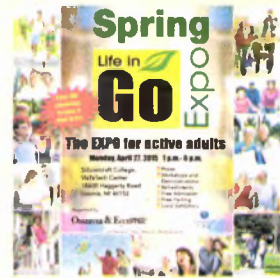


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## Price reaches out at swearing-in ceremony

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Shannon Price thanked supporters and reached out to critics Tuesday during a ceremonial swearing-in and his first Board of Trustees meeting as Plymouth Township supervisor.

Price, who was appointed by a 4-2 board vote April 2, was actually sworn in April 12 and has been on the job for over a week, but had a public ceremony before Tuesday's board meeting that was attended by friends, supporters, family members and officials from nearby communities. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian K. Zahra, a longtime friend,

administered the oath.

"You're a great public servant," Zahra told Price, a former Wayne County commissioner. "I look forward to your service."

Price, who replaced Richard Reaume, the supervisor for 10 years, introduced wife Jacki, daughter Maddie and son Brady and called his family his "bedrock." He said he'd "been going solid for nine days" as supervisor and hadn't yet been home before 10 p.m.

He also thanked board members who chose him from among eight candidates who interviewed for the post. Price's appointment was controversial, given his recent move to the township from

Canton Township.

"The boardroom, the tension, you could cut it with a knife," Price said, adding that some of the things said surrounding his appointment were unfair. "I appreciate you standing strong and standing with me."

He stressed that he would show respect to people doing business with the township.

"By treating people with dignity and respect, we can all work together for the common good," Price said. There was a brief reception following the ceremony.

Later, in opening the regular Board of Trustees meeting,



NEW PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SHANNON PRICE (LEFT) SPEAKS WITH 35TH DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES PLAKAS.

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## Showcase: A big night for Plymouth



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It was the place to be Monday for everything and everyone Plymouth when the 26th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth opened for the evening at the Inn of St. John. Wendy Distelrath, of Monroe Bank & Trust, tries out the bank's cash cube at the event, hosted by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Turn to page A6 for the story and more photos.

## City keeps lid on liquor licenses

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth man's bid for a liquor license at the upscale restaurant he plans for the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street was turned down Monday by the Plymouth City Commission.

Without comment, the commission voted unanimously to deny the request by Cody Bowling to transfer into downtown Plymouth a Class C license he purchased from a Detroit establishment. The transfer has already been approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission despite the city's objections.

The license would give Bowling the right to sell beer, wine and liquor for consumption on the premises at his restaurant.

Plymouth has a liquor license cap in the downtown business district of 14 licenses and there are currently 14 located there.

Bowling, who said he's been working more than a year and a half to bring a high-end restaurant, which he's calling Viand, to the 789 Building at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, wasn't surprised by the vote.

### Cap called "short-sighted"

"I'm very disappointed, obviously," Bowling said. "I think the cap concept is outdated."

Bowling said he's uncertain what his next move will be. He said Plymouth's liquor license ordinance should have the flexibility to let officials judge license-seekers on a case-by-case basis.

"From a development perspective, I just think it's very, very short-sighted," he said of the cap.

Realtor Larry Siedell Jr., representing Bowling, told commissioners Monday that his research found more than 57,000 square feet of vacant

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## Plymouth's annual Old Village yard sale is Saturday

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Residents of Plymouth's oldest neighborhood will gather on their front lawns and driveways Saturday for their annual rite of spring: the Old Village yard sale.

The sale turns the neighborhood on the city's northeast side into a giant flea market as residents display clothing, books, furniture, tools, toys, kitchenware, recorded music and all manner of other household goods for sale on tables and racks outside. An accompanying "trunk sale," at the local Masonic lodge at Amelia and Farmer streets, will bring in sellers, often flea market professionals, from outside the neighborhood.

Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and neighborhood maps

with participating households noted will be available at the Masonic lodge. There will be at least 20 households participating, in addition to the trunk sale, event chairman Mark Oppat said. The event typically brings out large crowds of bargain-hunters and fans of second-hand goods.

The sale is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association, an alliance of residents and business owners organized to improve the area, but Oppat said the group will be lucky to break even on the event.

### New location

The Masons are hosting the trunk sale for the first time; in the past, it's been in the parking lot at the restaurant Station 885 and last year was in

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FILE PHOTO

Chris Martel checks out some vinyl records during the 2013 Old Village yard sale. This year's event is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.



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the parking lot at the restaurant Aqua. The Masons' Plymouth Rocks Lodge No. 47 moved to its building at Farmer and Amelia a year ago this month. "We're just happy to be able to work with the Old Village Association

and do our bit in the community," said Mathew Asher, the lodge's senior warden. For the trunk sale, sellers rent parking spaces - the first is \$15 and each additional space is \$10 - and bring or rent tables to set up and display their sale items. Trunk-sale sellers are often flea-market veterans. The Masons have their

own parking lot next to their building and also have permission to use a lot across the street, Asher said. "I'm hoping we're going to fill them up," he said. Parking spaces were still available Tuesday; email Asher at mathew\_asher@hotmail.com to reserve spots. Proceeds from space rentals go to the Old Village Association, while the Masons will keep the money from table rentals (\$5 each).

## Spring cleanup

The Old Village yard sale is usually the Saturday before Plymouth's annual citywide spring cleanup day, an opportunity for residents to dispose of large items and rubbish they may have gathered during spring cleaning. The idea, Oppat said, is that residents can throw out items that didn't sell during the yard sale. This year, however, a rescheduling of the city's bulk pickup put it on the same day as the yard

sale. The OVA, Oppat said, had already spent money to market the sale. "We couldn't change it back, so we're just going to share the day," he said. Oppat said he's been told, though, that the trash contractor will hit the Old Village neighborhood last Saturday. Spring cleanup is a single-day event for the whole city intended for up to two large items (i.e. couch, washing machine) plus bagged trash and trash in garbage cans. Residents should have items set out before 6

a.m. Saturday or risk missing the pickup. Recyclables and yard waste will not be picked up Saturday and the trash carts used for automated weekly trash pickup should not be used. The event does not change the weekly trash, yard waste and recyclables pickup. Anyone with questions about the spring cleanup can call the Department of Municipal Services at 734-453-7737.

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## CORRECTION



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Greg Carrierre is a car enthusiast. Chris Kosmet manages Bigby Coffee. Together they will create a weekly event for car enthusiasts, beginning May 3.

A story in the Sunday, April 19, Plymouth Observer should have said that the new Cars & Caffeine event will

run 8-10 a.m. every Sunday, beginning May 3, at Bigby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth.



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New Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price is sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian K. Zahra. At right are Jacki Price and children Maddie, 11, and Brady, 8.

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Price told residents gathered in the board meeting room, many of whom had criticized his appointment, that he would work hard for them.

"I understand respect is something you earn and I'm going to work to earn your respect," he said.

Price plans to hold a public office hour, 10-11 a.m. Friday, in Clerk Nancy Conzelman's office on the first floor of township hall for residents who wish to meet him or discuss a township issue.

He will serve the remainder of Reaume's term, which expires in November of next year, and has said he plans to seek a full term in the 2016 township election.

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price.

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commercial space within a quarter-mile radius of central Plymouth. Bowling had argued that his restaurant would attract customers for Plymouth retail businesses.

"We feel there is opportunity in this area for another fine-dining establishment," Siedell said.

Mayor Dan Dwyer later defended the license cap, saying it was

"carefully crafted" and "serves our city well." The cap, and each license-holder, are reviewed annually by the commission, he pointed out.

"My vote doesn't have anything to do with him personally or his proposal. It's the cap," Dwyer said.

Dwyer said other restaurateurs have made inquiries about obtaining a downtown liquor license and have been turned down. The mayor said he sees the possibility of increasing the cap

in the future, but that "there's nothing saying it would be Mr. Bowling who got it."

### Non-downtown cap

The commission also voted 6-1 to maintain the cap, currently at 10, for liquor licenses outside the downtown area. Officials had discussed lifting that cap, by one, to allow the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks to transfer the club's license from its current location in Plymouth Township.

The Elks lodge on Ann Arbor Road is set to be

displaced by a residential and commercial development and Elks officials have been considering a vacant property at Ann Arbor Trail and Lilley.

Voting against keeping the non-downtown license cap at 10 was Commissioner Colleen Pobur. Dwyer and Commissioners Mike Wright, Ed Hingelberg, Diane Bogenrieder, Oliver Wolcott and Dan Dalton voted in favor.

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# Canton student among those honored at MU symposium

Songwriters and educators took the stage alongside forensic scientists and nurses April 14 as students across Madonna University's wide variety of academic programs were recognized for their achievements at university's first Symposium for Research, Scholarship and Creativity.

A total of 29 undergraduate and graduate students from across Madonna's six schools of study – including arts and humanities, business, education, nursing and health, science and math and social sciences – were honored for their contributions to their field.

"I'm so proud of the research presented by the students," said Dr. Phillip Olla, business professor and director of Madonna's Center for Research. "The results from their research projects were insightful, valuable and very practical in nature. The winners of the Symposium awards must really be commended because it is extremely competitive with many of worthy projects involved."

Among students winning awards were education student Candice Abro of Canton; arts and humanities students Matt McIntosh and Allen Jankowicz, both of Bloomfield Hills; social sciences student Kelsey Taylor of Farmington Hills; arts and humanities students Anna Dreslinksi and Josh Yuhasz of Milford; social sciences student Morgan Dalrymple of Novi; arts and humanities student Carrick Secorski of Redford; arts and humanities

student Darryn Montgomery and education student Alicia Armstrong, both of Westland.

Students receiving awards from Livonia include arts and humanities students Dean Olivia, Kyle McGrath, Paul Levinsky and Matthew Bleggi; education student Laura Rea; science and math student Catherine Crombez and Juliann Knochel, who won the Graduate Dean's Scholarship Award.

Other students winning awards were arts and humanities students Kenneth Hobbs of Detroit; Morgan Lorkowski of Grosse Pointe Park; Nancy Boyd of Highland and Trevor Hamilton of Wixom; Brighton resident and school of business student Katherine Alessio; education students Kristen Drabek of Newport and Hannah Faber of Grand Rapids; nursing and health students Jennifer Burgdorf of Taylor and Jaclyn Standing of Shelby Township; science and math student Lisa Hursin of Dearborn and social sciences student Kayla Vogel of Hastings.

According to Olla, Madonna University has become a beacon for community-focused research.

"The symposium was an excellent opportunity to showcase the efforts and community collaborations of both students and faculty at Madonna. The future of research, scholarship and creativity at Madonna is bright and we are embarking in exciting new territories in forensic sciences, health informatics, film production and entrepreneurship" Olla said.



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Trudell will be on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Bill Cairo on drums and Chuck Shermatero on keyboard.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com) or email [jazzat-theelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzat-theelks@gmail.com).



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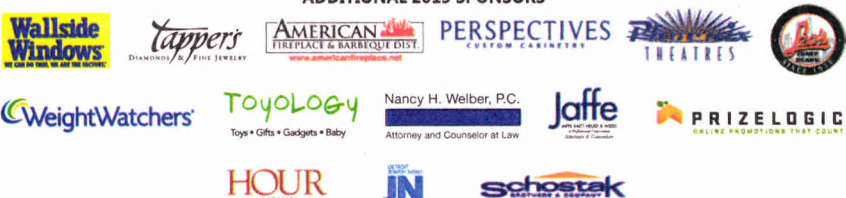
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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Driver 'taking a nap' at 112 mph

A 19-year-old man was arrested early Monday on a charge of driving with a suspended license after police stopped him for speeding on northbound I-275 in Plymouth Township.

Radar had clocked the driver, in a 2012 Mercedes-Benz, at 112 mph, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The incident occurred about 1:35 a.m. Monday on I-275 near Ann Arbor Trail.

The driver, police said, told the arresting officer he had been "taking a nap" and had been traveling "about 100" mph. The Mercedes-Benz was impounded.

### Tire theft

The tires and rims were stolen Saturday night or early Sunday from a Ford Taurus that was parked outside a condominium on Sycamore Drive.

Police said the car had been left on landscaping blocks. The victim told police she had last seen the car intact about 10 p.m. Saturday and discovered the tires and rims were missing shortly before 9 a.m. Sunday.

In addition, a window on the Taurus had been broken out. Police said the landscaping blocks used were of a type used in other similar thefts in the township within the previous week.

### Vandalism

Two windows on the pavilion under construction at Plymouth Township Park were recently damaged, police report.

The vandalism was reported Sunday. Police said it appeared the glass in the windows was cracked and appeared to have been struck by a small projectile like a BB or a rock.

— By Matt Jachman

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Teen threatens to kill grandparents

A Canton teen, angry at her grandparents, threatened to kill them and grabbed a shovel to begin digging a hole in their back yard before police arrived and took the 16-year-old to a University of Michigan psychiatric facility, a police report said.

Police received a call from the girl's 68-year-old grandmother Sunday morning as an incident was unfolding in the 1400 block of Ledgewood, near Palmer and Lilley. The teen was reportedly throwing objects, saying she no longer wanted to live with her grandmother and 70-year-old grandfather, who have legal custody of her.

The teen claimed that her grandmother had gone through the texts on her phone and found references to a marijuana party, a police report said. The girl also accused her grandmother of going through her purse and taking money she had earned from babysitting, amid fears the teen would use it to buy drugs.

The police report said the girl went to her grandmother's room to get her money back and began throwing jewelry onto the floor and ripping clothes off their hangers. She then took the grandmother's car keys and threatened to leave.

The girl went to the backyard to call a friend and the grandmother took the phone away from her, the report said. The girl then began throwing objects in the yard, threatened to kill her grandparents and grabbed a shovel to dig a hole, before going back inside the home and breaking her grandmother's eyeglasses, police said.

The grandparents told police they didn't actually fear for their lives. The girl was taken to the hospital for treatment.

### Thefts and drugs

Canton police arrested a 22-year-old Ann Arbor woman following allegations she was involved in stealing merchandise from retail stores and returning it for a refund — all because she had a drug problem, a police report said.

The case unfolded after police went to a shopping center near Ford and Lilley roads to investigate reports that a man was sitting in a car using drugs with a small child inside the vehicle. Police instead found the 22-year-old woman in the car with her small child — and the woman said she was waiting for her male companion to return from a store.

The woman denied knowing anyone was using drugs in the car, but a police dog detected a small plastic container of marijuana that police found near the front passenger door, the

police report said. A subsequent investigation revealed the woman had a journal in her purse containing the names of stores and dates pertaining to retail merchandise that allegedly had been stolen and returned for money, the report said.

The woman admitted stealing from Meijer and Michaels along with a male companion, who was no longer at the scene. The woman was taken into custody for receiving and concealing stolen property and possession of marijuana. Her car was impounded and her child was turned over to its grandmother.

Back at the police station, officers found a small packet inside a cigarette pack that appeared to contain heroin. The woman admitted she is an addict and spends \$150 to \$200 on her habit, the police report said.

### Tax fraud

A 53-year-old Canton couple notified police after they tried to file their tax returns April 14 and learned that someone else already had filed a fraudulent return using their names and Social Security numbers, a police report said.

The victims said their address also had been used fraudulently, raising concerns that intruders might come to their home. Police advised the couple to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behav-

ior and to alert their neighbors to do the same.

### Home damage

A 47-year-old Canton man told police he returned from a visit to Pakistan to see his wife and children to learn that someone had broken out a window of his home at The Winds, a condominium complex southeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty roads.

The man indicated to police that it didn't appear anything was missing from the home. He returned home around noon Sunday from a trip that began April 4.

Police spoke with a neighbor who recalled hearing the sound of glass being broken and voices before the possible intruders left the neighborhood.

In a similar incident, a 50-year-old Canton man told police he returned home from work about 8 a.m. Monday and found that a front window of his home had been broken out. He had been away since 7:30 p.m. the previous day.

A police report said it didn't appear anything had entered the home, located in the 1700 block of Brookdale, northeast of Palmer and Lotz. The man told police he doesn't know of anyone who would be upset with him or his 17-year-old son.

— By Darrell Clem

## Canton Public Safety welcomes new firefighter

Canton Public Safety welcomed its newest firefighter/paramedic, Bernard Brosnan, to the department. He took his oath of office April 20.

All new firefighter/paramedics in Canton are required to successfully complete three months of mentored orientation and training prior to becoming manpower on an as-

signed shift.

New firefighters are on probation for one-year while they complete an extensive training program, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to succeed in their new position as a Canton firefighter/paramedic.



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Canton Fire Chief Joshua Meier (from left), firefighter Bernard Brosnan, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Stoecklein.

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# Kentucky Derby arrives early at Canton chamber bash

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Kentucky Derby hats, mint juleps, horse-racing chatter — surely the springtime setting for this galloping good time is Louisville's famous thoroughbred racetrack, Churchill Downs, right?



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Chamber President Thomas Paden dons his Derby hat.

Wrong. This Derby party happened Saturday night — two weeks before the official Run for the Roses — as a crowd of nearly 350 people gathered inside Livonia's Burton Manor for the Canton Chamber of Commerce's 28th annual auction and dinner.

Linda Obrec, president of the women's social group Canton Newcomers & Neighbors, donned her Derby hat for the chamber's biggest fundraiser, which had a decidedly spring theme every year.

"Women love to wear their hats," Obrec said. And what better place than to a Derby party, even if organizers trotted out plastic horses, rather than actual thoroughbreds, for a racing game that accompanied an auction and raffles to support the Canton business community.

"We really tried to bring the Kentucky Derby home to Canton," chamber President Thomas Paden said. "It was nice to see so many people get into the spirit of the Kentucky Derby."

The amount raised by the chamber event hadn't been tabulated, Paden said Monday. The money will be used to support the organization's programs, services, events, marketing and professional development activities.

"It allows us to continue to fulfill our mission of serving the business community," Paden said. "We want to make sure the business community is as vibrant as it can be."

Just to toss in an artsy flair, chamber member Denise Staffeld organized a skit from *My Fair Lady*, proving that acting can co-exist alongside horse racing when it comes to a Canton-style Derby party. A group of eight sang one of the musical's songs, *Ascot Gavotte*, which has a horse-racing theme.

The production came before the chamber event's racing games.

"It was a perfect tie-in to kick off the event," Staffeld said.

Obrec lauded the generosity of the Canton business community, which donates a large number of prizes for the auction and raffle. She said the fundraiser continues to inspire.

"I just think it gets better and better every year," she said.

This year's event, dubbed "Kentucky Derby: A Night at the Races," was a \$75-per-person event that brought prizes such as a vacation stay at a timeshare condo in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, a gift donated by Rob Bovitz, a chamber member and certified public accountant.

Bovitz routinely supports chamber events, saying it's important to raise money so the organization "can give back to its members."

Other items from the auction included a Las Vegas getaway donated by Mayflower Towing Co. and a diamond-and-erald ring from Showroom of Elegance. Plus, Susan



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Doris Hetzel takes first place in her horse race.



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Justin Boyer wins the first horse race.



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Leo Babcock and Justine Maldonado are decked out for the Kentucky Derby party, complete with mint juleps.



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Trumpeter Jacob Zygmunt calls horses and jockeys to the starting gate with a bugle fanfare.



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High school trumpeter Jacob Zygmunt and his Derby groupies (from left) Shannon Snyder, Kim Scartelli and Rebecca Styron.



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Linda Obrec wears an original hat by Detroit milliner Mr. Song, who made the hat Aretha Franklin wore to the presidential inauguration.

## EVERYONE HAS AN IDEA OR MAYBE A FEW...

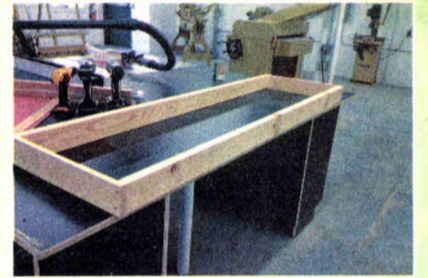
### ACCENT TABLE

Nicolette McKeivitz,

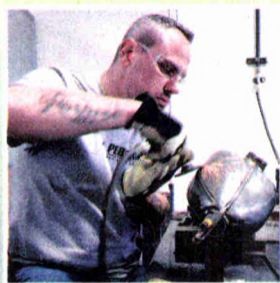
Project: Accent Table with a planter box built in to the table top  
Nicolette, a 20-year old Novi resident came to The Village Workshop to pursue her dream of building custom wood furniture. Nicolette enjoys other hobbies such as oil painting, writing poetry and working on retro pick up trucks. You could say Nicolette likes to work with her hands.

Nicolette became interested in art in grade school and continued classes through-out high school. She attended Kendall College of Art and Design where she discovered her love for furniture through 3d art classes. Although she learned about design, Nicolette had the need to design and build furniture with her own hands. Within a week of her first visit to the Village Workshop, Nicolette had completed her Wood Shop Safety Class. Motivated by a design she had been working on, she got right to work on her first furniture project, a wood table with a planter box built in to the tabletop.

Her design will be a combination of modern and eclectic style with a black finish to bring out the texture and grain in the wood. The back legs will feature straight lines while the front legs will be turned spindles. Dream Project: Nicolette's dream is to build custom furniture that is not only functional, but also pieces of art. At the top of her list is a chair design that will combine nature with classic furniture lines featuring natural living edges that bring out the beauty of the grains in the wood. Her vision would be to make it a functional piece of art with a modern twist.



### CUSTOM VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE



Mike Brimm works in the automotive industry building global show vehicles.

Project: Custom Vintage Motorcycle  
Starting with a 1970 BSA motorcycle, Mike's vision was to bring this vintage machine into the future! He used his metal working skills and artistic background to make the jig to create his masterpiece from the frame to the custom paint he calls "Magic Rootbeer!"

Since Mike is a hands on guy he puts hours of labor into his project including the use of an English wheel to fabricate the fuel tank. This labor of love will be custom from the ground up.

A friend urged him to enter his project in a contest called the "Amateur Chop Off". Just the motivation he needed. Although the prize is cash and a feature in a motorcycle magazine, Mike was motivated by the challenge.

Mike's passion for working with metal started in the ninth grade. For over 25 years he has enjoyed restoring old cars. Mike once helped a friend restore an Imperial Speedster to a show car. He recalls living in his friend's guest room for close to a year while working on the nearly three-year project.

Although Mike is a perfectionist he found that his self-taught welding and fabricating skills were also useful in expressing his creativity through creating metal art. He says that the metal art gives him more creative freedom than working on cars.

Mike's passion, enthusiasm and ideas intrigued Brian Donovan, co-owner of The Village Workshop so much, that TVW will be the sponsor for Mike's "One of a Kind" creation.

Dream Project: When asked what his dream project was, Mike laughed and said there was a list of 25! Inspired by other Village Workshop members Mike would like to create an artistic metal gate for the metal shop to enhance the overhead door entrance and let the fresh air in. Another idea, is designing and creating a "Motorized Drift Trike", also known as "A Big Wheel" for adults. Mike believes that his gift for creative metal work came from not being afraid to "just do it!" He says, "You can create it in your head and then on paper, but the real joy comes from building it with your hands". He shares that thought with his new friends at the Village Workshop and adds that being a member gives him the tools and inspiration to bring his dream projects to life!

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Mo Bazzi of Leo's Coney Island prepares perfect hot dogs for (from left) Jeanne Lamb, Patrice Ardinger and Judy Fallon.

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# Plymouth showcases business, community at annual chamber event

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

It's not every day you see folks counting Styrofoam eyeballs for a prize, carrying rolls of free toilet paper or trying to catch money while standing in a cash cube for 20 seconds.

But that was just part of the fun Monday at the 26th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce event, at the Inn at St. John.

"It was a really good year," said Wes Graff, chamber president. "It was a good vibe."

So good was the vibe that an estimated 600 people attended in the two-hour window to meet and greet 94 vendors, 16 of which were area restaurants.

"The vendors told me they got some really good leads," Graff said. "There is a great sense of community in Plymouth."

Just ask longtime resident Doris Carter, a florist, who works from home. She has attended the showcase since the day it began. "I've won stuff — we've seen a couple of basketball games," she said, referring to her winnings.

Carter admits it is hard to resist the food offered by the restaurants at the showcase: "You really do get to know the restaurants a bit better."

While Carter is a familiar face at the showcase, the event also drew new attendees, such as Dave Haradon and Mickey Trayner, both Plymouth residents. "Some of the soups are really cool," Trayner said.

Haradon said the event also allowed them to take a peek into the Inn at St. John, a long-time Plymouth landmark.

While the restaurants handed out food, so did some of the businesses on hand. In the case of Horton Plumbing, however, guests were free to pick up a roll of

toilet paper, handed out by employee Stan Stukel.

When asked who came up with the idea, Stukel pointed to his colleague, Nancy Dwan. "You always use toilet paper," she said.

At Monroe Bank & Trust, employees invited guests into the cash cube that was filled with real and fake money. The idea was to stand in the cube surrounded by wind gusts, blowing the money all over. Though guests aren't allowed to bend and pick up the money, they grab as many dollars as possible and put them through a slot within 20 seconds.

Whatever the guest has grabbed — in real money — they get to keep. Employee Wendy Distelrath showed how the cash cube worked. Within 20 seconds, she was able to grab about \$4 of real money.

"We have had people in past year get as much as \$10," said Scott Albright, Plymouth assistant manager.

At Benchmark Optical, employees had a large jar filled with Styrofoam eyeballs for guests to guess just how many there were. A correct guess landed a lucky guest a gift from the business.

"She hand-painted every one of those eyeballs," employee Shaun Seabolt said, pointing to colleague Alice Spas.

Not a real tough job, though. "I always add some more, so the number is never the same," said Spas, who also works with her daughter Mary.

Tasting delicacies from participating restaurants and visiting area businesses was certainly a focal point of the showcase, but Graff honored local volunteers at the event.

"It's a celebration of the community," he added.

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Colleen Nickles of Canton gets her card stamped by John Barrows, location manager for Two Men and a Truck.

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Independence Village chefs offered a taste of key lime pie.

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Cynthia Jedinak and Jim Jedinak, both of Plymouth Township, and Dave Haradon and Mickey Trayner of Plymouth enjoy food and drink from vendors at the 26th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth.

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Benchmark Optical's Alice Spas explains that she hand-painted the eyeballs stashed in a big jar for a contest. With her are Shaun Seabolt and Mary Spas.

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Plymouth Community Chamber President Wes Graf rounds up award winners.

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## Showing the entrepreneurial spirit

Young business owners sell their products at inaugural Kids Mart

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Ryan Triolet and a buddy needed another product — and fast — as revenues from his once-popular homemade computer games began a nosedive.

"We needed something different to break even," the Canton High School ninth-grader said.

And just like the natural entrepreneur he is, Triolet immediately developed another product — marshmallow shooters made of PVC pipes and, of course, mini marshmallows.

"People really liked them. I made a huge profit," Triolet said.

KT Marshmallow Shooters was one of 10 businesses — owned by kids — that displayed and sold their wares Saturday at the inaugural Kids Mart, developed by Elle and Charles Dare, owners of the Genuine Toy Co., in the Westchester Mall in downtown Plymouth.

In addition to marshmallow shooters, shoppers had their choice of pillows, mini paintings, key chains, baked goods, artful decor items, clay figurines, felted pocket pets and what fourth-grader Lucy Shelby of Redford called her Happy Brain Jars.

The idea to let entrepreneurial youngsters sell their products actually began when Triolet asked the Dares if they would sell his marshmallow shooters. Well, they would have loved to have helped. But toys are one of those products the government wants to be sure are safe.

"He is such an entrepreneur," Elle Dare said, adding Triolet had even worked out his profit and loss sheets, as well as marketing for his products.

So the Dares decided the best way to help Triolet, and any other fifth-through ninth-grader interested in trying their hand in business, was to host the Kids Mart. Interested young business owners were required to apply to the Dares for a Kids Mart business license, which each participant displayed at their table in the mall's hallway.

"They even spent time on their signs and marketing," Dare said. "They are having a lot of fun. They took time to make their products. The kids are really very creative."

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the young business owners kept busy selling their products and, in fact, many had to hang "sold out" signs before the end of the event. But true to the entrepreneurs



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
Mya Kim (left) and her friend Emma Johnston, proprietors of Sew Cute, sold felt pillows and mini paintings at Kids Mart.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
An interest in art and a desire to help the Michigan Humane Society led Kara Wolf to fashion key chains for sale.

### KIDS MART ENTREPRENEURS

Participating businesses and their owners at Saturday's Kids Mart included:

- » A. Clay Craft, Allison Stowe
- » Kara's Key Chains, Kara Wolf
- » Glitter Glory, Lucy Shelby
- » Ella's Art Studio, Ella Dekiere
- » KT Marshmallow Shooters, Ryan Triolet
- » Felted Friends, Zoe Hajec
- » The Purrfect Crafters, Lillian Kehoe and Ria Noble
- » Claymation Station, Selena Vidojevski
- » Sew Cute, Mya Kim and Emma Johnston
- » Splendiferous Sweets, Faith Long and Nicklas Miller
- » West Middle School Tech Education (Michigan-shaped cutting board), Colin Young and Jake Courtney with teacher Mark Trzeciak

they are, the kids were ready with sheets for shoppers to sign up and order the products.

"It's a pretty proud day for mom," said Pamela Shelby, who beamed as her daughter Lucy sold her last Happy Brain Jar.

As Shelby described, the jars filled with moving or semi-liquids are designed to create a sense of peace, while providing mesmerizing colors. "It takes away your anxiety. It is a mental time," the fourth-grader said.

But when asked the ingredients of the popular Happy Brain Jars, Shelby shot her mom a quick look and confident-

ly announced: "It's a trade secret."

Zoe Hajec, who attends Branch Line School in Livonia, is the owner of Felted Friends, all items she sews. Ella Dekiere, a Bird Elementary fifth-grader who is destined to become an artist, sold her products as Ella's Art Studio. Ella's art also extended to baked goods.

Selena Vidojevski, owner of Claymation Station, and Allison Stowe, owner of A. Clay Craft, showed their talents in clay figurines, pencil toppers, clay jewelry and charms.

Felt pillows of various sizes and mini paintings were the brain child of Sew Cute, operated by Emma Johnston and Mya Kim. "It's hard to decide which one to make," Mya said, looking over the pillows. For the Bird Elementary students, Kids Mart was their first foray into the business world.

Kara Wolf, meanwhile, admitted she had been making key chains — many featuring dogs — for some time: "I will give some (of the profits) to the Michigan Humane Society." But there's no denying it, Kara loves the artistic effort of her creations.

While Lucy Shelby wants to study electrical engineering and make robots, Triolet is 100-percent certain he sees himself as a business owner. As with many of their fellow young business owners, Shelby and Triolet were mindful of



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
Elle Dare, co-owner of the Genuine Toy Co. in Plymouth, discusses a marshmallow shooter, developed by young entrepreneur Ryan Triolet.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
West Middle School tech teacher Mark Trzeciak with his students Colin Young and Jake Courtney, who created wood cutting boards to sell.

marketing.

"We have gone over marketing and she has learned how to take out a business loan — from mom," Pamela Shelby said.

Triolet, dressed in a T-shirt boasting "KT Marshmallow Shooters," offered shoppers his business cards. "I am a big fan of Shark Tank. I want to go into business,"

he said. "I'm a product guy. I like marketing. I like being my own boss."

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**By Greg Mullin**  
Staff Writer

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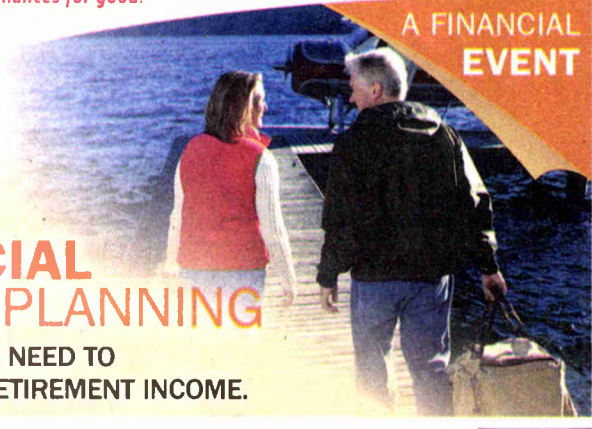
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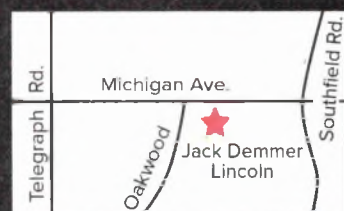
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## When is a pre-nup appropriate, necessary?



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

I received a call from one of my clients that his son had just become engaged. He asked me whether his 30-year-old son needed a pre-nuptial agreement.

My client was in favor of the agreement, because his son owns a business. My client's wife, on the other hand, is totally opposed to it. Her view is that since this is a first marriage, a pre-nuptial agreement is not appropriate.

My advice is that their soon should execute a pre-nuptial agreement.

Many people mistakenly believe that pre-nuptial agreements are only for the very wealthy and second marriages. In fact, more people are doing a pre-nuptial agreement for a first marriage.

Anyone getting married needs to consider what would happen if the marriage does not work. For people who are getting married at a young age and who do not have any substantial assets or unusual complexities, a pre-nuptial is probably not necessary. However, if someone is getting married later in life or has substantial assets or is a business owner or has professional licenses, then a pre-nuptial agreement would be appropriate.

Good luck.

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# Canton Connection Church welcomes new children's pastor and family to community

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Joe Bridger and his family appreciate the warm welcome they've gotten at Connection Church.

"We really are excited to learn more about the community," said Bridger, 38, the Canton congregation's new children's pastor. "We want to help as many people as we can and get them going in a good direction."

Bridger graduated in 2008 from Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash., with a bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy.

"My plan was to be a college professor or work with teenagers or youth," he said. His work with teens while in college led to a gradual realization that his gifts from God are more with younger kids.

He's been at Connection Church, on Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue, just over three weeks. Bridger is originally from the Seattle area. "I met my wife there in college," he said.

He and Dorothy are parents to Josiah, 11, J.J., 9, Hannah, 2, and Gabriel, 4 months, the younger two children having been born in Texas where he



JULIE BROWN

Joe Bridger, the new children's pastor at Canton's Connection Church, likes the diversity of Canton as a place to raise the couple's four children.

was working with churches.

"The church was looking for a children's pastor," he said of Connection. He and his family began to pray for the right person for Connection.

At that time, he was working on remodeling for a Texas church, where the senior pastor also had health issues. "I didn't think it was right for us to leave," Bridger said.

The senior pastor in Texas regained his health, the work was done and Bridger again

contacted Connection Church late last year when the children's pastor job was open. He then met with senior pastor Rocky Barra, the elders and church members here.

"Our first Sunday here was Easter," Bridger said of his family settling in their new Canton home.

He appreciates the interim youth pastor, preschool director and many volunteers who have held down the fort while the job was open. "The folks just seem to care a lot about the chil-

dren and the children's ministries. They really have done a good job," he said.

He's now learning spiritually where people are, "getting to know people's stories of why this church is important to them. And to be able to pray with people."

On a recent Monday morning, a women's group at Connection prayed for his ministry and family. "It's things like that. I want to make as many connections as possible. The spiritual component is what really matters," Bridger said.

He'll preach some to adults each Sunday, including for Barra's spring "Faith Like a Child" series "and anything else they ask me to do," he said with a smile.

The church draws well over a thousand worshippers to Sunday services, with Bridger working with nursery school through fifth grade of some 140-200 kids. He noted the Michigan economy impacted churches and is now rebounding.

"You guys are doing a lot better than Seattle," where they have family and friends. "This seems to be doing better. The recovery isn't happening as quickly in Seattle." The family's Texas home

sold within days, however.

In his younger days, Bridger had difficulty getting a pastor's position. "So I just kept plugging away. I kept volunteering." He helped to start three churches over 10 years.

"This is also a smaller role at a bigger church," he said of Connection. "This kind of is more focused and I like that."

In his free time, Bridger is with his family. He likes hiking and plans to visit the Upper Peninsula. "I went to the Detroit Zoo with my family," he said. "Locally, I haven't really done anything else. The people are great."

Many church members came to help the family unpack. Barra said of Bridger, "We're so thrilled to have Joe Bridger on our staff. Several people have told me that he's one of the top children's pastors in the nation. We're excited about what is ahead for the children of our community."

Bridger is eager to offer leadership and notes that churches often talk about how vital children are: "You can tell when you walk into a church whether it is or not. This really is a spiritual need in their life. I

feel like I really do fulfill a spiritual need in their life."

He likes to give parents practical things to encourage spiritual growth in their children.

Bridger was saved at age 15 and hadn't been a Christian as a young child. "Nobody ever told me about Jesus when I was a kid." God wasn't explained in terms then he could understand.

His father died of alcoholism; Bridger's mother was mentally ill and he ended up in foster care.

He came to live with a pastor and his wife. "That was the beginning of my spiritual life," Bridger said.

He and Dorothy are pleased with Canton's diversity, with Joe Bridger noting the large Hispanic population at their children's school in Texas. "We're pretty well-equipped," he said of diversity, adding in the Seattle area he had many black, Asian and Puerto Rican friends growing up.

The Bridgers wanted their children to experience diversity as well. "That was one of those things I wanted, a diverse community," he said.

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# Peters talks business, transportation at chamber breakfast

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

There has been a lot of focus nationwide on the city of Detroit, something U.S. Sen. Gary Peters hears a lot about from people across the country.

But the suburbs, including those in western Wayne and Oakland counties, are just as important to the well-being of southeast Michigan, he said Monday morning.

"This area is critically important," he said. "The city of Detroit is important. It's the center of the greater Detroit region, but the greater Detroit region is made up of suburban communities."

"You have to look at this as a region." Peters, a first-term



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Sen. Gary Peters spoke to the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce Monday morning at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

senator who replaced Carl Levin in the Senate this year, spoke to the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce Monday morning at the Italian American Club in Livonia. He touched on a variety of topics in response

to questions from chamber members, including federal funding for roads, business regulations and things the federal government can do with the skilled trades and manufacturing.

He said supporting various programs, including union apprenticeship programs and two-year community college programs like those at Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College, is something he'd like to focus on.

"I think we could do a better job of working with some of the unions," he said. "I think there is a role for us to help those kinds of apprenticeship programs."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of

Commerce, has brought the issue of the skilled trades and manufacturing up during several breakfasts with state and federal officials in recent months.

It's an issue that's seeing a lot of attention in Livonia, especially as companies in the city continue to seek trained workers in fields such as advanced manufacturing. "We're happy he's talking about it," he said.

## Transportation issues

Transportation, especially around metro Detroit, is a big issue Peters said he would like to see more done on. While the light rail under construction in Detroit is a good step, Peters said that rail will need to extend far

past the few miles it's currently planned for. Westland Mayor Bill Wild, who attended the event, said the issue of transportation stuck out for him.

He said adding transit running between Metro Airport and downtown Detroit would benefit the region. Having someone in Washington supportive of adding transit in western Wayne County is a plus, Wild said.

"If we start to build that out, we're going to need a champion in D.C.," he said.

Technology with driv-

er-less cars is another issue Peters examines while serving on the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee for the Senate. This technology is important to Michigan, he said, especially since the domestic car makers are all located in the state.

"These are incredibly high-tech machines," he said. "We have great engineering here in Michigan. We don't want to take it for granted."

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# Bookstock begins Sunday at Laurel Park Place mall

Bookstock, the area's biggest used book and media sale, returns Sunday to Livonia's Laurel Park Place, kicking off at 8:15 a.m. with a presale and a performance by an ensemble from the DSO Youth Orchestra.

There is a \$20 admission charge for the presale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at rock-bottom prices.

Bookstock, which benefits literacy and education projects in

metropolitan Detroit, features five days of special sales and giveaways.

» Monday Madness – Monday, April 27. The first 1,000 shoppers will receive giveaways and one lucky shopper will receive a \$500 Visa gift card.

» Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, April 28. Bookstock will give 50 percent off to all teachers with a valid ID, 3-9 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Bookstock B.E.S.T. (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/School/Teacher) Awards will be presented to fourth-grade students from Detroit Public Schools

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» Bookbuster Sports Nights – Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30. Buy three books and get the fourth book (the least expensive item) free 3-9 p.m.

» Half Price Finale – Sunday, May 3. All remaining books and media will be sold for half price.

Bookstock concludes Sunday, May 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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- Isbister Elementary School Media Center
- Smith Elementary School

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Bids received after this time and date will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335** on April 14, 2015.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Gallimore Elementary School media center located at 8375 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187. Tours of each building will be available after the meeting.

**The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

**The bidder shall also fill out, sign & notarize the Affidavit of Bidder for the Iran Economic Sanctions Act provided in this package.**

Enclosed as part of the bidding documents are the Description of Work, Moving Schedule, Proposal Pricing Form, and District Map.

Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at 248.427.8400

Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents.

This is a non-prevailing wage rate project.



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A Public Hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled City of Plymouth City Commission Meeting to be held on Monday May 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall,

201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

### Code of Ordinances Text Amendments-

Chapter 34 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control- Article IV-Sections: 34-126 Adoption of Rules by Reference, 34-127 Municipal Enforcing Agency, 34-128 Fees and Bonds

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## OUR VIEW

# Vote yes May 5 on Proposal 1

Michigan roads and bridges need fixing – now. Proposal 1, although not perfect, offers a path for that to happen. On Tuesday, May 5, voters can raise taxes to ensure that roads and bridges will be repaired or say no and deal with the deteriorating, often unsafe, road conditions for several years to come.

For too many years, state leaders have settled for short-term fixes for roads instead of long-term solutions. Michigan roads are worse than other Great Lakes states. It's not surprising that Michigan roads and bridges are crumbling.

» Michigan spends 70 percent less per mile or \$2 billion less than the Great Lakes average.

» One in three roads are in poor condition and one in nine bridges is considered "structurally deficient" by the Federal Highway Administration.

No one likes a tax increase, but current road and bridge conditions are dangerous. Proposal 1 guarantees that state taxes collected at the pump will go to transportation.

Proposal 1, if approved, will raise the state sales and use taxes from 6 to 7 percent (a 17-percent increase) and institute a new tax on gasoline and

diesel. It will also remove fuel from sales tax collection.

The new fuel tax will pay for roads and replace the revenue – and more – that will be lost by removing fuel from the sales tax base.

Proposal 1 also extends pavement warranties to projects more than \$1 million and most local road projects. If the roads are not built right, the road builders – not taxpayers – will pay for the repairs.

Some opponents of Proposal 1 claim to have a Plan B. Really? Plans C, D and E are also out there, according to some opponents. The problem is none has seen the light of

day and none has the legislative or public support needed to solve the road problem. And the state can't wait another two or three years to fix roads and bridges.

Potholes that are more like sinkholes, crumbling bridges and buckling pavement are dangerous. Proposal 1 is the best available solution to a problem that has been ignored for years.

The time is past to argue. Without more money – an increase in taxes – our state roads and bridges will continue to crumble.

Voters should be aware that they are being asked to ap-

prove a proposal that raises money beyond what's needed for roads. Money will go to restore education revenue levels and another portion of funds will improve revenue sharing to local communities. It isn't ideal to lump all of these complicated issues into a single vote but, in doing so, legislators gave voters an opportunity to shore up three areas of need at the same time.

Safe roads and a sound transportation infrastructure are important to moving Michigan forward.

Vote **yes** May 5 on Proposal 1.

## LETTERS

### Disappointing

How exciting to see a new Celtic-themed sports pub under construction in one of the vacant storefronts in a Canton strip plaza.

How disappointing to walk in to see waitresses in uniforms as bad as Hooters with even more cleavage and their entire torsos exposed.

I hate knowing an establishment exists that only hires the "bombshell next door." And that we live in a community with the Canton Celtic Soccer Club and now a similarly-themed restaurant promoting women as sex objects.

It's time to give my young sons a lecture on misogyny and the problem with sexualizing women, in general and in the workplace.

"The Best Looking Sports Pub You've Ever Seen?" Gross. Put on a T-shirt. Bailey's looks great to me.

Beth Johnson  
Canton

### Vote no

Since I last wrote about the May 5 election to raise the sales tax, much more has come to light that bolsters my argument against the proposition.

From what I understand, the majority of the new tax, at least in the first few years, will go to pay off debt incurred by the State Highway Department for previous road work. Over the past few years, millions of dollars came out of the General Fund to supplement the gas tax.

If the amendment passes, you can believe that not another dime will be allocated by our lawmakers. They can't! The state budget is out whack, thanks to the lavishing of tax credits on corporations. Even though Snyder and Co. added \$400 million to the \$9 billion already in place, they blame previous administrations. How-

ever, neither Engler nor Granholm approved the credits and then turned around and gave these same people another, to date, \$4 billion by doing away with the corporate tax.

Starting Oct. 1, between \$550 and \$800 million in tax credits are set to be redeemed. And this will go on for the next 14 years.

Where will that extra money come from? You can bet Snyder won't go to his corporate buddies and tell them they can't have both the credits and a tax cut, pick one, that's all our state can afford.

No, just like they raided the school fund to cover this fiscal year shortage, they will do the same thing in the future. Local government units and schools will not gain one red cent from the election because any funds they currently receive from the depleted budget will disappear.

My advice is don't bail out political incompetence and corporate greed. Vote no. On that note, I just read where the commission that rewards our esteemed politicians with pay raises decided to put off a vote until after May 5. Not at all surprising.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Care with potholes

Potholes have returned, and hitting one with your car can do a real number on tires, wheels, steering and suspension and alignment. To help determine if hitting a pothole has damaged your vehicle, watch for these warning signs:

» Loss of control, swaying when making routine turns, bottoming out on city streets or bouncing excessively on rough roads are indicators that the steering and suspension may have been damaged. The steering and suspension are key safety-related systems. Together, they largely determine your

car's ride and handling. Key components are shocks and/or struts, the steering knuckle, ball joints, the steering rack/box, bearings, seals and hub units and tie rod ends.

» Pulling in one direction, instead of maintaining a straight path, and uneven tire wear, are symptoms of an alignment problem. Proper wheel alignment is important for the lifespan of tires and helps ensure safe handling.

» Low tire pressure, bulges or blisters on the sidewalls, or dents in the wheel rim will be visible and should be checked out as soon as possible, as tires are the critical connection between your car and the road.

April is National Car Care Month and the nonprofit Car Care Council offers many free tools on its website to help you drive smart, save money and be car care aware, including the popular 80-page Car Care Guide and a custom service schedule and email reminder service.

Rich White  
executive director  
Car Care Council

### Road tax? Not really

It was a welcome relief to read Brad Wolkan's article in the March 26 *Observer*. Taxpayers should become informed about Proposal 1 before they exercise their right to vote on it May 5.

As Mr. Wolkan says, it is not a road tax, as being advertised. It is an increase in the sales tax where the revenue goes into the general fund. The present governor and Legislature have said a portion of it will be used to fix the roads, with major parts of it going to fund other issues.

No one disputes the fact that our roads are a dangerous mess and need to be fixed.

It is a disappointment that our legislators can only come up with this proposal to solve a

## A great idea



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Plymouth's Genuine Toy Co. co-owner Elle Dare created the Kids Mart when Ryan Triolet approached her about selling his marshmallow shooters.

problem they have been discussing for years. Apparently, the only way to move a proposal forward and satisfy every legislator is to put a solution to their issues in the proposal. Considering all the horse trading to get to this point, what assurance do we have the portion recommended for roads will stay in that category? Since all the funds go into the general fund, there is no assurance a future administration or legislature may develop a different set of priorities for these funds.

The other changes in the proposal are bothersome. Vehicle registration fees will go up for vehicles older than one year – the depreciation schedule currently used will be dropped. Vehicle registration fees will no longer be deductible on federal taxes, as Mr. Wolkan mentions. Also, the new method of taxing fuel will result in high fuel

taxes – estimated to be 8 to 9 cents per gallon.

Most agree that additional revenue is needed to address the road issues, but why should we automatically have to agree to additional funding for schools and cities, low-income subsidies, and transportation support? The proposal is being sold as all or nothing – do this or nothing will get done. Many legislators are now not supporting the proposal and discussing alternative "Fix Roads Only" proposals. A different way to fix the roads can be done!

Understandably, some won't agree with Mr. Wolkan and myself in our rejection of Proposal 1, but voters need to be informed what this proposal really is before they vote. Hopefully, most will not support Proposal 1.

Mike Sullivan  
Livonia

## GUEST COLUMN

# Proposal 1 would benefit local schools

The Plymouth-Canton community expects an elite public school system. After all, our communities are consistently ranked as top places in the state and country to live, work and raise a family. Strong schools are the foundation for strong neighborhoods. P-CCS's success is a key determinant in the overall health and prosperity of our community. There has been and continues to be a tradition of educational excellence in P-CCS; we strive to get better each day to help our students learn, prepare and thrive.

We are a growth enterprise; we specialize in growing all students and, therefore, we do not stay the same. We either get better or we decline. Our challenge is to not become complacent, stagnant or content with the status quo. As a community member, you give us your most prized assets: your children and your hard-earned money. We recognize



and respect this awesome responsibility.

There is much to be proud of in our district, which is evident each day in the achievements and accomplishments of our students and staff. And while our challenge as an organization is to grow and innovate, the essential question remains: How do we do more with less?

During the past five years, our Board of Education has made approximately \$30 million in budget reductions. As we begin the development of our budget aligned to our educational plan for the 2015-16 school year, we project a structural deficit of \$5 million each year for the next five years. Therefore, we will operate

with \$25 million less over a five-year period.

You can see what I mean by "more with less." But the financial realities cannot take us away from the uncompromising principles of:

- » Academic achievement for all students
- » Eliminating achievement gaps that exist
- » Supportive classroom conditions in safe schools
- » Valuable partnerships with our community
- » Develop our teaching staff to be the best
- » Fiscal responsibility and alignment of resources to strategic priorities

For more on our pursuit of these goals, take a look at our Systems Assessment, which is available on the P-CCS website.

The fact is we can no longer "cut" our way to fiscal health. This business model is not sustainable and we need to contemplate a different paradigm to keep our budget balanced. Also, a budget does not just "happen." It is a year-long cycle of development, communication, implementation and evaluation. Given our challenges, we are approaching the 2015-16 budget as a needs-based budgeting process.

Now for the numbers. Since 2008, P-CCS has seen a 3-percent decline in its foundation allowance (from \$7,500 to \$7,251) per student and it has

seen an 8-percent decline in student population (currently about 17,405). A portion of this is due to the declining birthrate in Wayne County and Michigan; a portion is due to charter school expansion. This is obviously a negative combination, considering that our funding is based on numbers of students in seats.

It also can be surprising to learn that the foundation allowance per student from the state is not equal among districts; neighboring districts such as Livonia, Northville, Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Detroit all receive a higher amount per student than P-CCS currently does.

We cannot rely on millages or bonds to increase our revenue, as laws prohibit the ability to use millage or bond money for our annual operating expenses.

We have done what we can in the areas over which we do have control: privatizing transportation and custodial services, enacting limited school of choice programs and freezing salaries of many of our hard-working staff. The fact remains that we are dependent on the state for 95 percent-plus of our revenue.

While trying to maintain our commitment to excellence, our district has been in a cost-containment mode for a long time. It is a task of reducing

programs that benefit children and make our school district the caliber of which we have spent decades to build.

We are at a tipping point. Do we continue to reduce or do we look at options to increase revenue?

Tuesday, May 5, Proposal 1 will be voted on in a statewide election. Passage of this would lead to an increase in sales tax that would contribute to much-needed road improvements, but also has the potential to boost nearly \$300 million into another much-needed area: our state's School Aid Fund.

While the specifics of how much this could potentially help P-CCS's budget are yet to be determined, I do know that passage of this proposal could only help the cause. And while it's dollars and cents in the budget, we all know – and ultimately our focus is on – that the true beneficiaries would be our students, who all deserve to have the best resources and opportunities available to them as they continue to learn, prepare and thrive.

Our job is to educate and I am asking you to educate yourself on Proposal 1 and make the important choice that could help P-CCS.

Dr. Michael Meissen is superintendent of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

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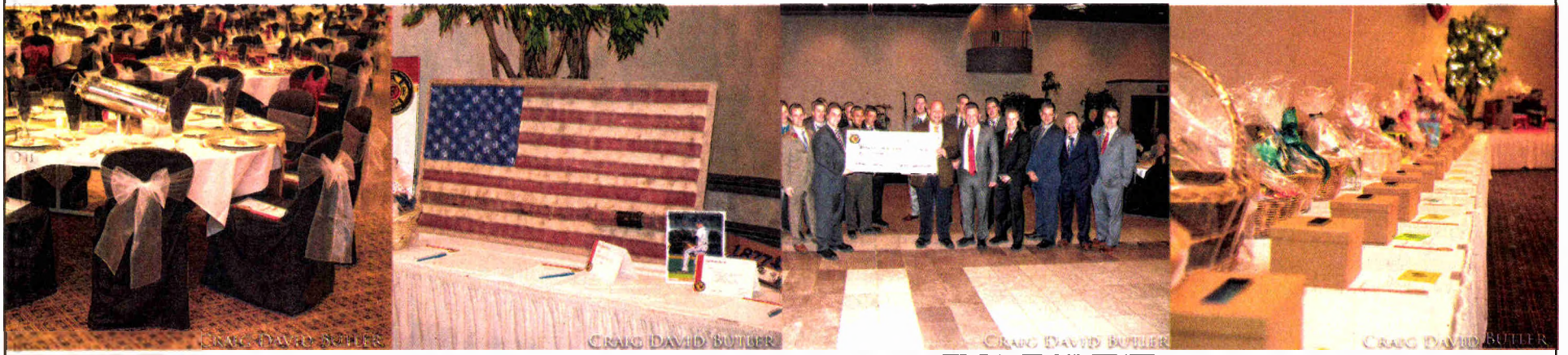
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PREP BOYS GOLF

## 'Cats ace early test

Plymouth finish first at conference preseason tourney

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's the way you start and finish that makes the difference.

Plymouth's varsity boys golf team captured Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference preseason tournament at par-72 Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

That could be a springboard that launches the Wildcats the rest of the regular season, which is capped off by the association tourney May 26 at Whispering Willows in Livonia (also when conference champion will be crowned).

On a blustery day, the Wildcats collected 11 conference points right off the bat thanks to topping the field with a team score of 322, nipping runner-up Novi (324).

In third with 336 was Canton. Meanwhile, Salem finished seventh with 357.

"It's important, but the real prize is at the end," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said.

"We know this is just the start of the season.

"There is a lot of golf to be played and we need to get better if we want to be champions in the end."

Leading Plymouth was junior Kyle Kozler, who registered 77, good for third overall. Also strong for the Wildcats were senior Andrew Lloyd (fifth, 79), and sophomore Justin Kapke (seventh, 81).

Rounding out the Plymouth scorecard were senior Connor Zydeck (85), sophomore Matt Decker (89) and junior James Baldwin (93).

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Plymouth junior Kyle Kozler shoots toward the green during Monday's Kensington Conference preseason tournament in South Lyon.

CANTON VS. PLYMOUTH TRACK MEET



Plymouth hurdler Binyah Howard (right) has an edge on Canton counterpart Joseph Glunt during Friday's city meet. Both teams met again Tuesday in a KLAA South Division dual meet. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## RUNNING AT THE PARK

### Canton boys, Plymouth girls prevail in dual

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

With Friday's annual city meet still fresh in their collective memories, Canton's and Plymouth's track and field teams met again Tuesday — this time in a KLAA South Division dual meet.

The setting was completely different, however, as Canton defeated Plymouth 73-64 in the boys meet, while the Wildcats won the girls meet by a 85½-42½ score.

Instead of a balmy afternoon and evening, Tuesday's competition at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity field took place under weather conditions that alternated between rainy, windy and brisk.

"They know that and they come prepared for it, it's just a matter of working through it," Canton boys head coach

Jess Shough said about weather conditions. "We don't expect our best time, but we still want to keep improving and working hard."

Plymouth boys head coach Jon Mikosz said there's nothing athletes can do about weather. All they can do is push through any adversity.

"A couple minutes ago, it was freezing cold and raining, now it's sunny and warm," Mikosz said. "It's a crazy day today. All those variables are a lot for these guys to take in. But we run every day, so they're used to the cold and they're used to the rain."

Ricky Styes, head coach of Plymouth's girls team, said he emphasized to his team the importance of winning races, even though "we're not going to see a lot of personal records today because of the weather."

The Canton boys, who finished second to Salem at the Bolger-Mangan meet, were strong Tuesday in sprints, hurdles and relays, while the Wildcats again were

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Canton and Plymouth runners turn the corner during one of the races Friday at P-CEP. The Park rivals were at it again four days later under completely different weather conditions. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

PREP SOFTBALL

## Rocks roll at Pioneer tourney

Pitching, balanced attack lift Salem to tournament sweep

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Spearheaded by freshman pitchers Morgan Overaitis and Maddy Rosiewicz, Salem swept to victory at Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer softball tournament.

The Rocks (7-1) continue to impress veteran head coach Bonnie Southerland, who recently tallied her 400th victory

as Salem coach. "We did some really good things today," Southerland said. "And we moved some players around in different positions, (so) it was nice to see them working so well together."

"I've got to say, both Morgan Overaitis and Maddy Rosiewicz sure pitched very well," Southerland added. "They kept us in the games

when the bats were quiet."

In the championship game against the host Pioneers, it was Rosiewicz who handled duties in the circle as the Rocks won 7-4. Rosiewicz went the distance, allowing seven hits.

Salem needed to rally in the late innings against Pioneer.

Trailing 4-1 in the fifth,

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Salem's varsity softball team celebrates after winning Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer tournament. SALEM ATHLETICS

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# Canton buries W.L. Western with 19-goal outburst

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Six Canton players tallied at least two goals Monday night as the Chiefs steamrolled Walled Lake Western 19-10 in a Kensington Conference varsity boys lacrosse match.

The Chiefs (5-3), who will square off at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Park against Salem (varsity turf field), came out strong against the Warriors and never looked back.

Spearheading the romp with four goals each were junior attackman Carson Pakula and junior midfielder Jay Krebs. Chipping in two goals apiece were senior attackmen Brocton Baechler and Austin Bauer,

senior midfielder Gerald Belanger and junior Micah Rinke.

Also finding the mark were senior midfielder Nolan Gilo and junior midfielders Ben Phillips and Lukas Pashgian.

Canton's best offensive surges book-ended the contest. The Chiefs led 6-2 after the first quarter and 11-5 at half-time, but then scored seven times in the fourth to blow open a relatively close game (it was 12-9 after three quarters).

Helping to close out the victory in the fourth was a solid defense, anchored by junior goaltender Trevor Stahl, who gave up just one tally in the quarter. He faced 25 shots on the night.

## Plymouth prevails

The Wildcats varsity boys lacrosse team defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 9-3 Friday to even its record at 4-4. Plymouth jumped out early when Nolan Ouellette netted two quick goals.

Taking things from there were Kyle Robertson and Justin Brodzik, who each registered a three-goal hat trick. The other goal was scored by Derek Szczepanik.

At the other end of the field, goalie Trevor McManus was outstanding, making 15 saves. Protecting McManus with excellent defense were Ben Stover, Ben Riley, Tyler Ramer, Charlie Shaver, Grant Kop-

pelberger, Andrew Withers and Brady Terechenok.

## Howell tennis invite

Veteran leadership and team depth were credited with helping Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team win the Howell Invitational.

Head coach Robert McLaren noted that he had to shuffle his lineup due to the ACT and other academic conflicts.

Several junior varsity players stepped in and the Wildcats did not miss a beat, finishing with 17 points.

Plymouth edged South Lyon (16 points) and Howell (15 points).

Illness curtailed No. 1 singles player Sarah Gamble,

despite a gallant effort. But the Wildcats took the Nos. 2-4 flights, as Amber Tseng won all three matches without losing more than a game at No. 2 singles.

In the No. 3 spot was Kara Hug, who also swept to victory. Senior Alexa Earls "adjusted her game well when she was called upon to switch from doubles to (No.) 4 singles. She won all three matches in straight sets."

Also solid was the doubles lineup of Tiahn Horton-Emma Mullenax (No. 1), Alyssa Lopez-Lauren Conley (No. 2), Arwa Harawala-Justine Ko (No. 3), Amy Luo-Emily Solecki (No. 4) and Bei Li-Martin-Dani Escalera-Sanchez (No. 5).



Racing toward the finish line is Plymouth's Aly Wickham.

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outstanding in distance events.

Shough noted the performances of Alan Jones Jr., Darren Davis, Brennan Pelland and Jacob Mallod in the victorious 400- and 800-meter relays: "They've been improving all along and they're a solid group."

Jones also took first in the 100 (11.67 seconds) and 200 (23.78) dashes. The Chiefs' Jemal Vaunado won both the 110 (16.54) and 300 (43.74) hurdles.

Plymouth senior standouts Jonny Dalton and Matthew Pahl again spearheaded the Wildcats. Dalton captured the 400 (50.85) and 800 (2:08.78) runs; Pahl finished first in the 1,600 (5:02.69) and 3,200 (10:32.89) runs.

Another similarity between Tuesday and the city meet were first-place showings by Plymouth's Nathan Harris in the high jump and teammate Michael Jordan in the shot put and discus.

In the girls dual, the Wildcats featured first-place finishes from Ryen Draper (100 dash), Jewel Davis (200, 400 dashes), Annie Bonds (1,600, 3,200), Kirsty McInnes (100 hurdles) and Aleah Rogalski (300 hurdles).

In the high jump, Plymouth's Katherine Harris and Canton's Ryan Sparks shared

top honors. Shanya Butler took first in the long jump for the Chiefs.

Other highlights for Canton included victories by Elaine Bradlee (800 run), Emily Meier (shot put, discus) and Shanya Butler (long jump).

The teams split the relays. Canton prevailed in the 400 and 3,200, while Plymouth took first in the 800 and 1,600.

## DUAL MEET RESULTS

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100 dash: 1. Alan Jones Jr. (C), 11.67; 2. Victor Abraham (P), 11.8; 3. Darren Davis (C), 12.03; 4. John Everitt (C), 12.34; 5. Kevin Dorsey (P), 12.51.  
200 dash: 1. Jones Jr. (C), 23.78; 2. Davis (C), 24.06; 3. Abraham (P), 24.43; 4. Dirk Thornhill (C), 25.03; 5. Brandon Garrison (P), 25.69.  
400 dash: 1. Jonny Dalton (P), 50.85; 2. Thornhill (C), 52.05; 3. Caleb Moraw (C), 52.55; 4. Xavier Reinders (C), 53.29; 5. Mamoun Abbas (P), 54.32.  
800 run: 1. Dalton (P), 2:08.78; 2. Ethan Byrnes (P), 2:09.18; 3. Matt Weiner (P), 2:13.76; 4. Matthew Pahl (P), 2:15.32; 5. Joseph Maciag (P), 2:21.65.  
1,600 run: 1. Pahl (P), 5:02.69; 2. Dalton (P), 5:03.08; 3. Michael Roberts (C), 5:03.79; 4. Nick Socha (C), 5:06.48; 5. Matt Dottavio (P), 5:08.75.  
3,200 run: 1. Pahl (P), 10:32.89; 2. Byrnes (P), 10:37.56; 3. Zachary Cannon (C), 10:40.27; 4. Roberts (C), 10:45.97; 5. Nelson Vayda (C), 10:50.15.  
110 hurdles: 1. Jemal Vaunado (C), 16.57; 2. Brennan Pelland (C), 17.19; 3. Bryan Eastman (C), 18.26; 4. Joseph Glunt (C), 19.24; 5. Chris Corcoran (P), 20.14.  
300 hurdles: 1. Vaunado (C), 43.74; 2. Eastman (C), 46.07; 3. Binyah Howard (P), 47.63; 4. Glunt (C), 47.73; 5. Pelland (C), 50.27.  
400 relay: 1. Canton (Davis, Jacob Mallod, Pelland, Jones Jr.), 44.40; 2. Plymouth, 45.13.  
800 relay: 1. Canton (Davis, Mallod, Pelland, Jones Jr.), 1:34.95; 2. Canton (Tim Sweet, Kevin Bindas, John Everitt, Reinders), 1:42.84.  
1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Vaunado, Thornhill, Isaac Pennock, Moraw), 3:41.78; 2. Plymouth, 4:05.83.  
3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 9:02.01; 2. Canton (Roberts, Zachary Clark, Hunter Hall, Peter Bruchnak), 9:23.85.  
High jump: 1. Nathan Harris (P), 6-02; 2. Alec MacDonald (C), 6-0; 3. Brett Lee (C), 5-08; 4. (tie) Zach Paliszewski (P), Joseph Robb (P), 5-06.  
Pole vault: 1. Theodore Lang (C), 12-6; 2. Andrew Koenigsnecht (C), 12-0; 3. Derek Triebwasser (C), 11-0; 4. (tie) Kevin McGregor (P), James Rubio (P), 9-0.  
Long jump: 1. Lee (C), 18-1; 2. Rafael Marquez

(P), 17-11; 3. Lang (C), 17-9.5; 4. Darwin Filey (P), 17-9; 5. Brennan Brooks (P), 16-11.75.  
Shot put: 1. Michael Jordan (P), 47-11.5; 2. Matthew Wayne (P), 38-9.5; 3. Collin Caffisch (C), 38-7.5; 4. Robert Florence (P), 33-9; 5. Nicklas Macionis (C), 30-10.5.  
Discus: 1. Jordan (P), 121-9; 2. Caffisch (C), 120-1; 3. Wayne (P), 105-6; 4. Florence (P), 90-9; 5. Macionis (C), 87-0.

GIRLS: PLYMOUTH 85%, CANTON 42%  
100 dash: 1. Ryen Draper (P), 12.97; 2. Jessica Krone (C), 13.86; 3. Milena Mandelli (C), 13.89; 4. Anna Lukens (P), 14.19; 5. Aly Wickham (P), 14.28.  
200 dash: 1. Jewel Davis (P), 27.67; 2. Draper (P), 27.78; 3. Krone (C), 29.63; 4. Lukens (P), 30.09; 5. Kelsea Kernosek (C), 30.37.  
400 dash: 1. Davis (P), 1:01.84; 2. Bailey Brown (P), 1:02.76; 3. Draper (P), 1:03.33; 4. Samantha McGrath (C), 1:03.94; 5. Faith Washington (P), 1:07.05.  
800 run: 1. Elaine Bradlee (C), 2:41.14; 2. Genieve Mitrano (P), 2:48.94; 3. Charlotte Clark (P), 2:48.96; 4. Emma Radke (P), 2:51.91; 5. Alaina Heitmeyer (C), 2:52.78.  
1,600 run: 1. Annie Bonds (P), 5:54; 2. Radke (P), 6:13; 3. Clark (P), 6:21; 4. Marina Malone (P), 6:34; 5. Gabby Uluhogian (P), 6:44.  
3,200 run: 1. Bonds (P), 12:34.33; 2. Allison Putz (C), 12:45.74; 3. Uluhogian (P), 12:46.2; 4. Olivia Pahl (C), 12:53.29; 5. Shikha Advani (C), 12:54.88.  
100 hurdles: 1. Kirsty McInnes (P), 17.95; 2. Aleah Rogalski (P), 18.12; 3. Nadine Salamey (P), 18.48; 4. Leah Snyder (C), 19.05; 5. Kayla Dudek (P), 19.2.  
300 hurdles: 1. Rogalski (P), 53.52; 2. McInnes (P), 53.72; 3. Dudek (P), 55.7; 4. Salamey (P), 56.79; 5. Ryan Sparks (C), 57.46.  
400 relay: 1. Canton (Autumn Harris, Mandelli, Kernosek, Krone), 53.25; 2. Plymouth (Paula Guzman, Jessica Lynch, Cassidy Koviak, Wickham), 55.87.  
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Lukens, Washington, Davis, Draper), 1:52.67; 2. Canton (Imani Askew, Kernosek, McGrath, Krone), 1:53.75.  
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gabby Alfera, Monique Gifford, Brown, Makenzie Cashero), 4:40.1; 2. Canton (Nicole Gilbert, Selina Volponne, Grace Grimes, Sparks), 4:44.78.  
3,200 relay: 1. Canton (Monica Rufe, Grimes, McGrath, Bradlee), 11:00.78; 2. Plymouth (Radke, Mitrano, Hailey Foster, Bonds), 11:07.6.  
High jump: 1. (tie) Sparks (C), Katherine Harris (P), 4-10; 3. (tie) Jillian Betts (P), Brown (P), Alexis Panizzoli (C), 4-6.  
Long jump: 1. Shanya Butler (C), 14-8.5; 2. Kayla Janevski (P), 14-0; 3. Lukens (P), 13-10; 4. Koviak (P), 13-10; 5. Foster (P), 13-4.25.  
Shot put: 1. Emily Meier (C), 38-10; 2. Elise Wehmer (P), 26-01; 3. Nadia Lengel (P), 26-01; 4. Danielle Huettner (P), 21-9; 5. Dominika Gulkova (P), 21-3.  
Discus: 1. Meier (C), 104-10; 2. Lengel (P), 81-01; 3. Wehmer (P), 80-5; 4. Gulkova (P), 57-3; 5. Silda Mucollari (C), 54-10.

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BOLGER-MANGAN CITY TRACK AND FIELD MEET

# Rocks repeat as Park champions

Salem boys, girls track squads win annual meet for P-CEP bragging rights

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Salem High School will have all the Park bragging rights when it comes to track and field.

Friday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, both the Salem boys and girls teams prevailed at the annual Bolger-Mangan city meet.

After the final totals of the boys meet were announced — with Salem's 64½ points enough to edge Plymouth (57½) and Canton (53) — the Rocks mobbed each other near the 50-yard line of the football field, hoisting the trophy high and cheering each other on.

That so-called traveling trophy will reside in the Salem showcase for another year, as will one for the girls meet. Salem's girls rolled to the title with 88 points, well ahead of Plymouth (63½) and Canton (23½).

"It's Park bragging rights for the year and that's what we tell them," Salem boys head coach Steve Aspinall said. "We see these guys (Wildcats, Chiefs) again, at the Observerland meet, at the conference meet and the regional meet."

"But the city meet is our thing, it's not John Glenn and Wyandotte Roosevelt, Northville and Novi. It's our thing and it's pretty special to win it."

According to Salem girls head coach Pat Ignagni, in his first season at the helm, winning the Bolger-Mangan meet "feels fantastic, the girls could not be more coachable, they couldn't be a harder working bunch."

Ignagni tipped his cap to predecessor Dave Gerlach for setting a winning foundation with the program "and we're just trying to live up to the standard he set."

Both Aspinall and Ignagni pointed to depth and versatility as crucial to their respective victories.

"The hardest thing in a meet like this, I think, is there's 17 events," Aspinall said. "Points come from everywhere and anywhere. You really have to score all over the place in order to get it."

"We score four deep; the thirds and fourths add up and we saw that."

It was a similar story with Salem's girls team.

"We took some points in the field events, where the girls really put forth a great effort," Ignagni said. "Plymouth's got some outstanding sprinters and so we knew it was going to be a real challenge to earn points in the sprints."

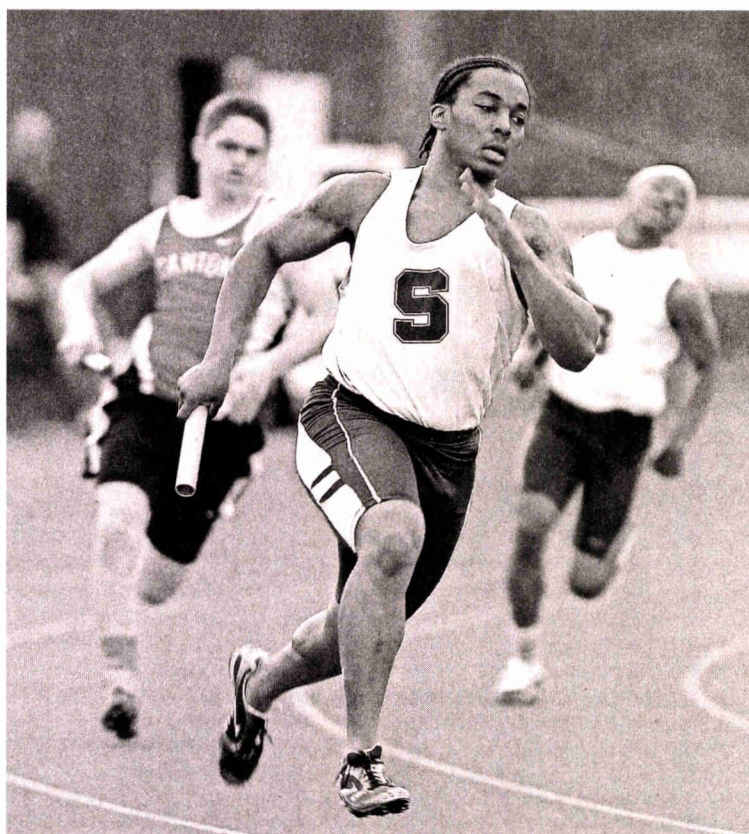
"But we thought maybe our mid-distance and our distance could score some points. Our 800 runners got 11 out of 11 points. We scored eight in the (3,200). In the 1,600, we scored eight out of 11."

When it was all over, both Jared Zella of Salem's boys team and Isabel Rodriguez of Salem's girls team were ex-



Another wave of Plymouth and Salem hurdlers gets it done during Friday's city meet, including the Wildcats' Kirsty McInnes (left) and teammate Aleah Rogalski (right).

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Salem senior Ty Traylor is firing on all cylinders in this relay Friday. Trying to catch him is Canton's Sam Pennock.

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hausted — but they were thrilled to again be the best of the Park.

Zella and Rodriguez each were part of their respective 800-meter relay team that finished first.

"We all worked hard," Zella said, trying to catch his breath. "All of our practices have been leading up to this, to show how we compare to other schools."

Rodriguez said she was helped along at the end of her leg of the relay by enthusiastic teammates on the sidelines.

"I really love running with this team," Rodriguez said, smiling. "They all put in so much work. Everybody was screaming at me, 'She's right behind (you),' so I just thought we needed to finish with a bang, get through it and win."

"We really wanted to hold our title from last year and I'm really happy we got it. We're all very excited."

**Boys recap**

According to Aspinall, the success the Rocks had during field events set the tone.

"We did pretty well in the

field events, better than I thought we were going to," Aspinall said. "We had some phenomenal performances in the discus from Jannik Schmitt and Christian Pearson. All that stuff adds up. I knew it was going to be a close meet between all three schools."

Aspinall really cited the efforts of sophomore Ver-Shawn Patrick as a key factor behind Salem's championship.

"The performance that sticks out in my mind is Ver-Shawn Patrick," Aspinall said. "He won the 100, he was the anchor guy in the (400-meter relay). They were even, the Salem and Canton teams were even going in to the last leg and VerShawn pulled away from that."

"And he came out and won the 200. He's coming into his own; he's a fantastic runner and ran some great times tonight."

In the 200, Patrick's time of 23.04 eclipsed Canton's Alan Jones Jr. (23.70) and Darren Davis (23.71).

With the city meet victory secured, Aspinall said the Rocks now look forward to

making a run in the KLA Central Division and being strong for the upcoming Observerland meet.

"We got a couple meets next week, Stevenson next Tuesday," Aspinall said. "We're 2-0 in the division and they're the next step to try to win the division. If we can be 5-0 in the division, we'll win the division. And hopefully it is a springboard."

Meanwhile, Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said the runner-up Wildcats came away from the meet feeling a lot better about how the rest of the season might go.

"We've had it a little rough getting things started," Mikosz said. "But we bounced back today, had a great meet, scored in every field event, which is something we haven't done in a long time."

"Nate Harris broke the school record, did a 6-4 today in high jump. Michael Jordan had a 20-foot PR in the discus (139-1). We had a lot of good things in the field events."

Mikosz also pointed out how strong Victor Abraham was in the sprint events, tying for second with Salem's Jacob Miller in the 100 dash (11.49).

"And our distance guys just dominated like they usually do," Mikosz added. "Jonny (Dalton) came in, was part of our (3,200 relay) that won, was second in the (1,600) and was first in the 800 (2:03.51), first in the 400 (51.54). That's a pretty big day for him."

Another Plymouth senior, Matthew Pahl, finished first in the 1,600 with a time of 4:48.89 and also won the 3,200 in 10:19.67.

Canton's Jemal Vaunado had a big day in the hurdle events, winning the 110 (16.23) and 300 (41.55).

Another highlight for the Chiefs was a 1-2-3 finish in the pole vault. Theodore Lang won with a 12-0 mark, with teammates Andrew Koenigsnecht (11-6) and Derek Triebwasser (11-0) right behind.

The Chiefs also prevailed in two relays, winning the 800 and 1,600 with times of 1:31.79 and 3:34.72, respectively.

**Girls recap**

Just like Aspinall's team did, the Salem girls squad enjoyed across-the-board production.

"Shekinah Johnson, Izzy Rodriguez, they really did a great job in the 200 and 400," Ignagni said. "Our (400) relay team really came through with a big win."

"Shara Long and Rebecca Falzon in the throws got some important points."

Ignagni also cited Salem's "whole distance and mid-distance crew, from Lauren Arquette to Erin McCann, Kaya Knake, there's a host of others. Just a tremendous overall team job."

To illustrate that point, the Rocks took places one through five in the 800 run, led by Knake's 2:23.98. She was followed by Elizabeth Tripp (2:37.64), Madison Justice (2:37.71), McCann (2:37.82) and Hannah Jeffress (2:42.71).

And Arquette took the top spot in both the 1,600 and 3,200 with times of 5:20.70 and 11:33.35, respectively.

Plymouth's Ricky Styes and Canton's Alan Jones Sr. liked what they saw out of their respective teams.

"We came in knowing Salem was going to be pretty tough to beat. They're really talented across the board in pretty much every event," Styes said. "And so beating them today was going to be difficult."

"We've had a lot of PRs (Friday). ... When we talked to them yesterday at practice, we told them, don't worry about the score book, try to break PRs. If you do that, we can't ask you to do any more than that."

Among Plymouth standouts were Ryen Draper, Kirsty McInnes and Jewel Davis.

"Ryen Draper won the 100 and 200 today and anchored our (800)-meter relay, which ran really fast today," Styes said. "We were really happy with that time. The school record and the Park record (set in 2014) is 1:44.4 and our girls ran a 1:45.4."

Styes said 300 hurdler McInnes ran her best time of the season, while Davis took second in the 400 with a time of 59.51, just behind Salem's Johnson (58.84).

"Jewel Davis took second place in the 400, ran under a minute, which is something all girls try to do," Styes said.

For Canton's Jones, his team did "pretty good, except we were faced with a few last-minute injuries and I had to substitute a lot of runners."

As a result, he couldn't field lineups for every event.

"You're only allowed four events per athlete," Jones said. "So I had to scrap a couple events because athletes would have exceeded that. But other than that, I think we competed pretty well."

"Once again, for the second year in a row, we came in last place. But I'm not the least bit discouraged, because I know this has been a growing program ever since I took it over."

There was a definite highlight for the Chiefs, however, as thrower Emily Meier established a new Park record in the shot put with a throw of 42 feet, 6.5 inches.

Meier thus broke the former mark, which had been held by former Canton coach Tiffany Grubaugh.

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## PREP TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

**BOLGER-MANGAN CITY TRACK MEET**  
April 17 at P-CEP Varsity Stadium

**BOYS RESULTS**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Salem, 64½ points; 2. Plymouth, 57½; 3. Canton, 53.

**100 dash:** 1. VerShawn Patrick (S), 11.40; 2. Jacob Miller (S), 11.49; 3. Victor Abraham (P), 11.49; 4. Alan Jones Jr. (C), 11.60; 5. Darren Davis (C), 11.62.

**200 dash:** 1. Patrick (S), 23.04; 2. Jones Jr. (C), 23.70; 3. Davis (C), 23.71; 4. Miller (S), 23.80; 5. Jacob Mallard (C), 23.83.

**400 dash:** 1. Jonny Dalton (P), 51.54; 2. Dirk Thornhill (C), 53.50; 3. Nathan Schubring (S), 54.28; 4. Caleb Moraw (C), 54.30; 5. Jason Warras (S), 55.06.

**800 run:** 1. Dalton (P), 2:03.51; 2. Ammar Chishti (C), 2:05.69; 3. Ethan Byrnes (P), 2:05.85; 4. Spencer Torok (S), 2:05.92; 5. Nabil Ahmed (S), 2:06.80.

**1,600 run:** 1. Matthew Pahl (P), 4:48.89; 2. Dalton (P), 4:50.42; 3. Jacob Kubinski (S), 4:51.95; 4. Nick Socha (C), 4:54.61; 5. Matt Dottavio (P), 4:55.47.

**3,200 run:** 1. Pahl (P), 10:19.67; 2. Kubinski (S), 10:32.88; 3. Byrnes (P), 10:33.60; 4. Ryan Exell (S), 10:33.65; 5. Brendan Genaw (S), 10:44.98.

**110 hurdles:** 1. Jemal Vaunado (C), 16.23; 2. Brennan Pelland (C), 17.04; 3. Dhruv Patel (S), 17.42; 4. Paul Vander (S), 17.52; 5. Miles Mason (S), 17.69.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Vaunado (C), 41.55; 2. Vander (S), 42.91; 3. Pelland (C), 42.99; 4. Binyah Howard (P), 46.43; 5. Joseph Glunt (C), 47.50.



The annual Bolger-Mangan city meet at the Park gives athletes from all three schools the chance to compete and then enjoy camaraderie. Salem's Kaya Knake (from left), Canton's Samantha McGrath and Plymouth's Jewel Davis pose after competing against each other in the 1,600 relay.

AMY MCGRATH

**Brennan Brooks (P),** 18-7; 5. Rafael Marquez (P), 18-4.25.

**Shot put:** 1. Michael Jordan (P), 51-5; 2. Jannik Schmitt (S), 48-3; 3. Matthew Wayne (P), 41-8; 4. Christian Pearson (S), 40-7; 5. Adam Armeto (C), 40-4.

**40-4.**  
**Discus:** 1. Jordan (P), 139-1; 2. Schmitt (S), 135-5; 3. Pearson (S), 131-11; 4. Collin Caffisch (C), 127-6; 5. DeAngelo Meredith (S), 121-0.

**GIRLS RESULTS**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Salem, 88 points; 2. Plymouth, 63½; 3. Canton, 23½.

**100 dash:** 1. Ryen Draper (P), 12.63; 2. Shekinah Johnson (S), 12.96; 3. Jessica Krone (C), 13.45; 4. (tie)

Anna Lukens (P), Ayanda Brydie (S), 13.47.

**200 dash:** 1. Draper (P), 26.16; 2. Johnson (S), 26.98; 3. Haven Essien (S), 27.42; 4. Isabel Rodriguez (S), 27.48; 5. Lauren Ogarek (S), 28.06.

**400 dash:** 1. Johnson (S), 58.84; 2. Davis (P), 59.51; 3. Rodriguez (S), 1:01.72; 4. Faith Washington (P), 1:03.71; 5. Samantha McGrath (C), 1:04.11.

**800 run:** 1. Kaya Knake (S), 2:23.98; 2. Elizabeth Tripp (S), 2:37.64; 3. Madison Justice (S), 2:37.71; 4. Erin McCann (S), 2:37.82; 5. Hannah Jeffress (S), 2:42.71.

**1,600 run:** 1. Lauren Arquette (S), 5:20.70; 2. Annie Bonds (S), 5:45.09; 3. Madalyn Simko (S), 5:48.08; 4. Kayla Hughes (S), 5:54.20; 5. Jeffress (S), 5:58.93.

**3,200 run:** 1. Arquette (S), 11:33.35; 2. Bonds (P), 12:21.80; 3. Hughes (S), 12:28.34; 4. Simko (S), 12:30.16; 5. Allison Putz (C), 13:10.57.

**100 hurdles:** 1. Haven Essien (S), 17.13; 2. Aleah Rogalski (P), 17.71; 3. Brianna Essien (S), 17.85; 4. Hailey Foster (P), 17.87; 5. Nadine Salamey (P), 18.44.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Kirsty McInnes (P), 51.01; 2. Rogalski (P), 51.18; 3. B. Essien (S), 52.08; 4. Ryan Sparks (C), 52.59; 5. Julie Yi (S), 52.82.

**400 relay:** 1. Salem, 51.71; 2. Canton, 53.63; 3. Plymouth, 56.64.

**800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:45.30; 2. Salem, 1:50.52; 3. Canton, 1:52.93.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Salem, 4:06.27; 2. Plymouth, 4:08.66; 3. Canton, 4:24.76.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Salem, 10:30.47; 2. Canton, 10:52.00; 3. Plymouth, 11:01.35.

**High jump:** 1. Katherine Harris (P), 4 feet, 10 inches; 2. (tie) Tia Talton (S), Ryan Sparks (C), 4-8; 4. Jillian Betts (P), 4-8; 5. Bailey Brown (P), 4-6.

**Pole vault:** 1. (tie) Emily Welch (P), Kayla Janevski (P), 10-0; 3. (tie) Emily Caragay (P), Haley Metz (P), Natalie Janke (P), 9-0.

**Long jump:** 1. McCann (S), 15-6.5; 2. Foster (P), 15-0; 3. Shanya Butler (C), 14-1.5; 4. Lukens (P), 14-0; 5. Janevski (P), 13-10.5.

**Shot put:** 1. Emily Meier (C), 42-6.5; 2. Shara Long (S), 33-9.5; 3. Rebecca Falzon (S), 31-10; 4. Elise Wehmer (P), 28-7.75; 5. Nadia Lengel (P), 26-10.75.

**Discus:** 1. Meier (C), 129-0; 2. Long (S), 119-6; 3. Falzon (S), 113-3; 4. Wehmer (P), 89-1; 5. Morgan Cottrell (S), 80-1.

PREP BASEBALL

# Chiefs stymie Novi in 5-2 victory

Plymouth plays to 9-9 tie in suspended contest

Canton held off Novi's offense in a 5-2 KLAA Kensington Conference crossover baseball victory Friday.

The visiting Chiefs, who improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA's South Division, got a strong pitching performance from Noah Spencer, who went the first six innings

to pick up the victory.

Spencer allowed two earned runs on five hits and three walks while striking out two. Mitchell Zelenak pitched a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

Mike Flaishans knocked in two runs, while Spencer added two hits and scored another run as Canton put it the game way with two in the top of the fifth inning after leading 3-2.

Losing pitcher Adam Tobias

allowed five runs (three earned) on seven hits and three walks over 4½ innings. Reliever Jack Reilly closed the door over the final 2½, allowing just two walks while fanning two. The Wildcats committed three errors.

Scott Beaton and Alec Bageris each had an RBI for the Wildcats, while Michael Mitchell went 1-for-3 and scored a run.

**NOVI 9, PLYMOUTH 9 (SUSPENDED):** In a

KLAA Kensington crossover Monday, play was suspended with two outs and no runners on in the bottom of the seventh inning because of darkness and will be completed at a later date.

Novi (5-4, 2-1 KLAA Central) led 4-3 after six innings and scored five times in the top of the seventh to take a 9-3 lead, only to have Plymouth (7-4, 3-1 KLAA South) answer with six runs in the bottom of the seventh after a costly Novi throwing error led to the final two runs.

Plymouth was led offensively by Pete Carravallah (3-for-4, run); Cameron Stella (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs); and Andrew Jossey (2-for-4, two RBIs, run).

Kyle Wolter started for Plymouth, going the first six innings, allowing four earned runs on five hits and four walks. Regan Fleisher came on in the seventh and allowed five runs on four hits and a walk.

**FRANKLIN 6, SALEM 4:** The visiting Rocks

dropped a non-division game Monday at Livonia Franklin despite two hits each from Brandon Gillen and Josh Penn.

**NORTHVILLE 12-6, SALEM 0-0:** The Mustangs proved to be the king of the hill April 15, posting back-to-back shutouts to down the host Rocks in a KLAA Central Division doubleheader.

Northville senior left-hander Evan Flohr, who was locked in a pitching duel with Salem's Tyler Brooks through seven innings, had seven strikeouts while allowing just two hits and two walks.

The Mustangs then exploded for 12 runs in the top of the eighth after a Salem error opened the floodgates.

In Game 2, Ian Borthwick tossed a four-hitter for Northville.

GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP



Plymouth's Cathryn VandenBosch (right) tries to escape the defensive pressure of Salem's Megan Finkbeiner during a varsity girls lacrosse match.

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# Wildcats rout West Bloomfield, 16-4

The Plymouth varsity girls lacrosse team put another win in the bank Monday with a 16-4 rout against West Bloomfield.

Natalie Nowicki lead all scorers with six goals, while Gretchen Schoen and Marissa Cirino both chipped in three. Michelle Burke tallied two goals and both Sophia Miller and Cierra Steiner added one. Cirino added two assists, with Sophia Miller, Cathryn Van-

denBosch and Madeleine Caswell each drawing an assist.

The defense was stout all day with contributions from a number of players, including Sarah Curtis, Shelby Strawn, Hannah-Renee Figley, Elizabeth O'Donohue, Emily Johnson, Emily LeBlanc, Abigail Bolterman and Megan Eschelbach. Erin Oleszczak and Elizabeth Elliott both had solid games in goal for the Wildcats

(6-2).

**PLYMOUTH 12, FARMINGTON 8:** Nowicki lead the 'Cats with five goals, an assist and eight draw controls Friday night. Cirino added four goals and an assist. Jessica Cristiu, VandenBosch and Schoen each tallied a goal, while goalie Elliott made four saves.

**PLYMOUTH 6, SALEM 5:** A tight defensive battle April 15 between Park rivals went Plymouth's way.

The Kensington Conference contest was played on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Cirino and Nowicki each scored two goals for Plymouth, with Burke and VandenBosch also scoring.

A key to the win was excellent team defense, anchored by the play of goalies Oleszczak (five

saves) and Elliott (four saves). Other excellent defensive work was turned in by Strawn, Curtis, O'Donohue and Figley.

For Salem (3-5, 1-2), Andi Marthaler registered three goals, while Leah Tardiff and Joslyn Longe both tallied one goal.

Plymouth (4-2, 1-2) outshot Salem 21-14, with Rocks sophomore goalie Maddie Johnson making 15 shots.

"Plymouth is a strong team," Salem head coach Dave Medley said. "I know their kids have worked hard in the off-season and have a good record this season to show for it."

"We came up a little short, but we played more like we're capable of playing."

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

## Salloum's bat carries first-place Madonna to sweep

Churchill grad keeps Crusaders tied for first

Sophomore shortstop Nicole Salloum's clutch homer in the top of the eighth inning gave Madonna University a 4-3 win in the opener of its women's softball doubleheader Wednesday against host Indiana Tech at Havenhurst Park.

The Crusaders then remained atop of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings — tied at 10-2 with Davenport University — by taking the nightcap in a five-inning mercy, 9-0, as winning pitcher Erin Combs helped her own cause going 3-for-3 with four RBIs.

Salloum, who hails from Livonia Churchill High, finished the day going 4-for-7 with four RBIs as the Crusaders improved to 26-9-1 overall. She has four homers and 36 RBIs on the year.

Senior Bree Crampton (12-6), the winning pitcher, cruised through the first five innings in Game 1 before giving up a three-run homer to Jessica Cotton in the bottom of the sixth to force extra innings. Crampton allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out 10 in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Jenevie Rivas (0-1) gave up 12 hits, walked one and struck out six.

Other top MU hitters included North Farmington's Karleigh Creighton (2-for-4, RBI) and Mikey Kish (2-for-4, run).

In the second game, Combs gave up just three hits without a walk to improve to 14-3 overall.

MU broke the game open with five runs in the third inning and three more in the fourth as Breanna Keethler also went 3-for-3 with a homer and two RBIs.

Salloum was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while Morgan Kaiser was 2-for-3 with two runs scored for Madonna, which returns to WHAC action with a pair of 1 p.m. doubleheaders Saturday against University of Northwestern Ohio and Sunday against Lourdes (Ohio), both at home.

Last-place Indiana Tech fell to 11-22 overall and 0-12 in the WHAC.



Salloum

## GOLF

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Canton also enjoyed a strong showing, highlighted by Suhas Potluri's 80 (sixth overall).

Other Chiefs included Noah Lindlbauer (84), Chris Dooley (85), Hunter Schlampp (87), Josh Johnson (98) and Brian Oldani (99). Not in the lineup was stand-out senior Donnie Trosper.

Salem's top performer, Adam Marcero, also had a big day. He finished with 82, tying for eighth overall with Novi's Mikey Ulle.

Other individual scores

for the Rocks included Hayden Winch (87), Jakob Lenders (94), Matt Schaumburger (94), Jake Stropes (95) and Shawn Weldon (97).

In addition to Ulle, Novi's top performers were Bryan Fertert (second, 76) and Ryan Welch (fourth, 78).

"It was cold and windy, but the guys hung in there well," Young said. "We have good players and we know how to grind the game in tough conditions."

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COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF

## Ocelots fourth at tourney

By Tim Smith  
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Schoolcraft's varsity men's golf team finished fourth April 10 at the Oakland Community College Invitational.

The Ocelots finished in the middle of the eight-team pack with a total of 341, good for 53-over-par at the par-72 Pontiac Country Club in Waterford.

Finishing on top was Mott Community College with 307, followed by the host Raiders (324) and Muskegon Community College (325).

Individually, Mott's Tyler Lewis and Ryan Fulton finished first and second with scores of even-par 72 and 76, respectively.

For Schoolcraft, Eric Perry had the best showing. He tallied 80 to finish sixth overall.

Tied for ninth with 82 for the Ocelots was Chad Berger.

Also competing for Schoolcraft were Austin Harris (88, tied for 30th) and Ray Pocerwinski (91, tied for 39th).

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## SOFTBALL

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Jamie Squires tripled in three runs to tie the contest.

The Rocks then took the lead in the sixth. Emily Stewart led off with a double. A bunt single by Malaleigh Silverman and double by Caroline Miller gave Salem a 6-4 advantage. Miller then scored on a hit by Kristin Mihalic (3-for-4).

In the earlier games, the Rocks earned wins of 11-1 over

Grosse Ile (five innings) and 5-3 and then 1-0 in the semi-finals over Hanover.

In the latter, the game that catapulted Salem into the championship game, Overaitis held Hanover to three hits and struck out four in five innings. She was relieved by Rosiewicz, who closed it out with a pair of 1-2-3 innings.

On offense, Mihalic had two hits in three at-bats, with one hit each from Kara Hutchison, Stewart, Silverman, Rosiewicz and Maranda Armstead.

Overaitis and Stewart combined to pitch the Rocks' open-

ing win over Grosse Ile, which ended after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Stewart also helped the offense with two hits and two RBI, while Squires tripled in three runs.

Salem's 5-3 win over Hanover in the Rocks' second game of the day featured a three-run rally in the sixth to tie the game and a winning rally in the seventh.

After the Rocks went ahead, Southerland said outfielder Abbie Riedel "made a breathtaking grab on a deep fly ball. Without that catch,

the game could have changed."

Contributors to the Salem attack were Mihalic (3-for-4), Overaitis and Squires (two hits each), Stewart (single) and Hutchison (double).

### Happy about 400

One of Salem's first wins of the season, against Wayne Memorial, gave Southerland her 400th victory at the helm of the varsity Rocks.

Southerland coached 10 years with the JV before taking over the varsity in 1995.

"It's a nice number," South-

erland said. "Every year you're like, 'Oh, is this going to be my last year?' But then you get another group of amazing kids come in like this year, it's hard to walk away. Now we shoot for 500."

She said 400 victories was a milestone that the Rocks should have achieved in 2014, "but I'm happy to get it with this team, because I know this team's going to do great things."

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## Bake Real Estate in prime Plymouth office spot

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Bake Real Estate is now at the corner of Penniman and Harvey, 908 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

"Carrie Bake is opening her own brokerage. Carrier's been growing her business," said Patrick Wong, Carrie Bake's husband and Realtor colleague at Bake Real Estate. "It's taken off."

Realtor Bob Bake began working in the area in 1967, with his daughter, Carrie Bake, and her husband, Patrick Wong, carrying on the tradition. Carrie Bake is broker/owner of Bake Real Estate, which concentrates on Plymouth and Northville and areas nearby.

"This opened Dec. 1st last year," said Wong, who lives in Northville. Bob Bake lives in Plymouth. They have five Realtors on staff, including the three family members.

"Great," Wong said of the location. "We've just had a lot of positive feedback about the sign," which was made in Petoskey, Mich.

Bake Real Estate is online at bakerealestate.com, and



Bake Real Estate is at the corner of Penniman and Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

Carrie Bake is at 734-788-2398. The Bake Real Estate phone is 734-453-8080.

"We're just seeing a good seasonal uptick," Wong said of

spring real estate sales. He sees no sign of the market slowing down.

Bake Real Estate is on Facebook, and Carrie Bake

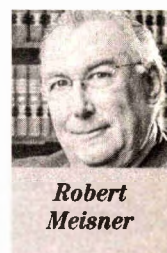
and her husband have a local blog on both real estate and community living.

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## Appeals court upholds tree height standard

**Q: Our Declaration in our subdivision says that all trees in a residential community may not exceed six feet. Is that a reasonable restriction?**

**A:** Yes. In a similar case out of Wisconsin, where some of the community's lots have sweeping views of the surrounding terrain and community amenities, including its golf course, marina, and lakes. The first owner purchased his lot in 1987. At that time, the view from his lot was largely unobstructed. The adjacent lot owner, located downhill from the first owner, always either trimmed his trees or gave the uphill owner permission to do so to protect the views. In 1999, a new owner purchased the downhill lot. He stopped trimming the existing trees, and also planted new trees, all of which grew to over six feet and blocked the view of the uphill landowner.



Robert Meisner

The community's governing declaration stated no trees in excess of a height of six feet could be planted, and that no tree could be allowed to exceed six feet without written permission of the association's architectural control and maintenance committee. The declaration also stated that no trees or shrubbery could be removed unless approved in writing by the committee.

The downhill lot owner refused to either trim his trees or remove them. The association took no follow-up action, so the uphill lot owner sued the downhill lot owner. The trial court ruled that only human-planted trees must be trimmed back to six feet, because it found the declaration's restriction showed clear intent to preserve the naturally-occurring trees.

The uphill lot owner appealed. The Court of Appeals found the height restriction to be absolute and applicable to all of the trees because the language in the declaration contained no exception for natural growth. The Court of Appeals sent the case back to the trial court to consider appropriate treatment for the naturally occurring trees, however, because of the restriction that they not be removed unless approved in writing by the architectural control and maintenance committee.

**Q. If the delay of a homeowner's association in providing corporate records to a member is found to be reasonable and in good faith, can that finding prevent an award of costs and attorney fees?**

**A:** Yes, according to a Wyoming court, and the same result might apply in Michigan. In this case, homeowners sued the association, claiming it had denied repeated requests for inspection and copying of corporate records. The association argued, prior to hearing, that it had already provided the records. The homeowners continued to press for an order from the court, stating they had not received all of the records and further arguing for an award of attorney's fees and costs.

After the hearing, the court ordered production of records but denied the request for attorney's fees and costs, because it found the association had made reasonable efforts to meet the demands of the homeowners, and it further found the association had a reasonable basis for doubting the homeowner's rights to inspect documents which dealt with the privacy interests of individual members. The appellate court agreed with the result reached by the trial court, but Michigan's new changes to the Nonprofit Corporation should be reviewed and explained to you by competent counsel. But seek advice from your attorney regarding recent changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Act.

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## RichRealty in 'better location' in city of Plymouth

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

RichRealty is now at 281 N. Main St. in Charlestowne Square and can be reached at 734-459-5100 or [www.RichE-team.com](http://www.RichE-team.com). A Customer Appreciation Day was held Monday, April 6.

Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, was eager to show his new location. "I just moved across the street for better location," explained Canton resident Eisiminger.

They held their fourth annual Customer Appreciation Day April 6. "It's done on Tigers' opening day," Eisiminger said. "It's getting a little bigger every year."

He has 22 agents ("Every agent does their own territo-

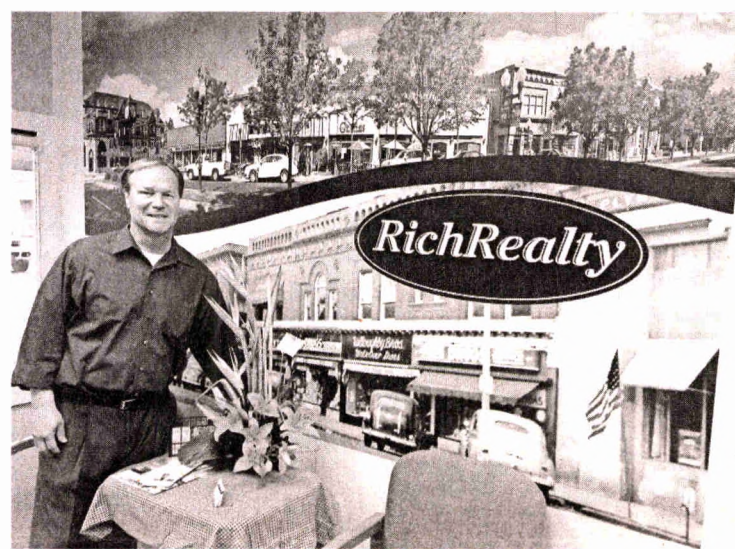
ry.) who concentrate on a five- to 10-mile radius of properties. "The brand name," he said of being an independent firm.

"It's honesty, it's being truthful." He began in real estate in 1991, and has been in Plymouth six years.

"This was all self-done," Eisiminger said in looking around the RichRealty office. "I started Jan. 15." The landlord handled some duties like HVAC and the ceiling, but Eisiminger really rolled up his sleeves.

He's a carpenter by trade who upon graduation from Westland John Glenn High's program went into the Detroit Carpentry Apprenticeship School.

RichRealty is on Facebook. [jcbrown@hometownlife.com](mailto:jcbrown@hometownlife.com)



Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, is proud of his new office and his staff. The office on Main on Plymouth features a modern Main Street scene as well as an historical scene.

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

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#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third

Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 15-19, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
40528 Blythefield Ln	\$165,000
6473 Carlton Rd	\$267,000
650 Cherry Grove Rd	\$197,000
6781 Devonshire Dr	\$195,000
43986 Fredericksburg St	\$180,000
7585 Kingsbridge Rd	\$190,000
1266 Knightsbridge Rd	\$203,000
44947 Middlebury Ct	\$330,000
6254 Porteridge Ln	\$195,000
46584 Southwick Dr	\$330,000
2963 Stanton St	\$300,000
7680 Thornwood St	\$79,000
1998 Town Center Rd	\$89,000
2085 Town Center Rd	\$87,000
GARDEN CITY	

6028 Belton St	\$77,000
6564 Cardwell St	\$95,000
32105 Dover St	\$65,000
32371 Lopedeza Ave	\$162,000
LIVONIA	
19388 Antago St	\$94,000
11304 Arcola St	\$119,000
28666 Broadmoor St	\$127,000
28765 Buckingham St	\$138,000
34004 Burton Ln	\$188,000
35901 Dover St	\$123,000
19675 Hardy St	\$155,000
9312 Hartel St	\$127,000
16591 Henry Ruff St	\$20,000
20160 Laurel Dr	\$275,000
17310 Loveland St	\$176,000
38640 Mason St	\$166,000
17300 Merriman Rd	\$210,000
18632 Myron St	\$180,000
29846 Oakview St	\$156,000
34946 Parkdale St	\$125,000
35990 Perth St	\$179,000
16692 Pollyanna Ct	\$175,000

18592 Renwick St	\$325,000
14552 Riverside St	\$243,000
NORTHVILLE	
18227 Blue Heron Dr E	\$283,000
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14137 Brook Dr	\$157,000
15407 Dixie	\$40,000
24956 Elmira	\$85,000
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14421 Royal Grand	\$106,000
8829 San Jose	\$60,000
14404 San Jose	\$64,000
11344 Sioux	\$59,000
26829 W Chicago	\$89,000
9368 Winston	\$74,000
WAYNE	
34808 Elm St	\$118,000
38165 Laurenwood St	\$145,000
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8544 Blackburn Dr	\$129,000
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33076 Chief Ln	\$138,000
37659 Colonial Dr	\$68,000
33266 Lynx St	\$135,000
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6055 N Globe St	\$31,000
241 N Hanlon St	\$121,000
5937 N Parent St	\$65,000
34436 Nancy St	\$96,000
2271 Wilshire St	\$127,000

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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32100 Arlington Dr	\$211,000
31320 Churchill Dr	\$403,000
32466 Sheridan Dr	\$245,000
170 Turnberry Ct	\$695,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3654 Pheasant Run	\$250,000
2178 Coach Way Ct	\$400,000
1468 Timberview Trl	\$340,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1917 Bayou Dr	\$600,000

287 Millington Ct	\$270,000
340 N Williamsbury Rd	\$475,000
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4143 Bluebird Dr	\$400,000
1861 Portlock Ave	\$142,000
8908 Shadypoint St	\$312,000
759 Sherbrooke St	\$1,100,000
5802 Strawberry Cir	\$60,000
2891 Windwood Ct	\$425,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28836 Creek Bend Dr	\$263,000
23506 E Newell Cir	\$128,000
28315 Grand River Ave	\$324,000
28333 Kirkside Ln	\$160,000
26867 La Muera St	\$200,000
23125 Springbrook Dr	\$145,000
FRANKLIN	
25750 Franklin Park Ct	\$728,000

HIGHLAND	
2648 Morel Dr	\$273,000
MILFORD	
432 Bennett St	\$315,000
2761 Katie Ln	\$310,000
NORTHVILLE	
21347 E Glen Haven Cir	\$155,000
949 McDonald Dr	\$700,000
NOVI	
24878 Acorn Trl	\$629,000
40672 Lenox Park Dr	\$285,000
146 Linhart St	\$165,000
25853 Mulberry Ln	\$367,000
139 Penhill St	\$188,000
23857 Ripple Crk	\$178,000
41314 Scarborough Ln	\$467,000
22565 Sheridan Rd	\$225,000
40487 Village Wood Rd	\$235,000

SOUTH LYON	
59079 Carriage Ln	\$342,000
22930 Fremont Dr N	\$588,000
24624 Rosemont Dr	\$285,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28062 Fontana Dr	\$85,000
19131 Nadol Dr	\$121,000
15940 New Hampshire St	\$49,000
WHITE LAKE	
8856 Charbane Ave	\$180,000
9570 Crown Ridge Dr	\$268,000
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Level: Beginner

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**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!

## CLIMATE WORD SEARCH

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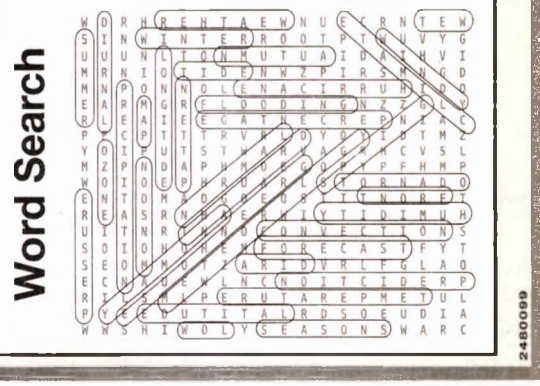
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Word Search



RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26  
**Location:** First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square St., Wayne  
**Details:** The Boychoir of Ann Arbor performs a program of sacred, secular, classical and popular music. A free will offering will be accepted  
**Contact:** 734-729-7550  
**GENEROSITY SEMINAR**  
**Time/Date:** 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Ron Chewing of Stewardship Advisors presents Experiencing the Joy of Generosity  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333  
**REVIVAL**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, April 27-30  
**Location:** Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, west of Venoy, Westland  
**Details:** Preachers will include Brian Williams, a home missionary to Buffalo, N.Y., and Danny Elliott, a home missionary to Quebec, Canada  
**Contact:** 734-721-9040

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25  
**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Furniture, home and kitchen items, clothing, books, toys, antiques, dishes, collectibles, along with a bake sale. Proceeds of sale and donations benefit Vista Maria  
**Contact:** 734-427-1414  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Admission for Thursday's preview sale is \$2. Bag sale (\$3) and half-price sale are on Saturday. Bags will be provided  
**Contact:** 734-464-0211  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2  
**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia  
**Details:** \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.  
**Contact:** 734-422-0149

Auction starts at \$5 per purse. Gift for first 50 attendees and door prize for moms. Includes light lunch, presentation by Shawn Taft from Family Services Alliance and Livonia Cares  
**Contact:** Mary Cisney at 248-471-1322  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, May 1 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6 bag sale Saturday  
**Contact:** 248-553-3380  
**TEA, SALAD EXCHANGE**  
**Time/Date:** 2:30-5 p.m. Sunday, May 3  
**Location:** Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** For women and girls ages 8 and up. Free event. Bring a salad for 10 to share. RSVP by April 26 at [cwm@crossroadsnow.org](mailto:cwm@crossroadsnow.org)  
**Contact:** [crossroadsnow.org](mailto:crossroadsnow.org); 248-890-5718

**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**  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223  
**Contact:** 734-464-1223  
**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.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [lef@dwo.org](mailto: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](http://www.singleplace.org)  
**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  
**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](mailto: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](http://www.woodhaven-retirement.com)  
**Connection Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free  
**Contact:** [Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info](mailto:Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info) or 248-787-5009  
**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  
**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  
**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519  
**Fireside Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; [www.firesidechog.org](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto:adm@firesidechog.org)  
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451  
**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322  
**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; [www.oo.org](http://www.oo.org) for additional information  
**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) celebrate  
**THRIFT STORE**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information  
**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618 for additional information

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PETERSEN, GORDON LIVINGSTON JR.

Gordon Livingston Petersen Jr., 93, of Higgins Lake died April 19, 2015 with his family by his side. Gordon, called "Pete" by family and friends, was born June 29, 1921 in Chicago, IL. He grew up in Park Ridge, IL and following his service in World War II graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, where he met his wife, Frances Adele Sumner. They married May 20, 1950 in Memphis, TN. Mr. Petersen, formerly of Northville, Novi and Plymouth, retired from General Motors, downtown Detroit, in 1980. They moved to Higgins Lake from Plymouth in 1994. He served as an elder in the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for many years and loved teaching the Bible. Surviving are his wife of nearly 65 years, Frances; four children, Adele (Tim) Woskobochnik of Roscommon, Cathy (Larry) Odett of Howell, Andrew of Higgins Lake, and Ross (Jennifer) of Medina, OH; and five grandchildren, Christina Woskobochnik, Bailey and Brooklin Petersen, Matthew (Danielle) Odett and great-granddaughter Gwendolyn, and Lauren (Steve) Smith and great-grandson Marek. The memorial service will be April 25 at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, M-18, Roscommon, with Mr. Greg Lytle officiating. Funeral arrangements were in care of Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

KEELER, LAWRENCE

Age 76 of Livonia. Passed away April 4, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Alice A. Keeler, his wife of 46 years. Dear father of Kenneth (Lisa) and the late William. He will be deeply missed by his four grandchildren, Andrea, Michael, Jason and Jacqueline. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren. Memorial luncheon to be held Saturday April 25, 11-2 at Burton Manor in Livonia, Suite 8. In honor of Larry's love of wildlife, please consider a memorial donation to The Nature Conservancy.

KRUG, JANIS LYNN

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt passed away Sunday April 12, 2015 after a courageous twenty eight year battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Mrs. Krug was 59 years old. She was preceded in death by father, Douglas Eckles; aunts, Lucile Prieskom and Mildred Ash; uncles Edward Ash and George Prieskom. Survivors: Husband, William Krug; son, Douglas Krug and wife Kimberly; daughter, Jennifer Pickard and husband Garret; son, Michael Krug; granddaughter, Madelynn Krug; mother, Ethel Eckles; sisters, Diane Wavrek, Susan Larkins and LuAnn Eckles. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins. She will be greatly missed by all. Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday April 25, 2015 at Rose-land Park Cemetery, 29001 Woodward Ave, Berkley, MI 48072. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Richland, Texas.



Ricki Lake

MAY

**BOUTIQUE, LUNCH**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6  
**Location:** Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield  
**Details:** Ricki Lake, actress, talk show host and documentary film producer, is the guest speaker at the Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, a fundraiser for the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. The Boutique will offer a variety of gift items, including Judaica, from favorite and new vendors. Boutique admission is free. Lunch and speaker tickets start at \$72  
**Contact:** 248-357-5544, Ext. 48; [llnwomansworld.org](http://llnwomansworld.org)  
**CARD PARTY**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15  
**Location:** SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Play cards and games of your choice. Includes door and table prizes, along with 50-50 drawing, light meal and snacks. Admission is \$8  
**Contact:** 734-722-1343  
**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, May 15  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Mitch McVicker Concert will support Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. A food packaging event will be held 9:30 p.m. May 16 for Kids Against Hunger  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333; [connectingwithgod.org](http://connectingwithgod.org)  
**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Friday, May 8  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** For registered families or those interested in sending their child to St. Genevieve School for kindergarten  
**Contact:** [jslaviero@stgenevieve.org](mailto:jslaviero@stgenevieve.org); 734-425-4200  
**PURSE AUCTION**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Purses are filled with items ranging from lotions to candles to gardening items. Participants must be over age 16.



SMITH, GERALD WILLIAM

April 21, 2015 Age 73 of Canton Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Scott (Cindy), Gerald (Sally) and Jennifer (Rick) Riordan. Dear brother of the late Dallas, the late Dennis, Karen (John) Arthur, Allan Smith and Sue Smith. Cherished grandfather of Mitchell and Liliana Smith, Samantha, Jack and Callie Riordan. Family will receive visitors Friday, April 24, 10 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road) followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Canton Public Library would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

STEFANSKI, JOYCE J.

April 20, 2015. Beloved wife of Vern. Loving mother of Jeaneena Stefanski. Dear sister of Donald (Prathy) Jackson, and the late Patricia (Bill) Hallihan. Mrs. Stefanski received her Master's Degree in Counseling from Eastern Michigan University. She was a member of the Mortar Board Society. Joyce retired in 2012 as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Salvation Army. The family will gather with friends Saturday 11 AM until the 12 noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfh.com](http://vermeulenfh.com)



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# Helping: Rock out at Birchler family concert for hunger relief

The eighth annual Jammin' To End Famine concert will raise money for hunger relief on a new day, with longer hours, and more music this weekend.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. One of five bands will perform every hour, free pizza and salad will be served and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. They're available at the door or in advance by emailing [tombirchler1@gmail.com](mailto:tombirchler1@gmail.com) or by calling 248-722-1820.

"Friday wasn't available for some of the bands, so we moved it to Saturday. We thought we'd try it and see what happens," said Tom Birchler, a Livonia resident and one of several Birchler family members who organize and perform at the concert. "We've had good support, almost 200 names on our mailing list. We have a good base of generous people."

The concert will start an hour earlier this year and include five bands, all with Birchler family members. Jim Birchler of Ann Arbor will emcee the show, which will run to 11 p.m.

## The bands

New this year is The Fun Guys, consisting of Tom Birchler on bass and his son, Michael, on drums, and two of their friends, playing 1970s rock and funk. John Birchler of Plymouth is a member of the cappella vocal jazz group, The Grunions, which will kick off the evening. Tom Birchler, and two of his brothers, Dave of Bloomfield Hills and Keith of Bay City, along with Tommy Anderson and Ron Graham, make up Paisley Fog, which will play Beatles tunes and other favorites from the 1960s. 2 Dayz Gone, with Tom Birchler's stepson, Mark Warren of Livonia, will kick the show into high gear with danceable tunes from the 1980s and 1990s and Playing Mantis, featuring Michael Birchler on drums, will end the night with contemporary rock.

"As the night goes on the music gets more danceable," Birchler said. "It's how the night goes. People come in, eat pizza and salad and have drinks." By the time Paisley Fog and 2 Dayz Gone hit the stage, "people are ready to hit the dance floor."

## The charity

The family donates all concert proceeds to Kids Against Hunger Coalition, a nonprofit



Tom Birchler, left, of Livonia rocks out with his brother, Dave Birchler of Bloomfield Hills in their band, Paisley Fog, at their annual fundraiser for Kids Against Hunger Coalition.



The Paisley Fog is Dave Birchler, left, Tom Birchler, Tommy Anderson, Ron Graham and Keith Birchler.

organization that packages and distributes nutritious rice-soy casserole meals to starving children abroad and in the U.S. The coalition relies on volunteers to package the food at satellite locations worldwide and through packaging events at churches, schools and through other partners.

"When we first started doing this we just gave the money to Kids Against Hunger Coalition and they used it for whatever they needed. The

past two years we've been able to sponsor our own packaging event, because that is the way Kids Against Hunger Coalition works," Birchler said. "You raise money for the food and provide the labor to package it."

Brother Rice High School students will volunteer for the packaging event in conjunction with its all-school service day on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Birchler brothers, who grew up in Bloomfield Township, are

Brother Rice alumni.

"It's amazing how much fun you can have and it goes fast. It's quit amazing to witness," said Birchler, who has attended most of the packaging events supported by the concert funds.

## Hunger relief

Jammin' To End Famine has raised enough money over seven years to pay for 100,000 meals. One third of the meals goes toward disaster relief and

another third goes to developing countries. Any group that raises money for a packaging event is allowed to designate the final third of its donation. The Birchler family always sends it to the Capuchins, an organization their father, Don, supported. This year marks the 10th anniversary of his death.

The brothers initially planned a concert 10 years ago to entertain family and friends. They rented a hall and prepared to party, but "the day we were supposed to do the concert was the day we buried our father," Birchler said. "Instead of partying, we were laying our dad to rest."

Two years later, they decided to try again, but with the added element of a fundraiser for charity. They chose hunger relief because food is "one of the most basic things we all need," Birchler said.

"The concert has become sort of a way to honor my dad's memory because he was one of those guys always doing something for someone else."

Visit Jammin' To End Famine on Facebook and Kids Against Hunger Coalition at [kidsagainsthungercoalition.com](http://kidsagainsthungercoalition.com).

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily  
**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Senior Day:** Seniors, 62 and older in the tri-county area and a caregiver get free admission and parking, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. Includes music, tram ride, bingo and zookeeper talks

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

#### KENSINGTON METROPARK

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26

**Location:** Farm Center at the park, 4570 Huron River Parkway, Milford  
**Details:** Spring Festival centers on shearing the farm's flock of sheep. Tour the farm, meet the animals, take a hayride, see Rosco the Clown. Most activities are free with park pass  
**Contact:** 248-684-8632

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through April 29

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** "Pieces of Life," celebrates glass making with works by members of the Mosaic Artists of Michigan  
**Contact:** 734-394-5300; [cantonvillage.theater.org](http://cantonvillage.theater.org)

#### HABATAT GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25  
**Location:** 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak

**Details:** 43rd International Glass Invitational Award Exhibition includes glass works by more than 100 artists, including Dale Chihuly, Albert Paley, and Howard Ben Tre. Exhibit continues 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday through June 26

**Contact:** 248-554-0590; [info@habatat.com](mailto:info@habatat.com)

#### LIBERTY STREET BREWING

**Time/Date:** Through May 30

**Location:** Upper Hall Gallery at the Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth  
**Details:** Works by Lanny Henderson  
**Contact:** 734-207-9600

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through April 25

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** Pastel Invitational Exhibition with works by seven pastel artists

**Coming up:** 16th annual Student Art Show, May 1-16, with opening reception 6-9 p.m. May 1, shows works by middle and high school students in Northville  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497

### COLLECTIBLES

#### WEST SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB SHOW

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26

**Location:** Hellenic Cultural Center at 36375 Joy Road, Westland  
**Details:** A 38-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers, cachet covers, and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. The United States, United Nations and Nordica Postal Services will sell their current stamp and postal stationary issues. Fred Bauman from the American Philatelic Research Library offers a seminar at 3:30 p.m. Saturday on "Writing for Stamp Fun, Profit & Pleasure." "How to" classes for begin-

ning collectors will be available both days. Dealers and collectors will provide guidance on a collection's worth 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Register for classes online. Admission and parking are free  
**Contact:** [plymouthshow.com](http://plymouthshow.com)

### FILM

#### LENORE MARWIL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** May 10-21

**Location:** Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Tickets are \$12 per film or \$360 for two patron passes which includes entrance to every film, along with the patron night reception on May 17. Thirty films will be screened, including a portrait of musician Marvin Hamlisch and *Starfish Throwers*, which looks at three individuals who feed families in need.

**Contact:** 248-661-1900; [theberman.org](http://theberman.org) for additional information

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth  
**Details:** *The Spongebob Movie Sponge out of Water*; admission \$3

**Coming up:** *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, 7 p.m. Thursday April 30 and May 1; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3  
**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com)

### HISTORY

#### HISTORIC GREENMEAD

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2

**Location:** 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, in Livonia  
**Details:** Storyteller Nancy Klein will tell

the story of Peter Rabbit and lead children on an adventure through the Village, following the footpath of Peter Rabbit. The event, aimed at ages 3-7, will include a sack lunch, beverage and Peter Rabbit gift. All tickets sold in advance. Cost is \$7 per child

**Contact:** 248-477-7375

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor  
**Details:** "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt," features approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics  
**Contact:** 734-764-9304 for additional information

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

**Contact:** 734-455-8940 for additional information

### MUSIC

#### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 1

**Location:** Music Box at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** Classical Jam performs traditional tangos and "nuevo tango" of Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla. Tickets are \$30 for adults; \$15 for students

**Contact:** 248-855-6070; [ChamberMusicDetroit.org](http://ChamberMusicDetroit.org)

#### FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9

**Location:** Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville

**Details:** The 70-member Chorus, directed by Steve Segraves, sings tunes from Broadway shows, such as *Les Miserables*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Oklahoma* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Tickets in advance for \$12 or at the door for \$15. Online ticket sales end May 5  
**Contact:** [farmingtonchorus.com](http://farmingtonchorus.com)

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Johnny Trudell Quartet performs April 28. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Shari Kane and Dave Steele, April 24; Dave Hardin, April 25; The Choir and Mike Roe, April 30; Bill Bynum and Company, May 1; Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Calum Graham, May 2; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Tom Picard, May 3; Open Stage, May 5 and 19. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information



Johnny Trudell

# DRINK UP

## Natural, refreshing beverages



### RED HOT BLOOD CLEANSER

Servings: 2 (1-cup) servings

2 cups watermelon chunks  
1 small to medium beet, washed  
1 apple, seeded and cut into cubes  
1 tablespoon apple juice concentrate  
¼-½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (depending on taste)  
¼ teaspoon turmeric

Place all ingredients in blender with watermelon on bottom. Turn blender on slow speed until watermelon has liquefied, then increase speed and blend 1 minute or until liquefied.

### VEGGIE DE-BLOAT COCKTAIL

Servings: 2 (or 2 ½ cups total)

½ medium cucumber, peeled  
3 medium carrots, washed  
2 celery stalks  
½ red pepper, washed and seeded  
¼ cup fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro  
2 cups watermelon  
Dash of horseradish

In juicer, extract juice from all ingredients. Serve plain or over ice.

### WATERMELON ZAPPER

Servings: 2 (2 ¼ cups total in blender, or 1 ¼ cups total in juicer)

2 cups watermelon cubes  
½ large lemon, peeled  
1 ½ tablespoons peeled fresh ginger  
2 medium carrots

Juice all ingredients in conventional juicer. In blender, place watermelon first then remaining ingredients. Turn blender on low until watermelon is liquefied then gradually increase speed. Blend 2 minutes.

**W**hether you're trying to achieve wellness goals or just looking for simple ways to add more nutrient-rich food sources into your family's diet, now is the time to dust off that blender or juicer. Naturally sweet and nutritious, watermelon is a great addition to drinks that nourish and replenish the body.

For years, health professionals have touted the many benefits found in nature, especially in fruits such as watermelon. Whether you need to flush out toxins or reduce bloating, healthy and hydrating watermelon is the all-natural solution conveniently found at your local grocer's produce section.

Packed with arginine and citrulline, watermelon may help improve blood flow. The watermelon's high water and potassium level may also help the body flush out unwanted fluids. Plus, watermelon is said to have a diuretic effect, which helps the body beat bloating. The following cocktail recipes feature this star ingredient, which along with other healthful ingredients, offer natural solutions for common conditions.

When incorporating these drinks into your family's diet, use a strong blender when you can. This will help retain essential phytonutrients and antioxidants within the blended mixture. Many conventional juicers require you to throw away the pulp, which means throwing out these bonus health benefits.

For more refreshing ways to add nutrients to your diet, visit [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org).

Courtesy of Family Features



### SUPER GREEN DETOX SMOOTHIE

Servings: Makes 3 cups

3 cups watermelon cubes  
¼ cup parsley  
2 cups packed kale  
2 teaspoons green tea powder  
2 teaspoons gochujang paste  
3 tablespoons pineapple juice concentrate  
6 limes (juice from the fresh squeezed limes)  
½ peeled and pitted avocado

Place all ingredients in a blender, such as a Vitamix, with watermelon on the bottom. Start blending slowly until watermelon is liquified, then increase speed. Blend for 1 to 2 minutes.

**Tip:** Gochujang is a Korean hot chili paste made from red chili powder, glutinous rice powder, powdered fermented soybeans and salt.



### WATERMELON GINGER CELERY SHOOTERS

Servings: Makes 4 drinks

1 cup diced celery  
1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger  
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar  
1 cup diced seedless watermelon

Place the celery, ginger and vinegar in a blender and puree. Add the watermelon and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.