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**Tempting Tony**

Is a haircut in the near future for Tony Bruscato?

The director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (and former *Plymouth Observer* reporter) is being heavily recruited to take part in the annual head-shaving fundraiser for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money and awareness for childhood cancer.

Eric Bacynski, who organizes the annual effort, started a Facebook campaign this week to convince Bruscato to get his head shaved for charity. Ironically, Bruscato doesn't have a Facebook page.

No word yet on whether Bruscato will relent.

**Mother's Day**

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

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

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

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(Clockwise from upper right) John Patrick Egan, John Patrick Egan, John Patrick Egan and John Patrick Egan. The four namesakes were together for the first time at a gathering earlier this month.

**Quadruple play**

Meet John Patrick Egan — times four

By **Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Some introductions were easy at a recent family reunion in Plymouth Township: John Patrick Egan, John Patrick Egan, John Patrick Egan and John Patrick Egan.

The four John Patricks — ranging in age from 87 to not yet five months — were together for the first time April 13 at Independence Village, where the oldest John Patrick, 87, and his wife, Alice, have lived for a couple of years.

All are first-born sons who, with the newest generation, have made a circle from New York City to Michigan and back again. "Came all the way back around with the fourth generation," said John P. Egan III, whose son was born Jan. 31 in New York.

**Irish roots**

The senior John Patrick, the son of Denis Egan, an immigrant from Ireland who became a New York



Relatives line up to photograph four generations of John Patrick Egan.

police officer, grew up in Queens and was a long-time accountant with Ford Motor Co. who retired more than 20 years ago. He and Alice Egan settled on Ross Street in Plymouth in 1962.

Their son John Patrick II grew up in Plymouth and is a gastroenterologist in the Muskegon area, where he lives with his wife, Guadalupe, who is called Lupita.

Their son John Patrick III is also a doctor, currently in a fellowship program

in pulmonary and critical care at New York University's Langone Medical Center. His wife, Celia, also a doctor, is doing her residency in internal medicine through Cornell University at New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

Their son John Patrick IV is a cute, wide-eyed baby who was getting lots of attention during the Independence Village get-together and prompting laughs with the "Visitor No.

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**CSX fire disrupts trains**

By **Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

A fire at the CSX Corp. railroad yard in Plymouth disrupted train traffic in the area Thursday afternoon, backing up trains until later in the day.

No one was hurt in the fire, which started above the dropped ceiling in the rail yard off Junction Street, said Lt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department.

Davison said the "smoking, smoldering" fire was electrical in origin and is not considered suspicious.

"The employees were smelling something throughout the day, apparently, then they saw smoke, and that's when they called," Davison said.

The fire department responded with three engines from Plymouth, a ladder truck from Plymouth, and another engine from Northville, plus 17 firefighters, Davison said. Firefighters had to break open the door to the padlocked equipment room, and attacked the fire with foam, he said.

Power had to be shut off to the building, Davison said, and the incident affected railroad

crossing gates, signals and switches in the area, and trains had to be kept out of the yard until firefighters cleared it.

Davison said fire crews were there for about an hour. They pulled down parts of the dropped ceiling to make sure there were no pockets of fire left.

At the rail crossing over Beck Road, just north of M-14, the incident caused the crossing arms to go down, even with no train, and the crossing arms had to be removed, said City Manager Paul Sincoc. The crossing arms were still gone Friday morning, Sincoc said.

A CSX spokeswoman could not be reached for comment Friday.

Davison said it's fortunate firefighters, who are on call, were at the ready when the fire was reported. They had just returned from providing mutual aid at another fire and guarding electrical wires, downed by a Thursday afternoon storm, at two sites in Plymouth Township, he said.

"We had guys in the station when this one came in," he said.

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**Fun, facts, food and free info at Tuesday's expo**

Free admission, free parking, free entertainment, free information and exhibits along with complimentary morning refreshments by McDonald's and Awrey Bakery are part of the 10th annual Spring Expo experience.

The *Observer & Eccentric Media* presents the Spring Expo (formerly known as the Senior Expo) with a special lineup of guest speakers, more than 50 exhibits and entertainment by award-winning gospel artist Vickie Winans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for active adults fea-



Winans offers valuable information and resources from local experts on all things

from healthy eating to exercise to financial planning.

The first 100 attendees through the door will receive a pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's coupon for a four-square cheese pizza courtesy of O&E Media. In addition, there will also be a drawing every hour for prizes and gift cards.

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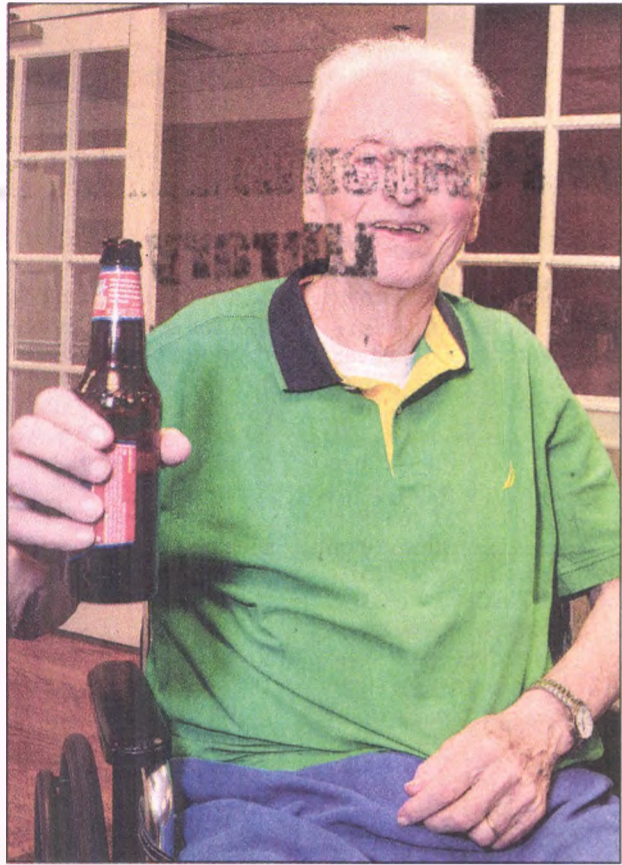
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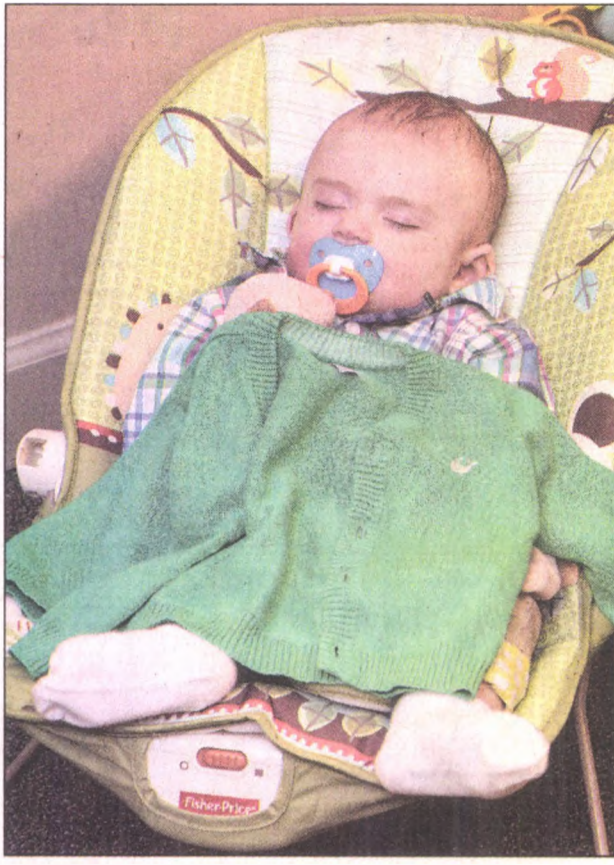
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The eldest John Patrick Egan celebrates.



John Patrick Egan rests up for the photo shoot. He's the youngest of the four, at five months old.

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1" badge he was wearing.

**Mexican influence**

The name thing has become a tradition, obviously, in the Egan family, and family members say it stems from their love for each other and the Mexican influence on the Egans. Lupita Egan, a retired Spanish professor, was born in Mexico, and explained that it is a strong tradition there to name first-born sons after their fathers.

"Simple. Didn't have to think about it," said her husband, John P. Egan II.

"It was automatic," his wife said, "and with (her son) John, too, there was no question."

Spanish language skills — John Patrick II studied medicine at Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, where Lupita taught him Spanish, and their John Patrick

grew up bilingual — have also become a family tradition. John Patrick III is able to communicate with his hospital's Spanish-speaking patients and their families, and even the youngest John Patrick, who has a Peruvian nanny, is picking it up.

"She talks to him all the time in Spanish. I'm very happy," his grandmother, Lupita Egan, said.

For the record, there are other Egans: Lupita and her husband have a younger son, Michael, a social worker in Grand Rapids, while Alice and John Patrick Sr. have another son, Denis, of Farmington Hills, and two daughters, Mary Alice Gillespie of Denver (who couldn't make the reunion) and Lisa Hominga of Plymouth Township.

"We're a very close family," Lupita Egan said. "We're very fortunate."

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**Drug take-back**

Cleaning out dresser drawers or medicine cabinets this spring?

Don't toss or flush those outdated and unused prescriptions — take them instead to the Plymouth Township Police Department on Saturday, April 27, for safe disposal.

The department, at 9955 North Haggerty, just north of Ann Arbor Road, is participating in the National Take-Back Initiative, an opportunity for the public to bring unwanted prescription medicines to their local police to keep the drugs out of the waste stream and, possibly, the wrong hands.

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# Literacy advocate 'wanted everybody to have a chance'

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Janet Campbell, who helped start the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, was on the Plymouth District Library's first Board of Directors and long remained active at the library, died Monday at age 78.

Campbell, a resident of Plymouth Township for about 40 years, had been ill for about two years, said her husband, Malcolm, who is known by his middle name, David.

She was described as active, outspoken and invested in the community, particularly when it came to education.

"She was an avid reader," said David Campbell, a retired dentist who practiced in Dearborn. "Thought very highly of education, and reading was part of that. She taught many people, adults, how to read."

"She had very strong opinions. She was very concerned about being fair, about the welfare of the community," said Pat Thomas, the library director. "She wanted everybody to have a chance."

Mrs. Campbell was born in Alabama, David Campbell said, but moved to Michigan at six months old and lived in the state for the rest of her life.

She graduated from Michigan State University and taught school in Dearborn, but devoted most of her career to raising their children and her community activism.

Education was Mrs. Campbell's focus, her husband said: she started a junior Great Books program and was active



Mrs. Campbell

in the 4-H (the Campbells raised cattle and sheep years ago) and with the Literacy Council. She was a member of a local women's book club that met monthly.

In 1986, said Thomas, she took office as part of the first library board, serving for eight years, and serving again briefly in 1998, filling in for a board member who had resigned.

"She was very forthright in what she thought," Thomas said. "You knew where she was coming from."

Mrs. Campbell was instrumental in getting a 1994 millage passed for the construction of the current library building; others wanted to go to voters earlier in the 1990s, Thomas said, but Mrs. Campbell "felt very strongly that the time wasn't right." A community survey confirmed her sense, Thomas said.

"We all went back to square one and started looking at it again," Thomas said.

David Campbell said his wife liked to travel. They traveled the world together, with him providing dental services or offering lectures on dentistry, and his wife jumping in to help however she could.

He recalled a trip to China in the early 1980s, when his wife took an educational interest in the young men assigned to guide them (although David Campbell suspects the intent was to watch

them). One Chinese man, he said, had started to teach himself English.

"In the couple of weeks that we were there, Janet worked with him almost every day, and really helped him improve his English and his understanding of our country and democracy," David Campbell said.

Campbell and Thomas said Mrs. Campbell had a good sense of humor and liked to laugh.

When they lived in Dearborn, David Campbell said, she was active in the Parent-Teacher Association at Stout Middle School, and when they moved to the township, his wife joked that they were moving because she didn't want to be the president of the "Stout Mothers."

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Campbell's survivors include a daughter Mary Catherine Campbell; daughter Elizabeth McCullough and her husband, Robert; son David and his wife, Patty; son Douglas and his wife, Emily; and by a brother, Jim Cauhorn, a sister, Mary Lukens, and seven grandchildren.

A funeral was to be held Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, and visitation was held at Vermuelen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170, or to the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, 46501 Warren, Canton, MI 48187.

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## EXPO

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Larry Ruehlen of O&E Media will offer up Facebook tips and strategies for social media users.

In addition, get your photo with the Fathead@Wall Graphics of Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander and first baseman Prince Fielder. An O&E photographer will take your photo and post it on a special photo gallery at hometownlife.com for your friends and family to see.

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

The expo's exclusive

gold level sponsor is Comfort Dental Spa of Farmington Hills. Featured speaker is Dr. Aziza Askari, who will discuss "Your Mouth, Your Body."

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital joins the expo as the entertainment sponsor. Winans, a Grammy-nominated, Stellar Award and NAACP Award winning artist, is known as the "hardest-working woman in gospel music." Winans promises an inspirational show for

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Schoolcraft College will sponsor several demonstrations, including the popular "Zumba Gold" and "Strength Training for Seniors" presented by American Health and Fitness.

See the complete list of speakers and topics in the Spring Expo section at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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## Robotics team earns shot at world title

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics 862 team went into last weekend's state robotics championships with one goal in mind: Earning a berth in the World Championships.

After leaving Eastern Michigan University ranked eighth in the state following their performance, Lightning Robotics 862 team members are booking hotel rooms in St. Louis.

At EMU, Plymouth-Canton made it to the quarterfinal round with an 8-4 record, then lost in the



Gov. Rick Snyder (that's him in the back row) stopped by to chat with members of the Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 team, which finished ranked eighth in the state and earned a trip to the world championship competition in St. Louis.

quarterfinal. The Number Eight ranking was good enough to get them to the

world competition, in St. Louis April 24-27. "Governor (Rick) Snyder

stopped by and talked to our students ... It was a very good weekend," said Jay Obsniuk, the robotics/electronics teacher who heads the team. "Now we're scrambling to find hotels and money to get to St. Louis."

In addition to qualifying for the world championships, Plymouth-Canton's team also earned one of the competition's most prestigious awards, the Entrepreneurship Award. Sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, the award "celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit and recognizes a team which has developed a comprehensive

business plan in order to define, manage and achieve team objectives."

The winning team "displays entrepreneurial enthusiasm and the vital business skills to ensure a self-sustaining program" and, Obsniuk said, "celebrates teams that look beyond the team website, taking into account the numerous ways people search for and consume content."

Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 could be in the running for the same award at the world championships, but it will need the help of its supporters and fans to win it, because one of the

requirements is having a Facebook page.

"(Supporters) who have Facebook pages and would consider 'liking' us should please do so," Obsniuk said. "It is part of getting the word out to the community about FIRST Robotics. If we can increase the number of likes, this will help us to be in the running for the award at the world championship."

Fans and supporters can use this link — [www.facebook.com/LightningRobotics](http://www.facebook.com/LightningRobotics) — to help the team.

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## Annual show focuses on students' art

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials open the doors next weekend to their fifth annual K-12 Art Show, the focus will be on the work produced by developing artists from elementary, middle and high schools all across the district.

The exhibit will feature more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork, selected by the district's visual art staff. Professional jurors will select winning entries based on composition, creativity, focus, craftsmanship, and technique.

But, while the focus is on the work, many hearts will be on the dedication. This year's show is being dedicated to the memo-



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Karen Siegel (left), coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts, and Dr. Jeremy Hughes, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, were happy to accept a \$2,000 check from Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership For Arts and Humanities. The money, donated by Ibox Insurance and Sysco Food Services, will fund a second day of the Plymouth-Canton Schools K-12 annual art show. The money was donated by Ibox Insurance and Sysco Food Services.

ry of longtime art teacher Kathy Levi, who devoted some 40 years to teaching students before passing

away in December. This year Paul Levi, fellow artist and husband of 33 years, will serve



The two-day P-CCS Art Show will feature art created by students K-12 from throughout the district.

as one of this year's Art Show Jurors.

"Some of our current teachers had Kathy as a teacher when they were in school," said Karen Siegel, who started as the district's visual and performing arts coordinator in December. "There

are about 900 kids a year in that program, so she impacted a lot of lives. When the idea (of dedicating the show to Levi) was proposed, there was unanimous support for it."

In addition to the artwork, the show will feature the talents of the district's culinary students, who are preparing desserts for attendees, and members of the district's music department, who will perform throughout the show. The district's radio station, 88.1 The Park, will also be broadcasting.

The show will be stretched over two days for the second year thanks to \$2,000 in donations wrangled by the Canton Partnerships for the Arts & Humanities.

The donations came from Ibox Insurance and Sysco Food Services. Last year, attendance went up by a wide margin thanks to the second day.

"We increased attendance by 25 percent last year with the second day," said Jill Engel, the partnership's director. "It gives people a chance to see this amazing artwork."

Siegel said the show will give students a chance to finish the artwork journey.

"To be complete, art needs to be seen," Siegel said. "(The show) is a showcase of everything K-12. You can see the breadth of what kids do. It's going to be awesome."

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# Final market closes winter season in Canton

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Tina Lloyd hesitates to say the "W" word. Winter.

And even though spring has technically arrived, today (Sunday) for the record marks the last Winter Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the historic Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill Road on Canton's far west side.

Lloyd, market manager, said the winter markets inside the barn, much like the outdoor warm-weather markets, have been a success.

"It's been great," she said. "The barn markets have always been well-attended."

The markets are intended to link Michigan vendors to local residents

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Look for a photo gallery of all submissions during the month of May at hometownlife.com.

who are encouraged to support area merchants by shopping locally.

Here's a look at today's market highlights featuring nearly 20 vendors:

- Market vendor Mary Jones of Intu Specialty Teas, before the market opens, appears live between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Fox 2 Detroit.

- Children can join in the market's seed-starting activity by planting sunflower seeds to take home and add to their

own garden. Look for the master gardener tent.

- The Miller Elementary Brownie Girl Scout Troop will be holding a final pasta collection — or cash donations — for the Canton-based Open Door Ministry food pantry, which helps over 450 people every week.

- Pick up the new recipe card for broccoli and white bean soup.

- Shoppers are encouraged to check out the market's fresh hoop-house-

grown produce, including mixed greens, spinach, radishes, arugula, lettuce, salad mix, chives and nettles). Frozen berries, peaches and rhubarb also will be available.

- Food for purchase includes kettle corn, farm eggs, gluten-free baking mixes, smoked fish, hand-blended teas, honey, artisan cheese, antibiotic- and hormone-free grass-fed meats, conventional meats, pierogi, pasties, sauces, mustards,

dressings, popcorn, sauerkraut, hand-cut jerky, meat sticks, granola, jam and baked goods including gluten free, sugar free and vegan.

- Arts and crafts will include hand-crafted soap, soy candles and room sprays.

- Participating vendors include Bobilin Honey, Boyer Meat Processing, Captain John's Smokehouse, Cellar Door Soap, Classique Bakes & Gifts, Crunch Granola, Day

Dream Cafe, Farmington Soap Works, Grace Savory & Sweet, Hand Sown Farm, Intu Specialty Teas, JKM Soy Candles, Jam by Hand, Kapnick Orchards, Natural Local Food Express, Prochaska Farms with Four Corners Creamery cheese, Good Times Kettle Corn, Sansonetti Sauces, Zingerman's Creamery.

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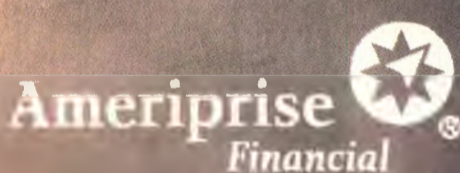
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# Sides make their cases on school bond

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

With a little more than two weeks to go before the May 7 election that will decide whether Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials get their \$114.4 million bond, support for the measure is beginning to crystallize.

And, more slowly, so is opposition.

Support has been much more visible to this point, with the formulation of the Vote Yes for PCCS Citizen Committee immediately following the Board of Education's approval of the election date. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce recently support-

ed the proposal, and it has drawn support from area legislators, as well.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, sent the district a letter earlier this month saying the bond "is in the best interests of our taxpayers." Heise, who serves as a trustee on the district's Educational Excellence Foundation and who has two kids in the district, said the proposal "benefits everyone in our district" and will help the district remain competitive in the face of uncertain funding.

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

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

### Not so sure

Plymouth resident Paul Garon isn't so sure. Garon, who said he will be organizing an effort to defeat the bond using a phone bank to call voters, said there are some things he likes about the bond — "We do need capital improvements to existing structures and computer labs," he said —

but doesn't like the idea of building a new middle school, and is upset with the timing of the bond.

Garon said he believes the board scheduled the election for May "taking advantage of the public by trying to 'slip this through' when most voters are still in snow-bird mode in places like Arizona and Florida."

"The new school is not needed," Garon said. "Enrollment is expected to take a steep decline in about five years and at around that time the fair market value of the Central property will be much greater. Those proceeds will be able to be put into the school treasury for spending."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said he hasn't formulated an opinion on the bond question, preferring to focus on state-level funding.

"There's a lot of good information out there on it, and I've heard arguments on both sides," Colbeck said. "(But) It's a local control issue, and I'm focused on the state budget right now."

But State Rep. Dian

Slavens, D-Canton, said the bond is necessary because the district needs to replace Central Middle School and make the technology improvements to "keep Plymouth-Canton schools competitive with other districts."

### Mixed bag

Support for the proposal is also mixed when it comes to local governments. Superintendent Jeremy Hughes has made presentations to both the Plymouth and Canton township boards of trustees, drawing different reactions from each. While the Canton Township board doesn't do "group" endorsements, at least five of its members — Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Trustees Steven Sneideman, Tom Yack and Pat Williams — have thrown their support behind it.

In a letter to the editor of the *Observer*, McLaughlin said the bond was necessary.

"Canton and Plymouth have long had a strong reputation for good schools," she wrote.

"With the advent of Proposal A, the P-C schools received a significantly reduced annual allotment per pupil, and have for years been 'robbing Peter to pay Paul' to keep our schools competitive and successful."

Plymouth Township board members had more questions, including the cost of the proposal and the need for a new middle school. Treasurer Ron Edwards questioned whether the district can keep its bond millage — the amount levied to pay for borrowing money — at 4.1 mills, as officials have pledged. And Clerk Nancy Conzelman questioned the need for a new middle school, saying that voters have previously rejected such plans and yet Central, on Main Street in the city of Plymouth, has been neglected.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said he's "troubled" by the technology portion of the proposal, particularly the 1:1 plan to give iPads to every student. He said the district's "cost of ownership" numbers are flawed.



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## Heise wants audit of DWSD

State Rep. Kurt Heise today announced a resolution urging Gov. Snyder and Detroit Emergency Financial Manager Kevin Orr to conduct an immediate audit of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department.

A recent decision by federal court Judge Cox dismissed the 1977 Clean Water Act case against the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"The DWSD has a long history of corruption, unreasonable rates,



Heise

secret meetings, no-bid contracts, and bloated bureaucracy," said Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "It's time to shine some light into the sewers and find out where our money is being spent. Detroiters, and our region, deserve nothing less."

The goal of the resolution is to urge the governor and Detroit EFM to examine the financial situation of the DWSD through an audit as the department heads toward a new model of governance. Heise has also introduced House Bill 4009, which would create the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Alliance, a regional structure for the DWSD.

The resolution was referred to the Local Government Committee.


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# Canton part of drug give-back program

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Striking back against prescription drug abuse that affects millions of Americans, Canton police and law-enforcement agencies across the nation are helping the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration dispose of potentially dangerous drugs.

To that end, township authorities are encouraging residents to remove prescription drugs they no longer need from their homes and bring them to the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Residents may discard drugs — no questions asked — by placing them in a drop box that will be set up in the police sta-

tion lobby.

“It makes for a safe and effective way for people to dispose of their unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs,” Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said Friday.

The national drug give-back initiative provides a unified, national effort to keep prescription drugs out of the wrong hands and to reduce the potential they could be abused or sold on the street. The DEA will dispose of the controlled substances.

Kerr stressed that only prescription pills can be accepted — not liquids or needles.

Local and national authorities say prescription drug abuse rates are alarmingly high across the nation, leading to addiction and accidental poi-

sonings and overdoses. Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs, according to a 2011 study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet.

One study by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicated more Americans are abusing psychotherapeutic pills, or prescription drugs, than the number of cocaine, heroin and hallucinogenic abusers combined.

Canton and other communities also have had incidents of pharmacy break-ins by suspects stealing prescription drugs.

Authorities say all too often, prescription drugs are left in medicine cabinets and other places long after they have been prescribed. In such cases, parents or guardians might not even notice when pills are missing.

Last September, during the last drug give-back program, the DEA collected 488,395 pounds — or 244 tons — of prescription medications that residents took to local and state law-enforcement agencies at 5,263 locations.

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During the last few years, the DEA has collected more than 2 million pounds of prescription drugs. The effort also is intended to warn people not to dispose of drugs by flushing them down toilets or throwing them in the trash — places where they can pose potential health and safety hazards.

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## W-W offers students high school choice

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2013-2014 school year for students in grades 9-11.

The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school. Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend a high school other than

their school of residency must submit a 2013-2014 Schools of Choice application that are available in each Wayne-Westland high school.

Schools of Choice applications for high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, through May 8. The applications received according to the time lines will permit selected students, if space is available, to begin the 2013-2014 school year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there

are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected at that time will be placed on a waiting list for the 2013-2014 school year.

A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his or her home school, if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year, provided all other conditions continue to be satisfied.

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## Don't get sold on gold — it's a risky investment

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters  
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percent of your portfolio in one item. Liquidate most of your holdings, and at most, keep five percent.

For investors, it's always important to understand risk. When most people think of risk they think of the stock market because the principal goes up and down.

However, there are other types of risk that investors need to account for. For example, there is purchasing power risk which means that even though your principal is not fluctuating, the purchasing power of your money is not keeping up. As far as I'm concerned, every investment, bar none, has risk. Gold is no dif-

ferent. Despite some of the commercials on TV, if you look at gold's performance over long periods of time you understand it can be a volatile, risky investment.

Keep in mind that goals and objectives go hand in hand with risk. A Certificate of Deposit (CD) may be a good investment in the short run, however, if your goals are long term, it's not so good. Before you invest in any investment make sure to identify the risk, see how it fits in your portfolio and always keep your individual goals and objectives in mind.

Good luck.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, email Rick at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com). Rick Bloom will be at the O&E Media Spring Expo discussing financial matters 10-10:45 Tuesday, April 23 in the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

## ADs headline chamber lunch

Tickets remain available for a luncheon in Livonia featuring a joint appearance by the athletic directors for the University of Michigan and Michigan State University to discuss the world of college athletics in Michigan, the Big Ten Conference, and NCAA.

U-of-M's Dave Brandon and MSU's Mark Hollis will speak at a multiple-chamber luncheon Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor, located on School-

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# Gordon Chevrolet helps out Wish Foundation

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Susan Ianni and her team at Gordon Chevrolet are experienced at fundraising for a variety of causes.

This year, however, the plight of children with cancer hits even closer to home because Ianni's 2½-year-old granddaughter, Lucy Smith of Canton Township, was recently diagnosed with ALL, a form of leukemia, a blood cancer.

Lucy has been added inspiration to Ianni, general manager of Gordon Chevrolet, and her crew, who are working to form a team to help with the Walk for Wishes for Children in Michigan.

Lucy is not on the list as a wish recipient, but Ianni hopes that her condition will influence the community to join the Gordon Chevrolet team as part of Make a Wish Foundation. The walk takes place from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 4, at the Detroit Zoo.

"There are currently 400 children with life-threatening medical conditions in Michigan waiting for wishes," said Sheri Barber, a team member who works in customer relations.

Participants have the use of the zoo until 5 p.m. that day. The general community can attend



Lucy Smith, 2½, who is undergoing chemotherapy for treatment of leukemia, gives her little sister Stella a kiss.

that day for \$15 per adult and \$5 per child.

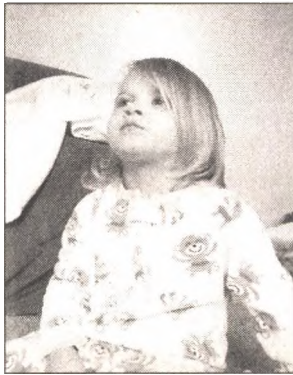
Gordon Chevrolet, located on Ford, just west of Merriman, will match donations.

Lucy, the daughter of Susan and Austin Smith of Canton Township, was diagnosed with ALL on Feb. 6. Coincidentally, Susan Smith works for Make a Wish as a community development manager. The Smiths also have a 4-month-old daughter Stella.

Ianni, their grandmother from Plymouth, said that her prognosis looks good and she is receiving chemotherapy treatments.

Lucy faces two years and two months of chemotherapy.

"She has a long battle," Ianni said. "I'm experiencing what these families go through when you have a sick child."



Lucy Smith, a 2½-year-old from Canton Township, who has leukemia, is a driving force toward Gordon Chevrolet's fundraising efforts for the Make A Wish Foundation. She is general manager Susan Ianni's granddaughter.

Ianni goes to the doctor's appointments with her daughter and son-in-law. She said going to the cancer ward and seeing all the children getting their treatments, is "so



Walking to help make wishes come true for seriously ill children are Gordon Chevrolet team members Dave Dorda of Wayne (front row, from left), Mona Saad of Dearborn Heights, Sheri Barber of Westland, Angella Schommer of Livonia, Susan Ianni of Plymouth (back row, from left), Donna Anderson of Westland and Dorene Bell of Garden City.

heartbreaking." While doctors treat their bodies, Make a Wish is for their spirit, Ianni said.

"It's so exhausting for the parents and the child," Ianni said. "It's unbelievable with what they have to go through."

The "wish" gives selected cancer patients something to look forward to and gives them a burst of energy.

"There's 400 children on the list waiting for wishes," Ianni said.

Each wish that is granted costs about \$8,000. The wait is the problem because Make a Wish has to raise the funds.

Ianni has fundraised for Make a Wish for 10 years. This is her fourth year doing the Walk for Wishes. Ianni hopes each team member can raise \$100.

The team is inviting the community to a Bunco party at 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford. The cost is \$20.

"So far, we have raised \$1,800," Ianni said. "My team goal is \$10,000."

The team is also selling magnetic stars to go on the refrigerator or on the car.

Besides Make a Wish, Gordon Chevrolet also fund raises for Catch, the

Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Relay for Life, Cougars Care Cafe in Garden City, and Toys for Tots and Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children.

"The philosophy at the dealership has always been that we have to do community service and we have to do charity work," Ianni said.

They always have bottle drives.

To join the team or to donate, call Sheri Barber, customer relations, at (734) 458-5238 or visit GordonChevrolet.com.

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# Elks host veterans for steak lunch, concert

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

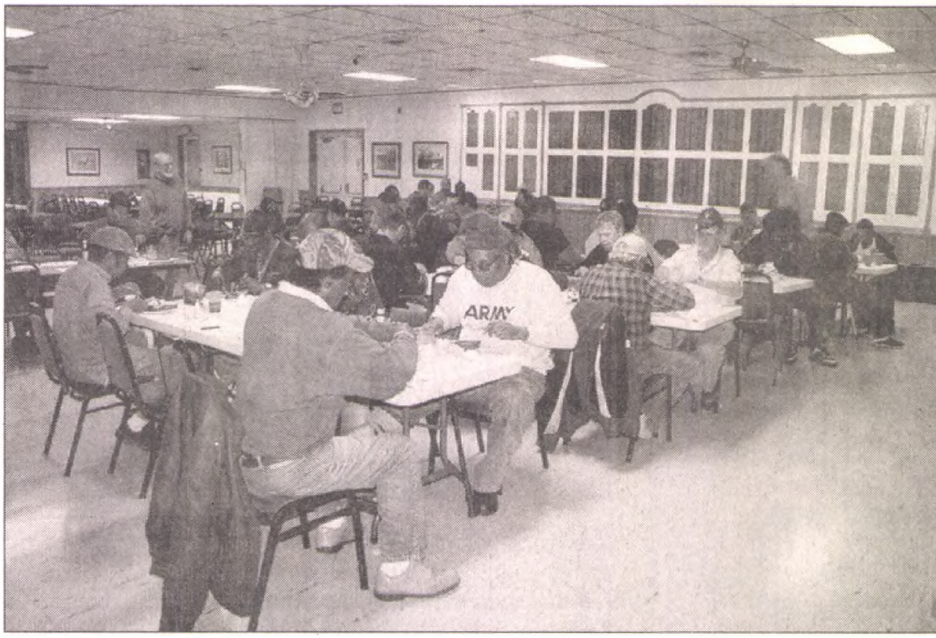
Down-on-their-luck military veterans were treated to a steak luncheon and live music from the Blue Pigs, the Detroit Police Department's band, on Thursday at the Plymouth Elks Club.

The twice-a-year event — the other luncheon is every November around Veterans Day — is part of the Elks' mission of serving veterans in need; other projects include ice-cream socials, games and the distribution at Christmastime of more than 800 gift packages. The luncheon tradition started 13 years ago.

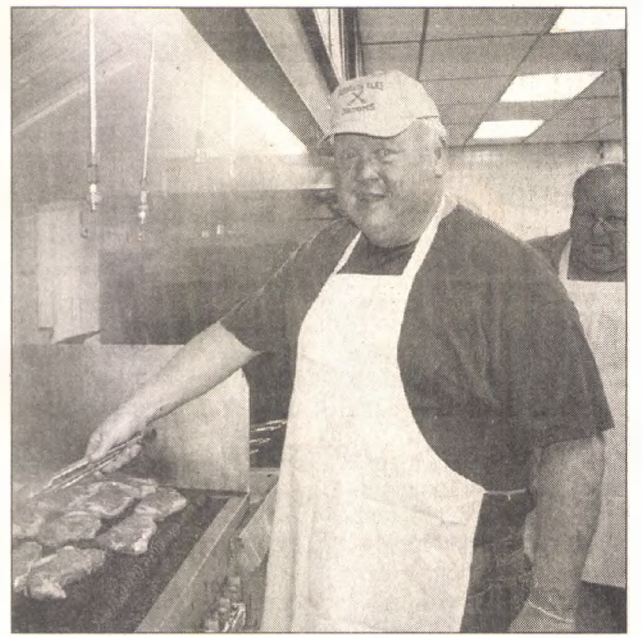
Thursday's guests came from the Veterans Affairs hospitals in Detroit and Ann Arbor; the Domiciliary, a Detroit shelter for homeless veterans; and a shelter run by the Michigan Veterans Foundation. On the menu were New York strip steaks, baked potatoes and salad, plus dessert.

Cooking and serving were Elks and members of the Passage-Gaye Post of the American Legion.

Stewart Israel, an Elks member and the event



Veterans sit down to a steak luncheon at the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 in Plymouth Township on Thursday. The luncheon for homeless veterans and those being treated at veterans hospitals is a twice-a-year event at the lodge.



Stewart Israel, who heads veterans programs for the Plymouth Elks, cooks steaks during Thursday's luncheon at the Elks lodge for homeless and ill veterans.

chairman, said it's important to remember veterans.

"We want them to remember they are not forgotten, and not forsaken. We truly respect their sacrifice, and appreciate the freedoms those sacrifices have given us," Israel said.

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The Blue Pigs, the Detroit Police Department's rhythm-and-blues band, performs Thursday at the Plymouth Elks lodge, which was hosting a luncheon for military veterans. The group announced that it would be disbanding.

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Musicians from the Michigan Philharmonic will perform a Cinco de Mayo concert as part of Canton's Acts of Culture Week April 27 to May 5.

## Canton to host third Acts of Culture Week

Canton will once again focus a week-long spotlight on the arts and culture during the 3rd annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. The event, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, runs Saturday, April 27, through Sunday, May 5, at various community locations.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events have been planned by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, including:

- The Michigan Philharmonic's performance of "Cinco de Mayo," a festive concert that will celebrate, entertain, and educate the entire family on Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for youth and can be purchased online at [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or by phone by contacting the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112.

- A special presentation by Jennifer Goulet, President and CEO of ArtServe Michigan, takes place at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, at The Village Theater. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with a luncheon scheduled for noon. Learn about the positive economics of the arts and how Canton can position the arts and culture as a force for transforming lives in our community and be part of this statewide initiative that's making a compelling case for investing in Michigan's arts, culture and creative industries. Tickets at \$20 and can be purchased online at [Cantonvillageattheater.org](http://Cantonvillageattheater.org).

Organizers are also encouraging community members to support the



Goulet

following events and activities throughout the week, including:

- The Plymouth-Canton Community School District's K-12 Art Show, featuring over 2,000 pieces of student-made, staff-selected artwork, on Saturday, April 27 from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 from 1-4 p.m. in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School.

The show will also feature the talents of the PCEP culinary students, who will prepare desserts for attendees, and members of the PCEP Music Department, who will perform throughout the show.

- The Canton Concert Band's Spring Concert, "Pictures at an Exhibition," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and students; visit [www.cantonvillageattheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageattheater.org) to purchase tickets.

- Spotlight Players' "Barnum" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill April 27-28. Show times and ticket prices are available at [www.cantonvillageattheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageattheater.org).

- Community members are also encouraged to participate in a silent auction on Sunday, May 5, at The Village Theater with all proceeds benefiting The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, a 501(c)(3) organization which is committed to encouraging the development of cultural arts.

## Library joins Money Smart Week

Help is coming for Michigan consumers who want to learn how to better manage their personal finances during Money Smart Week, April 20-27.

The Plymouth District Library offers money and finance information by presenting "Be a Money Smarty: Top 40 Money Tips" 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 23.

A Community Resource Fair takes place at the library from 6-7 p.m. Materials and experts will be on hand from the Attorney General's office, Better Business Bureau, Community Housing Network, Michigan Education Trust, Michigan Education Savings Plan, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and others.

Following the Resource Fair, the "Be a Money SMARTY!" presentation will be delivered in a high-energy 'lightning round' fashion via simulcast, where four recognized experts "leave it all at the podium" and share their top 10 tips in just 10 minutes. In this entertaining and informative lightning round format, attendees will obtain the latest, up-to-date information on today's hottest money topics:

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The 10th annual Money Smart Week is coordinated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which serves most of Michigan, and hundreds of partner organizations promoting financial education. It is designed to teach consumers about money management and generate awareness of the resources available on a wide variety of topics such as saving, investing and using credit wisely.

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# Wayne thespians stage 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Katie Sullivan she loves what she does, teaching drama at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne. And it's that love that attracted her to the musical comedy, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which will be presented next weekend at the Stockmeyer Auditorium.

"It definitely different than anything we've done in the past," said Sullivan, the drama director. "It makes fun of musicals, it makes fun of what I do. It breaks the rules of theater in that you don't break the fourth wall, you're not supposed to come into the audience."

A play within a play, the show has a cast of 35 students who will take to the stage for four performances Thursday through Sunday, April 25-27. The show centers around the Man in the Chair, played by Jimmy Walkup, a present-day musical theater fanatic who's eager to talk about his favorite Broadway musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. He begins listening to the rare cast recording of the 1928 show and it magically comes to life on stage, telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married.

"Jimmy has the responsibility of directly talking to the audience, he narrates the play," said Sullivan. "He's able to pause the action and talk to the audience. Man wants the audience to understand his beliefs about the theater and in the end he becomes part of the musical."

Playing the Broadway starlet, Janet Van DeGraaff, is Maddie Abi-



Maddie Abicht (center) plays Janet Van DeGraaff, a Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married in Wayne Memorial High School's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone."

cht, with Anthony Herrera as the bridegroom, Robert Martin. Loren Hubbs is the Drowsy Chaperone.

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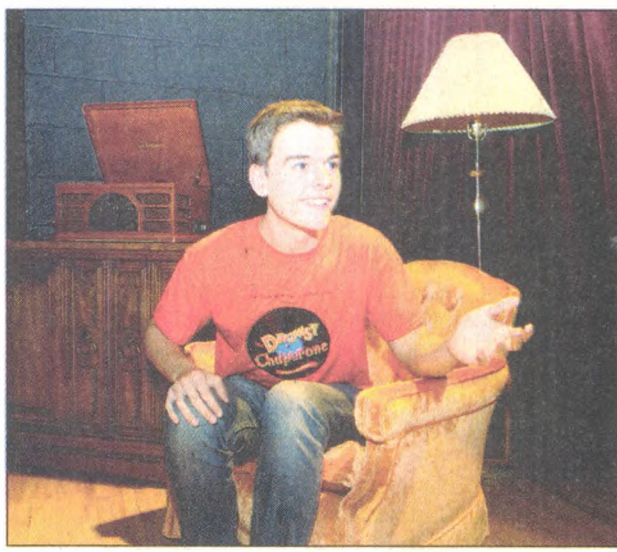
Walkup, Hubbs, Josiah Ault and Amy McGregor are serving as Sullivan's assistant directors, managing such things as attendance and conflicts, scheduling, publicity and monitoring grades. Students in the production must have a C average, and the job of making sure they're meeting the criteria goes to Hubbs.

"I've made a few people mad at me, but we give them options, if they're not up to par," she said.

This is her fourth time working as an assistant director. She initially "tested the waters" with a play before go for the position on a musical.

"It wasn't as much work as a musical, but I found I could handle it," she said. "Besides, I have a great support network, the directorial staff."

Students have to apply for the position every



Jimmy Walkup is pulling double duty in the production playing the role of the Man in Chair and as one of four assistant directors for "The Drowsy Chaperone."

show and for Ault, this is his sixth appearance as an assistant director.

"I like having a bigger part with what's happening," he said. "I help provide ideas in blocking and characterization to help bring out the best in the cast."

Ault is responsible for patron advertising in the program. The students are required to get at

least two ads, "but I push them to do more," he said. He also did a prop list, making sure they have everything that's needed to stage the play.

This is Walkup's second time as an assistant director and only the third show he's been in at Wayne Memorial. He admits there's a lot involved in being the main character of the

## 'THE DROWSY CHAPERONE'

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27, and noon Saturday, April 27  
**Location:** Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne  
**Details:** Wayne Memorial High School is present, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a musical comedy that pays homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them.  
**Tickets:** General admission tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

show and handling costuming and publicity.

"I'm pretty good at juggling," said Walkup, who prepared for his role by watching a video of the Broadway production.

"I tried to emulate what they did and threw in little things of my own," he said.

## First time

McGregor is the newbie. This is her first time working behind the scenes as well as appearing on stage.

"I really love acting and I wanted to help Miss Sullivan," she said. "I was in cheer for three years and I wanted to find something new. I've found out I love it more than cheer."

It's McGregor's job to keep track of attendance and conflicts. When rehearsals started in February, she worked with each student to find out what conflicts they had and mapped them out with the rehearsal schedule.

In addition to Sullivan and the four assistant directors, instrumental music teacher Matt Diroff will be the orchestra pit director, vocal music teacher Leigh Goyings is working with students as the vocal director, and Nicole Vasiloff is the choreographer. Her assistant is senior Rachel Joyner.

"This is my first time ever in a show, I didn't

know I could audition to be a choreographer," said Joyner.

Joyner has been dancing for six years and teaches dance for the Wayne-Westland recreation department. As an assistant, she watches what the students do to see what skills they have.

"I get to know their abilities; in the beginning I did a lot of watching and then I started teaching," she said. "Now I'm back to watching to make sure they're on time."

The students have been rehearsing using a CD of the Broadway product. The cover of the orchestra pit was removed on Friday, and today the principal cast members are at the auditorium to work with the orchestra for the first time. Walkup believes that will be a challenge for the cast.

"The hardest part is that we've been using the CD, and when we leave that and transition to the orchestra, it's going to be a struggle for us," he said.

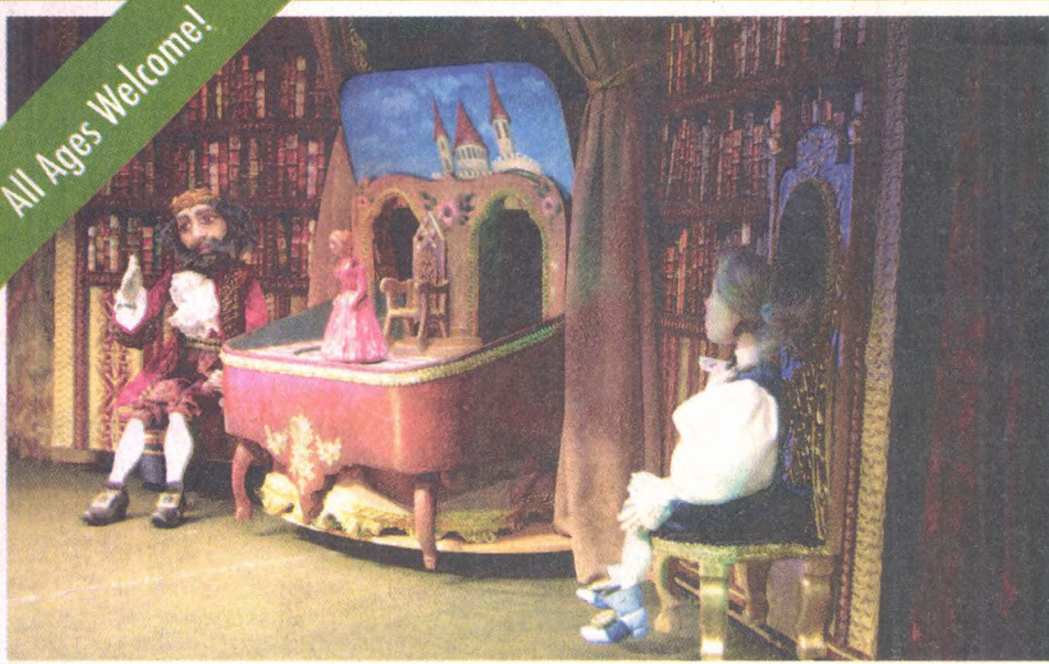
The assistant directors, however, know the cast and crew will be ready for opening night.

"We have a lot of new members in the show, but I'm not concerned," Ault added.

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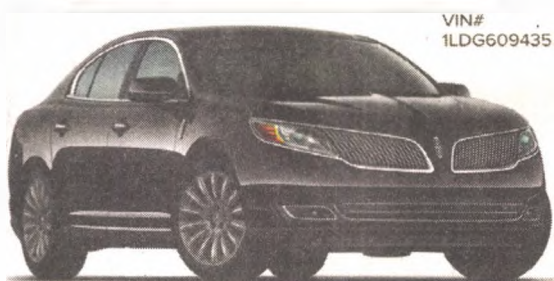
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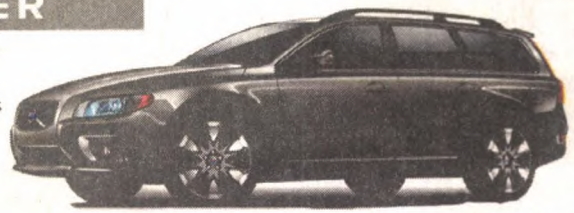


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# SPORTS



It's a footrace after a 50/50 ball Friday night, between Salem's Sarah Martin (No. 12) and Northville's Alana Dorfstatter (No. 14).

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## Early goal stymies Salem

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

With a wintery mix of sleet and biting wind, all who ventured out to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Friday night knew they wouldn't be rewarded with much offense.

That's how it played out, as visiting Northville scored just four minutes into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division varsity girls soccer game.

The goal by Kacey Cerettani held up for the remaining 76 minutes as the Mustangs earned a 1-0 victory.

"We've been playing in this weather all year," said Salem head coach Scott Duhl, refusing to use the elements as an excuse.

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Kaitlyn Pelech (No. 17) of Salem tries to maintain control of the ball ahead of a Northville player.

BRIAN QUINTOS

## Whalers fall short in opener

Friday night's opener of the Plymouth-London series for the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference championship was about as even as could be.

But the visiting Whalers could not rally in the third period at the jam-packed Budweiser Gardens, falling 2-1 to the Knights.

London gave the capacity crowd of 9,046 a reason to cheer as they got out of their seats for the first intermission. Ryan Rupert scored with just six seconds left in the opening period to put the Knights up 1-0.

The Whalers came back in the second to even things up at 1-1. Defenseman Connor Carrick collected a pass from forward Stefan Noesen and ripped the puck past London netminder Anthony Stolarz (32 saves) with 6:03 remaining in the frame.

London, however, got the lead back just over one minute later.

At 15:07, Knights left wing Remi Elie scored an unassisted goal against Plymouth rookie netminder Alex Nedeljkovic, who stopped 29 of 31 shots.

Plymouth upped the offensive ante in the third period, outshooting London 12-7. However, Stolarz was equal to the task as the Knights closed out the victory.

Both goaltenders were outstanding, with Stolarz and Nedeljkovic selected the game's first and second stars, respectively.

Next up in the best-of-seven series is Sunday's Game 2, slated for 2 p.m. in London. The teams then play games 3-4 at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

## Miles for Mankind Run

The first Miles for Mankind Run is looking for people of all ages interested in participating in a 5K, 10K or Munchkin Mile Saturday, May 11, at Hines Park in Westland.

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Go to milesformankind.com to download a registration form and to find out more about the cause. Or send an e-mail to milesformankind@gmail.com. Special guest on May 11 will be Buddy Shuh, of *The Biggest Loser*.

The race will kick off at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park.

## City meet cancelled

Mother Nature foiled the annual City Track Meet — twice.

After Thursday's downpour postponed the annual City Track Meet for 24 hours, strong wind gusts Friday wiped out the event altogether. It will not be made up.

## MU baseball sweeps SHU

The Madonna University baseball team beat the rain en route to a double-header sweep of visiting Siena Heights University at Ilitch Ballpark, 5-0 and 8-0.

With the two shutouts, the Crusaders improved to 25-7 overall and 12-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. MU has now won 13 of its last 14 games.

Twins Matthew and Justin Cook combined to keep SHU (8-23, 5-13) off of the scoreboard for nine innings in Game One, while Josh Vandemark blanked the Saints for the six innings in a game that was called following a 58-minute rain delay.

Matthew Cook (5-0) allowed just five hits while walking two and striking out four over eight innings. Justin Cook came on to get the final three outs. Saints starter Jake Sperry (Westland John Glenn), who gave up three earned runs on eight hits in five innings, suffered the loss to fall to 1-3.

*'Coach Graves told me that her team is a tight-knit family and she thinks I will fit in very well with the girls.'* — ERICA DEN BOER, CANTON SENIOR

## College volleyball in 'Cards' for den Boer

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

During her four-year career with the Canton varsity girls volleyball team, Erica den Boer nailed it.

Not only did the outside hitter slam the ball and spark the Chiefs to plenty of success on the floor, she excelled as a team leader off it.

And those traits appealed so much to Concordia University women's volleyball coach Karen Graves that she signed the Canton senior to join the Cardinals beginning this fall.

"Coach Graves told me that her team is a tight-knit family and she thinks I will fit in very well with the girls," noted den Boer in a recent e-mail to the *Observer*. "My experience as an all-around player and as a strong team player will help me transition to the colle-



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Concordia University women's volleyball coach Karen Graves (front left) completes paperwork to make the signing of Canton senior Erica den Boer (front right) official. Standing (from left) are Christine Frith (aunt), Annie MacRitchie (Erica's grandmother), sister Gabrielle and parents Sandra and Harrie den Boer.

giate level." Steve Johnson, her Canton coach in 2012, certainly has no qualms about that. "I have no doubt that

she will continue to raise the bar for herself and her teammates as she joins the Cardinal roster," Johnson said. "She will be missed in the gym at Canton, and on behalf of the entire Canton volleyball program, we wish her and her (college) team all the best."

On hand to join den Boer for the recent signing ceremony at Canton High School were Graves, Johnson and several family members: parents Harrie and Sandra, sister Gabrielle, grandmother Annie MacRitchie and aunt Christine Frith.

### Close to home

The 17-year-old, who carries a 3.7 grade point average, will go to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division-II school (located in Ann Arbor) on a

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During four years with Canton's varsity girls volleyball team, Erica den Boer (No. 13) delivered in all facets of the game. She will be counted on to do the same at Concordia University.

## den BOER

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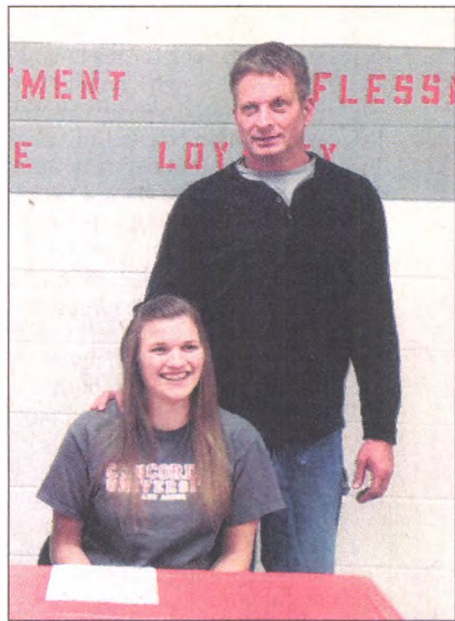
combined academic/athletic scholarship.

"I think coach Graves plans to play me my freshman year," den Boer added. "She has told me that for my first year she plans to use me as a hitter or defensive specialist, whatever the team needs at the time."

She described Concordia as "the perfect school" for her. In addition to volleyball, she intends to pursue a degree in accounting.

"It is close to home so I can stay involved with my family and my church," she said. "Finally, Concordia is a Christian-based school so I can grow in my faith."

"None of the other schools I looked at could



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Canton senior Erica den Boer recently signed to play volleyball at Concordia University. Also on hand for the ceremony was Chiefs' head coach Steve Johnson (standing).

provide all of these things for me."

In the 2012 season, den Boer was an offensive and defensive force with 387 kills, 45 blocks, 422 defensive digs and 71 aces. She

was named to the All-Observer first team, along with to the all-conference and all-region squads.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Novi at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
 Salem at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
 Bapt. Pk. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
 HVL at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.  
 Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
 Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 25**  
 Calvary at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. South at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
 S'field Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
**Taylor Kennedy Invite, TBD (all double-headers)**  
 Milan at Salem, 11 a.m.  
 Annapolis at L. W'sld, 11 a.m.  
**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Novi at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
 Salem at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Marian (2), 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
 Liggett at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
 S'field Christ. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.  
 Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
 Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
 Clawson at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 25**  
 Luth. W'sld at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
 S'field Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 Dundee Invitational, TBD  
 Macomb Classic, 9 a.m.  
 New Boston Huron Inv., 9 a.m.  
 Lake Orion Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Chelsea Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Annap. at L. W'sld (2), 11 a.m.  
**Sunday, April 28**  
 Macomb Classic, 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
 Luth. W'sld vs. S'field Christian at Pebble Creek Park, 4 p.m.  
 DC at Ladywood, 6 p.m.  
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 25**  
 Calvary at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Novi at Salem (Varsity Turf), 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
 RU at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.  
 Pioneer at Salem (Soccer Stad.), 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 Lady. at Williamston, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
 Churchill at Canton, 3:30 p.m.  
 Novi at Salem (JV Track), 3:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland Quad, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
 N.F. Raider Relays, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 Crestwood Charger Inv., 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Glenn, 3 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Cranbrook at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 Ladywood vs. Riv. Gab. Richard at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 25**  
 Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 Novi Quad, 8 a.m.  
 Howell Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Seaholm Invitational, TBA.  
 East Lansing Invite, 10 a.m.  
 Chuchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 25**  
 Plymouth vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Salem, 3 p.m.  
**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Salem at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Waterford, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 Canton at Belleville, 6 p.m.  
 Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 25**  
 Northville at Canton (JV Field), 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 Lapeer West at Canton (Varsity Turf) 12 noon  
 Gabriel Richard at Salem (Varsity Turf), 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Monday, April 22**  
 Ladywood at Regina, 4:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.  
 Salem at Plymouth (Varsity Turf), 8 p.m.  
 Northville at Canton (JV Field), 8 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 Plymouth at Novi, 5:30 p.m.  
 Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
 Lady. at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Canton (Varsity Turf), 8 p.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
 Salem at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)**  
**Sunday, April 21**  
 MU at N'western Ohio, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 Concordia at MU, 2 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 MU at Lourdes (Ohio), 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 28**  
 MU at Lourdes (Ohio), 1 p.m.  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)**  
**Sunday, April 21**  
 Aquinas at MU, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 Siena Heights at MU, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE (Western Conference finals, best 4 of 7)**  
**Sunday, April 21**  
 (Game 2) Ply. Whalers at London, 2 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
 (Game 3) London vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 (Game 4) London vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH

#### NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

The City of Plymouth City Commission has adopted new zoning text amendments governing the regulation of wireless communication facilities. Changes have been proposed to Section #78-21, #78-122, #78-131 and #78-216.

The effective date of these ordinance changes will be April 22, 2013. A copy of the entire text amendment is available at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. The ordinance number for these changes will be #2013-01.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

Publish: April 21, 2013

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BID FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the 2013 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM by Charter Township of Plymouth as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. Official Local Time, on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township, 9955 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Major Estimated Quantities are:

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Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or after April 11, 2013. Bid documents may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

Michigan State Act PA 517 of 2012, Iran Economic Sanctions Act, requires notification that Iran-linked businesses may not bid on this Contract. Successful bidders will be required to provide certification that they are not an Iran-linked business.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

If you have any questions, please contact **Patrick Fellrath, Division of Public Utilities, at 734/414-1450.**

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## SOCCER

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"... We made some changes to the lineup to start the game and I told the girls at halftime that I blamed myself for the first goal."

Cerettani got on the end of a floating pass and tipped it past Salem senior goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger.

According to Duhl, whose team dropped to 3-2-1 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAs Central, he shuffled his lineup "just trying to improve the attack with keeping the same edge in the back line and making sure we still play the game the right way."

"I thought after the first 10 minutes we played really good. We lost today to a good team, there's nothing to hang our heads about."

Northville improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

### Tough to adjust

Salem senior midfielder and co-captain Nancy Krutty said the cold, wind and even hail impacted any attempts to get into an offensive flow.

"The weather definitely affects it (offense) a lot," Krutty noted. "It (the ball) skips a lot so you got to try to play the mistakes. It's difficult because you want to pinch inside on defense because you know the ball's going to skip, but on offense you need to be getting wide so you can play on the other team's errors."

Having any success on set pieces such as direct kicks and corner kicks also is hindered by stiff wind — the kind experienced Friday.

"When you're against the wind, you have to change the entire play on a corner because in order to get a head on it it's not going to be where you've been practicing with it all season," Krutty explained. "It's a tough day to play."

The game originally was scheduled for Thursday, but called off due to heavy rain.

When the game was moved to Friday, that in turn pushed the originally scheduled Canton-Salem matchup to Saturday.

**PLYMOUTH 1, SALINE 0:** Zoe Foster scored the only goal of Friday's non-



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem's Leah Moss (No. 2) has a leg up on Northville's Maddy Westenber (No. 4) in pursuit of the ball Friday night.

conference match as the visiting Wildcats continued their outstanding play.

Assisting on Foster's tally was Madi Lewis while junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb posted the shutout.

Plymouth coach Jeff

Neschich lauded the strong games turned in by Stephanie Dillon, Alysa Dillon, Emily Burkman, Lauren Babcock and Sydney Rouse for the 6-0 Wildcats.

**SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** Three goals in the first 15 minutes of

Tuesday's KLAAs Central Division matchup gave the Rocks an edge they wouldn't relinquish.

"We were able to play everyone, which is important with two more games on the slate this week," Salem coach Scott Duhl said.

Scoring two goals was Kylie Knight, with Emily Barfuss (one goal, one assist), Nancy Krutty (one goal) and Leah Moss (two assists) chipping in. Combining for the shutout were goalies Ali Eggenberger and Aly Mann.

# Weather wreaks havoc on baseball teams

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The catchers' mitts were popping during Wednesday afternoon's baseball game between Redford Union and Livonia Clarenceville.

The bats, on the other hand, were as silent as the wind.

Starting pitchers Patrick Wierimaa (RU) and Zach Devon (Clarenceville) were throwing lightning bolts — at least until top of the fifth inning when stormy weather forced the umpires to suspend the game.

The contest will be continued prior to the two teams' regularly scheduled game at Clarenceville on May 13.

Redford Union leads, 1-0, thanks in large part to the wiry but hard-throwing Wierimaa, who whiffed nine Trojans in just 4.1 innings.

Devon was equally nasty, striking out nine Panthers in his four innings of work.

"I thought both the pitchers threw extremely well," said RU head coach Bob Miller, who was making his home debut. "You could tell from the first inning on — from the way they were both throwing — that it was going to be a 1-0 or 2-1 type game."

Miller said that given the unusually limited time high school teams have spent outside this spring, it's not unusual to see good pitchers dominate.

Wierimaa yielded just two hits and a walk while throwing an efficient number of pitches. Clarenceville's Kyle Kisanidi singled with one out in the second and Devon laced a one-out single in the fourth. Wierimaa responded with back-to-back strike outs in both frames.

Clarenceville's Evan Gregg led off the top of the fifth with a walk. He advanced to second on a stolen base, but was gunned down at third by RU catcher Alex Shimmmons while trying to repeat the feat.

A few seconds later, umpires spotted lightning in the distance and the game was off.

RU tallied the game's lone run in the third. The Panthers loaded the bases when Corey Davis walked, Wierimaa singled and Ryan Aaro was hit by a pitch. Shimmmons then ripped a one-hopper back to Devon, who fired home for the force.

The next batter, Vince Diaz, grounded into a fielder's choice, which brought home Wierimaa.

Wierimaa's hard-hit single to right was the lone hit off Devon, who struggled a bit with control as he walked four and hit a pair of Panthers.

The Panthers' defense was spot on Wednesday. In addition to Shimmmons throwing out a potential base-stealer, Davis made a slick play at short, throwing out Ryan Merifee,

who had topped a slow roller just past the mound.

"We've been telling the boys since day one that defense and pitching wins championships, and they did really well in both those areas today," Miller said.

**PCA 9, CALVARY 1:** Plymouth Christian opened the MIAC schedule with this impressive rout Tuesday over Calvary Christian.

Leading the way on offense were Michael Slater (two hits, three RBI), Daniel Jipping and Jared Cobb (two RBI each). Also collecting hits were Johnny Lauch, Matt Sumner, Josh Slater and Reuben Galang.

Starting on the mound and going three strong innings for the victory was Slater, who allowed just one hit and struck out six. Tanner Hay blanked the Cougars for three innings (one hit) and Lauch pitched the seventh to close out the win.



Leah Schrauben (No. 14), senior captain for Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team, carries the ball during Monday's KLAAs match at Novi.

## Road warriors

Six goals by Krasofsky sparks Rocks to first KLAAs win of year

After falling behind 1-0 early on Monday at Novi, the Salem varsity girls lacrosse team came to life.

The Rocks — led by a six-goal game by Rose Krasofsky — defeated the Wildcats 11-8 for Salem's first Kensington Lakes Activities Association victory of the season.

Krasofsky had help on the offensive side of things, with Jenna Carter and Kiersten Valla each tallying two goals. Netting Salem's other goal was Joslyn Longe.

Salem put up 29 shots on goal, the most in any game this season.

"Scoring did not come easy early on, ... our first onslaught of 10 shots produced one goal," coach Dave Medley said.

But the goals soon would follow, in bunches. "We had many contribute on the defensive end," Medley said. "But most noticeable were Bridg-



JEFF CARTER

Picking up a ground ball Monday against Novi is Salem junior Rose Krasofsky (No. 96), who scored six goals in the game. In the foreground for Salem is senior Bridget Maul (No. 12).

et Maul, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Shannon Burke and Gracie Savage."

Collecting two assists was Valla, with Bridget Kerwin also picking up an assist.

Senior goalie Sarah Bowerman made 11 saves to post the win.

The Rocks improved to 2-3 with the win.

**GAME SUSPENDED:** The Salem varsity girls lacrosse game Wednesday against South Lyon was suspended eight minutes into the contest with the Rocks leading 1-0.

When the game resumes, on a date to be determined, it will continue from that point.

Salem will face Plymouth on Monday.

### BOYS GOLF

## Chiefs' Trospen medalist at Farmington Invite

The wet, windy conditions Thursday did not stop Canton's boys golf team from competing at the Farmington Invitational.

With a total score of 331, the Chiefs finished eighth out of 26 teams. Stoney Creek and Saline took the top positions with 318 and 322, respectively.

Donnie Trospen of Canton tied for

overall medalist with a 3-over par 74. Other Canton individual scores were Tyler McMahan, 84; Alex Champagne, 86; Brent Perry, 87; Justin Legel, 93.

97rs Other Chiefs to "The course was very wet and conditions were very windy but we were able to complete the tournament just before the severe weather arrived," Canton coach Tom Alles said.

## MU men win Spring Arbor Invite

The Madonna University men's golf team wrapped up its regular season Thursday with a team championship crown at the Spring Arbor Invitational held at the Cascades Golf Club in Jackson.

The Crusaders posted rounds of 301 and 294 for a 595 total and a seven-shot victory in windy and wet conditions which featured a 40-minute rain delay during Round Two.

Davenport University placed second (303-299-602), while Siena Heights University (303-306-609) and MU's 'B' team (310-299-609) tied for third place.

Host Spring Arbor and Trine University (Ind.)

tied for fifth in 12-school field with 618 each.

Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers, a senior, paced the MU 'B' squad with a 1-over 73 before shooting an even-par 72 in the final round for a 145.

Myers tied with Davenport's Jorge Benitel (74-71-145, but lost on the first playoff hole for individual medalist honors.

For the Madonna 'A' squad, senior Dave Goad (Allen Park) tied for fifth with a 72-75-147 followed by junior Erik Taurence (Wyandotte), tied for ninth (76-73-149); along with junior Drew Mossioian (Livonia Stevenson), 75-75-150.

Rounding out the MU 'B' team scorers included juniors Benjamin Gawronski (Hartland), 78-74 and Billy Teer (Grand Blanc), 80-72-152, tied for 15th with 152 totals; junior Joe Parker (Walled Lake Northern), 75-79-154, 17th; sophomore Nick Corbeil (New Boston Huron), 78-77-155, tied for 19th; and junior Kevin Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 84-75-159, tied for 29th.

The Crusaders now look to the 2013 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship Monday to open the 54-hole event at Stone-water Country Club in Grand Rapids.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Golf May 5 for Miracle League of Plymouth

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

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

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

A portion of the proceeds from the Miracle League, which "provides opportunities for all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Taylor Pelland competes in the long jump during a recent dual meet. Last week's weather forced postponement, and then cancellation, of the annual City Meet involving girls and boys track teams from Canton, Plymouth and Salem.

### BOYS TRACK RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 71.67**  
**SALEM 56.33**  
**April 16 at Stevenson**  
**Shot put:** 1. Nick Hitchcock (LS), 43 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Ben Tabor (LS), 43-3.25; 3. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 42-10.75; **discus:** 1. Pocalujka (LS), 118-0; 2. Hitchcock (LS), 117-3; **high jump:** 1. Chris Dierker (Salem), 6-0; 2. Terry Burford-Pendergast (LS), 5-11; 3. Devin Kelly (LS), 5-5; **long jump:** 1. Kelly (LS), 20-9; **pole vault:** 1. Matt Boris (LS), 12-0; 2. (tie) Michael Farner (LS), Jack Cole (LS), 11-0 each; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Joe Mims (LS), 16.75; 3. Nathan Falzon (LS), 18.33; **300 hurdles:** 1. Mims (LS), 42.3; 3. Falzon (LS), 45.32; **100 dash:** 1. Steven Homrich (Salem), 11.44; **200:** 1. Homrich (Salem), 23.3; 2. Zaid Shareef (LS), 23.57; **400:** 1. Colin McCormack (Salem), 52.38; 2. Shareef (LS), 52.5; 3. Billy Werthman (LS), 53.35; **800:** 1. Mike Sopko (LS), 2:05.98; 2. Ryan Paulus (LS), 2:06.33; 3. Jacob Colley (LS), 2:06.52; **1,600:** 1. Sopko (LS), 4:35.51; **3,200:** 1. Chaz Jeffress (Salem), 10:13.37; 3. Peter Walkuski (LS), 10:25.65; **400 relay:** 1. Salem, 44.72; 2. Stevenson, 47.61; **800 relay:** 1. Salem, 1:33.61; 2. Stevenson, no time available; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Mims, Shareef, Sopko, Werthman), 3:31.64; 2. Salem, 3:34.65; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Colley, Kevin Callow, Sopko, Werthman), 8:48.62; 2. Salem, 8:59.37.

**Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs Central.  
**PLYMOUTH 84**  
**CANTON 53**  
**April 16 at PCEP**  
**Shot put:** 1. Kyle McMillan (P), 42 feet, 11.75 inches; 2. Olaniyi Owagbemi (C), 42-6; 3. Adam Armesto (C), 36-7.75.  
**discus:** 1. Mark Lowry (P), 106-3; 2. McMillan (P), 100-10; 3. Daniel Goertz (P), 98-3; **high jump:** 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-0; 2. Akil Wade (C), 5-10; 3. Nathan Harris (P), 5-10; **long jump:** 1. Dixon (C), 19-5; 2. Andrew Stephens (C), 18-5.25; 3. Ryan Jimenez (C), 18-2; **pole vault:** 1. Alex Teasdale (P), 12-2; 2. Kyle Zander (C), 11-8; 3. Jimenez (C), 11-2; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. James Hildreth (C), 17.07; 2. Sam Woods (P), 18.68; 3. Bryan Eastman (C), 18.84; **300 hurdles:** 1. Stephens (C), 43.73; 2. Caton Hacker (P), 44.09; 3. Hildreth (C), 44.5; **100 dash:** 1. Alexander Rogers (P), 11.34; 2. Colby Morris (C), 11.51; 3. Jared Davis (P), 11.82; **200:** 1. Morris (C), 23.32; 2. Rogers (P), 23.42; 3. Alan Jones (C), 24.22; **400:** 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 53.19; 2. Blerim Mema (P), 54.41; 3. Courtland Antwire (P), 55.17; **800:** 1. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:07.18; 2. Max Rogowski (P), 2:07.6; 3. Evan Dunklee (C), 2:10.36; **1,600:** 1. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:39.65; 2. Rogowski (P), 4:41.62; 3. Nick Williamson (P), 4:53.02; **3,200:** 1. B. Dalton (P), 10:17.79; 2. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:25.03; 3. Dunklee (C), 10:31.22; **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 46.09; 2. Plymouth, 47.05; **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:34.90; 2. Canton, 1:35.26; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Mema, Rogowski), 3:36.58; 2. Canton, 3:48.67; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 9:26.37; 2. Canton, 9:57.95.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Canton, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

## Crusaders' Mayes swings hot bat

Erin Mayes had a day at the plate last Sunday knocking in seven runs to lift the Madonna University women's softball team to a sweep of a double-header against visiting Lourdes (Ohio), 12-0 and 7-2.

The junior first baseman from Ida had a pair of homers, including an inside-the-park round tripper as MU improved to 25-12 overall and 7-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

In Game One, the Crusaders put up 11 runs over the first three innings as Mayes went 3-for-3 with three RBI.

Caitlyn Keuvelaar went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Arielle Cox collected two hits and Carlee Meek also knocked in a pair of runs.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton allowed just one hit and two walks in the five-inning mercy. She struck out eight.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Taylor Derr had the lone hit for the Grey Wolves, while starter Casey Cherry (3-7) took the loss.

In Game Two, Mayes went 2-for-4, including her fifth and sixth homers of the season, to go along with four RBI as the Crusaders collected a total of 12 hits.

Amber Rafko also went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Emma Cook, Kristen Drabek and Keuvelaar also added two hits apiece.

Crampton, in relief of starter of Carlee Meek, pitched 2.2 scoreless innings to improve her record to 13-7. Meek struck out four, walked one and did not allow a hit.

Starter Kasey Graham (2-10) took the loss for Lourdes (5-17, 2-4), while Hayley Roberts went 2-for-3 and knocked in two runs.

### GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**CANTON 9**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0**  
**April 16 at Canton**  
**No. 1 singles:** Maddison Johnson (C) defeated Keyarra Jackson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Hanna Ferree (C) def. Anna Koulou, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Anna Scheppele (C) def. Makayla Hines, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jasmine Henry (C) def. Fran Spiraralli, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Alex Madau-Sasha Gill (C) def. Leanna Carrreon-Jessel Vitto, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Ajki Cotham-Angie Distelrath (C) def. Amanda Johnson-N'Dea Berry, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Amy Dalton-Caitlin Orr (C) def. Alex Diaz-Andi Edwards, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Meilisa Karbon-Olivia Tubaro won by forfeit.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South; John Glenn, 0-3 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

### GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**PLYMOUTH 87**  
**CANTON 50**  
**April 16 at PCEP**  
**Shot put:** 1. Tionne Johnson (P), 32 feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Amber Warren (C), 31-11.5; 3. Emily Meier (C), 29-10; **discus:** 1. Johnson (P), 101-5; 2. Meier (C), 96-1; 3. Jess Bihn (P), 89-6; **high jump:** 1. Kat Harris (P), 5-0; 2. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-10; 3. Emily Freiburger (P), 4-6; **long jump:** 1. Rieckhoff (P), 16-1; 2. Maddie Albers (C), 14-10.5; 3. Hailey Foster (P), 14-7.5; **pole vault:** 1. Jane McCurry (P), 10-8; 2. Sarah Uhlian (P), 10-2; 3. Rieckhoff (P), 10-2; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 17.17; 2. Gabrielle Williams (C), 18.16; 3. Albers (C), 18.25; **300 hurdles:** 1. Puckett (P), 51.62; 2. Williams (C), 52.22; 3. Jeana Banka (P), 54.03; **100 dash:** 1. Channelle Holly (C), 13.74; 2. Anna Lukens (P), 13.76; 3. Grace Grimes (C), 14.32; **200:** 1. Lukens

(P), 28.0; 2. Bridget Alaniva (C), 29.66; 3. Aleah Rogalski (P), 29.92; **400:** 1. Alaniva (C), 1:04.7; 2. Sam McGrath (C), 1:06.7; 3. Gabby Alfera (P), 1:06.70; **800:** 1. Olivia McIntee (C), 2:36.8; 2. Sophia Stephan (P), 2:37; 3. Alyssa Bradley (C), 2:43.35; **1,600:** 1. McIntee (C), 5:48.63; 2. Charlotte Clark (P), 6:04.17; 3. Marianne DeBrito (P), 6:09.05; **3,200:** 1. Brianna Lax (P), 13:05.75; 2. Clark (P), 13:25.49; 3. Alexa Cichon (P), 13:26.10; **400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Kayla Janewski, Cassidy Koviak, Jessica Lynch, Lukens), 54.95; 2. Canton, 55.23; **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Janewski, Bihn, Lynch, Lukens), 1:55.29; 2. Canton, 1:57.88; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton, 4:27; 2. Plymouth, 4:48.68; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Shannon Shaver, Renae DeBrito, Lax, Stephan), 10:49; 2. Canton, 11:13.95.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs Central Division; Canton 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAs Central.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

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their abilities."

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

For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 377-1380 or paulc826@gmail.com or go to the Cardinals website to download a registration form (sites.google.com/site/cantoncarninals700/).

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

For both basketball camps, go to www.communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us to sign up.

### Canton youth football camps on horizon

Several Canton Chiefs football camps are just around the corner.

- From June 10-13 and July 15-18 (5-7:30 p.m. for each Monday through Thursday session) is the Canton Football Skills Camp for kids entering grades 7-9 in the fall. Call Canton freshman head coach Rich Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.
- The Canton Football Wing T Camp is slated to take place 2-5 p.m. Monday, June 17, and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, through Thursday, June 20. It is for players entering grades 10-12. Call Canton varsity head coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.
- From Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, (from 9 a.m. to noon each day) will be the Canton Football Fundamental Camp, for youngsters entering grades 3-6 in the fall.

### Young gridders sought

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is looking for interested young men (grades 6-12) to join the team for the upcoming 2013 fall season.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices start in July and will be run out of Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

To be added to the contact list please contact coach John Weisberg at (734) 926-4513 or by e-mail at weisbergjohn@aol.com.

### Wolves/Hawks camps

The Wolves/Hawks Academy for boys and girls ages 4-9 will be from 6:15 -7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through May 22, at Jaycee Park.

For information, visit michiganwolveshawks.com; or email dbradley1515@sbcbglobal.net.

### PCLL clinics

For the first time in the organization's history, Plymouth-Canton Little League is offering a series of clinics on hitting, fielding and pitching.

The clinics will take place at Total Baseball in Wixom, 30990 S. Wixom Road, and the cost of each clinic is \$10 per participant. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, April 13: hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.;
- Sunday, April 21: hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

### Girls hoop camps

- The Canton High School girls basketball camp is slated for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, through Thursday, June 6. It is for girls entering grades 7-10. Canton's basketball will oversee the proceedings. The cost to register is \$60, including a camp T-shirt.
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# Gymnasts vault to the top with 'all-around' skills

## DIVISION 1

**Carina Wright, Fr., Farm. United:** Wright had an outstanding freshman season, earning Division 1 all-state honors in three events and the all-around. At the state meet, she was third overall (37.375), third on vault (9.575), fourth on beam (9.35) and tied for fourth on floor (9.6).

She helped her team win a regional championship by placing fifth on vault (9.15), sixth on bars (8.75), ninth on beam (8.65), second on floor (9.8) and fourth in the all-around (36.30).

"It is truly remarkable what Carina did as a freshman this year," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "She was all-state in several events, including the all-around competition. To do this at such a young age bodes well for her and our program. If she stays hungry, she can leave a mark in the record books in years to come."

**Melissa Green, Jr., Canton:** The junior tri-captain and Canton co-MVP continued to excel as the Chiefs' highest scoring, most consistent gymnast, according to coach John Cunningham.

At the D1 individual finals at Plymouth, the Elite All-American Gymnast medaled in four of five events.

Green tied for sixth on balance beam with teammate Maddie Toal (9.3) and took fourth on floor (9.6) and all-around (37.25).

That cross-the-board performance followed similar success the previous week at the individual regionals where Green was champion in Division 1 on vault with a 9.4 and medaled in the other four events.

"Melissa has continued to be our consistent high scorer and a prime reason for our success," Cunningham said.

**Jocelyn Moraw, Soph., Canton:** Only a sophomore, Moraw already has collected a number of major accomplishments including a Division 1 state championship on beam with a 9.55 at the individual finals at Plymouth High School.

Moraw also earned all-state honors on uneven parallel bars (third, 9.7) and in all-around (37.25) despite dealing with groin and back injuries.

"Jocelyn Moraw was the team inspiration," said Cunningham, following the March 9 individual finals. "Taping up a strained groin and back, finishing (team finals the previous day) and coming back the next day and winning a state championship."

"What a gutsy, fantastic display of fortitude."

Moraw registered Division 1 individual regional championships on bars (9.2), floor exercise (9.725) and all-around (37.15) and medaled in the other events.

In recognition of her season, the tri-captain and Elite All-American Gymnast earned Canton's co-MVP award.

**Katie Kretschmar, Sr., Livonia Red:** After taking a year off, the senior earned all-state honors twice with an eighth on balance beam (9.275) and 10th on bars (9.075) at the state meet.

She earned a spot in the state finals by taking second on bars (9.15) and fourth on beam (8.75) at the regional.

In the KLAAs meet, Kretschmar placed sixth on beam (9.2) and ninth on bars (8.4).

An ankle injury kept Kretschmar from competing on vault this season.

"Katie works extremely hard when she practices," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She shows great strength and focus. Passion for the sport of gymnastics is what Katie holds close to her heart. She was an exceptional teammate acting as a great role model for the other gymnasts. Motivation and encouragement are two characteristics that she demonstrated."

Kretschmar, also named an academic all-stater, carries a 3.69 grade-point average and plans to pursue nursing at Oakland University.

**Maddie Toal, Fr., Canton:** Yet another Canton freshman to make a quick impact, Toal earned Elite All-American Gymnast honors for top-notch performances all



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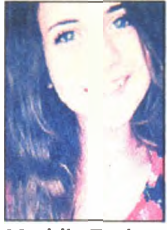
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Jamie Jasinski Livonia Blue

season in multiple events.

Also named the Chiefs' "Rookie of the Year," Toal qualified for the state individual finals in all events, highlighted at the regionals with her championship in Division 1 on beam with a 9.55. She also finished second in all-around at regionals with a 36.025.

At the finals, she medaled on beam with a sixth-place finish of 9.3 (shared with teammate Melissa Green).

"Maddie started the season strong with scores in the high nines on beam and added great scores on floor and bars," Cunningham said.

**Nicole Lasecki, Sr., Canton:** The senior co-captain and Elite All-American Gymnast capped off a superb prep career with the Chiefs, earning all-state status on balance beam with a 10th-place mark of 9.25 at the D1 state finals.

Lasecki and her teammates were consistently stellar en route to winning the division, conference and team regionals before finishing second at the team finals to Grand Ledge for the second season in a row.

At the D1 team regionals, in Division 1, Lasecki placed third on beam and floor (9.225) and fourth in the all-around with 35.65.

Another impressive performance for Lasecki was at the Canton Invitational, where she finished second in Division 2 on uneven parallel bars with a tally of 8.95.

"Nicole captained her team to its second undefeated season, medaling at States and every big meet," Cunningham said.

In May, Lasecki will travel to nationals with the Michigan team.

## DIVISION 2

**Meredith Jonik, Jr., Farm. United:** Jonik overcame an injury that caused her to miss two months of the season. She returned in time for the regional and had a successful conclusion, earning all-state and all-area honors for the third year in a row.

Jonik was fourth in the Division 2 all-around at the state meet with a 36.075 total. She also was all-state on beam (fifth, 9.15) and floor (tied for sixth, 9.30).

Jonik is a regional champion on vault (9.10) and beam (9.35); she also was fifth on floor (9.075) and fifth in the all-around (34.525).

"Meredith is a true competitor who does well in pressure situations," Dwyer said. "She did an incredible job this season by performing difficult routines when most athletes might have quit."

**Erica Lucas, Jr., Canton:** Injuries did not slow Lucas as she extended her undefeated streak on vault to two seasons - capped off with

her second consecutive championship in Division 2 with a score of 9.525.

Lucas, an Elite All-American Gymnast and elected tri-captain for next year, also was all-state on uneven parallel bars and all-around with marks of 8.725 and 35.15, respectively.

At the individual regionals, she was champion on vault with a 9.35 and tied for second on bars (with Salem's Brittany Ramirez and Andrea Merlotti) and took second in all-around.

Cunningham lauded Lucas for the way she came back from a foot injury "to improve dramatically on every event."

**Bri Rhoad, Fr., Livonia Blue:** The ninth-grader finished sixth in the Division 2 vault (9.25) at the state finals and was seventh in the all-around (35.425).

Rhoad's high scores of the year included 9.5 (vault); 9.3 (uneven bars), 9.525 (beam) and 9.35 (floor).

Rhoad tied for fourth in the all-around at the regional thanks to a third (vault); seventh (floor); eighth (uneven bars); and 11th (beam).

"Bri came into high school gymnastics with many skills and determination to grow even more," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said.

"Bri worked hard this season growing into a high school gymnast. She is fearless when it comes to trying new skill and she is always ready to try something that other dare not. She wants her routines to stand out from the rest."

"Bri had a great first season and she continues to improve and gets stronger every day. Watching her compete this season with determination and drive makes it exciting to think about next year."

**Hailey Hodgson, Fr., Canton:** One of several impressive Canton freshmen, Hodgson jumped right into the fray and proved her skills all season.

"Hailey had a breakout year," Cunningham said, "especially on vault."

Her season culminated at the state individual finals with a seventh-place finish on vault in Division 2 (9.2).

Hodgson, named Canton's "Most Improved Gymnast" and an All-American Gymnast, qualified for the state meet with her third-place finish on vault at the individual regionals.

"She is one of the most dedicated, hardest-working members of the team," Cunningham said.

**Brittany Ramirez, Soph., Salem:** The Rocks also had a successful season, reaching the D1 team finals (having finished third at team region-

## 2013 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### DIVISION 1 FIRST TEAM

Carina Wright, Fr., Farm. United  
Melissa Green, Jr., Canton  
Jocelyn Moraw, Soph., Canton  
Katie Kretschmar, Sr., Liv. Red  
Maddie Toal, Fr., Canton  
Nicole Lasecki, Sr., Canton

### DIVISION 2 FIRST TEAM

Meredith Jonik, Jr., Farm. United  
Erica Lucas, Jr., Canton  
Bri Rhoad, Fr., Liv. Blue  
Hailey Hodgson, Fr., Canton  
Brittany Ramirez, Soph., Salem  
Andrea Merlotti, Soph., Salem  
Samantha Fontana, Fr., Plymouth  
Marissa Lapinsky, Sr., Farm. United  
Alyssa Millinoff, Jr., Farm. United  
Jamie Jasinski, Sr., Liv. Blue

### SECOND TEAM

Morgan Soper Jr., Salem  
Claire Saunders, Jr., Farm. United  
Marissa McVey, Fr., Liv. Red  
Haley Metz, Fr., Plymouth  
Rebeca Simu, Fr., Plymouth  
Kristina Franchi, Sr., Farm. United  
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### COACH OF YEAR

Pam Yockey, Plymouth

### HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Ellie Bachman; Plymouth: Brenna Connelly, Anna Warbel, Kayla Janeveski, Emily Welch; Salem: Paulette Martino, Annie Seyfried, Maddie Burt; Livonia Blue: Jillian Zafarana, Allison White, Alex Zukowski; Livonia Red: Mallory Dorton, Sydney Grenier, Jackie Dzurigot; Farmington United: Deanna Burns.

coach Pam Yockey said. "When we need something done she gets the job done. Her talent has not been totally tapped yet."

"She is kind, generous to her teammates, willing to step in on a minute's notice to cover a spot that has been open."

The all-conference performer also is an All-American Gymnast.

**Marissa Lapinsky, Sr., Farm. United:** Lapinsky earned all-state recognition on the uneven parallel bars, scoring 8.65 and finishing in a tie for 10th place with teammate Alyssa Millinoff and another gymnast.

Lapinsky was a state qualifier in the Division 2 all-around, placing 20th overall with a 34.25 score. She earned a 34.675 score at the regional and was fourth in the all-around.

She also was third on bars (8.575) at the regional, fifth on beam (8.85) and 12th on floor (8.70). Lapinsky was a major contributor to Farmington United's regional victory and third-place finish in the state.

"(Lapinsky's all-state placement) is a well-deserved award for someone who has dedicated herself to the sport over the years," Dwyer said.

"As a co-captain, she was a very strong, vocal leader who helped mold the team this year. Her athleticism and leadership will be greatly missed next season."

**Alyssa Millinoff, Jr., Farm. United:** Millinoff achieved all-state status on the uneven parallel bars, sharing 10th

place with teammate Marissa Lapinsky and one other gymnast, each with an 8.65 score.

Millinoff was a state qualifier in the Division 2 all-around. She finished in 13th place with a 34.80 total.

At the regional, she was third on vault (8.95), second on bars (8.70), fourth on beam (8.875), 11th on floor (8.80) and second in the all-around (35.325).

"She is so deserving of this (all-area) honor," Dwyer said.

"She is what high school sports are all about. She is a dedicated team member who works extremely hard to improve. She has an inner spirit that just does not allow her to quit."

**Jamie Jasinski, Sr., Livonia Blue:** The senior captain placed seventh on the Division 2 balance beam (9.075) after tying for eighth in the regional (8.675).

"Jamie started high school gymnastics as a freshmen and worked very hard each year to better herself and her skills," Broomfield said. "This was Jamie's first year making it to 'states.' Every day Jamie would come to practice ready to work and improve herself to better the team and her scores as an individual."

"I'm so proud of her for all the hard work and determination that she put into her career. Watching her grow over the four years shows that hard work and determination means anything is possible."

### COACH OF YEAR

**Pam Yockey, Plymouth:** Under the steady guidance of the veteran coach, Plymouth enjoyed its best season yet.

The Wildcats lost only two dual meets and finished second at the D1 team regionals, ultimately finishing fifth at the team finals held at

Plymouth High School.

Plymouth also set six school records averaging 141.05, qualified 19 to regionals in Divisions 1-2 and five more to the D3 regionals. On top of that, the team had eight girls

named All-American Gymnasts with senior co-captain Sarah Uhlian Elite All-American on beam.

"Nothing could have been accomplished without the closeness of the team to each other," Yockey said. "(Or without) the leadership of my captains Jane McCurry, Sarah Uhlian, Brenna Connelly and Katie Salanga as well as the help of co-coach Emily Harris."

"Each gymnast was willing to extend themselves out of their comfort zone and push themselves a little harder. I could not be prouder of any of them."



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## Celebrate Recovery

Film introduces Christ-centered 12-step recovery program to the masses

By Sharon Dargay  
 Staff Writer

When John Sherman watched the new film, *Home Run*, which opened Friday, April 19, in select theaters nationwide, he saw himself in the main character portrayed on the big screen.

"I thought they stole my story," said Sherman, with a laugh.

The Farmington Hills man is director of the Celebrate Recovery ministry at Canton Connection Church. He's also the state director and senior representative for the program's North Central Region. Celebrate Recovery is a 22-year-old Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program that started at Saddleback Church in California and has since spread to other churches nationwide.

Sherman was in a meeting with other state representatives three years ago when he heard that plans for a movie that would include Celebrate Recovery, was in negotiations.

"We saw it come together over three years," he said. "I think they han-



John Sherman meets with Celebrate Recovery members at Canton Connection Church.

dled it very well."

The movie follows fictional major league baseball player, Cory Brand, as his life spirals out of control. Brand, haunted by his past, which includes an abusive father, is an alcoholic and has anger issues. After he is suspended from his team, his agent insists that he return to his hometown in Oklahoma to attend Celebrate Recovery meetings and to coach a youth baseball team.

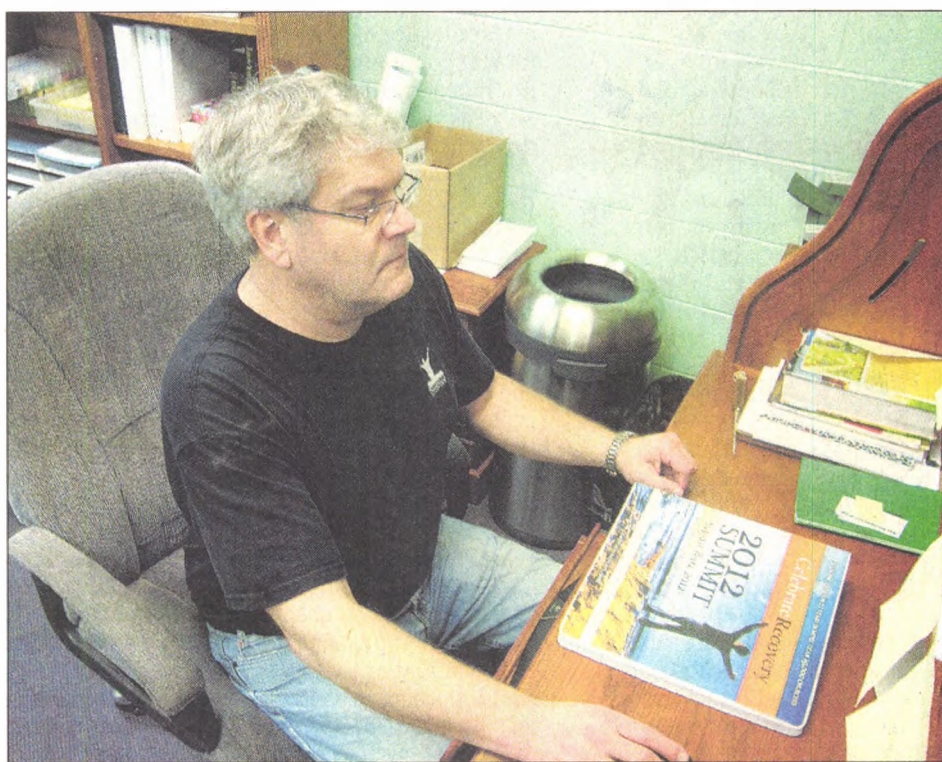
Scenes throughout the movie show Brand in Celebrate Recovery group

meetings where he listens to personal testimonies from other group members.

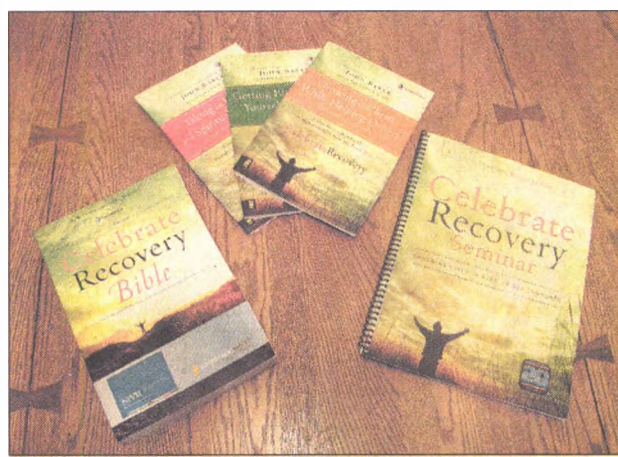
"It wasn't by mistake that they chose Celebrate Recovery for the film," Sherman said. "One of the producers, Carol Mathews, goes to a church where her pastor had been through a Celebrate Recovery step study."

### Realistic portrayal

After hearing a testimony at church, Mathews put film plans in motion. "Not only did they get interested in Celebrate



John Sherman is a staff member at Canton Connection Church in charge of the Celebrate Recovery program. He's been in recovery for alcoholism for 14 years.



Materials used in Celebrate Recovery

Recovery, but all of the writers went through Celebrate Recovery step studies to get a better feel."

That may be one reason why the testimonies, dialogue and portrayal of Celebrate Recovery meetings is "very realistic," Sherman said.

Like Brand, who is reluctant to attend the Christ-centered pro-

gram, telling his agent, "I don't want to do Jesus," Sherman also expressed doubts about Celebrate Recovery.

"I've been in recovery 14 years. I was involved in another step program for alcoholics," Sherman, married and the father of two children, was required to attend a 12-step recovery program after he was arrested for

drunk driving. "Then, about seven years ago the church I was at decided to start up a Celebrate Recovery program and asked for those who were doing a 12-step experience (such as Alcoholics Anonymous) to get involved," Sherman said. "I was skeptical. I have a strong recovery background and I didn't think it would be a strong recovery program. I thought it would be just another ministry. I thought it would be people in the church preaching to people in recovery, telling them what to do."

Sherman reluctantly attended a session and immediately agreed to join.

"I loved what I saw. I thought it was not only Christ-centered but it was good recovery. I've been in it ever since." Sherman initially joined the pro-

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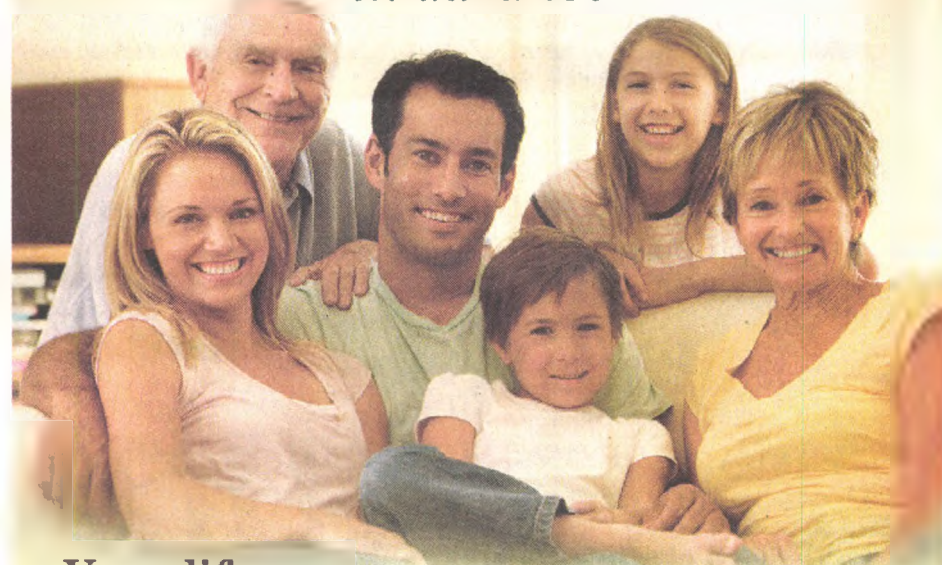
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# Learn about developmental disabilities

By L. J. McCulloch  
Guest Columnist

April has been declared National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in America. Developmental disabilities commonly include: Down syndrome, autistic spectrum disorder, and birth injuries with cognitive impairments causing mental deficiency. In my clinical work with individuals and families who have mental and physical challenges of developmental disabilities, I have met some of the happiest people that I have known. Unlike survivors of trauma, such as traumatic brain injuries and strokes, the vast majority of those with congen-

ital developmental disabilities are not aware of previously: intact functioning. Thus, they are more apt to respond favorably to interventions which deal with their present, their "here and now" issues, and their quality of life.

In Oakland and Macomb counties, such folks are largely served by the care of the Macomb Oakland Regional Center, (MORC). MORC is a nonprofit agency which started in the 1970s and is an evaluation and treatment center for individuals and their families. MORC has office settings in Auburn Hills and Clinton Township and is developing a Wayne County outreach program. It tends to more than 5,000 individuals and offers a variety of services, including speech and physical therapy, occupational and socialization therapy, family support groups, psychiatric/medical management, recreational therapies as well as a stellar therapeutic choir called The MORC Singing Group. This group has

met every other Wednesday for five years at the MORC Auburn Hills facility.

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Gentle teaching is a method of relating with other people aspired to by the MORC Singing Group as well as most therapeutic interventions for people with developmentally disabilities across the board.

Focus is on four essential areas of safety, being cared about, being able to care back, and being engaged in the world.

The five-year old MORC Singing Group is comprised of people who live within the world of developmental disabilities. One need not be a MORC consumer to participate. There is a "volunteer voices" component of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan which funds the singing group.

I have found it helpful to provide individuals with developmental disabilities a psychotherapeutic experience. While not as rigorous as traditional psychotherapy, psychological therapy can be modified to meet the needs of these special people. It can assist individuals in coping with a way of life that they did not choose. Often, they struggle with the issue of wanting the same lifestyle as other citizens such as a job, intimate relationships, or productivity in a family. Did you know that the developmentally disabled population has a rate of co-existing, psychiatric disorders two to three times that of the general population? Mood disorders, including depression, anxiety and even psychosis often are seen.

We need to remember that they all go through the life cycle as we do. They love, laugh, cry, wish, hope, and grow old. Often they need and can benefit from the personal connection which

a good psychotherapeutic relationship can accomplish.

## Resources

**MORC Singing Group:** See Therapy Choirs of Michigan website at: [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org)  
**MORC Auburn Hills office:** (248) 276-8000: Call and ask for Gentle Teaching Institute  
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**Len McCulloch** is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is also credentialed in mental health, addictions, brain injury, and social work. He, along with partner Sherry Cantrell, created and operate the MORC Singing Group under the auspices of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, a non-profit agency which they maintain. McCulloch is also the author of more than 150 related articles in the field. These are archived as his column: "Our Mental Health" at [www.farmilb.org/heritagecollection/newspapers.html](http://www.farmilb.org/heritagecollection/newspapers.html). McCulloch can be reached for consultation at (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22.

## Pet lovers can support golden retrievers

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

What's better than a golden retriever?  
Lots of golden retrievers.

At least a few of the lovable dogs will be on hand at the annual The Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan's (GRRoM) Evening of Wine, Goldens and Giggles fundraiser, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at GO Comedy! Improv, 261 E. Nine Mile, just east of Woodward Ave., in Ferndale.

Amy Hernandez, GRRoM president, said her group is "very excited" about the dog-themed improv show that will be included in the event. In addition to the show, guests will receive a commemorative glass, get a chance to bid on live and silent auctions — every-



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thing from golden retriever items to jewelry to signed collectibles — and enjoy appetizers and desserts. Some adoptable goldens also will be on hand.

Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$80 at the door. Go to [www.grrom.com](http://www.grrom.com) to buy tickets or for more information.

GRRoM members have rescued, fostered and

found new homes for more than 3,500 dogs over the past 20 years. The average cost of caring for a dog in rescue is approximately \$630. Money raised at Evening of Wine, Goldens and Giggles will support the cost of fostering and re-homing adoptable and retired foster dogs.

"Currently, we have 28 foster dogs in our care. Four of those are ready for adoption right now, 13 will be ready soon after they finish with medical treatment, training, etc.," Hernandez said. "Then the other 11 are what we call 'retired' fosters. These are older dogs that can't be adopted due to special health issues, and we are so fortunate to have fosters who are willing to take care of these dogs until they are no longer with us. GRRoM still pays for all the medical care for these retired fos-

ter dogs."

Jennifer Chirpka of Canton, began volunteering for the group after adopting two golden retrievers, ages 1 and 4.

"Goldens are high energy to a point but they calm down easily and are trainable. I love them to death," Chirpka said.

She said the organization always needs volunteers to help foster the dogs. An application is available at GRRoM's website.

## Cats in the ring

Adopt a cat from Country Cat & City Kitty Cat/Kitten Rescue in Livonia and you're likely to have an award-winner on your hands.

Ann Grenier, founder and president of the organization, will take 20 of her adoptable cats to the TICA cat show Friday-Sunday, April 26-28 at the Holiday Inn Detroit Livonia Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia.

Grenier's cats will compete in the household division — there's a pure-bred category, too — and hopes they'll not only win over the judges, but the hearts of potential adopters as well. "For the household category, there are no standards to be compared against," she said. "They have to be well-groomed, nails cut, ears clean, with a good personality. After that, it's the judges choice. Judges say it's the hardest category to judge."

"Sucking up" to the judge with an out-going personal-



Chance, 8, was given to Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRRoM) by an owner who couldn't keep him any longer. He gets along with his golden foster sisters and loves meeting people, riding in the car, and snuggling in bed.

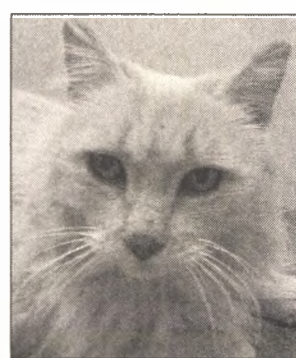
ity and purring and playing with a toy sometimes helps her feline competitors. All are seen by six judges during the show.

Grenier said seven of the top 10 kittens judged during the 2012-13 show season came from her rescue.

Dr. Shera Dickie from St. Julian's Cat Care in Dearborn will be on hand at the show to answer questions about cat health care. Rescues and other vendors will offer games, items for sale and more. Dana Lundon from 96.3 WDVD will be the celebrity judge from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, April 28.

Anyone who adopts one of Grenier's cats at the show will receive a ticket to a raffle. Adopt a black cat and get more than one raffle ticket.

Grenier could use a hand moving the adoptable cats from their cages to the judging ring throughout the weekend. Potential volunteers can reach her at [Kittyrsq@gmail.com](mailto:Kittyrsq@gmail.com) or (248) 249-9267.



This is Willow, 4, a spayed female, long-hair cat who is looking for her forever home. She and other felines from Country Cat & City Kitty Cat/Kitten Rescue in Livonia will participate in a cat show Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, in Livonia.

The TICA show runs 4-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$3 per person with a cat food donation for a local rescue.

For more information about showing a cat at a TICA show see [www.glcats-consortium.org](http://www.glcats-consortium.org).



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## Hymn fest offers sacred music

A mass choir consisting of singers from the St. John Chancel Choir, the DTE Singers and other church choirs from throughout the Metro area, will perform at the annual Marie Walck Memorial Hymn Festival.

The concert starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road between Grand River Ave., and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills.

This year's theme is "Alleluia! Our Walk of Faith." Directing duties will be shared between Troy Nelson, St. John's director of music, and guest director Robert Foster. Foster also will perform on organ for the festival.

Works on the program include *Hallelujah Chorus* from Mount of Olives by Ludwig van Beethoven; *Alleluia* from Christmas Oratorio by J. S. Bach; *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* by R. V. Williams; several spirituals including *Hush!*, *Somebody's Calling My Name*; and *Hallelujah! Amen!* from Judas Macabeanus by G.F. Handel.

Accompanists include St. John's organist, Wes



Duensing

Fishwick, pianist Brooks Hoste and Elaine Vermiglio, accompanist for the DTE Singers. Soloists include Dorothy Duensing, soprano, and Hoste, tenor.

Duensing holds degrees in vocal performance from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Indiana University in Bloomington. She has performed most main roles for mezzo soprano in the serious and light operatic repertoire. These include the roles of Carmen, Dalila, Adalgisa, Ameneis, Cherubino and others.

Duensing serves as adjunct assistant professor of voice at Wayne State University, teach-

es vocal music classes at Our Lady of Victory School and serves as English Choir director, organist and pianist at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Detroit.

Foster began his career as a church organist in his hometown of Wheeling, WV at age 11. After completing two degrees in organ performance at the University of Michigan, he became artistic director and organist of First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, where, in November, he will celebrate his 30th anniversary with the congregation. Foster also served as the vocal music teacher at University Liggitt Middle and Upper Schools for the past 17 years. He is active in musical theater and has been musical director for countless productions at University Liggitt and First English's yearly musical, and has worked as pianist for many Grosse Pointe Theatre productions.

Admission to the concert is free. A free will offering will be collected. For more information call the church at (248) 474-0584.

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gram at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. He subsequently accepted a staff position at Canton Connection Church and started a Celebrate Recovery program there almost two years ago.

Biblical vs. secular

Sherman sees two main differences between Celebrate Recovery and secular sobriety programs. "All 12-step recovery programs rely upon a higher power. In a traditional recovery program they say something like 'choose your own higher power.' We don't belittle anybody else's understanding of recovery, but when we work the 12 steps, we work with Christ as our higher power."

Sherman also said Celebrate Recovery is more than about alcohol and drug addiction. The Canton church offers small-group sessions for men struggling with sexual integrity, women who

are survivors of abuse, and individuals suffering from food addiction. There's also a group for individuals struggling with issues that aren't covered in other meetings. It's called the "anger, anxiety and anything goes" group. Women and men meet in separate small-group sessions and come together for a large-group meeting with music, a lesson or speaker.

Forgiveness also is a big part of the recovery process. Members learn to forgive others and let go of resentment.

"In my life it's been huge in terms of healing and moving on. I've also seen it happen in other people." Sherman said Celebrate Recovery members write their forgiveness issues on paper and then nail their words to a large cross in the church.

"The metaphor is very strong, to leave it there on the cross."

To find out more about Canton Connection Church and its Celebrate Recovery program visit www.connectionchurch.info or call (734) 397-1777.

Film is more than just a pulpit for church program

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

John Sherman, a staff member at Canton Connection Church, was skeptical when he first heard about the Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program called Celebrate Recovery seven years ago.

He planned to attend a session, but didn't have high expectations for the program. He assumed it would be too preachy, with church-goers telling recovering alcoholics and drug addicts what to do.

I felt the same way, as I prepared to watch the new film, Home Run, which includes Celebrate Recovery in its story line. I assumed the film would simply be a pulpit for the program, with plot and character as an afterthought.

I was pleasantly surprised to find a real story, with dialogue that rings true to each character, as well as strong acting.

The film tells the story of baseball all-star Cory Brand, played by Scott Elrod, (ABC's Men in Trees) whose life is spiraling out of control. Brand is haunted by his past, which includes an abusive father, has



Vivica A. Fox plays baseball agent, Helena Landry, and Scott Elrod is Cory Brand in the new film, "Home Run." In the film, the agent insists that Brand, an alcohol-addicted major league baseball player, enroll in a Christ-centered 12-step recovery program.

anger issues and alcohol addiction. After he is suspended, his agent, played by Vivica A. Fox (Independence Day, Soul Food) sends him back to the small town where he grew up, forcing him to coach the local youth baseball team and spend eight weeks in Celebrate Recovery, the only recovery program in town.

At first, Cory wants to get back to his life in the big leagues, but he eventually grows to enjoy coaching his young team. He reconnects with an old love and eventually begins to listen and reflect with genu-

ine interest during Celebrate Recovery sessions, understanding that he can change his life.

Other actors in the film include Dorian Brown (FX's Wilfred), Nicole

Leigh, James Devoti, Drew Waters, Robert Peters and Juan Martinez.

See the film at Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 542-3191.

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CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at (269) 327-0657 or e-mail to mickey55@chartermi.net for more information including purchasing tickets.



Cory Brand, played by Scott Elrod, gives a youth baseball team new uniforms, to prove he's a "good guy" to parents and other coaches.

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FALLS

If someone took a poll asking the question: 'What is the greatest arthritis problem of the elderly?' doctors would answer: "Falls." Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirm medical opinion. According to the CDC one out of every three adults over age 65 falls each year, among older adults falls are the leading cause of injury deaths, and in 2010, the latest year with complete statistics, hospital emergency rooms treated 2.3 million older adults for fall associated injuries.

The most common fractures occurring after falls in the elderly are spine, hip, pelvis, leg, ankle, wrist and forearm. What these fractures share is that each type immobilizes the patient. Fractures of the hip are notorious for leading to fatal pneumonia or blood clots to the lung that end with a death caused by an embolism to the lungs.

Falls also lead to fear of falling. The person limits walking from concern that ambulation and activity will lead to another fall. Paradoxically, being less active brings on a greater risk of another fall.

The reason is because the best preventive treatment for falls is walking. Exercise, exercise, exercise followed by activity, activity and activity is the therapy of choice to prevent falls. Exercise of any type done for a half hour every day will build up leg muscle strength and bring tone to equilibrium, gait and reflexes that allow a person to right himself after a slight stumble or near fall.

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



## DITZHAZY, JOSEPH (JOE) A., SR.

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

To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



## NUNNELLEY, CHAUNCEY G. "DICK"

Age 90, of Traverse City, died Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Village of Bay Ridge, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 5, 1923 in Lexington, KY and on Sept. 4, 1943, he married Jean Alice Blackwell of Huntington Woods. Dick served the City of Birmingham for 32 years as a firefighter, 16 years of that time as Fire Chief. He is survived by his daughter Ruth Nunnelley of Traverse City, his son, Stewart (Beth) Nunnelley of Cedar; seven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife, his son James, brother Robert and sister Eva Mae Hamilton. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 20 at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. Please consider memorial contributions to the Families of Fallen Firefighters.

For more information, a complete obituary and an opportunity to share your thoughts with the family, please visit [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com) The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Traverse City.



## FOX, RALPH M.

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

## FREEMAN, THOMAS F.

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



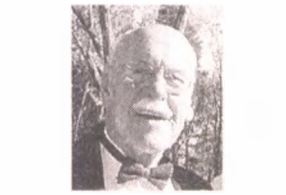
## McCOMAS, ANDREW J., SR.

Age 83, of Tonawanda, NY, formerly of Novi & Farmington. Died on his birthday, April 2, 2013. He retired from General Motors, working as a Personnel Administrator for many years at the Chevrolet Spring & Bumper plant in Livonia. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School. He served as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army in Korea. He will be remembered for his generous love and dedication to family by wife, Joan, daughter, Claire (John) Mueller of Westland, sons, Andrew Jr. (Christine), of Holly and Rev. Gregory C. (Alice) of Franklin, stepdaughter, Deborah Battel, 14 grandchildren, 3 great grand-children, 4 surviving siblings, and 15 nephews and nieces. Memorial service April 20 in NY State. Share memories at [www.mccomasfamily.org](http://www.mccomasfamily.org)



## REMUS, JOAN McNABB

Age 83, of Farmington; April 15, 2013. Beloved wife of Charles, for 58 years. Loving mother of Joni (Jim) Tedesco and Gregory (Kathy) Remus. Cherished grandmother of Dana Tedesco, DVM, Alex Tedesco, Eva Remus, Sophia Remus and Mathew Remus. Dear sister-in-law of Patricia Remus, Charlotte (William) Simmons and Willis Remus. She was also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Joan was a Registered Nurse and a dedicated volunteer at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in downtown Farmington. Memorial Service, Friday, April 26, 7:00 PM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds.; N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday, April 26, 4:00 pm until the time of the service. Memorial tributes are suggested to [standup2cancer.org](http://standup2cancer.org). [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)



## WRIGHT, ROBERT L.

Age 88, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away peacefully April 18, 2013. Husband of the late Martha Arnold (d. 1985), Father of Philip (Gladys), Elizabeth (Michael) Klawender and Douglas (Julie). Loving Grandfather of Amanda, Bailey and Andrew. Raised in Worthington, Ohio, Robert graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1946 and from The Ohio State University in 1950. He was a WWII veteran who served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific and a Korean War veteran serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1950-1953. He retired at age 65 from Fabricon Automotive Products then continued to work for ten years working for Krypton Specialty Papers in Watertown, New York then National Coating Corporation in Rockland, Massachusetts. He valued the friendships he gained during his career. In honor of his wishes, a private celebration of life gathering will be held. His cremated remains will be interred at a later date in New Hope Cemetery, Adamsville, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be directed to Boy Scouts of America, Great Lakes Field Service Council.



## SCHAEFFER, HONORABLE JUDGE MARGARET GROEFSEMA

The Hon. Margaret Groefsema Schaeffer, age 92, former judge for the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills, Michigan, died April 11, 2013, peacefully at her home of 62 years in Farmington Hills. She is survived by her children; Christine Skoglund (Dr. Paul) of Waterford, Paul Schaeffer of Waterford, the Hon. William E. Schaeffer of Battle Mountain, Nevada, and Virginia Schaeffer (Mitch Abrams) of Portland, Oregon; her two granddaughters, Madeline and Elise Abrams, also of Portland; her sisters, the Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, Judge (ret.), U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, of Grosse Pointe, and Dr. Christine Gram of Farmington Hills; and numerous nieces and nephews from Michigan, Florida, Colorado, Texas, and Washington. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 58 years, Marvin G. Schaeffer, in 2006. Judge Schaeffer was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 21, 1920. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in 1943 and a Juris Doctor with distinction in 1945. She was one of only two women graduates in her law class. After serving as a judicial law clerk for judges in Michigan and California, Judge Schaeffer joined her sister, Judge Kennedy, in practicing law with their father, Elmer Groefsema, a prominent Detroit attorney. Following their father's death, the two sisters continued to practice law together with the Detroit firm, Judge Schaeffer was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board for the State of Michigan in 1971. In 1974, she was elected as 47th District Court Judge serving Farmington and Farmington Hills. Upon joining the bench, Judge Schaeffer and her sister, Judge Kennedy, became the first sisters to serve as judges in the United States. She served on the bench for 18 years before retiring in 1992. Her son, Bill, carries on the judicial tradition in Nevada. Judge Schaeffer was long active in civic and community activities. She served on the Farmington Hills City Council, the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, and the Farmington Community Center Board of Directors. She was a long-standing member of the American Association of University Women. She was also a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Judge Schaeffer was very generous with her time and her resources to many, including young attorneys practicing before her when she was judge as well as to those seeking political office, especially local ones. Judge Schaeffer was also an avid traveler and gardener. She and her husband, Marvin, traveled to all fifty states and all seven continents. Her travels included the then Soviet Union, Malta, Syria, Australia, Tunisia, India, Chile, Nepal, Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), China, Zimbabwe, Panama, South Africa, and Antarctica. Even after Marvin's death in 2006, her traveling did not stop. Amongst other trips, she traveled to the Netherlands in 2007 and, in celebration of her 90th birthday, to Alaska on a small-boat cruise with her family. Peonies from her childhood home continue to flower in her garden. A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 3 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, the University of Michigan Law School, or to a charity of your choice.

McCabe Funeral Home

ZIMMERMAN, JAMES D.

April 17, 2013. Age 94 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Beulah. Dear father of Florence (Ray) Payer and James D. (Carol) Zimmerman II. Loving grandfather of five and great-grandfather of eight. Visitation at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Friday and Saturday 1-8pm with a Masonic service Saturday evening at 7pm by The Wayne Lodge #112 F.&A.M. Burial to take place at Smith Chapel Cemetery, Hackney, Ohio. Family suggests memorials to St. John Episcopal Church of Westland, 555 S. Wayne Rd. Westland, MI 48186. Please view memorial and send tributes at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

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## Milestones



Darlene and William Hawley.

## 50th Anniversary

Darlene and William Hawley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 13, 2013. They were married at the First Congregational Church of Wayne where they are still active members today.

Both Bill and Darlene retired from the Wayne-Westland school district, where they worked for many years, he as an administrator at Wayne Memorial High School, and she as a first-grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary. They enjoy golfing, traveling, volunteering in the community, and spending time with friends and family.



Darlene and William Hawley on their wedding day.



## Johnathan Ricardo Giovannini

Johnathan Ricardo Giovannini was born Saturday, Feb. 23, at Providence Park Hospital Novi. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. He joins his parents, Lisa and Erick Giovannini and siblings, Dominic,

6, and Luke, 3, at home in Novi. Grandparents are Rosalie and Melvin Wolicki and Erick and Denise Giovannini, all of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Richard and Alexandra Giovannini of Dearborn.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### April

#### BEACH PARTY

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

#### BLOOD DRIVE

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

#### BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 21  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Adults pay \$3 and children, 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by Men's Club  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

#### CAMP ENROLLMENT

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

#### CELEBRATING FAMILIES

**Time/Date:** After all Masses from April 27-28  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** "Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society" will include a Catholic bookstore's display, refreshments and supervised LEGO play area for kids  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950; [www.staidanlivonia.org](http://www.staidanlivonia.org)

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



## Local advocates lobby Congress for health funding

Three hundred American Heart Association You're The Cure advocates recently traveled to Washington D.C. to urge Congress to restore funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and provide funds from the Prevention and Public Health Fund for a new national campaign to reduce high blood pressure.

Local advocates Janine Krolikowski of Royal Oak, and Janan Saba of Livonia, met with Rep. Kerry Benivolio, R-11th District, and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and requested they continue to maintain support for NIH-funded research and a hypertension prevention campaign under the Million Hearts initiative key priorities for Congress. They also joined forces with volunteers from more than 150 other non-profit organizations in a "Rally to Fund Medical Research" calling on federal lawmakers to make funding for life-saving medical research a national priority.

Saba, whose mother is a

12-year heart attack survivor, and brother, who was born with a congenital heart defect and later passed away, said the nation could face serious consequences if funding is not restored.

"The loss of funding not only affects current research, but future research as well," she said. "We hope to restore the funding, so we can continue medical research for those affected by health issues like heart disease."

Krolikowski noted that the federal government slashed nearly \$1.6 billion of the NIH's budget this year.

"We need to restore the NIH back to its original pre-sequester amount of \$32 billion," Krolikowski said. "These cuts have caused Michigan to lose \$31.6 million in funding. Now over 500 Michigan health-related jobs are at risk."

The budget cut could reduce the number of research grants by about 2,300, costing more than 20,000 jobs nationwide



American Heart Association advocates from Michigan head to Capitol Hill to meet with lawmakers. The are Janine Krolikowski (left), Janan Saba, K.C. Sanders, Joe Ann Burgett, Jean and Owen Jones. Saba is a Livonia resident.

and shrinking new economic activity by nearly \$3 billion. A typical NIH grant supports about seven mainly high-tech full-time or part-time jobs.

Krolikowski and Saba also urged members of congress to designate \$35

million from the Prevention and Public Health Fund to support a national high blood pressure campaign under the Million Hearts initiative. More than one in three adults in the United States has high blood pressure, but less

than half have their condition under control. High blood pressure is one of the leading factors that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

Krolikowski, who is also a national spokeswoman for Go Red For Wom-

en, lost her parents to heart disease and suffered a heart attack in 2004. Today, she is encouraging the community to protect funding and prevention by writing their members of congress personally or through yourethecure.org.

You're the Cure is a group of Americans advocating for policy change for the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association. The advocates work to influence policy makers through e-mails, letters to the editor, phone calls, events and face-to-face meetings. Some past accomplishments include creating smoke-free communities, placing AED (automated external defibrillator) devices in public places and increasing federal funding for medical research.

To become an advocate for the American Heart Association, visit [www.yourethecure.org](http://www.yourethecure.org). To learn more about the rally for medical research visit [www.rallyformedicalsearch.org](http://www.rallyformedicalsearch.org).

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### April

##### TRI-COUNTY CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

The organization will hold its annual Gluten-free food fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Twenty-five vendors will be on hand with samples of their gluten-free products that also will be available for purchase during the fair. Admission is free to TCCSG members, and is \$10 for non-members. Questions? E-mail to [maorlando39@gmail.com](mailto:maorlando39@gmail.com).

##### WEIGHT LOSS

•Start Smart, an eight-week work-

shop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital's Diabetes & Nutrition Services, runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning April 29, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Participants will focus on building healthy eating habits and losing weight. Customized weekly topics reflect the group's specific challenges and goals. Weekly weigh-ins to keep attendees on track, and includes support and encouragement, hands-on activities and demonstrations, meal-planning advice and recipes, helpful tips and strategies, and nutrition advice. Cost: \$80. Space is limited. Call to register (248) 477-6100

•Dr. Stephanie Rose will present

a program explaining why you haven't been able to keep weight loss resolutions this year. It runs 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, suite 104, Farmington Hills. The program is free. Questions? Call (248) 888-8183.

#### May

##### IMMUNIZATIONS

Learn what vaccinations are recommended for older adults at a free presentation, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Providence Hospital, located on Nine Mile, west of Greenfield. Dr. Vilma Drellichman, an infectious disease specialist, on staff at Provi-

dence and Providence Park Hospital will give the lecture. Pre-register by calling (888) 751-5465

##### SKIN CANCER SCREENING

Register by May 1 for a free, partial body skin cancer screening, 9 a.m.-noon, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Register by calling (866) 501-DOCS.

#### Ongoing

##### AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farm-

ington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

##### ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

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## Putting a "Spring" in your Step!

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Kane  
Podiatry

Spring is here and for many of us that means reintroducing our feet to the world. Unfortunately, they've probably been somewhat neglected since last October. To help us welcome the warmer weather, Podiatrist and Garden City Hospital Health Expert, Dr. Howard Kane discusses what you can do to put your best foot forward!

Q: Winter has really taken a toll on my feet this year. Before I slip on my peep toes or consider running barefoot through the grass, what can I do to make my feet look and feel better?

A: To begin your total foot transformation, start by removing any old polish caked on your toes and exfoliating them with a fresh lemon. Lemon brightens up your nails, helping them look healthier in an instant.

If polished toenails are a summertime must, keep in mind that a bad pedicure has the potential to create a variety of health issues. The relaxing whirlpool you're soaking in, the files and other tools, all have the potential to spread nail fungus, warts even serious bacterial infections. Reduce your risks, find a reputable salon that passes your eye test for cleanliness and stay with them. Don't shave or wax your legs at least 24 hours prior to your appointment, microscopic cuts can increase your risk for infection.

While that new pair of sandals may look hot, they can often cause painful blisters. Blisters form from the friction of the shoe rubbing against a part of your foot unaccustomed to this type of stress. The area then balloons out and fills with fluid that cushions and protects the deeper layers of skin. Prevention is key. Buy quality made, comfortable shoes that don't need to be "broken in." Also, try to buy shoes later in the day when your feet have spread out the most. Look for soft fabrics or leather. To make sure they stay pain-free, wear them around the house for an hour or so before you wear them outside.

Another important thing to consider, wearing sandals leaves your heels exposed and can cause the skin to crack. If you have any deep cracks or scabs, treat the heel with an antibiotic oil and cover with a bandage. Treat normal dry heels with an exfoliating moisturizer twice a day and try running and a pumice stone over them once or twice a week. Extremely dry, cracked or bleeding heels may be the sign of a more severe condition, and I recommend seeing your physician or a podiatrist right away.

Finally, remember that flip-flops are NOT created equally. Over wearing these summertime staples can lead to stress fractures, heel pain, shin splints, planter fasciitis, tendonitis, and increase the risk for hammertoes. Most flip-flops are only meant for the locker room or pool, and not designed to be worn all day. Look for a pair with good arch support and a thicker sole. The more straps the better, as they reduce stress placed on the toes to grip the flip-flop.

To read more about good foot health in the Spring issue of GCH's Healthy Generations magazine, visit GCH.org and click the Healthy Generations icon. If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Kane or one of his colleagues, please call 734.525.2555.

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## What does it take to be considered overqualified?

Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer

As a job seeker, you may sometimes think you're a con-tortionist, trying to fit and shape yourself into the perfect candidate for the job. Often-times you need to tweak your experience and skills to match the job posting's phrasing. But what if you find yourself easily meeting or even surpassing the job requirements? While you may think you're a sure pick for the role, hiring managers may deem you overqualified.

Where's the line between being a perfect fit and being overqualified? Here's how to understand whether your qualifications will work for or against you and why hiring managers care.

The problem for both job seekers and employers As time goes on, a person's career tends to ascend to higher titles and more responsibility. "An overqualified job seeker is someone who, because of salary, experience or education, is considering taking a step down in job or pay out of short-term convenience or personal necessity," says Jeff Zinser, principal of executive recruitment and search company Right Recruiting LLC.

Although this may sound like a plus for employers, who can benefit from the extra skills and experience, overqualified applicants may be viewed as a flight risk. "This situation is

a problem for employers, because there is a high probability that the person will leave the job as soon as a position at their historical level appears," Zinser says. "In many situations, once the person becomes productive, they leave. Then the employer needs to refill the position. Job specifications and requirements are designed to fill professional positions with people who will be happy and challenged for the long term."

### Send the right message

The hiring manager has valid reason to be concerned about overqualified applicants. But what if you truly want the lower-level job -- whether out of interest or necessity? How can you rephrase your experience so it's more hire-friendly without lying? "We never recommend editing or omitting vital information like experience or education from a resume to prevent from being labeled overqualified," says Peter Zukow, general manager at Lock Search Group, a recruitment and staffing firm. "Instead, it is important to tailor a resume to the specifications of the role. Highlight the qualifications and experiences that are most applicable to the role. If an individual misrepresents themselves on their resume, it can be extremely embarrassing or even lead to immediate disqualification if uncovered during interview or background checks."



### Address the issue

No matter how experienced a job seeker is, the key to convincing an employer that you're the right person for the job is making a clear business case for it. After you've tailored your resume to fit the job description, address the issue of being overqualified in your cover letter and interview. Acknowledge your extensive credentials, but explain how this position fits into your career path, as well as how the business can ben-

efit from your experience. Also come prepared with ideas for how you're a fit with the company culture and you align with its business values. An ideal job has responsibilities that play to your strengths and challenge you, so communicate that you're approaching this position as a learning opportunity.

Being an overqualified job seeker doesn't have to result in instant rejection. Research the roles you're applying to and how your experience can benefit the team as well as yourself.

Employers look for workers who are a good company fit and will be around for a while. By making it clear you're interested in the job and have room to grow in the role, you'll prove that you're the best person for the job.

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5 Pantyhose shade  
8 Vacuum part  
11 Wading bird  
12 NASA counterpart  
13 Fiesta shout  
14 Melon throwaways  
15 Wheedle  
17 New Haven student  
18 Almost never  
20 Famed lioness  
22 Woodland creature  
23 Fictional spy - Helm  
27 Seam of coal  
29 More than bad  
30 Jason's Golden -  
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34 Kind of rocket  
35 Polynesian carving

**DOWN**

1 Bore a hole  
2 Indian noblewomen  
3 And, to Fritz  
4 She preceded Mamie  
5 Nubstick coating  
6 Put - (save)

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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## Volvo aims marketing campaign at brand's true believers



By Dale Buss

Volvo has been adrift and marginal in the U.S. market for several years. But now in its third year of ownership by Geely of China, the surviving Scandinavian auto brand is counting on a new marketing campaign and more confident positioning to spark an American revival in the short term while waiting for a fresher, broader product line to provide long-term brand prosperity.

Beginning this month, Volvo is launching an integrated advertising campaign in the U.S. that explicitly appeals to the non-materialistic, minimalist ethos that brand executives believe differentiates Volvo aficionados from buyers of other luxury and near-luxury brands.

In the process, they hope to produce a bounce in sales for a franchise whose U.S. results peaked a decade ago, when the company was owned by Ford, and have kept on sliding. Ford sold Volvo in 2010 to Geely, a large Chinese automaker, for \$1.5 billion.

Volvo North America CMO Tassos Panas told me that most of Volvo's core customers didn't drift away even after a resource-strapped Ford began neglecting the brand's product-development needs several years ago, nor even much once Geely introduced the strange new element of Chinese ownership of a Swedish brand into the equation three years ago.

"We would hear rumblings from our dealers when there was news in the marketplace" about problems or changes at the brand, he said. "But when the news

went away, we didn't hear much at all."

Now, Volvo is attempting to reconnect with brand true believers as the next step in the journey back to becoming more than an afterthought in the U.S. automotive marketplace. And while Volvo never has been regarded as a true luxury vehicle, Panas isn't afraid to put it in the company of true luxury brands in an attempt at a deft repositioning that carries some risks.

Volvo owners' "interpretation of luxury is different but very real," said the vice president of marketing and production planning. "They're more into life's experiences, and more into a Scandinavian simple design [of vehicles] versus a lot of clutter. They are very much luxury customers and love luxury products, but they don't feel a need to impress others."

Thus, the first new TV ads in the campaign, which are breaking this month on national cable networks, underscore these alleged differences. One spot, "Rearview," juxtaposes a Volvo owner's priorities to those of competitive luxury-car drivers.

In the ad, a woman at a stoplight in a Mercedes-Benz SUV is primping her highly put-together face in her rear-view mirror, when another woman pulls up alongside her in a Volvo XC60. The Volvo driver, pretty but less made-up, seems not to no-

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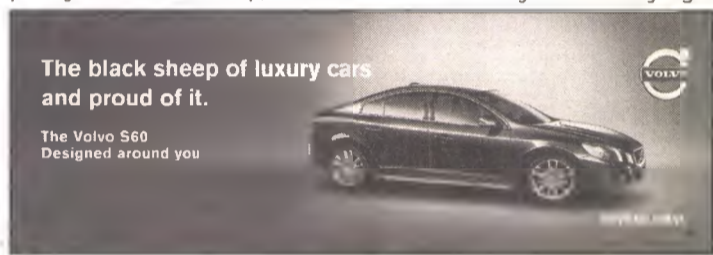
Volvo's new campaign is unapologetic.

tice the Benz driver next to her. Instead, she looks in her own rear-view mirror and crosses her eyes, making her two little kids in the backseat squeal with laughter. "Volvos aren't for everyone," the ad intones, "and we kinda like it that way."

A complementary outdoor effort is targeted in Volvo's top markets, such as southern California, positioning the brand versus traditional-luxury competition—such as with the tag line, "Pretense is so past tense." In Los Angeles, one outdoor sign, already erected, refers to the Volvo S60 as "100% real. Can't say that about everything around here."

Panas said that Volvo specifically is targeting BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Lexus in its campaign, which is based on new research in which the brand asked consumers not why they bought Volvos but why they weren't buying these other brands.

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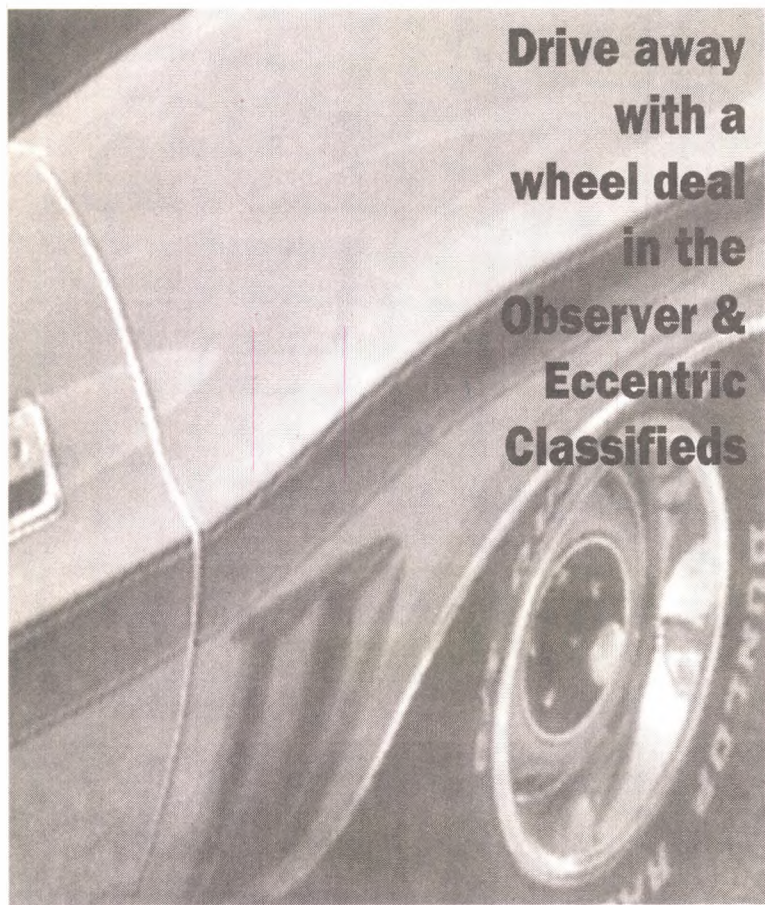
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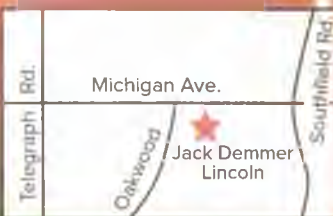


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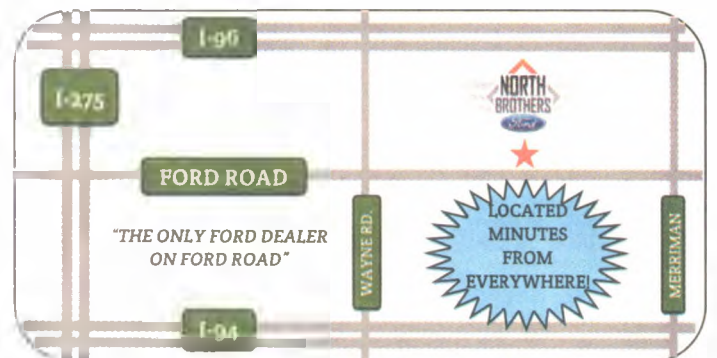
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