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**Memorial parade**

The Plymouth Lions along with American Legion Posts No. 391 and No. 112, VFW Post No. 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Post No. 528 announce their Memorial Day Observance takes place Monday, May 28.

It will begin at 9 a.m. with a parade to Veterans Memorial Park, where a ceremony honoring all veterans who have served in various conflicts will be held. Special emphasis will be given to remaining World War II veterans.

Master of ceremonies will once again be Dr. Steven Monaghan, past commander of American Legion Post No. 112. The principal speaker will be Albert Crowley, a Plymouth Lion and World War II vet.

Participating in the ceremonies with the above will be the Village Voices from the Beckridge Chorale, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band and many local youth groups. The ceremonies will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. and will include a fly-over by the Yankee Air Force.

**Peppers tickets**

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Joe.

The concert will be a homecoming for drummer Chad Smith, who graduated from Lahser High and stops in for sliders at Hunter House in Birmingham. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win if he or she also enters the contest.

**Prom pics**

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**City nixes fee, ponders tax vote**

**By Matt Jachman**  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth property owners won't see a 1-percent administrative fee on their tax bills, but city officials are leaving open the possibility of going to voters with some sort of tax proposal.

The Plymouth City Commission voted down Monday a plan to assess the 1-percent fee and funnel \$215,000 — an estimate of the money the fee would raise during the next budget year — toward pension obligations. Officials said the fee, which is allowed by state law, would have

cost the average homeowner about \$30 a year.

Some commission members, including Mayor Dan Dwyer, said they considered the fee a tax.

"It is increasing the taxes of our citizens without a vote," said Commissioner Ron Loisel, who voted against the fee.

But the mayor, who also voted no, said it's "undeniable" the city will at some point have to find more money to pay legacy costs. Finance Director Mark Christensen told commissioners the city's future pension obligations to retirees are estimated at \$8

million. Current employees have a 401(k)-type retirement plan, not guaranteed pensions.

**'No definite plan'**

Dwyer said he was willing to discuss putting a tax proposal before voters at a future election, and Commissioners Mike Wright and Diane Bogenrieder, who cast the only votes in favor of the fee, said they would join him in an informal commission subcommittee.

"There is no definite plan to put it on the ballot at all. There is only a plan to have a dialog about it," Dwyer said Wednesday.

Dwyer said it isn't certain what form the proposal would take, if it makes it to the ballot, but that it could be a request for a dedicated millage, such as a public safety millage. The city's total millage rate is just over 16 mills, or \$16 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

"I just can't tax people without having a vote on it, and that fee is a tax," the mayor said. Dwyer said he sees the November general election as the earliest at which a tax proposal could go to voters, and that additional reve-

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Jim Thomas sweeps streets in western Plymouth Township.

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**Behind the scenes, township DPW provides basic services**

**By Matt Jachman**  
Observer Staff Writer

They stay mostly under the radar, but you can't turn a faucet, drive clean roads or enjoy local parks without them.

The Plymouth Township Department of Public Works maintains the township's water and sewer lines, sweeps the streets, removes snow and ice from township properties, hauls compost for residents' use and provides labor for special events and every-

day needs. "We're that group that nobody knows too much about unless something really goes wrong," Mike Karll, public works foreman, said Tuesday during National Public Works week.

With just eight full-time employees, the department is mainly responsible for the township's water system: more than 170 miles of water lines and 140 miles of sanitary sewers, more than 2,000 fire hydrants, more than 1,000

valves and nearly 10,000 residential and commercial accounts.

**Water focus**

Water and sewer make up much of the department's work load; meter-reading alone requires two to three weeks per month, depending on how many workers are assigned to it, and ongoing improvements to the system, such as the new water-boost-

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**Pastor wins Kern honor**

**By Matt Jachman**  
Observer Staff Writer

A Catholic pastor in Plymouth Township joined an elite group last week when he was honored for following the legacy of a beloved Detroit priest.

But the Rev. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel joked — with what parishioners call characteristic modesty — that his name is now the answer to a trivia question: Who doesn't belong on this list?

Riccardo, a priest for 16 years and Good Counsel's pastor for five, was on May 17 given the Gold Medallion award by the Father Clement Kern Foundation. The award puts him in the company of past winners such as former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith, four United Auto Workers presidents, and the Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis, co-founders of Focus: HOPE, a nonprofit Detroit job-training center.

Riccardo and Cunningham are the only priests to be given the Gold Medallion in the Kern Foundation's 30 years.

"I have never seen a priest, in my lifetime anyway, who has been so moving to people. Our church has grown by leaps and bounds," said Audrey Monaghan, a Good Counsel parishioner and a Kern Foundation board member.



Riccardo

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Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan and Dr. Jeremy Hughes, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, talk with students during a Bully Busters demonstration at Farrand Elementary School.



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**State schools chief impressed with P-C**

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan likes getting out into the schools every once in awhile to take a look at what's going on.

On Tuesday, he got an eyeful. Flanagan, touring the state's fourth-largest school district, heard from the

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's award-winning choir, cut a promo for the district's award-winning radio station, WSDP, and ate a lunch prepared by the Park's award-winning culinary team, fresh off its second-place finish at the national competition.

He visited a forensics science class-

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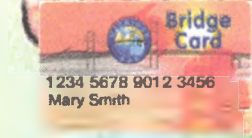
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## DPW

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er station planned for the water tower at Five Mile and Beck, add more tasks.

This week, the department just about finished installing a couple of hundred seasonal water meters in large irrigation systems, some at parks but most in the common areas of residential subdivisions, where the unprotected meters are removed during the winter months to spare them damage that could be caused by the freeze-thaw cycle.

"I like what I'm doing," Bob Courter, the senior township DPW worker, with 18 years on the job, said Tuesday afternoon after he and seven-year employee Joe Overaitis dug up a broken sprinkler head connection at Point Park. "I like repairing things, keeping things running."

Courter and Overaitis had finished installing the seasonal meter on the Point Park sprinkler system, at Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, and had turned it on in order to locate a system leak.

"It didn't take long to push this grass up," Courter said of the spot where surging water had raised the sod. He and Overaitis used shovels to find the sprinkler head — broken off at the water line, perhaps by a lawn mower — and talked about getting a replacement, or at least a new connection if the head proved serviceable.

Later, they were to locate all the Point Park system's connections and clear the area around them so as to make them visible to grass-cutters and other workers.

## Great outdoors

"I love working outside," Overaitis said, echoing a common theme among public works employees. Even the coldest months don't bother him, he said: "You have to like it."

"I'm an outdoors type of person. I try to get outdoors as much as I can," Karll said in his office. The work is different every day, and allows him to interact with the public, co-workers, other township



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Overaitis and Bob Courter find a leak in the irrigation system in Point Park.



Plymouth Township DPW foreman Mike Karll helps run the department that maintains the township's water and sewer lines, sweeps the streets, removes snow and ice from township properties and provides labor for special events and everyday needs.

employees and elected officials, he said.

Karll has less than a year with the township, but is a DPW veteran. He spent 35 years in public works in Canton Township, retiring as superintendent, a job that had him overseeing a staff of more than 30 people.

He grew up in Canton, too, and has seen its population boom over the decades, he said. When he was growing up, he said, "Canton" meant the cornfields between the city of Wayne and Ypsilanti.

"The cornfields, of course, disappeared," he said.

In addition to maintaining the water system, township DPW

workers remove snow and ice and spread salt at township-owned parking lots, driveways and sidewalks during the winter, sometimes pitching in to clear main roads during heavy snowfalls (road maintenance is largely the responsibility of Wayne County); inspect and clean sanitary sewers; help out during special events or to put up or take down seasonal decorations in public areas; remove dead animals from the roads; and clean the streets regularly from April until the leaves fall. (Lawn care on township properties is done by parks workers.)

The workers, who begin their days at 7:30 a.m. with a "tail-

gate meeting" to get their assignments for the day, are all cross-trained, Karll said. "Everybody can do all the jobs around here," he said.

## Clean sweep

"Meeting people, helping people," Jim Thomas said of his job motivations. "I'm not stuck in an office."

Thomas, who has 15 years with the township, spoke as he used a fire hydrant at the DPW headquarters on Port Street to refill the 300-gallon tank on the street sweeper he had been driving. Thomas has done a variety of tasks, but said he has been concentrating on driving the sweeper for the last few years. He also hauls compost from the township's provider to the DPW building; the compost is available for township residents, who pick it up themselves in plastic buckets.

Thomas said when a spots a child on his sweeping route, he'll stop the sweeper and raise the hopper, which reaches about 15 feet. "The kid's awed," he said.

"It's a cool truck for the little kids to see," he added. "It's a good PR thing."

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## CRIME WATCH

## Van violated

A parked minivan was the target of a break-in attempt recently on Newport Drive, north of Joy road and east of Haggerty, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The owner discovered damage to her 2011 Chrysler Town & Country late last month, and told police it likely occurred some time since mid-January, when she was in Florida. The car was parked in a carport at the time.

Police said it appeared a tool had been used in an attempt to pry open doors, which were damaged.

Nothing was reported stolen from the vehicle.

— By Matt Jachman

## Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period May 16-21:

- Monday, May 21 — Rescue runs on Terrace Court, on Sheldon north of Ann Arbor Road, at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, on Plymouth Oaks, on Northville Road, on Sheldon, on westbound M-14 east of I-275 and on Washington.

- Sunday, May 20 — Rescue runs on Haggerty, on westbound M-14 west of Sheldon, on Fuller Court, on Elmhurst, on Plymouth Road and on Northville Road.

- Saturday, May 19 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Schoolcraft, on General Drive, on North Drive, at Haggerty and Gilbert, on Ferguson, on Newport and on Keel.

- Friday, May 18 — Rescue runs on Sheldon, on Brentwood, on Northville Road, on Hammill, at Ann Arbor Trail and Beck, on Five Mile, on Ash, on Ann Arbor Road, on Quail Circle and on Sheldon.

- Thursday, May 17 — Rescue runs on Ridge, on Canton Center, on Woodway and at Six Mile and Sheldon.

- Wednesday, May 16 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, at Five Mile and Maxell, on Elmhurst and on Beck.

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# Trustee leaves Schoolcraft for Arizona retirement

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Patricia Watson will take lots of good memories of Schoolcraft College to Arizona in June when she and husband Charles Jerzycke move there for retirement.

Watson was elected to a third six-year term on the community college Board of Trustees in May 2005. She was first appointed to fill a vacancy in October 1991 through June 1993. She's served since then, most recently as secretary, as well as chair and treasurer.

## 'Incredibly rewarding'

"I have learned so much about the community college system," said the Northville resident, a licensed psychologist and director of psychology for the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ann Arbor. "It has been incredibly rewarding for me."

She's learned of ways to give back, and is honored the college is naming a student scholarship in her honor. "I'm really humbled by that honor. It's just a really humbling experience for me."

She'd been the board's representative to the Michigan Community College Association and served on the Schoolcraft Development Authority which oversees develop-



Watson

ment of assets as a result of land lease arrangements.

"Someone can attain an education,

a quality education, at 50 percent of the cost," she said of Schoolcraft.

She earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit, a master's from University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, Ind., and a bachelor's from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids. She received an outstanding leadership award from Aquinas College.

Watson is a clinical and forensic psychologist in private practice. Watson has also taught at Madonna University as an adjunct associate instructor in the Graduate Division. She has served as a consultant to the Detroit Area Salvation Army Corps and the Denby Children's Home in Detroit. Watson was appointed as a commissioner to the Northville Youth Assistance Program (1998 to 2002).

She is a member of the American Psychological Association and Michigan Psychological Association. In September 1996, Gov. John Engler appointed her to the Board of Psychology for the state of Michigan and she has served as chair.

## Points of pride

Watson is proud of Schoolcraft's fitness center, the Transitions Center which helps returning veterans and others, music recitals, dinner theater, professional development and recreational opportunities, and tutoring/volunteering options at Schoolcraft.

"There are just so many aspects of the college which are really treasures," said Watson, whose term will be completed by an appointee prior to the November 2012 election.

She noted programs developed in her time, such as the possibility of bachelor's degrees at Schoolcraft in nursing and culinary arts, which would require legislative approval. Watson also cited the biomedical technology building, with its focus on math and science.

"It's been gratifying to see all the changes and improvements in the Garden City campus," said Watson, who's also proud of the library and public safety training improvements.

"We just have great staff, great administration. It's a good resource. This really is the best of a community asset," she said. "And we're debt-free."

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# Trustee decries rumors she'll resign

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer



Arnold

Kay Arnold has heard the rumors, and she's not very happy about it. Arnold, the longest-serving member of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, is seeking her sixth term on the board. She made the decision to run after talking to family, friends and colleagues. Arnold, who is also the board's liaison to the township planning commission, has seen the township

through the addition of Advanced Life Support training for its firefighters, the construction of a new township hall, the building of a second water tower and the latest battle over the manning of the fire department, said she filed because she believes there are still issues to be settled. But rumors have already

sprung up, practically before the ink was dry on her nominating petitions, that Arnold plans to resign shortly after being sworn in, allowing other board members to appoint a trustee of their choosing. Arnold said she's furious about the rumor. "Why would I do that?" Arnold asked. "I have my flowers, I have grandchildren ... if I wasn't committed to serving the full term, I certainly have other things to do. If I'm lucky enough to be re-elected, I will serve my full term and do the

best job I can, the way I always have." The name attached to the rumor is Carl Berry, who was the township's first chief of police when its department was formed in the mid-1980s. Berry, a security consultant who provides security for the Detroit auto show, flatly denied the rumor, saying he's not interested in serving on the board. "I've heard the rumors, and they're totally untrue," Berry said. "I don't have the time to serve on the township board of trustees."

He said he doesn't know the source of the rumor, but decried anyone who would spread it. "For people to say she's going to do that ... Kay wouldn't be part of that," Berry said. "People who are spreading those kinds of rumors don't have the township's best interests at heart. Kay Arnold has always been an honorable member of the township board, and I have no doubt she'll serve her entire term."

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# Relay tops \$230K for fight against cancer

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Becky Krause of Livonia had a pre-surgery conversation with her friend, Tom Roat, several years ago as Roat prepared to go into surgery in his fight with colon cancer. The two had been planning to walk in the Relay for Life to help raise money to fight cancer, and Roat wanted to make sure Krause did the walk, with him or without him. He was confident he'd survive the surgery, but he extracted the promise from her anyway. Roat never made it off the table, the colon cancer claiming him during surgery. So there was Krause Saturday at Canton's Relay for Life, keeping the promise she'd made Roat three years earlier.



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Buy a turkey leg from Cancer Pirate's comely wench, Becky Krause of Livonia and Melissa Tulppo of Westland.

Dressed in a pirate costume with her friend, Melissa Tulppo of Westland — "We're kicking cancer's ARRRRse!" Tulppo said — Krause walked the path through Canton's Heritage Park in Roat's memory. "He made me promise I'd walk the relay," said Krause, who also walked for her friend, Michelle, who lost her

brother, Dave, to leukemia a few years ago. "I promised, and here I am." She was one of nearly 850 individuals — and 74 teams — who walked the 24-hour relay to raise money for cancer research. Final totals weren't available yet, but Relay representative Mia Gocaj said the event raised in excess

of \$236,000. That means the event in the last five years has raised more than \$1 million. That total doesn't surprise Brian and Robin Holmlund of Canton, who attended their seventh straight Relay for Life event. They lost their son, Andrew, to Ewing sarcoma six years ago, and man a booth selling cookies,

water and other treats in Heritage Park. The cookies are special, designed with Andrew's favorite symbol: sunshine with a smiley face on it. The family sold more than 200 cookies this year. "We sell out every year," Holmlund said. "We have people who tell us they come back (just) for the cookies. They're very popular."

Holmlund, whose daughter Morgan was team captain this year, said he believes things might be getting better. "Each year it seems like the statistics get better and better in terms of childhood cancer," he said. "You see more and more people back (at Relay for Life) as survivors. That's a good thing." Ken Bentley of Romulus counts himself a survivor, though he hasn't completely beaten his non-Hodgkin's large B-cell lymphoma yet. He was there Saturday with a big smile. "I haven't beat it yet, but I feel like I'm beating it," said Bentley, diagnosed in March. "There are so many caring people out here. It's a lot of emotion."

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Peggy Davis came from Battle Creek to visit her daughter, Carrie Burch of Canton, and to support the Bad Blood Club, fighting leukemia.

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3"	\$117.96	6" Tap	\$4,500.00		
4"	\$185.22	8" Tap	\$6,000.00		
6"	\$389.20	Tap Diameter By \$750.00			

- > Commercial Sewer Surcharge-Fees are Billed as Mandated on a One-for-One Basis
- > Non-Residential Customers are Billed Monthly
- > There Will Be a Maximum of 20 Days From Water Billing Date to Due Date
- > New Water Service Meter Fee = Installation Time and Material plus 15%
- > There is a \$75.00 Fee for "After Hours" Water Turn on/off

### ADDITIONAL SEWER FEES

Property owner is responsible for all sewer leads, pipes, and taps up to and including the connection to the City's mains. Property owner is responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any publicly owned property including, but not limited to grass, sod, top soil, trees, curb, gutter, street pavement and base material.

### CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

For building or construction purposes, the daily charges shall be made for the use of water from the time of installation of the service pipe until meter installation:

Service Pipe Size	Charge
3/4"	\$10.00
1"	\$20.00
1.5"	\$45.00
2"	\$75.00
3"	\$125.00
4"	\$154.00
6"	\$345.00
8"	\$700.00

All connections to the water supply system or the sewer disposal system shall be made by and at the expense of the property owner or user so connecting, subject to any rules or regulations therefore now or hereafter established by the city, and subject to inspection and approval prior to use. A permit for such connection shall be obtained in advance from the city, and the property owner or user making such connection shall pay all inspection charges now or hereafter established by the city prior to the use thereof. Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, Regulations, or Laws.

### TAPS RESTRICTED

The term "tap" as used herein shall include any opening or outlet heretofore or hereafter made in the water system, for the purpose of withdrawing water therefrom for any use, public or private, either commercial or domestic, excepting the hydrants. No taps shall be made to the system unless authorized by the proper city authorities.

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# SCHOOLS

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room and watched students conduct a ballistics lab, then heard from more than three dozen Farrand Elementary School students who are part of the school's Bully Busters anti-bullying team.

Flanagan, whose own children went to Plymouth-Canton schools years ago, came away impressed.

"I can't believe what they're doing here with resources that are about the same as they were in 2005, and are less than some of the districts around them," Flanagan said. "It shows it can be done. This district is a model. It's remarkable to me what they're pulling off."

### Battling bullies

Flanagan was particularly impressed with Farrand's Bully Busters. He watched a video explaining the program, then listened as students



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Some 40 fourth- and fifth-grade students have become Bully Busters at Farrand Elementary School.

explained what they liked about the program.

Bully Busters was formed earlier this school year by new Farrand Principal Troy Reehl and counselor Dani Evans after, as Evans said, they "got pushback" from parents about bullying issues at the school.

Evans trains the Bully Busters — there are some 40 fourth- and fifth-graders — in a weeklong session that teaches them what bullying is, strategies to prevent it, and methods of conflict reso-

lution.

The Busters are outfitted with trademark orange vests, keep records of conflicts they resolve and even hand out "positive behavior" coupons.

"We are finding not only has it been successful on the playground and the buses, but the kids look up to the Bully Busters," Evans said. "A lot of them want to be Bully Busters."

The students said they've noticed a lower number of instances compared to last year.



FRANK RUGGIRELLO

Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan accepts his status as honorary Bully Buster from Farrand Elementary School Principal Troy Reehl.

"We prevent bullying before it makes an impact on students in a negative way," said Bully Buster Sophia Balow. "I love being a Bully Buster."

"From last year to this year, I think it's made a big difference," fellow Bully Buster Kaitlin Mockaitis said. "Last year there were huge drama issues. This year, there are almost none."

### Passing on

Flanagan was impressed enough to ask students what he could do to replicate the program

at elementary schools across the state.

"It was a serious question," Flanagan said.

"How might we reproduce this? You see good things and it's hard to get them to other schools. Bullying is such an inhibitor to learning ... It's a very serious issue, and to deal with it at this age is impressive. The differences these kids were talking about (from last year) is remarkable."

While he was in town, Flanagan talked about:

- Charter schools — With new charters pop-

ping up in both Plymouth and Canton, Flanagan said public schools like Plymouth-Canton have to make clear the differences in the programming they offer. He said the various academies Plymouth-Canton is planning to offer in the fall is a good step.

"There really shouldn't be a fear of charter schools," Flanagan said. "You offer alternatives yourself. The academies are a smart thing."

• Cyber schools — Flanagan said he was against cyber schools at first, and still would be against a complete lifting of the cap. He said cyber schools are an extension of online learning that's already being offered.

"To take the cap off would have been a mistake ... I think they reached a good compromise," he said. "I've seen a lot of alternative education kids really struggling in class who thrive online. So it can work."

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In the Zumba Gold class, Joy Vlcek of Westland and Kathy Zimmer of Farmington Hills get their exercise to the tune "Save a Horse, Ride A Cowboy" by country duo Big and Rich.



Shirley Ziemba of Farmington Hills arrives promptly at 9 a.m. for the Spring Senior Expo held Tuesday at Schoolcraft College.

# Seniors catch up on latest info at expo

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Seniors and residents from across south-east Michigan lined up early Tuesday morning for the ninth annual Senior Spring Expo at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

And when the doors opened, "it was like opening floodgates," said John Elkins of Livonia.

Elkins distributed information about St. Mary Mercy's senior emergency room, which specializes in assisting patients who are elderly, and Mercy LifeLink, which provides instant access to emergency medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He was one of several people working the more than 60 booths of exhibitors throughout the expo, presented by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* in partnership with Schoolcraft College.

Seniors scooped up pamphlets, spoke with vendors and grabbed free items from the vendors.

Terry Viavanko of Livonia is a retiree from the Livonia Public Schools. "I'm browsing today as it is my first year as an official senior," Viavanko said. "I want to know what it's all about."

She picked up information on tile and bathroom repair from Keystone Home Improvements.

Vangie Noetzel from Northville said she and her husband, Jim Noetzel, were picking up information on senior housing, not for themselves, but for a friend of her husband's. "We like to come here and get a few free things, too," Jim Noetzel said.

Richard Radcliffe of Farmington was interested in information on senior housing. He wants to find small houses, and not condos, with two-car garages. "I also like to read about the financial things they have here," he said.

Frank Delewsky of Livonia was interested in the lectures. "I always pick up little goodies, too, like batteries or bottled water," he said. Guests enjoyed coffee and breakfast sweets at one of the tables.

Claudia DeGrazia of South Lyon is about to turn 65. "I wanted to learn about Medicare and strength training for

seniors," she said. "I golf and I want to learn about quick exercises. I'm enjoying it."

### 'Great atmosphere'

Jim Vlcek of Westland visited the expo to consider what his needs may be down the road. He turns 65 next year.

"The expo is great for letting people know what services are out there," he said. "My insurance will run out next year, so I spoke with Blue Cross Blue Shield and picked up materials on insurance and prescription coverage."

Vlcek's sister, Dorothy Cislo, traveled from Temperance. "My brother told me about it, and I wanted information on diabetes, health care and financing," she said.

Doris Ward of Westland wanted to attend workshops on sleep and hearing. "It's a great atmosphere to learn about many things, including health, homes and senior living," she said.

JoJo Sanford of Farmington received information and availability of services for seniors. "I like to go to the workshops and hear about health information and exercising," Sanford said. "You feel good to come and see all the different information."

Carolyn Pearson of Canton took a balance test at The Recovery Project table. She passed it. She smiled when she was asked about why she was at the expo.

"The freebies," Pearson said. "The freebies are always fun. You always get good information here." Actually Pearson was picking up information for assisted living, not for herself, but a relative.

Gwen Dani of Plymouth, who administered the balance test to Pearson, is a physical therapist with The Recovery Project. Tests were administered that day to help provide information about the dangers of falls and how they might be prevented. About 75 percent of seniors have balance impairment, and physical therapy can assist with balance, she said.

"They don't have to wait to fall to go and get physical therapy," Dani said. "We work on flexibility, balance and strength."

Medicare covers up to 15 visits a year for physical therapy, Dani said.

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Bob Piotrowski of Livonia speaks with Jessica Lewis and Melissa Woolfe of Heartland Canton.

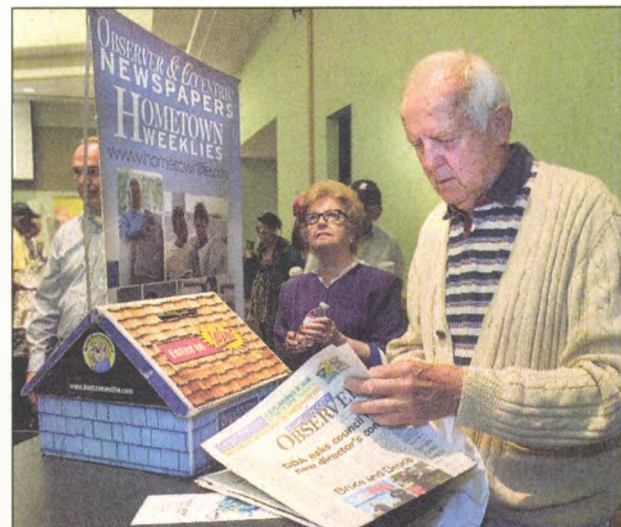
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Richard Radcliffe of Farmington speaks with Cecilia Reynolds of Comfort Dental Spa.



Kathie Gornick is from Plymouth Township.



Frank Delewsky of Livonia looks through an Observer Newspaper. Behind him is Grace Hampton of Farmington Hills.

Cynthia Belonga of Novi talks with Ron Lieberman of Canton. Lieberman is with the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Project.



It's a big Expo, and sometimes you have to take a break.



# Soldier proud to have guarded Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

John Sassaman is proud of his time as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C.

"Oh, absolutely," said the owner of Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, noting few in the service hold that role.

He served at Arlington National Cemetery as a sentinel or tomb guard with the Old Guard, 3rd Infantry Regiment of Ft. Myer, Va., with roots back to 1784. Sassaman was assigned in June 1970 through November 1971.

"I was a sentinel toward the end of 1970 until I got out of service," said Sassaman, who had earlier served at the Kennedy gravesite in Washington, D.C.

He was in the Army ceremonial unit for such functions as state funerals. "I was in the right place at the right time," he said, explaining he twice had orders for Vietnam which were canceled.

Sassaman had a low draft number, then determined by birthdate. Enlisting helped him get the assignment, as did having top security clearance and college completion.

### 'One thing led to another'

His new sergeant when Sassaman was stationed in Louisiana for training had a friend recruiting, and "one thing led to another. I ended up going there" following an interview with the officer.

Sassaman was scheduled to go to officer candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and then Vietnam. Washington, D.C., intervened. In Washington with the



John Sassaman of Northville Township is proud of having served as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Guard, which has a website. They hold a reunion every other year and give college scholarships to service members and their families.

One man was killed in Iraq, Sassaman said, but that's unusual for the group.

Sassaman has a son in the Army now at Ft. Benning, Ga., with all infantry training done. He'll attend airborne school and likely be stationed in Alaska.

The elder Sassaman grew up on the east side, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and doing his mortuary science studies in Wisconsin. He's glad to have served and stayed in touch with the other men.

"We were all pretty tight and they are today," he said, noting the great precision the work required.

Upon further reflection, Sassaman wrote of the honor of serving at Arlington, visited by many tourists during the days. "It was after hours when the crowds were gone, the cemetery closed and the sun faded off of the horizon that Arlington became a serene and tranquil place of beauty. We could look out over thousands of graves in any direction and reflect back on each and every one's contribution they made to the defense of this country," Sassaman wrote.

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More than 500 All Saints students helped raise some \$12,000 in a walkathon to benefit a local family and the Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia Foundation.

## Walkathon raises \$12,000

More than 500 All Saints students showed their support for members of their school community, the Nissan Family, and the Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia Foundation International by sponsoring a walkathon on May 7.

Three of the five members of the Nissan family — Clay, Sydney (7th grade) and Jared (3rd grade) — have been diagnosed with HHT.

HHT is a genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of blood vessels. A person with HHT has a tendency to form blood vessels that lack the capillaries between an artery and vein. This means that arterial blood under high pressure flows directly into a vein without first having to squeeze through the very small capillaries. This place where an artery is connected directly to a vein tends to be a fragile site that can rupture and result in bleeding.

Jessica Lopata, second grade teacher at All Saints, chaired the event.

"Our school wanted to do something that would help the Nissan family," Lopata said. "We see what the family goes through and just wanted to help them. Through the efforts of all the admin-

istration and staff members, we held a successful event."

There was 93-percent student participation for the walk-a-thon, which was held during the school day. Each class walked at designated times, averaged \$2,026 per hour for a grand total of \$12,157.00 by the end of the school day.

The Nissan family was present the entire day and awarded student participants with ice cream. Jodi Nissan said she was overwhelmed with the outpouring of support for her husband and children.

"My family is appreciative to what the school has done for us and the foundation," she said. "This was a day filled with love and support that will be remembered forever by our family! Over 500 people are now wearing HHT bracelets and t-shirts to support our fight. We have renewed hope and courage to keep fighting for the cure, knowing we are supported by our school community."

For more information on HHT Foundation and how to help, contact HHT Foundation International, Inc., P.O. Box 329, Monkton, MD 21111, call (800) 448-6389 or visit www.htinfo@hht.org

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2012 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 24, 2012 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

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**2012 / 2013 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2012 / 2013 City Budget.

**Proposed 2012 City Millage Rates**

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2012 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2012 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2011 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2012 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2004, 2008, and 2012 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.9700 mills, which is .0600 mills higher than the 2011 tax rate.
- The 2012 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills which is the same as the 2011 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.0734 mills for 2012, which is .0600 mills higher than the 2011 total City tax rate.
- The City Commission will also consider re-adoption of the 1% tax administrative fee permitted under Section 211.44, MCL, General Property Tax Laws.

**Equalization Factors**

Wayne County established tentative 2012 equalization factors of 1.0000 for the residential class of property, 0.8914 for the commercial class of property and 0.8789 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2012 by the proposed factors, all 2012 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

**2012 / 2013 Proposed City Budgets**

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2012/13 as follows:

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 4,800,300	Administration	\$ 1,335,510
Licenses & Permits	5,100	Buildings & Grounds	390,660
Federal Grants	28,000	Police Department	3,139,930
State-shared Revenue	771,680	Fire Department	743,120
Sales of Service	670,240	Public Works Dept	665,620
Cemetery Revenue	148,500	Other Functions	134,300
Parking Revenue	73,500	Capital Outlay	204,950
Other Revenue	760,680	Debt Service	191,480
Transfers-In	150	Transfers-Out	452,980
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,258,550</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,258,550</b>
<b>MAJOR STREET FUND</b>			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 341,800		
Contrib & Other	300		
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 342,100</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 342,100</b>
<b>LOCAL STREET FUND</b>			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 139,080		
Contrib & Other	99,740		
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 238,820</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 238,820</b>
<b>RECREATION FUND</b>			
Contrib. From G/F	\$ 200,000		
Prog. Fees & Other	818,150		
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,018,150</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,018,150</b>
<b>WASTE &amp; RECYCLING FUND</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 715,460	Operating Expenses	\$ 1,085,410
Sales of Service	369,950	Debt Expenses	-
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,085,410</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,085,410</b>

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>OTHER CITY FUNDS</b>		
Plym Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,020
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 10,550	\$ 10,550
Parking Fund	\$ 10	\$ 10
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 860,570	\$ 860,570
Building Fund	\$ 397,270	\$ 397,270
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 136,780	\$ 136,780
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 306,410	\$ 306,410
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	\$ 43,480	\$ 43,480
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 10,080	\$ 10,080
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
2003 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 43,010	\$ 43,010
2004 GO Debt Fund	\$ 431,280	\$ 431,280
2006 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 120,920	\$ 120,920
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 476,170	\$ 476,170
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	\$ 238,010	\$ 238,010
2012 GO Bond & Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 361,060	\$ 361,060
2012 W/S Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Michigan Transportation Fund Debt Fund	\$ 275	\$ 275
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 4,550	\$ 4,550
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 112,500	\$ 112,500
MTF Construction Fund	\$ 10	\$ 10
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 642,990	\$ 642,990
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 600,800	\$ 600,800
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,192,270	\$ 4,192,270
Equipment Fund	\$ 684,210	\$ 684,210
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 8,150	\$ 8,150

**Transfers between Appropriations**

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10 %) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

**Copies of Proposed Budget Available**

A complete copy of the 2012 / 2013 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

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

**Creativibe:** There was a slight dip after 2008 and I noticed clients were becoming much more conservative in spending marketing dollars. I believe since then, we're all a little more thoughtful about how we're spending.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share?

**Creativibe:** Nothing particular, but I've learned to use more discernment and be cautious when a carrot is dangled before me. And ... it was a previous boss with poor ethics that lit the flame under-

neath me to launch Creativibe and leave my stable-great benefits-good-paying job. Yet another ironic example of something good coming out of something bad.

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

**Creativibe:** Do your homework before jumping in, all of it, take a servant's attitude, and remember that diligent hands bring wealth.

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

**Creativibe:** Creativibe will be pushing more mobile site development, offering more affordable options to small business owners and, overall, growing.

## Investment plans ideal for giving gift to graduate

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Congratulations to all those graduating from high school. There is no doubt that high school graduation is something to celebrate, as it is another milestone in life. As I've mentioned many times in the past, high school graduation doesn't mean the end of someone's formal education. In fact, my advice for high school graduates is that you must continue your education.

That doesn't necessarily mean that everyone should go to college; but, it does mean that everyone needs to continue their education after high school. After all, when you look at the jobs in today's world, there are not many for high school graduates. That being said, as many celebrate high school graduation, the question always is, what to buy the high school graduate?

The traditional and easy gift to give is cash or a gift card. After all, a high school graduate will have no problem finding ways to spend money. However, considering the difficult economic times and the importance of education, there may be some better choices than cash or a gift card. One alternative that I recommend is to invest in a 529 Plan.

### Invest for the future

A 529 Plan is an investment program that is geared for post-high school education. The beauty of the plan is that it allows you to invest money and that money grows tax free. When the money



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

is eventually withdrawn for a qualified education expense such as room, board, tuition, books and required fees, there are no tax consequences. Many people are under the mistaken belief that a 529 Plan is only for college. Although it is a great investment vehicle for college, it can also be used for other educational needs such as for a trade or vocational school.

For the great majority of people, the 529 Plan I recommend is the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP - www.misaves.com). The MESP has many advantages and is very user friendly. First, it doesn't take a lot of money to establish the plan. You can start one for as low as \$25. In addition, the plan has very low costs and no commissions. Therefore, you can be assured that your money will go for educational purposes, not to pay to high costs and fees. Another great advantage of the MESP is that it is not limited to Michigan schools. A student can use the money for basically any public or private institution in the country. Therefore, the plan has great flexibility.

### Education is key

I cannot stress enough the importance of education past high school. We live in a changing economic environment and

we are no longer just competing against Ohio and Indiana for jobs. We are competing against the world. The one way people will be able to compete is to have a good education. That is exactly what an investment into the MESP does. Not only does it put money away that the graduate can draw upon to cover their expenses, but it also shows the graduate the importance of education.

I recognize that a graduate would much rather get a gift card or cash, however, the standard should be what the graduate needs. If the MESP or a 529 Plan is not for you, consider other gifts that will help the graduate on their journey. For example, it could be a book or a subscription to a financial magazine or even an investment itself.

Graduates, remember that the journey is not over, it's just beginning. To be successful in today's economic climate, you must continue to pursue your education. For those who choose to end their formal education at high school and enter the workforce, I want to encourage you to reconsider. As difficult as it is to continue your education, you must. To give yourself options and opportunities in the future, continue your education past high school. Good luck!

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## PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

### Golf openings

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has fewer than 30 openings still available for the chamber's annual golf outing July 9 at Fox Hills.

The event will be on the championship level Golden Fox course and is a scramble that will include dinner and lunch. If you would like to participate or sponsor, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

The major sponsor of the outing is Victory Honda.

### Passing Senate

The phasing out of Personal Property Tax in Michigan passed the Senate and is off to the House of Representatives.

The bill is expected to sit in the House for next few months while they debate how to handle the shortfall of funds for municipalities, schools and community colleges as a result of the phasing-out of the tax revenue.

### June events

- June 14 — 10-Member Connection, 8-9 a.m., Chamber Office
- June 26 — Workshop on "Website Maximization," 8:30-9:30 a.m., Chamber Office
- June 27 — Good Morning Plymouth breakfast. Speaker is Mary Kramer of Crain's Detroit Business, 7:30-9 a.m., Red Olive Banquet Center

### Member connection

Sign up today because openings go quickly for the 10 Member Connection.

Members who attend this event often leave telling us this is their favorite networking opportunity we offer. Make nine new valuable business contacts in one hour, in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about your business. Afterwards, everyone can stay to finish off the coffee while getting to know each other better.

Attendees are limited to the first 10 members who respond and who are from different business categories. The event will be held on June 14 from 8-9 a.m. at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail).

To sign up for the 10 Member Connection, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org).



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The Plymouth Farmers Market is open Saturday mornings, rain or shine, through October. The only exceptions: Saturdays during Art in the Park and Fall Festival.

### Farmer's market

The 2012 Farmers Market is now open. The market features fresh produce, flowering plants, herbs, baked goods, meats, eggs, honey, BBQ & pasta sauces and a variety of craft items. They are open on Saturdays through October from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in The Gathering and the street in front.

### Shred It Day

Community Financial will again sponsor a Shred Day for anyone who needs to have confidential shredding of documents. The event takes place 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at their branches in Canton (6355 N. Canton Center Rd.) and Novi (23890 Novi Rd.).

### Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA will hold their annual Father's Day Run on Sunday, June 17. The run has been a Community Father's Day tradition for 33 years. Join the Y for a morning of fun and fitness. There is an event for every age, 0-99: Kids Fun Runs, 1M Run/Walk, 5K Run/Walk, 10K and the Morse Dental Group Triple, 1M, 5K, 10K (10.3 M).

Register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or for more information visit [www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth](http://www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth).

Volunteers are also needed. Contact [cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org](mailto:cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org). Proceeds support the Strong Kids Financial Assistance Program.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Honoring sacrifice

## Take Memorial Day's real purpose to heart

Communities around the country will soon gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of our military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country (Plymouth marks the occasion with a 9 a.m. parade, followed by a memorial ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park).

And then we'll retire to our patios, parks, pools and cabins, to sizzle the grill and enjoy the holiday.

And while we're doing that, we urge you to really consider the sacrifices you're honoring.

Since this nation's inception, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights - large and small - more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down Saddam Hussein and, more recently, killed the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

People will attend local ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe, in their own way, a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

"It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

"It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

"It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

"It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

"It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

"It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote."

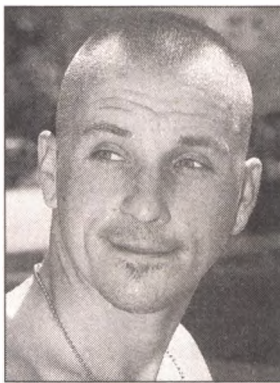
Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What are your Memorial Day plans?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



"I'm actually going to the music festival down in Detroit. I go every year. I've gone since, I guess the first year was 2000."

**Christopher Bur**  
Plymouth



"We're just going to have a barbecue in the house. ... We'll probably had six to 10 (people). It's a family."

**Mary Zumstein**  
Northville Township



"Probably just stay home. Our son's coming home to visit."

**Vicki Kibiloski**  
Coldwater



"I don't have any yet. Possibly a cookout."

**Linda Vaughan**  
Canton Township

## LETTERS

### Taxpayers win?

How can the arbitrator's ruling in the Plymouth Township firefighters contract dispute be declared "A win for the taxpayers?"

Maybe in the monetary sense (and that is yet to be proven), but definitely not in the safety sense. Do I want a group of part-time on-call firefighter wannabes coming to save my family, my home and my possessions in an emergency as opposed to professional firefighters who have had to go through extensive training? I think not!

I also wonder how the 15 remaining professional firefighters feel about having to work alongside part-time on-call firefighter wannabes. Think they will have to do on the job training? Let's hope not.

**Thomas Marunich**  
Plymouth

### Obama no altar boy

President Obama was overheard saying, "You are fed up with him, but I have to deal with him even more often than you," after the president of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, called the prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, a liar.

Our president lies so much that he makes Adolph Hitler's minister of propaganda Joseph Goebbels and Saddam Hussein's "Baghdad Bob" and Bill Clinton look like altar boys.

Every time President Obama gives a speech, he probably thinks to himself, "What a bunch of idiots." If the young people of today would stop and check on every speech that our president has given, they will find that he's a liar, plain and simple.

As a veteran, a majority of veterans think he is nothing more than a con artist. Our country is in grave peril and all they look for is a free handout.

The sad thing is that the media know that our president is lying and won't question what the president says. That is how dictators come to power.

**Robert J. Siedlik**  
Livonia

### Repower your vehicle

Engine trouble symptoms can mean major problems with your car. If you see, hear, feel or smell anything that is out of the ordinary, take your vehicle to a reputable automotive repair shop or engine installation center for diagnosis to avoid the inconvenience and unexpected cost of a breakdown.

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- Illuminated engine indicator lights: oil, water or engine.

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**Ken Carter**  
chairman, Engine Rebuilders Council

### Support unions

America attained greatness on the shoulders of middle-class workers. When they demanded fairness, our economy flourished. They bought houses, cars and other products that kept our farms, factories and small businesses humming. This was the result of treating workers fairly.

Today, as America's megacorporations consolidate economic power, small businesses are being eaten alive and our jobs are being shipped overseas. Communities are being decimated by job loss. This outsourcing is also destroying unions and impoverishing the workers they represent here in America.

Indeed, we must support efforts to make our trade policies more fair to Americans, but that won't be enough. Collective bargaining sets standards for all employers to follow. Thus, nonunion workers also benefit from the collective bargaining of unions. In fact, when our economy is flourishing, small business owners benefit, too. We should all be concerned. And we should all help stop the efforts of Lansing politicians from undermining the rights of all Michigan work-

ers to join unions and collectively bargain.

**Randy 'Grumpa' Iuliano**  
Portage

### Protect all women

The Violence Against Women Act designed to combat domestic abuse was enacted in 1994, and last week came to a reauthorization vote in the Senate with 68 in favor and 31 opposed. The act was expanded to include greater protections for LGBT victims, immigrant women facing abuse and Native American women, who have been traditionally underserved.

In the past 12 years, this act has been unanimously reauthorized by Congress twice. However, in this session of Congress, 31 Republican male senators voted against reauthorization, becoming the first senators ever to cast a vote against VAWA.

House Republicans are pushing their own version of VAWA without the new provisions aiding these three groups. The idea of picking and choosing which individuals deserve protection is objectionable. Ever since this act was renewed, underserved groups have been included to ensure no one is left out of a law that was designed to protect everyone from domestic violence.

Resistance to the bill is further proof of Republicans' disregard to issues affecting women. Let's hope the House Republicans will not prevail and exclude these groups from protection in their version.

**Joanie Ignash**  
Commerce Township

### Anti-life mandate

When the Obama administration's health care financing plan was signed into law, President Obama and Congress promised that funds under the new law would not cover abortions.

This has now been proven to be empty rhetoric.

Why? Because the Department of Health and Human Services has mandated that under the health care law, private health insurance plans must cover the "full range of FDA-approved contraception" — in which category HHS explicitly included the abortion-inducing drug ella.

This mandate includes a so-called "religious employer exemption," yet the exemption is no narrowly defined that most religious schools, colleges, hospitals and charitable organizations serving the public do not qualify. Even an expanded definition of "religious employer" would fail to protect nonreligiously affiliated organizations, individuals and even religiously affiliated health insurers whose pro-life consciences are nonetheless violated.

This is an unprecedented attack on the freedom of conscience of millions of Americans, eviscerating their freedom of choice to purchase private insurance that does not violate their ethical, moral or religious objections. I hope all readers will contact their elected representatives in Washington, D.C., and voice outrage over this anti-life mandate.

**Mary M. Gieske**  
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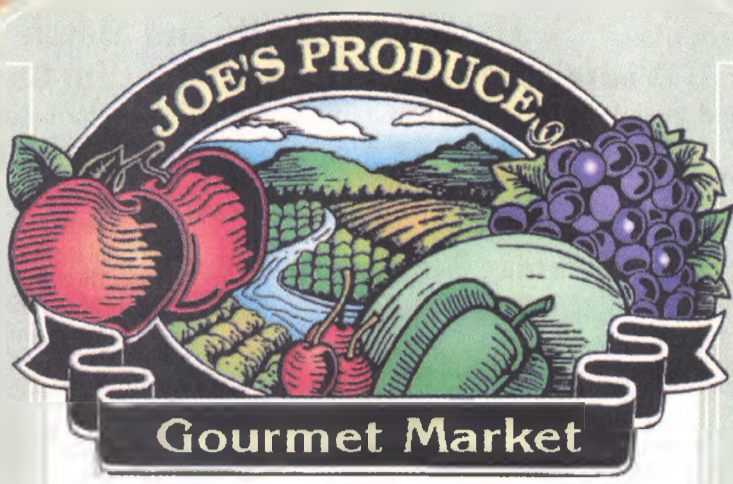
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# Sun, soccer in Cup forecast

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Mother Nature gave the 2011 Canton Cup a kick in the collective mud-splattered shins of thousands of players who couldn't finish what they started.

It rained throughout the three-day tournament, and the threat of severe weather on Day 3 resulted in the remainder of the 29th annual tourney being canceled.

"That was an unprecedented crisis," second-year tournament director Darryl Noel said. "But we came to understand what the Canton Cup crew can do. They were stress-tested last year."

After months of doing what he half-jokingly described as his "anti-rain dance," Noel and



his crew anticipate no such issues when the 30th annual Canton Soccer Club-hosted Memorial Day Weekend tourney commences 5 p.m. Friday.

All are hoping long-range forecasts of sun and warm temperatures are as precise as a perfectly placed header. The buzz is getting louder as opening day looms near.

"We've had some of our teams up at the Midland tournament last weekend and people were very excited about coming back," said Noel, a Canton resident. "People

## CANTON CUP FACTS

**What:** 30th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, hosted by Canton Soccer Club with support from Canton Leisure Services.

**When:** 5 p.m. Friday through 7 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** The tourney headquarters is Independence Park (located at Denton and Cherry Hill roads), where there will be 24 fields in play. Other venues are as follows: Heritage Park (Heritage Parkway and Canton Cen-

ter Road), 13 fields; Griffin Park (Cherry Hill-Sheldon, six fields); Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Joy-North Canton Center roads), 17 fields; Flodin Park (Saltz between Lilley and Sheldon), three fields.

**Who:** Teams will include boys and girls of various skill levels and ages (boys between 8-19; girls between 8-14). An estimated 11,000 players will travel to Canton from Michigan, Ontario, Ohio and Indiana in one of the

Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

**Bucks:** A free game between the Michigan Bucks and Hamilton FC Rage will take place noon Saturday at Independence Park. Preceding the game will be a Memorial Day remembrance including Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

**Web:** For game schedules and other information, go to [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or [www.cantoncup.net](http://www.cantoncup.net).

are always interested in the way the Canton Cup experience comes across. Because we're not just a soccer tournament."

Noel said family fun is as integral as the soc-

cer, and that's what he and the rest of the tournament team work countless hours trying to help come to fruition.

Of course, soccer is front and center. There

will be 690 club teams comprised of boys ages 8-19 and girls ages 8-14 kicking it all over Independence Park and four

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## Chiefs in tourney

The Canton varsity baseball team will play in the first Champions Tournament over the Memorial Day weekend in Flint. The tourney features six 2011 teams that won district championships last year, including Birmingham Brother Rice (No. 1 in Division 1), Bay City Western (No. 4 in D1), Lapeer East (No. 4 in D2), Flushing and Howell. Canton opens 4 p.m. Friday against Lapeer East.

"The upcoming weekend will give the team an opportunity to play some of the best competition in the state as we finish off the regular season and prepare for districts," Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield said. "We feel that this tourney will create a playoff like atmosphere where the margin of error will be small."

## 'Cats win 1st KLAA crown

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

When Plymouth junior Bri Giordano lifted a towering fly ball to left during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference softball championship game between the host Wildcats and Northville, she wasn't sure if it would go far enough or stay fair.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL** With two runners on base and Plymouth up 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth, the swirling winds pushed the ball toward the foul line.

"But I knew it was a good hit, so I just started running my hardest," Giordano said following the game.

She was smiling as she talked, and that's all you need to know about what happened next. The ball glanced off the screen attached to the foul pole to give Giordano a three-run homer and give Plymouth an insurmountable 5-1 lead — which held up as the final score as the Wildcats won the conference title for the first time in school history.

"It's the first time it's happened, so we're all excited and coach (Val) Canfield is super excited," Giordano said, referring to the conference crown.

### Final frenzy

Pitching the distance for the victory was freshman Mik Marciniak — who caught a liner off the bat of Jessica Jones for the final out, triggering a mob scene in the circle.

"She did, boy am I impressed," Canfield said about how Marciniak got stronger as the game progressed, after giving up a run in the third on a two-out RBI single by Allie Oosten.

But Marciniak shut the door after that inning and her teammates tied the contest in the fourth, when Marciniak doubled to left to score Giordano (who walked and moved to second on Britney Miller's perfect sacrifice bunt).

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Salem's Joe Amado is the picture of skill and concentration when competing in hurdle events.

## He's no ordinary Joe

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Overcoming hurdles is what Joe Amado's all about — literally.

The Salem senior is headed to the Division 1 state finals June 2 in East Kentwood after winning the May 18 regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

Some other fast facts about the talented 17-year-old, the latest in a series of elite, state-qualifying Salem hurdlers (following Baze Efremov and Scott O'Connor):

The 5-11, 135-pound Amado set new school marks this season in both hurdle events.



• He completed the 110 hurdles in 14.86 seconds, breaking the record set in 2011 by Dion Walker (15.50), another excellent hurdler who walked on this year at Eastern Michigan University.

• Amado also outdid O'Connor's 40.17, the record set in 2010, when he cracked the 40-second mark (39.56) at last week's regionals.

And nobody works harder or wants to be better than Amado, who promised Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer that he would rip through the competition this season after being disqualified in a pre-season indoor meet after a false start.

"As soon as it was done with it, he texted me and said he was going to destroy people in the outdoor season," said Meteyer, a onetime hurdler at North Farmington. "... He's been motivated all year to do better and

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## Madi scores in move to soccer

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

On your mark, get set, score goals ...

Plymouth junior forward Madi Lewis can be forgiven if she confuses the speed of track and field with the rush of bursting through and beyond opposing defenders on the soccer pitch.

That's because the 17-year-old Canton resident excelled her freshman and sophomore years on the Wildcats girls track and field team, but gave that up this spring to play on the varsity girls soccer team.

So far, so fast. Through Monday's KLAA conference title game, Lewis has compiled 22 goals and 23 assists while leading the Wildcats to the KLAA South Division title.

"Breakaways are definitely thrilling," Lewis said, underscoring what she loves most about soccer. "So is scoring."

During a recent game, Lewis found the back of the net on one breakaway attempt. She later blasted one off the right post and always lurks as a threat to put points on the board.

### Instant speed

To that end, Lewis can

step through the tiniest of openings and be going full blast in an instant, and her track experience garners an assist for that.

"For track, we worked on my starts a lot," she said. "And with short distance sprinting it definitely helps, because on the field that's just basically what I do is short sprints."

"And doing the 400 (meter dash) also helped with my endurance, because you need to train for longer in that. I think it helped."

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Here comes Plymouth junior forward Madi Lewis (No. 14), racing for a 50/50 ball with Canton's Alex Bryden during a recent game.

## Pheasant Run hosts Publinx

Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton is set to host the Michigan Publinx Medal Play tournament Saturday and Sunday.

The 54-hole event, one of the premier amateur golf events held in Michigan annually, is moving from nearby Fellows Creek.

"Adding Pheasant Run to the mix truly gives Canton two exceptional public championship tested golf venues," said Greg Bore, PGA head golf pro at Pheasant Run. "This event will offer qualified golfers a chance to take on many of the best amateur players in the state."

Contestants will compete in a two-day tournament within two divisions. A champion for the gross and net division will be awarded the Lee Goh's Classic Trophy for their fine play.

The Michigan Publinx Golf Association is one of the original organizations established to serve golfers in the state. To check the status of the event or if interested in competing, visit [www.mipublinx.com](http://www.mipublinx.com).

Pheasant Run Golf Course is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. The 27-hole layout covers more than 300 acres of rolling terrain, and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish. For more information, visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org) or call (734) 397-6460.

## Soccer equipment drive

As part of the Soccer Aid for Hope project, a soccer equipment drive will take place Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27, at the 2012 Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

The drive is slated from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at Independence Park (Denton Road, south of Cherry Hill).

All soccer equipment will be donated to the Achievers Football Club and Futbol Club Leveriza in the Philippines.

Among needed items: jerseys, shorts, socks, T-shirts, soccer cleats, indoor soccer shoes, running shoes, goalie jerseys and gloves, warmups, bags/backpacks, soccer balls, shin guards, cones, practice pinnies/vests and ball air pumps.

For more information, contact Mark Mangune at [mark.mangune@gmail.com](mailto:mark.mangune@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/SoccerAidforHope](http://www.facebook.com/SoccerAidforHope).

# 'Cats drop bid for conference title

Plymouth's bid for the KLAA Kensington Conference girls soccer championship washed away with the rain Monday night.

The host Wildcats (10-2-3, 9-0-1 in the KLAA South) were trounced 7-2 by Northville.

Things looked promising in the first half for Plymouth as sophomore Sydney Rouse and junior Morgan Klabunde each found the back of the Mustangs net to go up 2-1. Rouse finished a

feed from junior forward Madi Lewis and Klabunde fired a cross from Zoe Foster into the cage.

But Northville tallied an own-goal to tie the contest and went up 3-2 at halftime on Mallory Weber's goal.

It was all Mustangs in the second half, however. "Not one of our better efforts," said Jeff Neschich, head coach of the KLAA South Division champions.

**SALEM 1, CHURCHILL 0**

(PKs): The two Kensington Conference teams played to a scoreless draw through 80 minutes of regulation and two minutes of overtime Monday night before the Rocks (9-6-1) prevailed in a shootout at Livonia Churchill (4-8-5).

Salem converted all four chances in penalty kicks with senior Kaitlynn Krause tallying the game-winner. Also finding the mark in PKs were Olivia Kaye, Hayley Rogers and Emily Lundh.

Salem goalkeeper Ali Eggenger earned her sixth shutout of the year. Churchill made two-of-four with Kelsey Parrinello and Erin Emmanuel converting.



Canton Cup tournament director Darryl Noel and his family can't wait for the games to begin Friday. From left are wife Patty, daughter Julia, Darryl, son Tyler and daughter Nicole. Julia and Tyler will play for Canton Celtic teams; Nicole (a member of Plymouth's varsity girls soccer team) will help out with scorekeeping.

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Then in the fifth, Cassidy Hewitt singled and Brooke Senkbeil laid down a sacrifice bunt that turned into a throwing error, giving Plymouth runners on second and third with nobody out.

Kayla Rebin then hit a sacrifice fly to center for the lead run, Lindsay Luton singled and Giordano followed with her round-tripper above the 200-

foot mark against Northville pitcher Laura Pond.

"We kind of regrouped (after falling behind 1-0)," Canfield said. "I told them, 'Let's not miss out on this opportunity. I want you to seize the moment because it doesn't come too often.'"

"We took a deep breath and it's like (we) collected ourselves and started over. ... I'm just really proud of this team."

Plymouth (29-6, 16-2 in the KLAA South Division) enjoyed the victory, fully aware that the championship game

for the overall KLAA is Wednesday against Lakeland (26-4, 15-1) and that the Wildcats and Central champion Mustangs (17-3, 14-2) will meet up again Tuesday in the Division 1 pre-district game at Salem.

"It will be another battle," Canfield said. "We already know each other. This (will be) the third time we've played each other. We have all the stats and I'm sure they (Mustangs) do, too."

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other venues.

Everything from recreational to elite teams to the Michigan Bucks-Hamilton FC Rage Professional Development League US Open Cup Qualifier match (noon Saturday at Independence Park) is on the docket (with 1,100 games).

Once again, kids who play for various Canton Celtic and Plymouth Reign teams will compete against squads from across Michigan and the Midwest and Canada.

Noel said the continuing popularity of the Canton Cup is linked to how soccer kids from the

1970s and 1980s are now raising children who are growing up entrenched in the sport.

Soccer is picking up where youth baseball fell off decades ago.

"Back in the '60s and '70s, soccer wasn't even on the radar here in Michigan," Noel emphasized. "... But now, with the explosion of soccer, and the quality of teams, you are starting to see second generation soccer players."

"The way I was trained in baseball was my dad showed me, so I started off at an early age. Now what you're seeing is a lot of these soccer players who are now parents, who are teaching their children at a young age."

Noel and his wife, Patty — whom he credits

with keeping his family going while he spent endless hours mapping out the 2012 tourney — head one of those soccer-loving families.

They have two children (Julia, Tyler) competing for Canton Celtic teams and another (Nicole) helping out with scorekeeping duties. Nicole also plays varsity girls soccer at Plymouth High School.

"It's a shared family experience," he added.

If all goes according to plan this time around, with no constant rains morphing soccer pitches into mosh pits, many more families will leave Canton knowing exactly what that means.

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## LEWIS

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There's no doubt Lewis can get from Point A to Point B quickly and rip shots to all four corners of the goal when she gets opportunities.

As proof, Lewis is at the top of the team's all-time list for goals in a season, but she doesn't care about individual stats.

In fact, coach Jeff Neschich described her as so nice and selfless that "she'd play defense if I wanted her to."

That's probably not needed this spring, but nice information to have for any coach with championship aspirations as the Wildcats have this year.

"Madi makes a difference," Neschich said during a recent practice. "She's blessed with a lot of speed, she's also a very talented soccer player. She has good touch, and good sense for going to the goal. You can tell she's played at a high level."

The future looks pretty bright, too. Lewis is making lists of national prospects (including one by ESPN.com) and has verbally committed to play college soccer at the University of Michigan.

Neschich, who also coaches Plymouth's boys team in the fall, likened the rise of Lewis to one of his former players — Colin Rolfe, a two-time All-American at Louisville who now is playing professionally for the Houston Dynamo. "As a coach, it's awesome," Neschich said. "I'm blessed to have players with the kind of talent she does, but you know, it's not just one player."

"We've got a really good core group of kids that have a lot of experience here. It's nice to add that piece to the puzzle that we already had going here."



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*'You need to have the mindset of working hard, and you need to put the effort out there because it's not just going to come easy.'*

**MADI LEWIS**  
Plymouth junior

During a recent practice, Lewis said soccer has always been her favorite sport to play. It's just that MHSAA rules would not permit her to play prep soccer her freshman and sophomore years because she was playing for the Livonia-based Michigan Hawks club team.

So during those years, she ran track — namely the 100, 200 and 400 dashes, 100 hurdles and sprint relays. Her name is on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record board, too.

### Effort counts

Lewis said the two sports have something basic in common.

"You need to have the mindset of working hard, and you need to put the

effort out there because it's not just going to come easy," Lewis said. "I think that the harder you work, the easier things will come."

A different kind of goal she hopes comes along is another trip deep into the Division 1 state tournament. In 2010, the Wildcats reached the finals, only to lose to Novi.

Lewis watched from the stands, lamenting not being able to help her schoolmates out.

"I don't regret running track at all, because I loved it and I made a ton of friends," she said. "But when I went to the state game, I really wished I was there."

"And also when they lost last year (in the districts to Canton) I wanted to be there, and be there for the team. ... I want to get there (in 2012). I think we all do."

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# 'Stangs sting Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity baseball team Monday could not complete what would have been quite a double play for the decade-old high school, falling behind early to visiting Northville and losing 4-1 in the KLAA Kensington Conference championship game.

On the adjacent field, the softball Wildcats defeated Northville 5-1, giving Plymouth its first-ever conference title in that sport.

The loss was a bitter pill to swallow for Plymouth senior catcher Rich Guglielmi, because the Northville pitcher that stymied the Wildcats (Matt Stojkov) is going to be a college teammate next year with Guglielmi and Canton senior Ryan Bazner at Saginaw Valley State University.

"He (Stojkov) is a good pitcher, he threw a lot of fast balls by us and fooled us on a lot of curve balls," Guglielmi said. "He kept us off-balance. He pitched well. But we didn't hit well, they hit well and that's the game of baseball."

Guglielmi noted that the loss was the second of the year to the Mustangs in 2012, and that the two division champions will meet up again Tuesday (May 29) in a Division 1 pre-district game at Salem. That means one of the two top-seeded teams in the districts will be quickly bounced from the state tournament.

"They beat us twice," he said. "We do not want to lose to them a third time in a row."

Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd, whose team dropped to 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the conference, said players hopefully will learn from the loss when the pre-district game rolls around.

"This was the tune-up for that," Boyd said.

"They got it today, hopefully we can get it next Tuesday. We obviously wanted to win the conference title, but at the same time, if we beat them next Tuesday, we're going to feel pretty good about ourselves."

A two-run first immediately put the Wildcats into a hole, and Stojkov made sure they never climbed out of it.

Scoring chances were few and far between. Plymouth put two runners on base to open the second (Guglielmi, hit by a pitch; Casey Sudz, single) but could not push across a run.

Northville then upped its lead to 3-0 in the third against Plymouth starter Austin Ebeling. With one out, Brendan Patrone doubled to right-center and scored on a single to right by Trevor Maresh.

The Wildcats sliced that lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the inning, with Matt Janke tripling over the center fielder's head and scoring on a wild pitch.

Northville padded the spread to three runs again with a tally in the fifth, with Patrone scoring the run with a single.

Plymouth could not spark any kind of comeback, however. After scoring in the third, the Wildcats could only muster a single by Brian Schmid and back-to-back walks to start the seventh by Sudz and Schmid.

"They're a very good team," Boyd said. "You got to make plays against a team like that. There were a couple plays we didn't make. Frankly, we made a lot of plays, too; we turned three double plays that kept us in the game."

"But we just missed out on a couple big hits here and there."

**Tripleheaders:** On Saturday, Plymouth played a triple-header against the three teams from Farmington Public Schools. After losing 4-1 to Farmington, Rich Guglielmi's walk-off homer gave the Wildcats a 6-5 victory over Farmington

Harrison in the second tilt. Collecting the win in relief was Brian Schmid.

Plymouth wrapped up the busy day with a 4-3 win over North Farmington. Pitcher Nick Sandberg threw a complete game for the win.

Canton also played a tripleheader Saturday at PCEP, winning 3-0 over North Farmington and 9-5 over Harrison but losing 5-3 to Farmington.

Ryan Bazner struck out nine and threw a one-hitter in the win over North, with Nick Hazergian pitching one inning for the save. Jake Boucher went 3-for-3 with two RBI with Mike Stafford doubling and scoring a run. Against the Hawks, Alex Cole pitched into the fourth for the win with Riley Regner hitting a grand slam while going 3-for-4 with five RBI. James Hall helped out with two hits and two runs.

The Chiefs could not muster enough offense to support the pitching of David Blythe (three runs over 5 1/3 innings) against Farmington. Bazner did chip in with two hits and an RBI.

**CANTON 4, STEVENSON 3:** Josh DeYonker went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI, but it wasn't enough Monday as Livonia Stevenson fell to host Chiefs (17-7) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Riley Regner, Chad Russell and winning pitcher Nick Hazergian each had an RBI for Canton, which scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the victory.

Hazergian went all seven innings, allowing three runs on seven hits. He struck out five and walked four.

Losing pitcher Chris McDonald also threw all seven, allowing two earned runs on three hits and five walks. The senior right-hander struck out five.

McDonald also went 2-for-3, while Jake Semak also had an RBI for Stevenson.

**SALEM 2, WAYNE 1:** Josh Penn threw a complete-game four-hitter Monday as the Rocks edged host Wayne Memorial (12-16) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Penn struck out five, walked one and hit one batter to outduel Wayne starter Zach Lankton, who also went all seven innings while allowing just four hits.

Lankton struck out eight and walked four.

Tyler McCurry went 2-for-3 and scored Wayne's only run in the first inning on a Salem outfield throwing error.

Kyle Penn's RBI single made it 1-1 in the third and Justin Sydlowski scored the game-winning run on the passed ball in the fourth for Salem.

## AMADO

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so far, so good."

No. 1 on the Amado checklist is finishing in the top-eight in any of his three events at the finals, which would earn him all-state status. Last year, he just missed out. Nailing down a college track scholarship would be 1A.

To get to where he wants to go, Amado doesn't mind falling occasionally while sprinting, launching and landing around the PCEP track. He'll just pick himself up and take aim at the next hurdle in his path.

"Flat running is completely different than hurdles," said Amado, following in the footsteps of recent Salem all-state hurdlers Baze Efremov and Scott O'Connor. "When you're up against an obstacle like that, you have to time it perfectly or else you fall and hit yourself on the track and then you're out for a couple races."

### The right way

Sprinters might get the limelight. But Amado is finding plenty of it headed his way as he continues to work, grind and smoothly scale hurdles in his path.

"I've been doing this seriously for three years now," Amado said. "I've been going to practice every day, I think it's just like a continuous flow going to practice, working hard and trying to get better and better."

It helps being familiar with the track and hurdles at PCEP, where KLAA and regional meets were held this season.

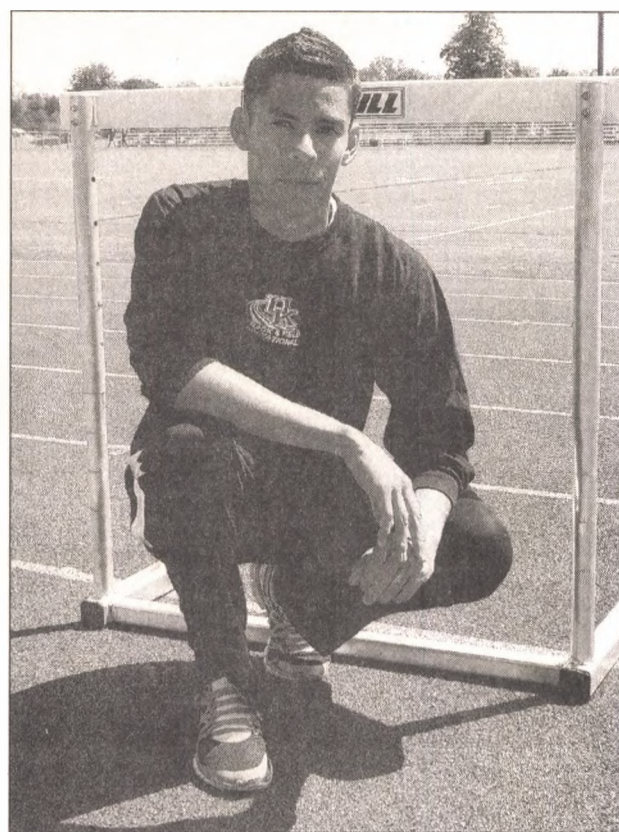
"People always perform better at home," he said. "These are my hurdles, this is my track, I'm used to it. I kind of have that advantage over the other guys."

Amado also has worked hard with Salem assistant coaches during his prep career to improve his technique and maximize strength and flexibility through a pre-practice stretching regimen. He augmented that by joining the Michigan Accelerators Track Club after his sophomore season.

And he could always use teammates such as Efremov and O'Connor as sounding boards for how to tweak his approach.

Now, he doesn't mind being available to help younger guys.

"You need to have the right form, that's really important," Amado said. "Some people can run super fast in an open event, but then they run hurdles and have terrible



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

When it comes to running hurdles, Salem senior Joe Amado is all business. He will compete in the Division 1 state meet on June 2.

### THE AMADO FILE

**Who:** Salem senior hurdler Joe Amado, 17 of the varsity boys track and field team.  
**Elite:** Amado is undefeated this season in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles, having set new Salem school records this season in each. He will compete at the June 1 Division 1 state finals in both events, as well as with teammates Colin McCormack, Chase Minshew and Thom Crawford in the

1,600-meter relay.  
**Hello:** Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer immediately saw promise in Amado when the latter competed in an eighth-grade track meet. Meteyer said Amado has progressed from a "skinny little freshman" into an athlete who has potential to excel with a college team.  
**Family:** Amado's parents are Jose and Maria Amado.

form.

"The guy with the better form will win. To be a really good hurdler, you got to have both, speed and good form. Land strong on your toes and get three steps to the next hurdle."

Concurring was Meteyer, who added that hurdlers deserve to get more credit than they usually receive.

"Hurdlers are I think the most versatile kids on the track team," Meteyer said. "It takes a lot more coordination to do hurdles than run the 100-meter dash or a 200. Those guys (hurdlers) have to put in a lot more time to learn the technique."

"(With the) 100, more or less you have it or you don't. Hurdles? Not so much. You can be a mediocre sprinter and turn into a very good hurdler with some work on technique."

### Smooth as silk

Of course, mediocrity and Joe Amado have nothing in common whether doing hurdles or running events.

"He's the smoothest hurdler I've seen in high

school this year," Meteyer said. "Other guys might have a little more foot speed, a little more explosiveness. Joe's the smoothest one over the hurdles."

And it was Amado's momentum-seizing second leg of the 1,600 relay at regionals that enabled the Rocks to win that race and finish first in the team standings.

All of that, as well as being as coachable as they come, are why the veteran coach sees a bright future somewhere at the collegiate level.

"Some guys can go on to college and maybe they're not as coachable or maybe they peaked in their running," summed up Meteyer. "I think Joe has a lot more to offer, especially in the college 400 hurdles because he's a good 400 runner, too."

With every high-profile meet that Amado sails through this spring, it looks as if a college track and field coach somewhere will happily find that out very soon.

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# Eagles grounded by HVL

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

A dazzling, 17-strikeout performance by Plymouth Christian Academy senior pitcher Daniel Slater should have been the story Tuesday on the team's Senior Day game against Huron Valley Lutheran.

Instead, Slater had little support in the field and at the plate and the visiting Hawks pounced for a 5-2 victory in a contest to determine the second-place finisher in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Red Division.

Huron Valley improved to 11-4 overall and 10-3 in the MIAC Red while PCA dropped to 12-6, 10-4. Although the teams could finish tied record-wise in the division, the Hawks now own the tie-breaker.

"This team (Hawks) has turned out to be our nemesis," PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said. "In the last three years we've played them eight times and lost seven."

"I think we're pretty equal talent-wise, but they just did a lot better job of catching and throwing than we did today. I was really impressed with their defense."

Conversely, fielding woes hurt the Eagles. With two outs and

nobody on in the top of the first, a ground ball skirted through a PCA infielder's legs and before the frame ended, there were three infield hits and two Huron Valley runs (with RBI hits by Alex Harris and James Brown).

Hawks lefthander Ryan Schaffer, who allowed just five hits in a complete-game effort, shut the door except for a two-run homer by PCA's Daniel Jipping in the sixth (following a walk to Ben Cockrum (2-for-2, one run).

That blast to left only sliced the PCA deficit to 4-2.

Schaffer (3-for-3, three runs) also swung a big stick, tripling down the right-field line to open the fifth against Slater.

He scored on a subsequent two-bagger into the left-field corner by Alex Harris (3-for-3, two runs, three RBI).

"(Schaffer's) been consistent as of late, he hits the ball, whether it's a single or a home run he hits the ball," Hawks head coach Matthew Schaeve said. "And (on the mound) he was really good today with his control."

"He struggled with it the last couple games, but today he was really on the ball with it."

After the homer by Jipping (1-for-3), Huron Valley got a run back in the

seventh when Harris doubled to bring home Schaffer (who singled with one out).

The way the contest played out disappointed Bottorff, who would have liked to have seen Slater rewarded for his strong pitching. (As part of Senior Day, both Slater and outfielder Jon Beauchemin were introduced before the game.)

"He is a real competitor on the mound, he really goes after hitters and throws hard," Bottorff said. "When he has his slider working, like he did today, he can get a lot of strikeouts."

"... Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't help him out a whole lot. But he gets 17 by himself and you'd think we'd be able to get the other four without giving up five runs. But we had a little trouble with that."

The Eagles might soon have a chance for redemption against the Hawks, however. Both teams along with Lutheran Westland comprise a Division 4 district hosted by PCA on Saturday, June 2.

PCA will face the Warriors at 10 a.m. with the winner then facing Huron Valley for the district title.

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#### DUAL MATCH RESULTS CANTON 166

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**Canton scorers:** Donnie Trospier, 38 (medalist); Tyler McMahan, 40; Brent Perry and Alex Chapagne, 44 each; Josh Maxam, 45; Justin Legel, 46.

**Churchill scorers:** Eric Hill and Cory Dare, 42 each; Ben Proben and Dom DiLisi, 43 each; Nick Proben, 45; Brian Sexton, 49.

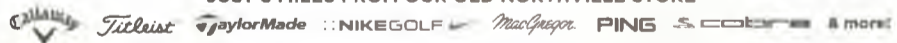
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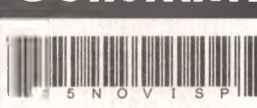
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Successful walk



Participants stroll through Westland earlier this month during the annual CROP walk. Approximately 143 individuals, including members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church of Wayne, First United Methodist Church of Wayne, Good Hope Lutheran of Garden City, Grace Moravian of Westland, Kirk of Our Savior of Westland, Prince of Peace Lutheran of Westland, St. Mary Catholic of Wayne, and St. Richard Catholic of Westland, walked to raise awareness of global and local hunger. The group raised \$12,500 for Church World Service. A quarter of those funds will be returned to four organizations in the Wayne-Westland community.

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Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.

May

**CLOTHING BANK**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** "Free" clothing and shoes to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734)404-2480

**TRASH, TREASURES**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 1-2  
**Location:** Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton  
**Details:** Annual Trash and Treasure Sale will include toys, kitchen and holiday items, hobby-related goods and some furniture. No clothing. Bag sale is after noon Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 495-0035

June

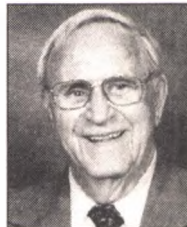
**GARAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** "Great Expectations Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480; www.cantoncf.org  
**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28  
**Location:** Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
**Details:** The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers help for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

**WIDOWED FRIENDS**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13  
**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. RSVP by June 6  
**Contact:** Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

**BAASE, RONALD LEE, SR.**  
Age 68, May 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Maryann. Loving father of Ron (Carylyn) Jr., Bianca (Dave) Sarns and David (Paula). Grandfather of Donnielle, Shalen, Colin, Zach and Megan. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM. Please share a memory of Ron at www.rggrharris.com.



**DESROCHERS, II JOSEPH**  
Age 68 of Livonia, May 20, 2012. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Joseph DesRochers III. Dear brother of Ann (Harvey) Hamel, the late Ernest, and Joseph (Carol) Santelio. Joseph leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan) Livonia. Thursday May 24, 2012 from 3-9PM with a 7PM Rosary Service. Funeral services will be held at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd Livonia, Mi. Friday instate 10:00 AM, Mass 10:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please share your memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



**KENYON, RAYMOND B.**  
Asheville, NC. Raymond Burdette Kenyon, age 86, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012 at Mission Hospital. Ray was born in Woodland Township of Barry County in Michigan on June 3, 1925 to the late Ernest Adelbert Kenyon and Ina Mae Will Kenyon. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Granger Kenyon. Ray came from a large family of four brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Hastings High School in Michigan, class of 1943, and was class President. He then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan. Ray was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Europe in 1944 and 1945. In the 1960's, he was a proud member of the Garden City School Board. Ray worked for Ford Motor Company from 1962 to 1985 in Dealer Development and was a member of Lake Lure Fairfield Chapel in Lake Lure. Ray is survived by his three children; a son, Frederick Kenyon; two daughters, Pavanne Kenyon Lapham and Amy Kenyon; two sisters, Lois Finkbeiner and Jean Jowett; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and Margy Herrmann, his close companion for seven years, and her three daughters. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at Lake Lure Fairfield Mountains Chapel, 1384 Buffalo Creek Road, Lake Lure, NC 28746 with Reverend Everette Chapman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CarePartners Hospice in Asheville, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian, Arden, N.C. is assisting the family and the memorial register is available online at: www.grocefunealhome.com



**RODRIGUEZ, RANDY RAY**  
MAY 20, 2012  
Born January 19, 1950. Age 62. Lived in Westland for over 55 years. Husband of Donna (nee Blackwell). Son of Etta (Cochran) and the late Andrew. Father of Robert, Andy, Natalie (fiance David). Brother of Caroline, Rodney, Kathelene, Andrew Dean (Sherrill). Randy left behind many Uncles, Aunts, cousins and their families, and friends who gathered in Irish Hills for family reunions. Worked with friends and his brothers from Local #412 at Detroit Diesel in Redford for over 30 years. Attended the Wayne-Westland school system and graduated as the State Champion wrestler in his weight class from Wayne Memorial High School in 1968. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 22nd at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Memories and thoughts can be made at griffinfuneralhome.com.



**BOUGHTON, ROBERT CARL**  
Was born in Wayne, Michigan February 13, 1979, the oldest son of John and Louise Boughton. He attended Livonia Churchill High as a member of the Math, Science and Computers Program. He went on to attend Michigan Tech University, where he received a Bachelor's in Computer Science and Secondary Education. Rob always enjoyed working with people. For many years he served as the Tournament Director for the American Contract Bridge League. Robert also played Bridge and had reached the status of a Bronze Life Master. He also worked for the Observer Newspapers and was an Eagle Scout. Robert enjoyed playing trivia every Thursday with his family. Robert is survived by his parents, John and Louise Boughton as well as his sister April (Clark) Smalley and brothers Ryan and Ross Boughton. He is the grandson of Robert (the late Anna) Boughton and the late Carl Arthur (the late Dorothy) Nelson. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia and took place earlier this week. He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in his honor. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com To leave condolences for Rob's family.

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**TAFT, WILLIAM D.**  
May 18, 2012, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Joann. Dear father of Gregg (Ann), Susan (Gary) Matthews & William (Maggie). Loving grandfather of six & great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Lois Simmons. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan or Lapham Cemetery. For further info or to leave a memory or condolence, please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com  
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