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## PIPELINE



Organizers are looking for volunteers for the Plymouth Township picnic, where Joe Gatzek and Dave Lozier have helped out with the hot dogs.

### Help wanted

Plymouth Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who captains the annual Plymouth Township Fourth of July picnic, is looking for help.

According to Doroshewitz, most volunteers for the picnic, scheduled for July 4 at Plymouth Township Park, will work two hours or less, and suitable roles for the volunteers (who should be 13 and older) will be found based on age. Students can earn service credits, and volunteers get a free T-shirt and food. Those who volunteer for four or more hours get special access to the VIP Viewing area at the July 3 township fireworks.

Volunteers are also needed July 3, to help prepare food.

# Breakfast spots are hidden jewels



# **Cancer crusaders**

Relay for Life will take place next weekend at new location

### **BY MATT JACHMAN** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

LOCAL WOMAN ACTIVE

**IN SUPPORT OF BREAST** 

**CANCER RESEARCH, B5** 

Laura Compton got involved with Plymouth's Relay for Life in 2007, the same year she lost her father, Henry Wayne, to colon cancer.

"That was my motivation, to put my emotions to a positive energy and do something about it," said Compton, the chairwoman of the local Relay for Life committee. "Hopefully, a family can avoid going through what we did."

It was the inaugural year for a solo Plymouth Relay — the fundraiser had previously been combined with one in Canton Township — and Luann Andes, owner of the Defining Image Salon in Plymouth, jumped in to organize it. Andes lobbied her customers for their help.

"I got a whole lot of yeses," said Andes on Friday, recalling how the Plymouth Relay got started in 2007. "We all did it."

The cause unites people of all ages and backgrounds whose lives have been affected by cancer.

"It's hard to find someone who isn't touched by it," said Compton.

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"With apologies to Mark Twain, it's far more fun to work the picnic than to merely sit in the shade eating ice cream," Doroshewitz said. "It's a good family activity to teach kids the importance of community service."

Volunteers can call Doroshewitz at (734) 459-8473 or e-mail bdoroshewitz@plymouthtwp.org.

### More movies

The Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Theatres go seven days a week starting Monday.

The daily shows, which run through Sept. 4, start with Monday's screenings:

• Screen 1 – "Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides" (PG-13); "I Am Number Four" (PG-13).

• Screen 2 – "Kung Fun Panda 2" (PG); "Thor" (PG 13).

• Screen 3 – "The Hangover Part II" (R); "Bridesmaids" (R).

Price is \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids 4-12, kids 3 and younger free. The drive-in is located at 14900 Beck (between Five Mile and M-14) in Plymouth Township.

For more information, call the Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Hotline at (734) 927-3284 or go online to http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html.

### Party plans

The Senior Party Committee for the Class of 2011 members are inviting adults and sponsors (no students) to Salem High School 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

With generous donations from local businesses, you will see how the school has been converted for the last night for the seniors. For more information, call (734) 306-5296. PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA

Chris Meachem, son of Bode's owners Rick and Pam Meachem.

## 'Fresh food, friendly service, good conversation, great value'

### BY JILL HALPIN CORRESPONDENT

It has been said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Nutritionists even claim that eating a good breakfast starts the day off right by providing fuel and energy for your body.

Many Plymouth residents seem to agree, but for many of them, however, the breakfast ritual is about much more than healthy eating. It is about community, fellowship and friends.

Lucky for them, Plymouth is home to a host of restaurants and coffee shops, many independently owned, offering a wide assortment of delicious, fresh food in addition to friendly service, good conversation and great value. From busy drive-through windows to cozy cafes to elaborate buffets, most local breakfast hot spots boast a regular and growing customer base.

Some are new, hidden jewels, tucked along side streets throughout town. Others have been Plymouth landmarks since the turn of the century. Either way, there is no doubt about it breakfast in Plymouth is a serious and fun business.

A recent Friday morning at Bode's Corned Beef House in downtown Plymouth found the restaurant's back room crowded with women eating fresh pancakes and waffles while talking across the room about the Britain's Royal Wedding. The mood was

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The Omelette and Waffle Cafe's easy-to-reach downtown location is popular with locals.

Laura Haldane and Kathleen Salata walk during a past Relay for Life in Plymouth. This year's local Relay, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at West Middle School.

## Legendary Cadillac dealer Don Massey dies at age of 83

**BY MATT JACHMAN** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don Massey, whose folksy radio commercials helped propel his Plymouth Township dealership to become one of the top Cadillac dealers in the country, died early Friday at the age of 83.

Massey, reportedly in declining health for several years, lived in Northville. No cause of death could be confirmed.

Massey was remembered as a savvy businessman and a friend to the Plymouth area.

"He was a strong busi-

nessperson who had some commitment to the local community, and we were able to accomplish some things," said Jim Anulewicz, the township's former public services director.

"He was a great friend to Plymouth Township when he owned the dealership, before he sold it," said Kay Arnold, an 18-year member of the township Board of Trustees.

Starting out with a usedcar lot in Detroit, Massey built a chain of new-car dealerships around the country, including the one in the

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### AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a spaceavailable basis. Send details to bkadrich@ hometownlife.com

### Heise hours

Date/Time: Monday, June 13, 3-4 p.m. Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Toll free (855) REP-KURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

### Electronic waste

Date/Time: Monday, June 13, 3-7 p.m. Location: VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Details: The VFW Post 6695 will host an electrical waste collection. There is no charge or residency requirement. Anything with a power cord will be accepted (please, no refrigerators). The Post is also looking for old cell phones

and any related equipment to turn in for calling cards. Contact: (734) 459-6700

### Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Oct. 15 Location: West Middle School in Plymouth

Details: Organizers of the Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair at West Middle School are looking for crafters. Proceeds go for scholarships for future educators from the Plymouth/Canton high schools. The fair general draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings. Contact: Judy, (734) 347-1001 or Alice (248) 348-5561 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

### PCA preschool

Date/Time: Now Location: 43065 Joy Road, Canton (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) Details: Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy. is now enrolling for fall classes. Visit the website for a virtual tour and more information

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## On the run

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its fifth annual 5K run/walk for cancer 9 a.m. Sept. 11, and registration is now open. Nearly 600 people participated in last year's 5K, raising over \$20,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This year, run alongside Lila Lazarus, Detroit's always smiling, energetic, award-winning health reporter. Also, meet and greet Lila Lazarus after the race for autographs and photos (bring your camera).

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### **NEW RELAY LOCATION**

Plymouth's 2011 Relay, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, is 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday on the grounds at West Middle School. It's the event's first year at that location.

The walkathon - the idea is to have at least one member of each participating team walking the grounds for the entire 24 hours - will also feature entertainment, refreshments, games, tips on preventing and fighting cancer, and ceremonies to honor those battling cancer and those whose lives it has claimed. The public is invited to walk laps, participate in

support to team walkers and enjoy the festival atmosphere. This year's local Relay has a fundraising goal of more than \$78,000. Last year, it netted nearly \$75,000, according to Compton.

the memorials, offer moral

"It's going to be a challenge this year but we're hoping we can make it," Compton said. Much of the fundraising

### DON MASSEY FROM, PAGE A1

township that still bears his name. He sold his chain of 16 dealerships in 2002.

Massey when the two worked on the clock tower behind the Massey dealership, which doubles as a cellular tower. The tower is now a landmark for the township.

without him agreeing to it ... that would not have happened," Anulewicz said.

takes place ahead of the walking event; there are 19 teams participating this year, ranging in size from just a few members to more than 20.

For Andes, the cause couldn't be more personal. A cancer survivor herself, Andes lost both parents to cancer, plus two cousins, her fatherin-law and her best friend (at age 37). Andes said her own cancer is well under control, but that a younger sister is battling it now as well.

She said she's not shy about asking for help.

"I tell people, 'This is my crusade, and if you'd like to jump on, great," said Andes. "It's more personal when it's in your family."

### FIGHTING BACK

The event in Plymouth quickly caught on and has grown every year, Andes said. "Plymouth really likes to embrace their own, help their own," she said.

**Relay highlights will** include the survivors lap at 11 a.m. Saturday, followed by a brunch for cancer survivors; a "fight back" event at 3 p.m., during which participants will pledge to urge family

and friends to, for example, give up smoking, get regular mammograms, and adopt healthier lifestyles; and a luminaria ceremony at dusk Saturday. With a silent lap, a bagpiper and dozens of candles lighted to honor those touched by cancer and those lost to it, the luminaria ceremony is particularly moving, Compton said.

Entertainment will include dancers from the Metro Dance Co., a disc jockey who will play tunes and also act as master of ceremonies, and local Zumba instructor Shyam Thakker, who will lead the crowd through some of the Latin-inspired dance and fitness steps at 5 p.m. Saturday.

"This guy has some energy, and he's just bringing our community together," said Andes.

For more about the Plymouth Relay for Life, or to participate or donate, visit the website www.relayforlife. org/plymouthmi. West Middle School is on the southwest corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon.

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Ann Arbor Road to the township for its new township hall, which opened in 2006.

Massey's local radio spots urged listeners to visit his dealership and told them he was "selling Cadilliacs and very, very happy to be doing so.

Few details, including survivor information and funeral arrangements, were available Friday afternoon. Calls to Massey Enterprises were not returned.

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### CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's Observer about the BLAST cancer fundraiser at Mettetal Airport should have said Chef John Cortez cooks for a group called "Chefs for Cancer."



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Anulewicz got to know

"Without his cooperation,

Massey "loved to sell," Anulewicz said. "He loved the business," he said. "He had a knack for it."

When he'd arrive at the dealership for a meeting regarding the tower project, Anulewicz said, Massey would make a point of tempting him by taking him by the new Cadillacs. "Both of us knew ... that was not going to happen," Anulewicz said with a chuckle. Massev also donated money

for the baseball field on Plymouth Road at Haggerty, which was named after him, and sold land at Haggerty and

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### LOCAL NEWS

## Hope for Hunter: Fundraiser to help family struggling with cancer

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When Dale and Pat Bennett took their 10-year-old granddaughter, Hunter Donegan, to urgent care that March Sunday morning, they were sure Hunter's left leg was still bothering her because of a playground fall she'd suffered two days earlier.

But when the doctor came out with the X-ray of Hunter's leg and said, "We've set you up with an appointment at Mott Children's Hospital," they knew they were wrong.

When doctors X-rayed Hunter's leg, they found a large cancerous tumor that was eating away at the bone and urged the family to get to Mott straight away.

"(The doctor) didn't do anything (medically) except an X-ray," Pat Bennett said. "We couldn't believe it."

Pat Bennett made the drive to Ann Arbor that afternoon, and Hunter was diagnosed with bone cancer in her left tibia. A 10-week course of chemotherapy didn't do much to stem the tide, and left the Bennetts, retirees living on a fixed income, and their 10year-old granddaughter with a horrible decision: They could insert a tube into the bone and stabilize the leg, or they could amputate from the knee down



Hunter Donegan, 10, faces amputation of her left leg after a tumor was detected following a playground fall.

and fit Hunter for a prosthetic.

The Bennetts, who became legal guardians for Hunter and her 12-year-old brother, Dominic, gave the facts to their bright, active granddaughter.

### **AWFUL CHOICE**

For the little girl who loves to play soccer, ride her bike and swim, the decision was easy after doctors told her soccer wouldn't be possible with the tube. She decided to let them amputate.

"I really like soccer ... if I had chosen (the tube), I couldn't do it," said Hunter, an effervescent Hulsing

Elementary School student. "It was a really easy decision."

Not everything about it has been easy. Hunter sat with her Hulsing classmates and talked about the decision, answering as many questions as classmates needed to ask. And then there was the little girl who bumped into Hunter, causing the fall that eventually led to the diagnosis.

On a card written by her classmates, that little girl wrote, "Hunter, I'm sorry I made you fall and gave you cancer.

The inscription drove a knife into Pat Bennett's heart. "Can you imagine the guilt

### **HELPING HUNTER**

What: Fundraiser to help the family of Hunter Donegan Where: The Crow's Nest, 6166 N. Canton Center, Canton When: 6-10 p.m. Thursday, June 16

How: The Crow's Nest will donate 10 percent of food and drink proceeds; T-shirts and wrist bands, 50-50 raffle and silent auction will be available

Why: To benefit the family of 10-year-old Hunter Donegan, who has to have her left leg amputated because of bone cancer Other fundraisers: July 14, 6-8 p.m. at Skatin' Station, entire \$6 admission goes to Hunter; September (date to be determined) at Jungle Java; Nov. 5, Super Bowl, adults only, 9 p.m. To help: Send checks to Lisa Misenko, made out to either "Hunter Donegan" or "Help for Hunter," at 7631 Kingsbridge, Canton, MI 48187

that poor little girl was feeling, and (the fall) actually probably saved Hunter's life," Pat Bennett said. "We made sure

to talk to that little girl right

### away.

It hasn't been easy for the Bennetts, retirees with medical problems of their own – Pat Bennett has a bad back problem, among other things – living on a fixed income. Their Canton home will need extensive remodeling to accommodate Hunter's new life. They'll need a new car, because the one they've got isn't conducive to transporting a wheelchair.

### ANGEL AMONG US

The Bennetts have already sunk pretty much all of their life's savings into their grandchildren, and money has become a concern.

Lisa Misenko saw that, and decided to help. Misenko's daughter, Devon, is a classmate of Hunter's and the youngsters are good friends. Devon Misenko even went so far as to cut off her long red hair to donate to charity to be made into wigs for children with cancer, in honor of Hunter.

Misenko, meanwhile, has organized a fundraiser Thursday at The Crow's Nest in Canton. The Crow's Nest

will donate 10 percent of their profits from food and drink that night. There will be Tshirts and wrist-bands - in Hunter's favorite lime-green and adorned with Hunter's name – for sale.

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include autographed Red Wing and Detroit Tiger paraphernalia, and a variety of baskets with goodies from places like Zap Zone, Emagine Theater and other local businesses. A 50-50 raffle will also be held.

"They need it, and it's something I can do," Misenko said. "Patty and Dale took Hunter and Dominic in seven years ago, and they provided a warm, loving environment. They have a lot on their plate. You have to give back to those

Misenko's fundraiser is expecting to be a godsend to the family, and Dale Bennett thinks that's exactly where Misenko came from.

"Every once in awhile, God dumps an angel in your lap," Dale Bennett said. "That's what God did for us with Lisa."

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# EDUCATION

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## **Retirement beckons for PCA chief**

### BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

This time, it's for good.

David Butler, the head of school at Plymouth Christian Academy, announced he'll retire with the close of the school year, the second time Butler, who served a total of 13 years at the school, has left.

Butler and his wife, Gail, who has taught at the school for 23 years (most of it as a fourth-grade teacher), decided the time has come.

"You know when it's time," said Butler, who taught for more than 30 years in the Southfield district before coming to PCA. "It has run its course."

Butler had been the secondary principal at PCA for nine years before leaving seven years ago when the school's board decided to "go in a different direction." That decision didn't work out as well as officials had hoped and, three years later, Butler came back.

Butler said he left because the "philosophy of the school" had shifted and changes were made. He said the intervening years before his return weren't easy.

"It was a hard three years ... we weren't ready for retirement at that point," he said. "Gail and I came back to help stabilize the school, and we did that. Now (the school) is at a point where they can bring someone in, and they have."

The last 13 years of his career have been different from the first 30. In one graduating class at Southfield, some 1,100 students graduated. PCA, meanwhile, has a total enrollment of some 620 students.

The pupil-student ratio at PCA is a very cozy 14:1.

"(Southfield) was very impersonal, more dispensing knowledge than actual learning because there were just too many kids," Butler said. "There's a lot more personal interest in the kids here. It's a different world."

Some of the challenges, though, are the same. PCA has had tough budgetary times, like most schools, In Michigan's tough economy, many students who wish to go to PCA simply can't afford it. And PCA teachers, like many public school teachers, end up reaching into their own pockets to help with things like supplies.

"There are a lot of people who want to come here, but they can't because they've lost their job or whatever," Butler said. "This is a place where their kids are safe."

It's also a place where their kids excel. According to Butler, 75 percent of the entire student body is



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Plymouth Christian Academy Head of School Dr. David Butler, here congratulating graduate Caleb Michael York during last week's commencement, has announced his retirement after a total of 13 years in two stints at the school.

on the honor roll, and a whopping 88 percent of the junior class is on the honor roll.

"We have a great, very loving staff, and they want to take these high-quality kids and have an impact for eternity," Butler said. "And the kids themselves have high expectations."

With all that, the couple looks forward to retirement this time.

"I love the kids, and I love the staff, but it has to stop sometime, and it's time," Gail Butler said. "We're a team. When my husband said he was retiring, I said, 'So am I."

The Butlers aren't sure what they'll do with their new retirement.

"We're people of faith, and we trust in God," Butler said. "We see how God has worked things out in our lives, so we know it'll be OK. He'll have something for us."

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## **Students face court** after park pranks

#### **BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The last day of school for seniors at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park could end up being a costly one, though apparently not for any seniors.

As many as 10 or more students according to district administrators all of them underclassmen - face potential disciplinary actions, which could include a trip to 35th District Court, after a series of incidents that included a food fight in the Salem High School cafeteria Wednesday.

The pranks started with students getting into the library and rearranging all the furniture, then escalated into what appeared to be an organized food fight in the cafeteria, before spilling out onto park grounds, where a variety of items including what appeared to be full plastic bottles of drinking water - started flying across the sky.

**Ironically**, although it was the last day of school for the seniors, park Principal Bill Zolkowski said none were involved in any part of the fracas.

"We've identified some of (students) involved, and they've been dealt with," Zolkowski said. "No seniors were involved at all. They were exemplary in every way."

Many of the others weren't, and Canton Police who were on hand, as they are every year near the end of school, said the ones who weren't face stiff penalties. Lt. Scott Hilden, the Canton Police lieutenant charged with overseeing the operation at the park as school nears its end, said there's an ordinance that specifically prohibits behavior that disrupts the school environment.

Students whose behavior rises to the level of violating that ordinance, once they're identified by district officials, could face issuance of an appearance ticket that will require them to report to court. Hilden said parents should take note.

'We've had some incidents the last few days of food fights, water-bottle throwing, fire alarm activation, etc.," Hilden said. 'We are taking a zero-tolerance approach, and parents need to understand if their child is involved in any way ... he or she not only faces significant suspension from the administration, but could also be charged criminally.'

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Videos of the food fight and the bottlethrowing turned up quickly on YouTube. In the videos, hundreds of students can be seen milling around outside the school, with the bottles flying through the air. Some students can be heard screaming, others laughing.

Zolkowski said the trouble can be traced to newer students who haven't yet found their place in the park community.

"We'll deal with the egregious behavior swiftly and severely," he said. "We've got students who are new to our community. We've got to make them feel that this is their home."

Hilden, who has organized the police supervision at the park the last few years, said the vast majority of the park's 6,400 students are well-behaved. However, he said, there is a "group of kids who have no respect for authority, for the administration and staff." The problem, Hilden said, is with that number of children, things can get out of hand.

"The kids seem to think it's fun and games," Hilden said. "When you have thousands of people moving around that campus, it becomes dangerous to have this irresponsible behavior.

"We're dealing with it with the administration, and it'll come to an end," Hilden added. "Unfortunately, a lot of kids are going to get in a lot of trouble if parents don't get them to behave properly. You have a handful of kids making it difficult for the rest of the people up there. Those kids are going to eventually end up with some pretty heavy consequences.

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# **McCotter pre-empts Romney visit**

### BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, whose recent complaint about the Republican presidential field sparked talk about his own possible White House bid, appeared at a Plymouth factory Wednesday with criticisms of GOP front-runner Mitt Romney.

The remarks came just ahead of Thursday's campaign appearance by Romney, a Michigan native and the former governor of Massachusetts, at the Senate Coney Island in Livonia.



McCotter

McCotter told reporters he sees little difference, in some areas, between Romney and President Barack Obama, a Democrat whom Romney hopes to oppose in the fall 2012 presidential campaign. Romney is one of more than a half-

dozen contenders

and possible contenders for the Republican presidential nomination.

"President Obama and Mr. Romney are less rivals than running mates," McCotter quipped.

Particularly in the areas of health care reform and support for so-called cap-and-trade legislation to combat global warming, McCotter said, the president and Romney have similar views.

But he was coy about his own presidential ambitions when a reporter asked directly about them.

"I'm not here as a potential or current politician, I'm here as a resident of the United States," McCotter said.

### **NO 2012 DECISION**

Later, speaking about a possible presidential run, he added: "I don't worry about what I will or will not do until I decide to do it." After a brief press conference, McCotter said he expects to reach a decision about a presidential run "relatively soon."

"There's still time but the window is closing," he said.

McCotter, a Livonia Republican whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships, appeared at automotive supplier E&E Manufacturing Co., flanked by Wes Smith, the company's chief executive officer, and Dr. David Janda, an orthopedic surgeon and health care policy analyst.

Smith, whose company makes parts for General Motors Corp. said the domestic automakers' troubles in 2008 and 2009 "would've taken down the whole industry," because of the its interconnectedness, had the government not intervened.

"Wall Street businesses and their attitude toward manufacturing have destroyed the middle class," said Smith. If GM and Chrysler Corp. had shut down, Smith said, an estimated 1.4 million jobs would have been lost, on top of the six million manufacturing jobs lost since the year 2000. Romney, a businessman before entering politics and a son of the late George Romney, once the chairman of American Motors Corp. and a former Michigan governor, had advocated for no government intervention as GM and Chrysler Corp. faced bankruptcy.

### INTRA-PARTY RIVALRY

McCotter took issue with recent statements by Romney that suggested that the let-them-go-bankrupt approach was vindicated with the turnaround of GM and Chrysler.

"What you see is a rewriting of history," McCotter said. Romney didn't favor the type of structured bankruptcy that GM and Chrysler went through, he said.

When a reporter asked if McCotter would attend Romney's Thursday event with the same message, McCotter said he wouldn't, but added: "I suspect that some time we will have a little face time, and I will say the same thing."

Representatives of the Romney cam-

paign could not be reached Thursday or Friday for a response. Two e-mails were not answered, and the voice mailbox for the phone number of a campaign spokesman said it was full and not accepting messages.

Janda said he advocates a free-market approach to fixing the health-care system, and complimented McCotter by saying he's the only member of Congress he knows of who consults people who work on the "front lines" of the industry.

He blasted Romney for the Massachusetts health-care reform law he signed while governor, comparing it to the national health-care reform approved last year. "Whether it's Obamacare or Romneycare, they're both cancer," Janda said.

McCotter, 45, was first elected to the U.S. House in 2002. He is a former member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and a former state senator.

### **TURNAROUND 'FRAGILE'**

After the event, Smith elaborated on the struggles in recent years of automakers and their suppliers. While 2008 and 2009 were "awful" years for the business, he said, last year was a turnaround year, and he's optimistic. However, "The industry is still very

fragile," he warned.

The decline has been dramatic since the year 2000, Smith said. To illustrate, Smith said that between 1962, when E&E was founded, and 2000, just one of its customer businesses went bankrupt. Since 2000, however, 32 customer businesses have gone bankrupt.

"You've seen too many people just close up," he said.

E&E employs about 250 in Plymouth, where it is headquartered, and also has a factory in Athens, Tenn.

Smith said manufacturers need a bigger voice in Washington, and that McCotter is a politician who "understands the importance of manufacturing."

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# Daddy plays doctor in son's delivery drama

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### **BY BRAD KADRICH** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Yale Yee is not a doctor. But after Thursday's early morning trip to the University of Michigan Hospital with his pregnant wife, Michelle Friend, which was interrupted long enough for Yee to deliver the Canton couple's baby, he just may be able to play one on television.

By Thursday afternoon Mom, Dad and baby Rylan were all resting comfortably. But the day didn't start that way.

The adventure began when Friend woke Yee around 3:30 a.m. with the words every expectant couple longs to hear: "It's time."

Yee woke Friend's 10-yearold son, Matthew, to let him know his grandmother would be there to take care of him and his 2-year-old sister, Evangeline.

"(Michelle) called the hospital, I called my mom, and woke my son up," said Yee, a computer technician at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Then Yee and Friend got into the car and headed for the hospital. Yee heard his wife listening to music, trying to stay calm, counting down from 100.

"I heard her get to 97, and then I heard, 'Uh-oh,'" Yee said. "She said, 'Pull over now.' I was like, 'Where?"

But pull over he did. When he checked his wife's progress, he could see the baby's head. After ascertaining the umbilical cord was not wrapped around Rylan's neck, Yee finished the delivery.

"We had some towels and blankets in the car, thank God," Yee said. "We wrapped the baby up and put him in his mother's arms, then drove to the hospital."

Friend, pregnant with her third child, knew quickly the couple wasn't going to make it to the hospital — "You just know," she said — and said her husband was "great" when it came to the delivery.

"Evangeline came fast, in about three hours, so we knew this one would be faster, but I didn't know it was going to be that fast," Friend said. "We had run through the (daddy delivery) scenario just in case, and (Yee) was great."

They made it to the hospital – eventually – but not before the 8-pound, 10-ounce Rylan, who checked in at 20 inches in length, was safely in his mother's arms.

Did the experience unnerve the new father?

"It happened so fast, there wasn't time to be scared," Yee said. "It was an adrenaline rush ... fear didn't enter my head."

He paused, then added, "I did notice I was shaking a little bit afterward."

By Thursday afternoon, the couple was just happy it all turned out well.

"He's here, and he's healthy," Yee said of Rylan. "It's amazing."

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## **Good Company: Mr. Sponge Waterproofing** Business finds success through top service, cost-efficient methods

Michigan rains bring leaky basements. But what if this unwelcome harbinger of spring easily could be repaired, without breaking the bank? Mr. Sponge Waterproofing in Novi, an owner- operated company whose roots go back to a family business founded in 1969, offers that alternative.

While many waterproofing efforts are seared toward installing drain tiles, most leaks can be fixed using the high-pressure injection waterproofing method that Mr. Sponge specializes in, according to Dean Teaster, one of three company owneroperators who provide all basement repair services.

### **Things To Know**

Mr. Sponge Waterproofing, based in Novi, is an owner-operated company that serves all of southeastern Michigan.

- The Company offers a patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug for do-it-yourselfers with rod-hole Leaks. The product and tutorial videos are available at www.trxplug.com.
- For more information, visit www.mrsponge.com or call 800-491-4686.

"This makes us unique because we don't try to offer every type of repair," Teaster says. "We offer repairs for the most common leak situations in poured foundation walls." The company developed SP-3, its own unique wateractivated polyurethane, in 1996.

"Our specialty is stopping all types of poured wall leaks from cracks, rod holes [holes left after the concrete-forming mechanism is removed by the foundation contractor] and honeycombs [formed pockets of excessive aggregate]. This is where 90 percent of basement leaks occur," he says. Most leaks can be fixed in a matter of hours. For do-ityourselfers, Mr. Sponge now is offering its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug, which is



Available online. Mr. Sponge Waterproofing specializes in high-injection waterproofing to fix basement leaks - a method that repairs 90% of leaks quickly and more cost-efficiently than the drain tile methods many companies offer, say the owners.

Delivering Quality Service

Though they easily could have expanded, Teaster says remaining an owner-operated business with no additional employees – he and business partner Keith Potts do all on-site jobs while Shelley Kunz handles office and administrative duties – is a means of having complete control over the quality of services delivered. "When we do a repair for a private home-owner, we have to warranty it for a 20-year period," Teaster says. "Doing it ourselves gives us self-assurance that everything is done correctly."

Because many customers begin with phone or online consultations, Teaster says it's important to use experience and care to develop rapport with them.

"It takes many years of education in the business to know how to explain things," he says. "You need to be warm, friendly, have expertise, and take the time to explain the problem properly." Staying Vital

Teaster says the company has stayed vital by developing new products and embracing the latest technology in an effort to make life easy for the customer. Some of Teaster's insights on good customer service include:

• If a solution doesn't exist, invent it. Mr. Sponge offers its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug to homewoners who want to fix rod-hole leaks themselves. "The new TRX delivers a quick, userfriendly, cost-effective solution and gives the homeowner the best state-of-the art waterproof product available for this rodhole leak problem," Teaster says.

• Make it easy. Mr. Sponge operators offer over-the-phone consultations and online inspections, requiring the customer to do nothing more than submit photos to its website. If a customer has further questions, Kunz, who handles these inquiries, can call the other owners out in the field.

• Sell solutions in addition to services. "You have to go above and beyond the norm of today's service industry in order to set yourself apart," Teaster says. "You have to provide a solution. It's outside the scope of your company, then refer them to the appropriate contractor. Be honest, and give the customer not only value for their dollar, but save them money where possible."

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light and jovial as jokes with comments on "Royal fashion" were exchanged between tables as customers traded comments on the wedding ceremony.

It was exactly this combination of a comfortable atmosphere and good food that drew Plymouth resident Linda Coughlin and her nieces, Kate Fortunata of New York City and Susan Coughlin of Orlando. Linda Coughlin and her husband, Jay, have lived in Plymouth for over 20 years and visit Bode's regularly.

"It's a good place to get together and talk about 'stuff," said Susan Coughlin, a former Plymouth resident in town to visit her aunt and her father. Gazing out the bright window as a train rumbled by, she commented, "It's a cool place with comforting food."

### 'GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE'

Brace cites the homey atmosphere with "good food and good people," as one of the restaurants winning attributes.

"Rick and his crew are fabulous people to deal with. The workers are happy and seem to like what they do. They treat the customers really well," Brace said, adding that owner Rick Meacham and his wife, Pam, are "really tuned into the customers.

Although the Meachams have owned Bode's for the 40 years, the restaurant has long been a Plymouth landmark dating back some 140 years. Originally built as a hotel in 1868, Bode's has served as a personal residence and a rooming and revival house prior to becoming a restaurant in 1959.

Around the block and down the street in Plymouth's Old Village sits Crawford's Kitchen, another husbandand-wife owned restaurant that has also built up a large following of morning regulars. Customers clamoring for distinct breakfast offerings such as chocolate or vanilla custard-stuffed French Toast or the "Old Village Breakfast" featuring eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, home-style potatoes and toast have become a familiar sight for owners Jeff and Ania Crawford of Canton. The Crawfords have owned the restaurant for five years and focus on using in-season local ingredients, Ania Crawford said. "Our new apple, pecan and blueberry pancakes will be made with buttermilk from the Guernsey Dairy in Novi," Crawford said. "We make everything right on site," she said. Customer Dee Martin of Plymouth visits Crawford's twice a week for breakfast, and is a big fan of chef Jeff Crawford's cooking. "The home-style potatoes are wonderful ... everything is always cooked fresh," she said over a plate of poached eggs and toast, "the usual."



PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA

Cozy Cafe regulars John Avallone and his wife Kathleen and friend Charlie Gelardi of Plymouth.

## Quick-stop breakfast options abound

There is no shortage of options for a quick cup of coffee or bagel around Plymouth. Area restaurants offer drive-through or cafeteria-style dining for a quick breakfast. Whether a familiar chains or independently owned neighborhood cafe, they have a strong following of their own.

Popular choices include: • Espresso Elevado 606 S. Main St.

(734) 904-8323

A brand new addition to the Plymouth coffee scene, this Artisan coffee roaster and brew bar in downtown Plymouth opened for business in March. In addition to fresh-roasted coffee that is ground on-site, they also offer a full espresso bar and organic pastries from a local bakery.

• Dunkin' Donuts 39600 Ann Arbor Road (734) 459-5944

This well-recognized chain has expanded its breakfast offerings beyond coffee and doughnuts. Customers can also choose from breakfast wraps to hash browns and Danishes. Additional beverage items include both tea and espresso.

• Biggby Coffee

bagel sandwiches. Coffee Beanery 1498 S. Sheldon Road (734) 416-8310

In addition to coffee, tea and other specialty drinks, diners can choose from menu items such as muffin and scones. Breakfast sandwiches, wraps and bagels are also available.

• Tim Hortons 150 Plymouth Road (734) 414-5818 Well-known throughout the United State and Canada for coffee and donuts, Tim Hortons also offers bagels, muffins and breakfast wraps, among other breakfast menu items. • Caribou Coffee 44601 Five Mile (734) 459-4473

An extensive selection of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, fruit coolers and other specialty drinks highlight this menu. Food items available include oatmeal, breads and muffins as well as a cinnamon coffee cake. Breakfast sandwiches are also avail-

able. • Panera Bread 400 S. Main St. (734) 459-4772 Located in the heart of downtown Plymouth, Panera offers a full morning menu of breakfast and brunch items including baked egg souffles and breakfast sandwiches as well as a wide variety of muffins and pastries. Starbucks 803 W. Ann Arbor Trail (734) 459-3142

coffee selections, lattes, frappuccinos and smoothies abound on this menu. Starbucks also offers many breakfast foods ranging from frittata sandwiches, wraps and sandwiches to fresh fruit, oatmeal and pastries. • Einstein Brothers Bagels (two

Plymouth locations) 640 W. Ann Arbor Road (734) 414-9889 15077 Sheldon (734) 414-8567 Einstein offers 16 different varieties of bagels with different topping, including lox. Other breakfast items include muffins, pastries, fresh fruit, oatmeal and breakfast sandwiches.

• Burger King (two Plymouth locations) 40880 Ann Arbor Road (727) 459-3730 44475 Five Mile (734) 453-4010 Breakfast menu items include the many varieties of the Croissan'wich, Biscuit sandwiches, French toast sticks and miniature cinnamon rolls. • McDonald's (three Plymouth

locations) 220 Ann Arbor Road West (734) 453-4760 15110 Beck (734) 416-1551



Diners enjoy the outdoor patio at Crawford's Kitchen on Starkweather.

In addition to standard breakfast favorites such as eggs, bacon and potato pancakes, Nico & Vali offers a few eclectic items that have become fast favorites among patrons.

The breakfast panzerotti, similar to a deep-fried calzone, is filled with scrambled eggs, ham and mozzarella cheese. "The dough is much lighted than a typical calzone," said McMullen.

Breakfast is available 24 hours a day at Zack's of Plymouth and has long been a morning habit for Plymouth friends Joyce Stevenson and June Karker.

Stevenson and Karker visit the Main Street restaurant at least once a week and appreciate the special senior citizens menu.

"The prices are good and it's just enough food, especially for a senior," Karker said. Both she and Stevenson favor the around-the-world breakfast skillets, especially the Polish skillet, which features kielbasa, potatoes, green peppers and cheese with an egg on top.

"It's such a relaxed, family atmosphere. They don't rush you and you don't feel pressured to hurry up and leave," said Stevenson. "And they always come around with more coffee," she added. Both Karker and Stevenson enjoy the staff as mush much as the food, the two agreed.

Arta's Coney Island Restaurant has been a destination for Plymouth residents Dorcas and Michael Smith for 12 years.

They make my breakfast the way I like it and it's fresh," said Dorcas Smith, adding, "It'<mark>s a</mark>lso a great value."

The Smiths visit Arta's just about "five out of seven" days a week, citing the friendly, fambreakfast spot, along with a whole host of other breakfast items including egg specialties such as eggs benedict and eggs florentine, made with fresh spinach and hollandaise sauce.

The Cozy Cafe, on Ann Arbor Trail and Forest Place, offers many other breakfast specials that are popular with regulars including the "Cozy" breakfast, made up of two eggs, three pieces of meat, toast and hash browns and the "Cozy Cafe Special" of two eggs, corned beef hash and the famed cinnamon roll. A variety of omelets including veggie, western and southwest-style round out this breakfast menu.

### **COFFEE BEAN**

The Plymouth Coffee Bean, which bills itself as a "Michigan's Longest Running Independent Coffee Shop," has been around since 1993. The unique menu features madeto-order crepes, pancakes, bagels, eggs and other sweets. In addition to coffee and tea, the Coffee Bean also offers a long list of specialty drinks including the popular "Kerry's Nutty Irishman Latte with Hazelnut and Irish Creme." Other beverage favorites include the "Honey Luv Latte" made with espresso, milk, and honey and the Goji Glory, a raspberry soy tea latte with extra raspberry flavor.

A longtime favorite meeting place for local music and poetry lovers, the Coffee Bean also has a stage for nightly concerts and poetry readings. Two comfortable patios offer additional outdoor seating in warm weather.

Other breakfast options in Plymouth include both Leo's Coney Island Plymouth locations, Steve's Family Dining in the Lake Pointe area and the Red Olive with two restaurants in Plymouth The Red Olive Restaurant is a relative newcomer to the area and has already developed a solid customer base, said waitress Lynn Amato. Menu items include originals such as the breakfast burrito, a tortilla filled with scrambled eggs, cheddar cheese, grilled green peppers, onions, sausage and ham. Other customer favorites include a banana Nutella crepe and the spinach florentine crepe, Amato said. Customers also seem to appreciate the well-decorated, spacious dining room that makes it very accessible for wheelchairs, Amato said. Plans are under way to open an adjoining space for a banquet room to accommodate large parties, she added. The wide variety of pancakes makes Leo's Coney Island a morning destination for many in the Plymouth area. Leo's long breakfast menu features specialty pancakes including banana pancakes, walnut pancakes and chocolate chips among others, each served with ham, bacon or sausage. Patrons mention the warm service and wide, comfortable space at the Ann Arbor Road location. Over in Plymouth's Lake Pointe area, Steve's Family Dining draws a large afterchurch crowd on Sunday mornings in addition to their weekday morning regulars. Breakfasts offering include omelets, French toast and pancakes as well as a daily breakfast special of two eggs, hash brown potatoes, toast and jelly and a choice of bacon, sausage or ham. Early morning diners in search of a more luxurious twist in breakfast might enjoy 5ive Restaurant, located inside the Inn at St. John's. They offer both a regular breakfast menu as well as a breakfast buffet seven days a week. Standard buffet items including scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast are available throughout the week, but the weekend menu is enhanced by the addition of Belgian waffle and omelet stations.

### **'LIKE FAMILY'**

"These people are like family. I feel like I 'grew up' with the waiters and waitresses. They're all so nice," she said. Just up the street from Crawford's in Old Village on North Main Street is the Grecian Cafe, a family restaurant with its own loyal following. Many customers note the heavy table settings and thick, bound menu that differentiate the Grecian Cafe.

"It feels like you're having a really nice meal," said Rick Brace, who also appreciates the extensive menu selections.

Longtime friends Alice Makara and Nancy Operhall, both of Plymouth, meet frequently for breakfast at the Grecian Cafe and appreciate the friendly service and good food.

"It's nice and bright and close to home ... a great meeting place," Operhall said. The big portions are always very good, she added.

Extensive menu selections at the Grecian Cafe range from steak and eggs to buttermilk apple pancake to the "kitchen sink omelette," made with bacon, sausage, ham, green peppers, onions mushrooms, tomatoes, hash browns and three different kinds of cheese.'

Across town off Forest Avenue sits another local favorite, the Omelette and Waffle Cafe, under new ownership. The Omelette and

100 W. Ann Arbor (734) 259-6230 Tucked inside the Plymouth Super Center gas station and car wash, Biggby Coffee offers a wide variety of coffees, lattes and smoothies. Breakfast seekers can also choose from fruit cups, yogurt parfaits and

(734) 420-0033 Along with the EggMcMuffin and sausage biscuits, McDonald's expanded breakfast menu also includes pancakes, McSkillet wraps and hash browns.

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## Diners find many brunch options

In addition to various

Brunch, that wonderful combination of breakfast and lunch, is a favorite event among local residents. And most agree that there is nothing quite like a leisurely brunch with friends and family in a comfortable restaurant. Many local restaurants offer special brunches weekly or for special occasions and holidays. They include:

•The Sunday Brunch at Fox Hills Golf Course and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, (734) 453-7272, was voted one of the "Top 5 Brunches in Michigan" by AAA Magazine. The sumptuous buffet includes made to order omelets and waffles, fresh carvings of beef, turkey and ham, fresh fruits, breakfast foods, fresh salads we well as a variety of luncheon entrees. There is also an extensive dessert table with an ice cream sundae bar.

•In Plymouth's Old Village, Station 885, (734) 459-0885, also offers an extensive brunch on Sundays highlighted by a carving station and chocolate fountain. Other offerings include made-to-order omelets and crepes, eggs benedict, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fish, roast beef or roast chicken, fresh vegetables and fruit, seasonal salads, peel and eat shrimp, petite pastries

and many breakfast breads. In addition, a special area is set up for children.

•The Courthouse Grille (formerly Ernesto's), 41661 Plymouth Road, just west of Haggerty, (734) 453-2002 offers a special sit-down brunch twice a year on Easter and Mother's Day. Unique menu items include the Bistecca Benedict made with pan-seared beef tenderloin medallions and hollandaise sauce, served with potatoes, a Maryland Crab Cake melt and a "design-your-own" frittata.

•Although Sean O'Callaghan's, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 459-6666, only offers its special Sunday brunch three times a year (Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas) it has become a holiday mainstay for many Plymouth families. The diverse buffet selections range from a smoked salmon platter surrounded by onion, pickled asparagus and capers to a make-your-own bloody Mary bar. Along with the usual breakfast standards, the buffet also features a chocolate fountain as well an extensive pastry table featuring a variety of cheesecakes, mousses and danishes.

-By Jill Halpin

### Waffle Cafe's easy-to-reach downtown location is popular with locals, as evidenced by the tandem bicycle and stroller on the sidewalk outside the restaurant.

**Owners Martin Amin and** Jeff Alexander had worked together in restaurants for years and were looking for a place with a "great neighborhood vibe," when they stumbled across the Omelette and Waffle Cafe.

The pair took over in November 2010, and have made some changes in the restaurant that are garnering attention from customers and staff alike, said Lisa Yarosz, a waitress that drives in to work daily from Jackson, some 50 miles away.

"It is really worth the drive. These are by far the friendliest people I have ever met, just excellent to work with. You can tell how much they love what they are doing," said Yarosz.

Just down Wing Street, tucked right off Main Street is one of the newest additions to Plymouth's restaurant scene, Nico & Vali Italian Eatery. Celebrating their third anniversary in June, this pleasant spot with outside seating also has already developed a

loval local following due both in part to the great food and pleasant service, said diner Elizabeth Moore, a Plymouth resident.

Moore, who works nearby, frequents Nico & Vali a few times a week, sometimes alone, and other times with co-workers.

### **'BEST-KEPT SECRET'**

"It's Plymouth's best-kept secret. They treat you like family here. I just love it," Moore said while chatting with waitress Christine McMullen over a plate of eggs and hash brown potatoes.

ily environment as a plus

"It's family-run here, and we've gotten to know the family. We celebrate all of their babies and graduations right along with them," she said of the staff. "And the food is delicious, too."

Arta's menu offers a wide variety of specialty omelets including the "Irish Omelette" featuring corned beef and swiss cheese and the "Hawaiian Omelet" with pineapple, ham and cheese. The restaurant also offers "Hungry Man Specials" with eggs, hash browns, toast and meat choices ranging from ham, sausage or bacon.

Across a busy parking lot from Arta's sits a familiar site to longtime Plymouth residents: Big Boy Restaurant, a Plymouth fixture for the past 35 years.

Big Boy may be a restaurant chain, but managers at the Plymouth location have taken care to personalize the popular breakfast buffet to meet the demands of its regular customers. Many people may be familiar with the traditional Big Boy breakfast buffet, but they will probably be surprised to see some of the unique breakfast additions.

For 25 years, the Cozy Cafe has been a part of the Plymouth restaurant scene, offering a relaxed, homey setting for customers to enjoy a freshly cooked meal, said Jerome Chapman.

Chapman has worked at Cozy Cafe, at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest, for the past five years and said that owners Doug and Beverly Read have created a comfortable environment for diners to "take a break from the hurried lifestyle" while they dine.

'We get a lot of regulars for breakfast," Chapman said, adding that cinnamon rolls area favorite of many.

The Cozy Cafe's Cinnamon Roll is legendary around Plymouth: fresh baked giant rolls made with cinnamon, walnuts, raisins and honey about twice the size of regular cinnamon rolls. They are available daily at this downtown

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## **Protesters, supporters greet Romney in Livonia**

**BY PAT MURPHY** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Mitt Romneys barnstormed in Livonia today, according to the estimated 200 vocal partisans who turned out for the early front-runner in the Republican presidential primary race.

One Mitt Romney was the savvy businessman whose policies could get set the country on the right economic path, according to Chris Thompson of Farmington Hills. "I hope he makes it," said the selfdescribed fiscal conservative. "We need him."

The other Mitt Romney was the man who wanted the auto industry "to die" when Chrysler and General Motors turned to the government for help avoiding insolvency, said Richard Eberhart, of Westland. "Now he comes here looking for votes and cash," the Ford Motor Co. retiree said.

Michigan Democrats helped organize the protest, state party Chair Mark Brewer said: "We won't let voters forget he wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt."

Romney didn't seem to mind the protesters when his entourage arrived at about 8:15 a.m. in a Chrysler 300. "It's good to be back in Michigan,' he shouted, plunging into the crowd to sign autographs and shake hands.

"Livonia's a great Republican city," he said. "It helped carry my dad into the governor's office." Some protesters carried

signs proclaiming, "Mitt's



Six year old Nash McDaniel and his sister Abigail McDaniel, 8 years old, are pretty excited about Mitt Romney's appearance at Senate Coney Island. They were there with their mom, Ronna McDaniel. They live in Northville.

not for the middle class" or "He wanted to let the Big Three go bankrupt." But an equal number of supporters countered with signs reading, "Michigan loves Romney" and "Michigan needs Romney."

Romney seemed upbeat, as if buoyed by recent polls showing him seemingly leading his GOP rivals. At least one poll showed him in a statistical tie with President Barack Obama, whose approval ratings recently dropped. But the son of one-time Michigan Gov. George Romney continues to draw criticism — from Republicans as well as Democrats. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, for example, recently criticized Romney for the health care law he



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Waiting for Mitt. Brian Szmytke, of Plymouth, Dillon Breen of Livonia, and John Dalton of Livonia, wait for Mitt Romney's arrival at Senate Coney Island in Livonia.

helped pass when governor of Massachusetts.

Some other Republicans say they have misgivings because of Romney's Mormon religion.

But that criticism hasn't registered with people like Helen Hall of Livonia. "You parked my car when I attended a tea your mother held in Livonia," she said, proudly showing the 1962 invitation sent and signed by Lenore Romney. "I liked you then, but I didn't realize you'd be so successful." Her brother-in-law Neal Hall expressed confidence

about Romney's future. "The next time we see him," the Livonia resident said, "he will be President Romney."

But Romney needs to get a little tougher on the campaign trail, said Hall's wife Mary. "He needs to be like Donald Trump and go after Obama," she said.

Not everyone at the Senate Coney Island had a strong opinion of Romney. One patron sat back, drank coffee and observed. "If he's any good, he'll win," said Bob Mills of Livonia. "But I'm pessimistic. I don't trust any politician."





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## Antonio's celebrates feast day with fundraiser

#### **BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** CORRESPONDENT

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The children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen especially touched Anthony Rugiero Jr. as they waited in line. He had volunteered to serve meals at one of two locations in Detroit after last year's fundraiser at Antonio's Cucina Italiana restaurants in Canton, Farmington and Dearborn Heights. Proceeds from the event went to feed the men, women and families.

Anthony, or Antonio as he's known around his family's restaurants, has four "little ones" of his own.

"It was heart wrenching to see the kids come through. They're so innocent. I don't

'We even added soup in recognition of the good work the Capuchins do at the kitchen. We will have items like pizza, a variety of pastas like mostaccioli and covatelli and gnocchi with Rita, my mom's sauce, stuffed shells, meatballs, mini cannolis, salad and bread, and also vegetarian." ANTHONY RUGIERO JR

think they understand," Rugiero said. "The Capuchins provide 2,000 meals a day. When I saw that, I got more involved."

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting June 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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### WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND **DISCONTINUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY** 

This year, more than ever, the Rugiero family is determined to make the June 13 fundraiser a success. For the last 18 years, they have celebrated the Feast Day of St. Anthony de Padua by donating proceeds from their restaurants to various charities.

This Monday, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is the sole recipient.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., supporters choose from a lunch buffet of pastas, pizza and authentic Italian dishes for a donation, or order from the regular menu (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.) knowing that a portion of the proceeds help feed the hungry.

We even added soup in recognition of the good work the Capuchins do at the kitchen," Rugiero said. "We will have items like pizza, a variety of pastas like mostaccioli and covatelli and gnocchi with Rita, my mom's sauce, stuffed shells, meatballs, mini cannolis, salad and bread, and also vegetarian."

### **FULL HOUSE**

Last year's celebration drew a full house to the restaurant named after his father and St. Antonio. Anthony Sr. and Rita grew up in Italy hearing about the saint as Catholics. They later passed their strong faith and beliefs on to their children.

Today, Rita and sons Anthony Jr., Patrick, Mark and Robert not only continue to serve authentic Italian food, but support the community. The family has a long history of giving back. In the last 18 years, they have donated money to PIME Missionaries (Pontifical Institute for



Rita Rugiero and her son, Anthony, Jr., with a statue of St. Antonio.

Foreign Missions), diabetes research at the University of Michigan, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, leukemia and lymphoma and shelters.

"We had a lot of people calling and say we love the Capuchins," Rugiero said. "St. Antonio is my favorite saint and a Franciscan and known for feeding the poor. Capuchins are Franciscans. It only makes sense we support them."

Brother Jerry Smith, executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, will once again be on hand to thank patrons for their support. He spent the entire day at the Canton location last year.

The money goes to support programs of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, including two soup kitchens, food pantry and programs that treat substance abuse, provide work opportunities for adults, tutoring for children and fresh produce for families through the Earthworks Urban Farm.

"We re best known for feeding people, but do so much more," Smith said. "We're trying to move people beyond the need for the kitchen, training people in urban farming and at the bakery to become more self-sufficient." Last year. Smith said he felt a

special bond with the celebration to honor St. Anthony.

"St. Anthony is a Franciscan saint, keeping in line with our Franciscan tradition which has always been to work with poor people, hungry people," Smith said. "We have a history of walking with common ordinary people."

Smith is grateful for the generosity of the Rugiero family and their patrons.

"We were very pleased last year. We have very faithful supporters, the people who live in the areas of Antonio's restaurants," Smith said. "We're proud of the fact our budget is \$7.5 million every year and none comes from government. We're extremely grateful to benefactors who make that

### possible."

To encourage the success of the fundraiser, Rugiero has decided to add dates for organizations that shared the proceeds with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen last year. On Oct. 6, the restaurant will donate \$2 for every pizza sold to Shades of Pink, a nonprofit to help survivors of breast cancer. On Nov. 5, the family holds Rugiero Casino Royale to benefit diabetes research at the University of Michigan. Anthony Sr. died of the disease in October 2008. In his memory, his sons established the Antonio Rugiero Sr. Diabetes Research Fund.

"We want to help find a cure," the younger Rugiero said. "It's going to be a very lively and elegant night with strolling food stations at the Italian American Club in Livonia with different restaurants and businesses coming like Cantoro's Italian Market."

A July 1-3 weekend Salutes Our Heroes and was Robert's idea. Members of the U.S. armed forces receive 50 percent off entrees when they present military ID. The Gelato Festival July 5-10 rewards all patrons with free gelato. The family brought machines from Italy to make the authentic ice cream.

"In these times, people need to know there's good and hope," Rugiero said.

The St. Antonio fundraiser runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 13. The restaurant offers three locations: 2220 N. Canton Center Road, (734) 981-9800; 37646 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 994-4000; and 26356 Ford, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-6000.

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: <u>www.plymouthtwp.org</u>. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 11, February 8, March 8 & 22, April 12, May 10 & 24, June 14

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON** 

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** 

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS** 

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a

sealed proposal to establish a contract through negotiations for

custodial services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Specifications for this Request for Proposal are available by

contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at

(734) 416-2740. The district will have a meeting at the E.J.

McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI

on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) to answer

questions for any interested Offerors. All proposals or other

submissions in response to this RFP must be received by the

District at E.J. McClendon Education Center, ATTN: Jim Larson-

Shidler, Assistant Superintendent for Business, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Thursday,

June 23, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to

accept and/or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools inviteds all interested and qualified companies to submit a sealed proposal to establish a contract through negotiations for bus driver and bus aide services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Specifications for this Request for Proposal are available by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. The district will have a meeting at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. to answer questions for any interested Offerors. All proposals or other submissions in response to this RFP must be received by the District at E.J. McClendon Education Center, ATTN: Jim Larson-Shidler, Assistant Superintendent for Business, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Thursday, June 23, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of and/or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, the County of Wayne, Michigan, has determined that it was in the best interest of the public to absolutely abandoned and discontinued that portion of the following described road right-of-way, subject to a reservation of a easement for public utilities, county storm water conveyance and county drain purposes, situated in the Townships of Canton and Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, by Wayne County Commission Resolution Number 2011-205 passed on May 5, 2011.

All that portion of Yost Road, Northerly and Southerly halves astride the Township Line between the S.E. 1/4 of Section 34 and the S.W. 1/4 of Section 35, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Township and the N.W. 1/4 and N. E. 1/4 of Section 2, T.3S., R.8E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, said portion lying between a point distant 268.92 feet, Easterly from the Northwest Corner of said Section 2, and a point distant Westerly, 43.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; said point being on the prolongation of the Westerly right-of-way line of Lilley Road, over and across Yost Road.

True copies of this notice are served and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES Engineering Division, Real Estate, 3rd Floor Attention: Sandra M. Martin 400 Monroe Street Detroit, Michigan 48226

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**Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ADRIENNE DAVIS, Secretary

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### **NOTICE OF PLYMOUTH** NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2011. The bid Opening will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2011 for the following:

### PURCHASE OF SOCCER EQUIPMENT 2011 / 2012 BUDGET YEAR

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> Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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ADRIENNE DAVIS, Secretary

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## Farmington Idol opens stage to all metro area singers

When: 5 p.m., Thursday July 14

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**Community** event

again this year.

Mary Johnston, group

events coordinator at Zap Zone, said they're happy to be

involved in Farmington Idol

"It's a community event," she said. "I like to be able to

foster the musical talent in the

community. It's a perfect fit to

be a host of an event like this."

Jenny Fernandez, 18, a

2011 graduate of Harrison

High School, won the 2010

To apply, stop by Zap Zone, 31506 Grand River, to pick up

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Farmington MI 48336

Festival, Family Stage,

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**BY STACY JENKINS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Calling all karaoke gurus and all of you singing-inthe-shower wanna-be's - it's Farmington Idol, coming to you live, from the Family Stage at this summer's Downtown Farmington Founders Festival.

Auditions are open this year to anyone in Metro Detroit who is at least 14 years of age and they'll be taking place starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 at Zap Zone Fun Factory on Grand River at Orchard Lake in Farmington. Those who make it to the final round will perform on the Family Stage at the Founders Festival, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 15.

Those who audition will receive a T-shirt and will sing a 90-second acapella piece in front of a panel of judges. The top 10 will move on to Friday's final round. All contestants must be amateurs. Finalists must submit a prerecorded tape or CD, no longer than three minutes in length, to the sound crew one hour prior to Friday's competition.

A new panel of judges will be on hand for the final round to pick the 2011 Farmington Idol winner, who will walk away with a basket of goodies from the downtown merchants, along with a hotel stay and dinner for two, plus other gifts. The audience will select the People's Choice winner

### **IDOL INFO**

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July 10.

Farmington Idol competition with her rendition of Beautiful Disaster by Kelly Clarkson.

in vocal performance at Baldwin-Wallace College, near Cleveland, said she likes that the Farmington Idol competition is held during the Founders Festival.

"It's a hometown thing," she said. "And, it's a really great chance to showcase the talent here in Farmington."

Fernandez will not compete this year. She'll be staying busy with projects such as recording with a Christian techno dance group called God's DJs.

Angelica Payne, 17, of Farmington Hills, who won last year's People's Choice, will enter Idol for the third time. "I just love to perform," she

Fernandez, who will major

said. "That rush that you feel

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From left, Farmington Idol coordinator Michelle Vennix, 2010 Farmington Idol Jenny Fernandez, 2010 Farmington Idol People's Choice winner Angelica Payne and Zap Zone group events coordinator Mary Johnston.

when you're up on stage. You're singing a story for everybody."

Payne, a 2011 Farmington High School graduate, sang in her school's choir and she competed in Miss Oakland County Outstanding Teen and the

Miss Farmington pageants. Michelle Vennix, who grew up in Farmington and now lives in Wixom, will run this year's Farmington Idol. She's learning from the best – Ginny Morris, who brought the event to Farmington and has run the show each year. "Ginny's always helping

people, so I thought I'd help her out," said Vennix.

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## SUNDAY, June 12, 2011

# Early goal ousts Chiefs

### BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Wednesday's Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal between Canton and Grosse Pointe South essentially was a tale of two corner kicks.

Both went against the Chiefs, as the Blue Devils won 1-0 at Dearborn Edsel Ford to advance to Saturday's D1 regional final against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton had a glorious scoring chance just six minutes into the contest. Senior forward Liz Ferrill sent a corner kick from the right corner across the Blue Devils' goal box where junior midfielder-defender Robyn Mack was ready.

Mack's header clearly had Grosse Pointe South goalkeeper Joanna Manos beat, but the ball clanked off the left post.

Just three minutes later, with about 31:30 to go in the first half, Blue Devils senior Sarah Ventimiglia chipped in the rebound of Claire Deboer's corner kick and that goal stood up the rest of the night.

'We always struggle with defending corner kicks, free kicks, anything," Mack said. "We need to communicate better on those. She kicked it in, we got it out, but we didn't stay on our marks the second time and the girl was just wide open and hit it in. "We kind of waited for it and didn't go to

the ball and didn't get the clear."

According to Ventimiglia, she was able to get into an open area behind Canton defenders to volley home her shot past

### Please see CHIEFS, B3





Meet some of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletes whose names are or will be up on the new Park men's and women's track and field leader boards. In the front row (from left) are Canton's Nick Alaniva and Salem's Dan Martin, both seniors. Standing behind them (from left) are Plymouth sophomore Madi Lewis, Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich and Plymouth junior Reagan Engstrom.

# **Fast-tracking**

## New leader board giving athletes unique Park 'place'

### **BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The three high schools at the Park have enjoyed top-level rivalries in track and field ever since Plymouth joined the campus nearly a decade ago.

And now, they're upping the ante thanks to spiffy new Plymouth-Canton Educational Park leader boards for the six boys and girls track and field programs.

The separate boards for boys and

blue off there, that's for sure," joked Plymouth junior Reagan Engstrom, on the leader board for her 10-foot, 9inch mark in the pole vault set in 2010. "There's a little bit too much up there, I think we (Wildcats) can do it.'

Salem senior Dan Martin, whose time of 48.3 seconds in the 400 dash just eclipsed the Park record held by Canton junior Kevin Buford (48.6), likes having all schools represented on the new boards.

"Each school still has their own record boards in their school," Martin said. "I was up on that one four times, I was happy about that, too.

### THE PLACE TO BE

The leader boards, which were funded by all six Park track programs and their corresponding booster clubs, definitely are located in a high-traffic area.

All spectators going to high school football games this fall will walk right past the roll call of excellence.

"It really gives the community a visual thing," said Canton veteran boys track and field coach Bob Richardson, "so kids can look at it and say 'I want my name on there before I get out of here." "All three schools ... red lettering if a Canton record, blue lettering if a Salem record and silver lettering if a Plymouth record ...

## 'Cats back in D1 finals

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BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of this season, Plymouth's varsity boys golf team began taking aim at one goal - to again compete at the state finals.

The Wildcats hit the target beautifully, finishing second at Thursday's Division 1 regional at University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Plymouth tied for the second spot with 330 pins, trailing regional champion Ann Arbor Huron's 316 cumulative card.

Also finishing with **BOYS GOLF** 330 strokes were Saline and Livonia Churchill, but the Wildcats won the tie-breaker, said head coach Chris

'l stressed to Moore. According each one of to Moore, it the kids how was a total team effort important each and he knew shot is and the it would have to be for the likelihood that Wildcats to it will probably make it to their second come down to

finals. "In our team meet-

straight state

ing prior to teeing off," Moore recalled, "I stressed to each one of the kids how important each shot is and the likelihood that it will probably come down to our fifth man."

our fifth man.

Plymouth coach

CHRIS MOORE.

That really was the case because of how the afternoon went.

"The course played very tough today." Moore noted. "It was windy, tough pin positions, fast greens and it was long."

Canton junior Megan Trapp (No. 19) dribbles past a Grosse Pointe South defender.

girls adorn the back side of the varsity football scoreboard.

Posted in red (Canton), blue (Salem) and silver (Plymouth) are names and their corresponding record-setting times and distances.

"I would like to get some of the

"But this is the *real* board, here at the Park, so everyone knows what's going on."

Please see FAST-TRACK, B3

Leading Plymouth with an 18-hole score of 80 strokes was junior Josh Heinze, followed by senior Justin Bauer (82), sophomore Ryan Rieckhoff (83), sophomore Kyle Rodes (85) and

Please see GOLF, B2

## Canton Cup 'team' deserves medal for mettle

arryl Noel's first year as director of the huge undertaking known as the Canton Cup soccer tournament seemingly had enough mud-covered pitfalls to last



the next decade. But the Canton resident takes great solace in knowing he and his devoted tournament staff survived the Great **Endless Rain of** 2011 relatively unscathed and ready to get right back to work on the

2012 event.

"I feel like I've been tempered through all the tough decisions," said Noel.

In essence, navigating through this spring's choppy waters can only ensure smooth sailing next time around.

A soccer-loving community certainly hopes so.

Noel's first crack at the Canton



For anybody scoring at home, the May 27-29 tournament was hindered by bad weather even before the opening games started all across the township.

On the eve of the Canton Soccer Club's 29th annual tournament, Noel's team of volunteers found out 13 of the 68 fields were unplayable.

Add to that mess the loss of major chunks of parking and the fact about 781 teams from the Midwest and Canada were coming to Canton expecting to get their money's worth Michigan (Noel later said he found (namely three games each).

The Canton Cup team completely

Cup steer- revamped the schedule, allowing for the loss of viable fields. Shuttle buses were brought in to help move people to and from Independence Park

> And finals originally set for Sunday were pushed back to Memorial Day.

"We've had a really good opportunity for our team to come together and honestly, to a person, they've amazed me," said Noel before the first day of games began, about the new-look schedule.

### **NO CHOICE**

But then the rain kept falling and well-manicured grass fields morphed into slippery mud.

By Sunday evening, May 29, there were reports of fast-approaching thunderstorms and even tornados.

Knowing how far some teams had traveled to compete in the largest club-based soccer tournament in

### Please see SOCCER, B2



Alums enjoy big SUCCESS

**Two years after** graduating from their respective high schools at **Plymouth-Canton Educational Park**, former PCS Lady Warriors teammates (from left) Chelsea **Olson and Nicole Rottell are achieving** plenty of success at Indiana Tech University. Olson (Canton) and Rottell (Plymouth) were key contributors to Indiana Tech winning the National Women's Lacrosse League championship. Both were named to the All-Tournament Team for their strong play.



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Hunter Olson and Nick Freda (No. 3) celebrate Freda's goal for the Canton Celtics U13 Black squad during the recent Canton Cup



out this year's Canton Cup was the biggest in the U.S.), the director wanted to keep the games going.

Noel huddled with his staff about halting remaining Sunday evening games and resuming play on Monday, May 30 (the tourney rain date).

Unfortunately, a player slipped and broke his hip right around the time those weather reports were getting nastier.

At that point, it was time to pull the plug and cancel the rest of the tournament. It was the only call to make.

"It comes down to the experience," Noel emphasized. "We didn't want to have people coming away injured from the Canton Cup.

He said most folks did leave happy, to a certain degree considering finals were wiped out.

"We got in 1,050 games played to completion," Noel stressed. "Another 140 games were halted and were not completed or not played Sunday.

"... It was amazing that we



cheers and shoots during daughter Natalia's game. Despite bad weather that led to a shortened tournament, there still were plenty of smiles from soccer families.

### 2012 tourney.

• All Canton Leisure Services fields damaged during the tournament (such as those at Heritage, Freedom and Independence) have been repaired and rolled.

 Common grounds within neighborhoods near Independence have had landscaping done with all costs

**Canton Cup trophies for** bracket winners and finalists are available for pickup at the **Canton Soccer Club office in** High Velocity at 46245 Michigan Ave. Trophies not picked up will be shipped to teams.

### the fray.

And why wouldn't they? Anybody connected with the 2011 Canton Cup anticipate the 2012 tourney being bigger, better and much drier.

That would mean championships would be decided on the field instead of the way winners and finalists were decided this year – from a statistical breakdown of head-to-head action, pool play and other tiebreakers.

But first- and second-place finishers were indeed decided. There is hardware.

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### **CANTON CUP WINNERS, FINALISTS**

**2011 CANTON CUP FINAL RESULTS** SUNDAY, MAY 29, INDEPENDENCE PARI

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### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

### Salem Rockettes golf outing

Circle this date on your calendar: Sunday, Aug. 7. That's when the Fox Hills Golf Club will host the 11th annual golf outing for the Salem Rockette's Pom and Dance Team.

The outing will take place on the Golden Fox Course at Fox Hills, located at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The registration deadline is

July 29 with the fee of \$100 per golfer. Registration starts at 10:30

a.m. on Aug. 7 with a noon shotgun start.

There also will be a performance by the Salem Rockettes.

Enjoy 18 holes of golf followed by a Buffet Dinner with two-hour open bar and silent auction as well as a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and other contests.

Hole sponsors are available for \$125. Contact Coreen at (248) 207-1597 for more information.

### Tourney for Hope

The first Canton's Tournament for Hope, to raise proceeds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is slated for July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Teams are being sought to sign up for the 6-v-6 indoor tournament. There are competitive and rec divisions for Over-30 women and Open Women (18 and older).

For more information on how to sign up, send an email to hopetourney@yahoo. com or visit the Canton's Tournament for Hope Facebook page. All money generated by the tourney will go for breast cancer research. The registration deadline is July 1.

High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Drive. Call Drew Crawford at (734) 487-7678 for any questions concerning the venue.

### Salem hockey tryouts

It's hotter than the Tigers' hitters right now, but it's still time to think about the 2011-12 Salem boys hockey season. The Salem Rocks are

were able to play all those games, with a 100-year rain and it being the largest tournament in the nation.

Over the past couple weeks, Noel and his crew have been busy tying up any loose ends:

• There have been \$25 refunds sent to 166 teams that did not get the full, threegame experience promised at the time of registration – as well as a \$50 discount for the

picked up by the Canton Cup tournament

"The feedback has been 98 percent positive about how we've handled the tournament," Noel said.

### **CLEAN SLATE**

As tough as things got, because of what one coach called "an act of God," Noel" and his team undoubtedly now want to jump right back into

Friday, but more need to be picked up.)

Meanwhile, there should be a leftover trophy somewhere for Noel and his team.

They showed that nothing can really scuff up a true community gem.

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NOTE: Because finals had to be canceled due to weather and field conditions, winners and finalists were determined by pool play points and tie breakers.

### **BOYS GOLF REGIONALS**

MHSAA REGIONAL BOYS GOLE RESULTS **DIVISION 1-REGION 5** June 9 at U-M Golf Course TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Huron, 316 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 330 (won tiebreaker); 3. Saline, 330 (won tiebreaker); 4. Livonia Churchill, 330; 5. Temperance Bedford, 332; 6. Salem, 33; 7. Dearborn, 351; 8. Ann Arbor Skyline, 352; 9. Southgate, 360; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 366; 11. Monroe, 369; 12. Brownstown Woodhaven, no team score.

Individual tri-medalists: Alex Wunderlich (Huron), Evan Bowser (Dearborn) and Davis Randsdell (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 73 each. TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Huron (316): 1. Alex Wunderlich, 73; 4. Rob Aldrich, 77; 10. Danny Langa, 82; 23. Reid McCallister, 84; 50. Guy Frydenlund, 92. Plymouth (330): 8. Josh Heinze, 80; 10.

Justin Bauer, 82; 16. Ryan Rieckhoff, 83; 28. Kyle Rodes, 85; 33. John Tatti, 86. Saline (330): 9. Collin Strauder, 81; 10. Ian

Martin, 82; 16. Keith Long, 83; 23. Caleb Wittig, 84; 36. Jackson Lambert, 87.

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 Churchill (330): 6. Nick Proben, 79; 16. (tie)
 Ben Proben and Dominic DiLisi, 83 each; 28.
 Chris Theile, 85; 43. Cory Dare, 90.
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Engfer, 83; 28 Tim Combs, 85; 33. Spencer Shoun, 86; 69. Joey Dier, 104.

Salem (333): 6. Josh Perrin, 79; 10. Eric Duprey, 82; 23. Brian Patterson, 84; 39. Brandon Duprey, 88; 50. Nick Danis, 92. Dearborn (351): 1. Evan Bowser, 73: 10. Alex

Hamm, 82; 59. (tie) John Marcon and Omar Mullan, 98 each; 62. Matt Januszkowski, 99.

Skyline (352): 28. Connor Lang, 85; 36 Josh Bourque, 87; 41. Andrew Wayrynen, 89; 47. Ian Marshall, 91; 62. Tim Huppenbauer, 99.

Southgate (360): 41. Andrew Popp, 41; 43. (tie) Jeff Burnette and Jacob Lamay, 90 each; Robert Campau, 91; 68. Clayton Batko, 101.
 Edsel Ford (366): 16. Thomas Prato, 83; 39.

Robert Neff, 88; 56. Vincent Mercado, 97; 59. Nicholas Boileau, 98; 62. Gregory Barbour, 99 Monroe (369): 16. Tyler Kellems, 83; 53. Tyler Gilbert, 93; 55. Nate Miller, 94; 62. Tyler Berry and Todd Jones, 99 each

Woodhaven (no team scored): 23. Jeremy Klotz, 84; 56. Andrew Michel, 95; 57. Michael Williams, 96

Individual qualifiers (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Evan Bowser (Dearborn) and Davis Ransdell (Pioneer), 73 each; 5. Luke Berger (Bedford), 78; 10. Nick Margolis (Pioneer), 82; 23. Brian Pierson (Ypsilanti), 84; 28. Jacob Sewell (Ypsilanti), 85; 33. Drake Hermann (Livonia Franklin), 86: 36. Eric Miller (Pioneer), 87; 43. Christopher Rembisz (Taylor Truman), 90; 47. Allen Eizember (Garden City), 91; 50. Jalen Wimberly (Taylor Kennedy), 92; 53 Jacob Dzbanski (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) 93; 62. Marty Peck (Canton), 99; John Holmes (Franklin), no card



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Plymouth's Josh Heinze, shown from earlier this season, led the Wildcats to a spot in the Division 1 state finals with his team-leading 80 at University of Michigan Golf Course.

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freshman John Tatti (86).

Their efforts enabled

Plymouth to play in the state

finals, on Friday, June 17 and

Saturday, June 18 at Oakland

Churchill, meanwhile, was

score, with juniors Ben Proben

led by junior Nick Proben's 79

University's Katke-Cousins.

and Dominic Dilis each registering 83s for the day.

Rounding out the Chargers' card were senior Chris Theile (85) and junior Cory Dare (90).

In sixth place with 333 strokes was Salem, featuring a 79 score posted by senior Josh Perrin.

Rocks junior Eric Duprey and sophomore Brian Patterson chimed in with scores of 82 and 84 strokes, respectively. Junior Brandon

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Duprey shot an 88 while freshman Nick Danis finished with a 92.

Canton individual regional qualifier Marty Peck, a sophomore, tallied a 90.

Other individual performers at U-M included Garden **City senior Allen Eizember** (91) and Franklin seniors Drake Hermann (86) and John Holmes.

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Salem mat camp on tap

Fundamentals will be the focus of the Salem High School Wrestling Camp, slated to run 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21.

Besides the importance of solid fundamental techniques, instructors will help youngsters with the reinforcement of basic athletic skills essential for success at any level.

Each session will include live wrestling as well as a mixture of technique demonstration and special training exercises, designed to improve basic skill sets critical to wrestling.

Present and past Salem coaches, led by current assistant coach and 2006 state champion Jeremy Henderson, as well as former Salem state qualifiers and current prep and college wrestlers will participate.

The cost is \$80 and includes a camp T-shirt for every wrestler.

For more information, call coach Henderson at (734) 812-9588 or e-mail him at jhendy189@hotmail.com.

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holding summer hockey tryouts from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the Arctic Pond located on Plymouth Road. For additional information, contact head coach Ryan Ossenmacher at rockshockey@gmail.com.

### SuperJess Classic

The big day is just around the corner, but there is still time to gear up - literally - for the first "SuperJess Baseball Classic," which will take place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The Michigan Blue Jays (with nine players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and Plymouth Grizzlies will square off, with all profits to benefit the family of Jesse Lindlbauer. He is the Canton High School student who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture and needs physical and speech therapy.

Folks can "gear up," by purchasing wristbands for \$6, which will be used for admission purposes. Ticket (wristband) sales will be held at Canton Sports, 45668 Ford Road, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The wristbands also are available at Tonda Elementary, Pioneer Middle School and Central Middle School.

For more information, call Joel Thompson at (734) 634-4963 or e-mail him at jethome@comcast.net. Thompson coached Jesse when the youngster played second base for the Canton Vipers 13U and 14U teams.

### **Plymouth United** tryouts

The Plymouth United F.C. is holding Select Soccer tryouts for the 2011-12 season on June 18, 20 and 21 at Visteon Fields, 14492 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Tryouts are for boys and girls ages 8-14. Please go to www.plymouthunited.com for age-specific tryout times and to pre-register for tryouts.



### Cherry title on top

The Plymouth Reign-White U11 girl's soccer team won their division at the Cherry Capital Cup Tournament, sponsored by Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer and held May 21-22. Members of the team include: Tori Aquilino, Raquel Church, Allison Crecilius, McKensey Elliott, Anne Faybrick, Emma Fitzgerald, Kelly Heitzman, Kara Hug, Shyla Johnson, Rhona Nicol, Morgan Osaer, Olivia Ramirez and coach Miki Djensilo.

### CHIEFS FROM PAGE B1

Chiefs senior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges.

"She (Bridges) got a hand on it, but it went in," Ventimiglia said. "It was good positioning on all our parts."

Ventimiglia added that it was the first time during her four seasons with the Blue Devils that the team got past the regional opener.

"We've been this far but we've never won this game in my four years," she said. "So this is exciting."

### **UNABLE TO FINISH**

It wasn't so much for the Chiefs (12-6-2), who could not sustain the strong play shown during district victories over Salem, Plymouth and Northville.

The Chiefs did play better in the final 40 minutes, to no avail.

With about 20 minutes left in the second half, junior Alexandra Bryden moved the ball up the middle and sent a pass over to Ferrill along the right side of the 18-yard box.

Ferrill then delivered a perfect crossing pass over to junior forward Gabby Malec who headed the ball at the



MARTY SCHENDEL

Celebrates their district soccer win over Salem on May 31 are Canton sophomore Natalie Schmidt (No. 18), seniors Melanie Pickert (No. 14), goalkeeper Kayla Bridges (orange jersey), Rachel Rohrbach (No. 2, right) and junior Kalyn Berinti (No. 11) after Berinti scored the game-winning goal. The Chiefs season ended Wednesday night in the regionals.

## They can't believe it's all over

## FAST-TRACK

"All I know is we're happy that we have recognition for all athletes on campus."

The unique boards were up for public perusal last month, when Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hosted the Division 1 regionals.

Among those spearheading the project was Plymouth girls track and field coach Ricky Styes, who said he posted photos of all three individual school's leader boards in 2010 on his team's website. Those boards are located in gymnasiums.

"Then we (coaches) started talking about how we have a unique situation here," Styes explained. "That we have three schools that compete and practice on the same facilities.

"And while we are three different schools we kind of function as one, and it's kind of unique that we can have all three schools represented on one record board."

On Tuesday, a handful of PCEP athletes — who either already are on the board or soon will be — gathered to talk about having such a special place, literally, in the district's track and field heritage.

### MEASURE OF EXCELLENCE

"It's nice to know that you're going to be remembered," said Canton senior All-Stater Nick Alaniva, "because your name's going to be up there and people are going to be walking by it and they can look up and see 'Oh, Nick Alaniva has the pole vault record.""

Alaniva's mark of 15-feet, 1inch broke the record held since 1979 by Salem alum Dennis Ogden (14-10).

"It's been there for a while and it's a great record," said Alaniva, who graduates Sunday. "But it feels good to kind of have your school record and then have kind of a community record because the whole community recognizes you then."

Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich will be going up on the board for establishing a new standard in the 1,600-meter run (5:08.6).

That time eclipsed the 1993 record of 5:13.8 set by Canton's Lana Boroditsch.

With three more seasons to go, the 14-year-old Kavulich realizes she cannot rest on her laurels.

"I love that it's more to build on as I continue throughout the rest of my three years in high school," Kavulich emphasized. "That I have something to go for." Kavulich also spoke like a senior when discussing what the leader board represents. "It means so much more, it's between three schools, it's 6,000 kids," she said. "And it's more than that because of all the years that have gone on here. of 12.0 in the 100 dash, shattered the former mark of 12.1 set in 2002 by Canton's Christina Redd.

"It's pretty cool that you see other people's names and some of the records are like from 1993 and I wasn't even born yet," Lewis said. "So it's kind of crazy to think that I broke a record that had been there for that long."

What's not so crazy is how accomplished a two-sport athlete she is.

Her best sport, in her own estimation, is soccer. But she chose to do track this year while still playing for the Livoniabased Michigan Hawks club soccer team.

"It means a lot because my first sport isn't even track, it's soccer," Lewis said. "So to be able to show I can be this strong in two sports is a big thing for me."

### **ROOM AT THE TOP**

Her Plymouth teammate, Engstrom, said it means more for athletes from the newest school on campus to share top billing with those from Canton and Salem — both schools around since the 1970s.

"I think it's a really big accomplishment because Salem and Canton have both been around for a really long time," Engstrom said. "There's records up there from the '80s so I think it's a really big accomplishment to break a record from that long ago."

She laughed about making sure her name stays up for at least as long.

"I would love to get into the IIs next year and that's definitely my goal," Engstrom said. "I think that would be pretty hard to break."

That kind of brashness and school pride is what coach Styes likes to hear.

"For us, being a younger school, our discus record just got broken this year and it's 45-feet shorter than the Park record," Styes said. "So for Madi and Reagan and even Kelly Hahn (2007 record, 3,200 run) to be up there it gives a little bit of legitimacy to their records.

"Reagan can say it's not eight years of history that I represent, it's 45 years of history that I represent."

### **BUILT-IN MOTIVATOR**

Having a high-profile barometer also could raise the bar when athletes set personal goals.

"It's a great motivator," Styes said. "We can come out here during practice and say 'Let's forget about the school records, we want to go for the Park records." Board or no board, bragging rights always have been part of the equation at PCEP, however.

left post. But Malec's attempt barely missed the goal, bouncing wide of the net.

"Other than that, everything was over or wide or right to her." Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "The first half we didn't possess the ball, they did.

"Second half we did possess the ball, we just did not shoot. You can't score if you don't shoot."

Injuries might have played a role in the defeat, with senior standout defender Melanie Pickert playing despite a badly sprained left ankle.

Also, junior forward and offensive sparkplug Allyson Krause missed about eight minutes of the second half after being felled by leg cramps.

But when Krause was on the field, the Blue Devils repeatedly impeded her path in their zone.

"(Deboer) got her every single time," Reddy said. "They knew to mark her, and every single team's the same way.

"But it frustrated her and we never really challenged their goalie."

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**BY TIM SMITH** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Melanie Pickert sat in a golf cart next to the soccer field following Wednesday's 1-0 loss to Grosse Pointe South in the Division 1 district semifinals.

Pickert peeled off layers of tape from her injured ankles and sometime this week will hand over her red and white uniform, signalling the close of her four-year varsity career at Canton High School.

"I want to say thanks to all the girls," said Pickert, who will play soccer at Iowa next season. "I feel like I should be playing tomorrow (Thursday). Now I have to turn this stuff in for the last time."

Pickert, also an outstanding player for Canton's varsity girls basketball program — which reached the state semifinals in 2010 and 2011 — again showed why Iowa recruited her.

She is an obvious gamer, playing at what appeared to be close to full speed despite the sprained left ankle she suffered in Saturday's district championship win over Northville. Canton first-year head coach Jeannine Reddy estimated that Pickert played all 80 minutes on a hot, humid evening despite only being about 75 percent physically.

The coach added that it will be tough to say so long to a group of accomplished senior athletes, including goalkeeper Kayla Bridges, Rachel Rohrbach, Madelyn McLean, Liz Ferrill, Janine Kozlowski and Jennifer Learst.

"I coached most of them at the JV level and I got them back as seniors," Reddy said. "And they're a great group of kids. I really wanted them to go further, for them. They deserved it, Mel and Kayla and all of them."

One key player who will be back in 2012, junior defender Robyn Mack, talked quietly about the end of an era.

"They made this team what it is," Mack said. "Next year we're going to struggle without them. Hopefully, we'll be just as good. But Melanie, Maddie, Rachel, Kayla ... all of them have been some part of this team and it's going to (stink) not having them on the team next year."

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"Basically, it shows that you beat this record that so many kids have had the opportunity to get and you finally got it."

### VERIFICATION

Plymouth sophomore Madi Lewis already had a spot on the board for setting a record in the 200 dash in 2010, with a time of 25.7 seconds. She re-broke her own record this spring with a 25.6 finish.

Meanwhile, Lewis shares cobilling in the 100 hurdles, with her 2010 time of 15.1 seconds equaling the original record set in 1990 by Salem's Jennifer Harris.

And Lewis, with a recent time

Salem's Martin already was on the Park board in the 800 run and 1,600 relay. Now, his name will replace Buford's for the No. 1 spot in the 400 dash.

<sup>•</sup> "Yeah, I have (talked to Buford about it)," Martin said. "We're friends off the track. He knows but he respects me. We were cool with each other off the track. "He knows me, and we're both fast guys. The fastest guy wins."

Indeed, Martin is soaking in his latest accomplishment. But he knows full well that his Canton friend has one more year to grab the top spot back from him. Keeping tabs on that kind of jockeying for position could become the latest spectator sport at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.





### Victory's in the Cards

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team won the championship trophy for the second year in a row at the Cass River Showcase in Frankenmuth, going 4-0. The team has had great success this year by earning first place both in the 12U BPA Spring Classic in Livonia and the Fourth Annual StoneCo Tournament in Monroe; as well as runner-ups at the USSSA 12 "AA" Spring Kickoff in Canton and the 12U Total Baseball Spring Bash in Novi. Pictured are the Cardinals with their championship trophies from the Cass River Showcase. They are as follows: (front row, from left) Evan Voyles, Jimmy Walkinshaw, Luke Hirshman, Jacob MacBrien; (middle row, from left) Cody Zidzik, Justin Dolney, Phil Lessnau, Jason Arnold; (back row, from left) coach Alan Zidzik, coach Greg Voyles, Brandon Knorr, Brennan Brooks, Noah Spencer, coach Rob Hirshman and coach Doug Spencer.



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# State champion hurdler Sims sets All-Observer pace

**FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL** Trisha Jordan, Jr., N. Farmington, (shot put): Jordan won the OAA White Division crown with an area-best throw of 36-7, which puts her fourth on the North Farmington list of all-time bests. She is the OAA White champion in the discus and was fourth at the regional. She ranks ninth all-time in the discus (107-5). Jordan is the city champion in both events.

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"With some hard work, conditioning and weight training, Trisha should have another big year next year," coach Bill Pinnell said. "Next year, she will not fall short of her goal of qualifying for the state meet."

Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr., Liv. Ladywood (discus): The senior uncorked the area's top throw (118-7) at the Stevenson Invitational, breaking a 14year-old school record.

Wojnarowski was also **Catholic League A-B Division** champion, runner-up at the Division 2 regional and placed 11th at the state finals.

She also went the state finals as a junior in the 4 x 400 relay, which placed runner-up and earned first-team All-Observer honors.

"Teresa could really compete in any of the track events," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said of the team MVP. "She is an excellent overall athlete. She is most valuable because of her leadership skills, work ethic, not to mention the points she contributes to the team. She has been an absolute pleasure to coach for the past three years and I will miss her."

Aaron Howell, Soph., Farmington (high jump): In her first year of track and field, Howell placed third in the high jump (5-6) at the state meet and was first-team, all-state. She also qualified in both hurdle events and placed seventh in the 100 hurdles. At the regional, Howell won the high jump and was second in both hurdles. Some have already compared her potential to that of former Farmington all-stater and University of Michigan heptathlete Bettie Wade.

"Aaron enjoyed one of the best sophomore seasons in FHS track and field history,'

### 2011 All-OBSERVER **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAM**

Shot put: 1. Trisha Jordan, Jr., North Farmington; 2. Mahogony Miller, Sr. Livonia Churchill; 3. Hailey Hurt, Soph. Farmington

Discus: 1. Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; Abbey Lovat, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 3. Emily Norscia, Soph., Livonia Churchill

High jump: 1. Aaron Howell, Soph., Farmington; 2. Senclair McDonnell, Jr., Churchill; 3. Micah Ernst, Sr., Mercy. Long jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa, Sr., Canton; 2. Aubrie Scott, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Becka Knox, Jr., Plymouth. Pole vault: 1. Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Nancy Krutty, Soph.

Salem; 3. Meghan Lark, Sr., Livonia Franklin. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Laticia Sims,

Jr., Farmington Harrison; 2. Whitney Fields, Soph., Harrison; 3. Kelly O'Brien, Soph., Franklin.

300 hurdles: 1. Pia Klein, Sr., Franklin; 2. Kirsten Smith, Soph., John Glenn; 3. Molly Jarvis, Soph., Churchill 100 dash: 1. Madi Lewis, Soph.

Plymouth; 2. Lauren Roberts, Sr., Mercy; 3. Delisha Williams, Jr., Redford Union 200: 1. Tiera Parker, Jr., Harrison; 2.

Domonique Smith, Jr., Redford Thurston; 3. Sydney Sterling, Soph., Farmington. 400: 1. Cherie Gaines, Sr., North

Farminoton: 2 Adrianna Beltran, Sr. Salem; 3. Sydney Anderson, Soph., Churchill

800: 1. Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington; 2. Megan Vitale, Sr. Ladywood; 3. Nicole Traitses, Jr., Plymouth

1,600: 1. Megan McPherson, Sr., Franklin; 2. Bethany Pilat, Jr., Churchill; 3. Heather Smith, Jr., Mercy, 3,200: 1. Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem:

2. Bianac Kubicki, Sr., Canton; 3. Amanda Harris, Sr., Farmington

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Soph.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.: Molly Jarvis, Soph.: Latisha Smalls Sr.); 2. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Jamie Coleman, Soph.; Tiera Parker, Jr.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Soph.; Rheana Allen, Soph.: Aubrie Scott, Sr.).

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Whitney Fields, Soph.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Jr.); 2. Plymouth (Becka Knox, Jr.; Reagan Engstrom, Jr.; Lindsey Russell, Sr.; Madi Lewis, Soph.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Soph.; Stephany Brown, Jr.; Aubrie Scott, Sr.)

1,600 relay: 1. Farmington (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Soph.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.); 2. Plymouth (Rachael Hille, Jr.; Carissa Buttermore, Sr.; Becka Knox, Jr.; Madi Lewis, Soph.); 3. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.; Khyli Ray, Soph.; Katie Binsfield, Fr.)

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Sr.; Kathryn Binsfeld, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.); 2. Farmington (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr



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**Alex Kitz** Stevenson



Madi Lewis Plymouth



Gabby DeFlorio Farmington



**Talia Shuford** Harrison



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**Tiera Parker** Harrison



Megan McPherson Franklin



Josephine Zolynsky Farmington



Aaron Howell Farmington



**Pia Klein** Franklin



**Cherie Gaines N. Farmington** 



**Kayla Kavulich** Salem



Jacquelyne Zolynsky Farmington

### Cherie Gaines, Sr., N.

Farmington (400): Gaines finished eighth at the D-1 state meet for the second year in a row. She ran faster (57.20) and broke the school record she set last year (57.92). Officially, her adjusted FAT at state drops to 56.8. She was second in the OAA White and regional, and she was third in Oakland County. Gaines, who also excelled in the 200 dash and relays, has a full ride to Indiana Tech.

"Cherie was hampered with different physical ailments throughout the season," coach Pinnell said. "It was great to see her finally drop under 60 and qualify for the state meet. "Our goal this year was to

move up to the top places. Looking back at all she has overcome this season, it was quite an accomplishment to finish eighth and run a career best time.

Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington (800): DeFlorio was a state qualifier in the 800, running her best time and a school record in that meet (2:17). The junior was a regional champion in the 1,600 and 800 runs, and she also helped the second-place Falcons win the 3,200 and 1,600 relays.

"Gabby had another remarkable season, garnering school records in five events - the 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay, 3,200, 1,600 and 800," coach Bridges said. "Gabby has the two qualities that all great runners share — speed and work ethic. In this year's state meet, she competed in three events, all of which broke school records." Megan McPherson, Sr., Liv.

Franklin (1,600): The most decorated distance runner in school history posted the area's top time in the 1,600 (5:04.91) at the Ypsilanti Invitational and placed 14th in the state finals.

McPherson, headed to Adrian College, also clocked a 11:30.2 in the 3,200.

She was regional champion in both the 1,600 and 3,200, along with Kensington Conference champion in the 3.200. She was also Public Schools of Livonia champ in the 1,600 and 3,200

McPherson competed for Team Michigan in Saturday's

100 and 200. Molly is our best 300 hurdler. And Smalls, who is new to the team this year as a senior, did a great job finishing both sprint relays. At the end of the year both Molly and Leah were on the 400, 800 and 1600 relay teams.

Farmington Harrison, 800 (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Whitney Fields, Soph.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Jr.): The Hawks set a school record and ran an areabest time of 1:43.9 to win the West Bloomfield regional. Harrison was second in the OAA White and fourth in Oakland County.

"We kept those four girls together for a reason," Babcock said. "We thought they were good enough to go to state and they did. All of those girls are high-caliber track athletes and good kids. They grew together, learned to trust each other more and the times started coming down until it was a school record. They did a great job all year."

Farmington, 1,600 (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Soph.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.): The Falcons set a school record and just missed scoring (ninth place) when they ran 3:58.75 at the state meet.

"These four young ladies began the season with two goals in mind, breaking four minutes and scoring at the state meet," coach Bridges said. "They became the fastest Division 1 team in MHSAA finals history not to score in 4 x 400 relay. The girls had a tremendous season individually and as a relay. The Zolynskys have had wonderful careers at Farmington, and we look forward to their continued success at U-D Mercy."

Salem, 3,200 (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Sr.; Kathryn Binsfeld, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.): This team came out firing on all cylinders from the beginning of the season and were consistent performers throughout.

They placed first at several key meets and earned a trip to the D1 state finals at Rockford.

The quartet won the KLAA meet with a mark of 9:48.68 and topped that a week later at the PCEP-hosted regionals. with a time of 9:33.80. At the state meet during prelims, the Rocks came in 27th with a time of 9:49.78.. COACH OF THE YEAR Mark Babcock, Farm. Harrison: Babcock's 31st year was one of the most successful and enjoyable during his long tenure as the Harrison girls coach. The Hawks were undefeated in dual meets and won the OAA White Division crown. They also won their first Division 1 regional at West Bloomfield after having won four in D-2. Harrison got on a late-season roll after winning the Muskrat Relays in Algonac, outscoring the defending state champion, Rochester "For me, that solidified things in my mind," Babcock said. "There were some good teams there. We felt it legitimized who we were and formed a better opinion of who we are. We sort of found our identity. "It was a good thing to happen a week before the division meet. It gave us confidence going into the league championships and the regional from there.' Harrison also finished third in the Oakland County meet behind Novi and Division 2 state champion Country Day. "These sort of seasons energize you," Babcock said. "It's a big boost for myself. Some years are more work and less fun. This year was the other way around. It was a lot of fun, watching our team grow, develop and believe in themselves. That never gets old." Babcock, who also teaches at Harrison, knew he wanted to be a track coach when he started out, but he hadn't considered the possibility of coaching girls. "The job opened up and someone said: 'Hey, there's an opening for a girls track coach.' I definitely was up for the challenge," he said. "That was 31 years ago. I've had chances to go elsewhere and do other things, but I think we have a good thing going at Harrison and our kids have benefitted."



coach Charles Bridges said. "She was a key team member, competing in four events in almost every meet. Aaron had a great day at the state meet. For a first-year hurdler to advance all the way to the finals, that was awesome."

Lindsay Lipa, Sr., Canton (long jump): The senior capped a stellar high school career with a fourth-place finish in the long jump at the Division 1 state meet at Rockford High School, with a mark of 17-feet, 4.25inches.

What made the accomplishment even more stunning was Lipa never competing in the long jump until late during this season. Her debut in that event was at the KLAA meet, where she placed second with a 17-2 mark.

"She was able to pick up long jump so quickly because she is a tremendous athlete and a fast learner," said Canton cocoach Brad Waidmann. "She is one of the rare athletes that you can teach any event and she instantly does it exactly how you taught her."

The co-captain, who will run at Cornerstone University next year, also was an outstanding performer in the high jump at 400-meter relay this season

Alex Kitz, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (pole vault): The junior earned eighth-place honors at the Division 1 state finals and achieved the area's top mark at 10-9.

Kitz, the team leader in points and MVP, also was Kensington Conference, regional, West Bloomfield and Spartan Invitational champion.

"Alex is a special person," Stevenson assistant coach Mike Brubaker said. "It is not very often that an athlete comes along with the drive and determination she displays. Her ability to master the small things has led her to some great achievements. It was a lot of fun to watch her compete this year and I am anxious to see just how good she is going to be in her senior season.

Laticia Sims, Jr., Farm. Harrison

Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Olivia Salinas, Jr.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.); 3. Plymouth (Nicole Traitses, Jr.; Brianna Lax, Fr.; Jada Woody, Fr.; Rachael Hille, Jr.). **COACH OF THE YEAR** Mark Babcock, Farmington Harrison

(100 hurdles): Sims is the Division 1 state champion in the 100-meter hurdles with a 14.1 time, and she also placed seventh in the 300 hurdles. She is the OAA White and regional champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Sims was first and third in Oakland County, respectively.

"Laticia and Tiera (Parker) are two of the best Harrison has to offer," coach Mark Babcock said. "They're humble and hard working. They represent what everybody would want to look up to. They're two of Harrison's finest. It's a privilege to have kids like that. They showed this year you can build a team around kids like that."

Pia Klein, Sr., Liv. Franklin (300 hurdles): The senior exchange student from Neunkirchen Germany did it all this season for Patriots as she finished eight in Division 1 state meet in the long jump and earned the area's top jump (schoolrecord 17-6.5).

"She was a big point scorer on a team that really needed another impact person to step up this season," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Whenever the team needed her, she always came through. She set a goal of being all-state this season and accomplished that goal."

Klein also had the area's second best time in the 300 hurdles (school-record 46.02) and was a state qualifier in the high jump (5-4).

Klein was the regional champ in the 300 hurdles and high jump, along with conference and PSL champion in the high jump and long jump.

"Pia is a terrific young lady," Bjorklund added. "I had the good fortune of having her in my AP Calculus class, on the regional champion cross country team and on the track team.



Sydney Sterling Farmington



Canton

"She is one of the fiercest competitor's I have ever encountered, and really knows how to 'bring it' to a field or running event.'

Madi Lewis, Soph., Plymouth (100 dash): It hasn't taken Lewis long to make a big impact at Plymouth.

The sophomore already owns the PCEP mark in the 100 dash with a time of 12.0 seconds and school records in the 200 (25.6), 400 (57.5), and ·800 relay (1:54.4).

Determined to surpass her personal bests each time out, Lewis also was stellar all season as anchor of the Wildcats' 1,600-meter relay team -which finished first at the KLAA and regional meets.

Lewis earned a conference championship in the mile run as well as regional championships in the 400, 800 relay and 1,600 relay.

"Her most impressive attribute as a runner is that she 'hawks' down other runners like no athlete that I have ever seen, boy or girl," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes. "In the 4 x 400 at the conference, regional, and state meets, Madi got the baton anywhere from 20 to 70 meters behind



Adrianna Beltran Salem

Kathryn Binsfeld

Salem

Victoria Tripp Salem



Mark Babcock Harrison coach

the leaders of the race, and in every occasion she ran down the team in first place to win the race.

"That is something that cannot be coached, it is simply her desire to compete that allows her to do that.'

The 1,600 relay team placed 14th at the state meet with a 4:03.28 finish.

Tiera Parker, Jr., Farm. Harrison (200): Parker scored at the Division 1 state meet for the second straight year, finishing sixth in the 200. She placed in the 100 last year and qualified again this year. Parker was the OAA White and regional runner-up in the 200, and she was fourth in Oakland County. She owns the school record of 24.3.

Including sprint relays, Parker is accustomed to running multiple races and "prepares herself for it," Babcock said. "To be honest, she wouldn't have it any other way. If you ask Tiera: 'Do you want to run all of them?' 'Yep.' There's no question about it, whether she can or wants to; she just does. She's a great track athlete and a great team athlete as well. Both she and Laticia are."

**Midwest Meet of Champions** held in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"I am glad she was selected as I think she really deserves it after the career she has had at Franklin," Bjorklund said. "She has every distance record (4 x 800, 800, 1,600, 3,200 and 5K), qualified for the state finals in both sports three years in a row, and has been all-state in both track (2010) and cross country (2010).

"For four years, she was our hardest worker and was always someone her teammates could count on. She puts others before herself and wants only the best for her team. One of the best things I can say about her is she has outstanding character." Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem

(3,200): All you need to know about Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich is she ran on the treadmill during a cruise with her family during spring break.

That penchant for selfmotivation already is lifting Kavulich to the top of the charts at Salem, where she set a new school record early in the season (5:15.8) only to break it again at the conference meet (5:13.17) and D1 regionals (5:07.8).

The conference and regional times were good for firsts while the latter stands as the best ever among athletes at all three PCEP schools.

"She's the best we've seen here, the best we've had here in a long time," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said. "As freshmen, or any runners period."

**FIRST-TEAM RELAYS** 

Livonia Churchill, 400 (Demi Crossman, Soph.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Molly Jarvis, Soph.; Latisha Smalls, Soph): This quartet earned a berth in the Division 1 state finals and placed 17th overall (school record 49.5).

The Chargers also captured the regional and was runnerup in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet.

"Great group of girls," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "Demi and Leah are our two best sprinters in both the

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Pink fight

### Livonia woman bikes, golfs to support breast cancer research

**BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Mary Huyck plans to party after her Mary's Pink Fight Golf Outing on June 25.

"I have a DJ that's coming and we're going to celebrate. We're going to have some dancing, everyone's going to dance," said Huyck, 54, of Livonia.

The celebration will mark the end of her chemotherapy and the start of training for a 27-mile "Ride for the Cure," bike ride on Aug. 6 in Ann Arbor. She hopes to pedal a tandem bike with her husband, Gary, alongside friends and family members on her cycling team. The golf outing this month will raise money to pay for entry fees and donations to the August ride, which is organized by the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Next month, sandwiched between the two big events, she'll also undergo surgery for the aggressive breast cancer that was diagnosed last December.

But right now, she's just happy to kick up her heels.

I've always been of the deep philosophy to keep moving, not to sit around. I always tell people to get out in the sunshine and fresh air. That can be a natural healer for you. What I tell my patients I practice myself."

### **MARY'S PINK FIGHT GOLF OUTING**

What: The golf outing helps Mary Huyck of Livonia and her cycling team , raise money for the "Ride for the Cure," a bike ride set for August in Ann Arbor. It's organized by the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

When: Registration at noon, 1:30 p.m. tee time, Saturday, June 25 Where: Salem Hills Golf Course, 8810 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: 18 holes with cart; golf pro providing tips; use of range before the event; hot dogs, chips and pop at the turn; competition holes; dinner and dessert after golfing; two hours of free beer and soft drinks after the event; raffles and 50/50; DJ and music; dancing Cost: \$100 per golfer for golf and dinner package; \$25 for dinner

without golf. Both dinner-only guests and golfers are eligible for raffle prizes

Registration: Send checks, made payable to Mary Huyck Golf Outing, along with team member names, phone number and e-mail to Gary and Mary Huyck, 37596 Northland Street, Livonia, MI 48152-1036 Questions: Call Shon Murphy, event coordinator, at (734) 658-0250 or e-mail to him at suited\_84@yahoo.com

take vitamins and eat well. I had a mammogram in late August last year and it was clear. Then after one of my exercise classes I developed a swelling under my arm."

Huyck worked for an oncologist before she began practicing medicine in Pontiac for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where she sees everything from diabetes to psychiatric cases at the clinic in the Oakland County jail. She knew what to ask her doctor when the swelling failed to respond to hot showers and over-the-counter anti-



According to the Triple **Negative Breast Care** Foundation, breast cancers are diagnosed based on the



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Mary Huyck and her team will ride 27 miles in the 'Ride for the Cure' on Aug. 6.

presence or lack of three cell "receptors" that fuel most cancerous breast tumors. The most successful treatments for breast cancer

target estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2. But none of those receptors are found in women with triple negative breast cancer. Their form of breast cancer can be aggressive and more likely to recur and metastasize than other kinds, although it does

respond to chemotherapy. Huyck is thankful she and her doctors discovered the disease in its early stage. She said it underscores the importance of getting an annual physical exam, including a mammogram, and making healthy lifestyle choices.

"It was a complete shock for me because I did everything in life to avoid this. At least I caught it early enough.

Huyck suspects her personal experience with breast cancer may lead her back into oncology work in the future. She also recently formed Pink Fight X3, an organization designed to help triple negative breast cancer patients shoulder drug deductible costs, copays and other expenses.

"I am blessed with great health care insurance, but that's not the same for everyone. I can't imagine what it would be like to be diagnosed with breast cancer and not have available funds. My goal in the future is to help cover those expenses."

 life-long Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Loretto in Redford, Huyck also plans to form a Christian support group for breast cancer patients.

"My faith gives guidance and it always has. I believe God opened this door for me for a reason — and he has carried me through."

Huyck's Web site is www.pinkfightX3. org. E-mail her at Mary@pinkfightX3. ٥rg.

### **ATTENTION TO HEALTH**

Huyck, a physician's assistant, has always taken a proactive approach to good health. When she was a single mom, raising two daughters and a son 30 years ago, she became a vegetarian and began eating organic foods. Exercise has always been a priority and over the past five years has included cycling in long-distance bike tours, some which have raised funds for diabetes and obesity research.

"I always get my exams. I

inflammatory medicine. "I called the Ob-Gyn and said 'I think I need an ultrasound."

A biopsy and ultrasound confirmed what seemed impossible.

"Dec. 17 is the day they called me and told me I had breast cancer. It was wild. I had no family history of breast cancer. It was a fluke." She started six months of

chemotherapy, administered every other week, to combat the "triple negative breast cancer."



Mary Huyck plans to ride a tandem bike with husband Gary Huyck during the 'Ride for the Cure' in August. Her cycling team includes John Carey and Amy Van Eck (background). Other team members (not shown) are Alanea Van Eck, Murray Muscat and Krystle Price.



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## **Canton Girl Scouts** earn top awards

Three girls from Canton received the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony held last month at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, in Ypsilanti. The girls were honored by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan for their leadership and dedication to community service

The Girl Scout Gold Award, awarded by Girl Scouts of the USA, is earned by only three percent of Girl Scouts, ages 14-18, across the country. The highest achievement in Girl Scouting, it calls upon each girl to put her leadership skills into action and develop a service learning project. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouting.

Elizabeth Ann Otto, of Troop 40870, with help from friends, family and fellow Girl Scouts, built and painted a bookcase with Disney characters on it for the Wayne Family Center, in Wayne. She also organized a book drive, collecting 670 donated books for children. She also created three colorful paintings to decorate the walls of the center's day care. She is the daughter of Marlene McCrate and Michael Otto.

Ishani Shah, a Girl Scout Juliette, started a social group for young children with disabilities in the Infant/Preschool **Special Education Program** (**IPSEP**) at Tanger **Elementary School**, in Plymouth. She made weekly visits to the school with friends, playing with students to improve their social skills. She also obtained training to work with the children on their sensory and motor skills. Her parents are Yaksha and Mayur Shah.

Maria Wellman, of Troop 40870, organized a blood drive for the American Red **Cross Donor Center that** resulted in the collection of 32 units of blood. She recruited donors by setting up booths at St. John Neumann Church and Bob Evan's Restaurant, distributing fliers to neighbors, creating a Facebook event, posting ads at local businesses and extending personal invitations. She



Shah

Otto



Wellman

also made a video promoting blood donation showing the process, benefits and personal stories about giving blood. The video will be used for blood drive recruitment at St. John Neumann Parish. Maria is the daughter of Kathryn and Mark Wellman.



Walkers make their way to the finish line during the 2010 St. Mary Mercy 5K run/walk for Cancer.

Sign up for St. Mary Mercy hospital's annual walk/run to fight cancer

Registration is open for the 5th Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer planned for 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

The event is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those

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members and friends to remember a loved one. Nearly 600 people participated in last year's 5K, raising more than \$20,000 to support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

**Registration through** Sept. 2 is \$22; afterward it's \$27. The USATF-certified course will begin on the hospital grounds and follow residential streets

through Livonia.

Runners and walkers who register before Sept. 2 are guaranteed a race T-shirt.

Register at www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer. For more information call (734) 655-1590.

### **GARDEN & NATURE**

storm drains and waterways, such as the Rouge River. When planted with native wildflowers selected for their height and bloom time, streetside rain gardens add to neighborhood pride and community identity, typically attracting butterflies. The tour originates at the Lathrup Village Municipal Park, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. Tour orientation is scheduled for every 15 minutes at the registration desk. Native wildflowers suitable for rain gardens will be available for purchase. Advance registration is required (no charge). Telephone the SOCWA office weekdays at (248) 288-

### PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

The Plymouth Library Garden Group will include a perennial plant exchange and discussion on container gardening and weeds at its next meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Gardeners from neighboring communities welcome. Questions? E-mail to cindywicz@comcast.net.

### **ENGLISH GARDENS**

• Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.

· Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.

• Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.

• Learn about the four main categories of hydrangeas at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.

• What kinds of plants do best in the shade? Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com.

### **BLUES AND MOTHS**

Dwayne Badgero, "The Moth Maniac," will describe the blue butterflies and native moths of Michigan at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Meeting cost is \$3 for nonmembers. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

### **RAIN GARDENS**

Tour five rain gardens for free 9 a.m.noon, Saturday, July 16, in Lathrup Village. The tour, which is self-guided, will feature rain gardens with native wildflowers in bloom. Rain garden owners will be at their gardens to share tips with visitors. Rain gardens trap runoff from roads, driveways, sidewalks and rooftops, reducing the volume of runoff flushed into

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### **Belleville High School** Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS. **Dearborn Fordson** 

### Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday. Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com. **Dearborn Heights Robichaud** 

Class of 1961 50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course, All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolonl@aol. com; (248) 529-6461. **Detroit Cody** 

### Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167. 50s and 60s

### Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail

and Hines Drive. Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

### Class of 1971

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954. **Detroit Henry Ford** Class of 1971

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or email to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com. **Detroit Mackenzie** 

### June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@ msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543. Class of 1962

### Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking

classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.

#### com **Detroit Northwestern** Class of 1971

Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter, For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to drishs40th71@vahoo.com Farmington High School

### Class of 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

### Ferndale High School Class of 1961

4:10-4:25 p.m., gathering time and tour of the high school, followed by 6 p.m. dinner at Rosie O'Grady's on Friday, Sept. 10. Reunion celebration runs 6 p.m -1 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at Somerset Inn, Troy and includes a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Final farewells and a quick bite from 12:30-1 p.m. at Duggan's in Royal

Oak. Cost of the banquet at Somerset Inn is \$73 per person. To reserve a place, make checks payable to Class of 1961 Reunion, and send along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail to Bill Stenback, P.O. Box 242, Central Lake, MI 49622-0242. Indicate if you plan to attend the high school tour and dinner at Rosie O'Grady's. Questions? Contact Stenback at signaturefleet@charter.net or (231) 544-6522.

### Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net. **Garden City High School** 

### Class of 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook. **Inkster Cherry Hill** 

### All classes

The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

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### Arthritis Today JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY 18829 Farmington Road Livonia, Michigan 48152 Phone: (248) 478-7860

### **VIRUSES AND ARTHRITIS**

Viruses can cause arthritis; the arthritis associated with a virus usually looks like rheumatoid arthritis. The joints involved are in the hands and feet, the fingers are swollen, the arthritis is symmetrical, that is, on both the right and left side of the body. In addition, the individual with viral arthritis notes stiffness in the morning and undue fatigue during the day.

Clues that the person does not have rheumatoid arthritis include that the arthritis came on after a fever or sore throat, or that someone in the family, usually a child, had a viral influenza shortly before the adult's arthritis appeared.

The best studied viral arthritis is caused by Parovirus B19. The virus, in children is called the "Slapped Cheek Syndrome." The slapped cheeks refer to the bright red appearance of the child's face when the virus begins. The child's illness is accompanied by a fever, and lasts 1-3 days.

An adult, usually a grandparent babysitting for a young child, is the usual target for the virus. Instead of a fever or sore throat, the person presents with a sudden arthritis of the hands and feet that mimics rheumatoid arthritis

The doctor can confirm his suspicion of Parovirus B19 by a blood test that shows evidence of a recent B19 infection.

Treatment consists of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication such as aspirin or ibuprofen. The arthritis may last up to 6 months, but starts improving when the patient begins therapy. A repeat episode is rare.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Service Learning Academy located at 21605 W. 7 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219, will hold a proposed budget hearing for the 2011-2012 school year, Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., in the Malmborg Media Center. The Budget will be available for public inspection at the Academy in the Main Office.

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# Brunch takes a bite out of jazz fest costs

### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

The Father's Day Jazz Brunch is a good way to support America's gift of this music to the world, according to Midge Ellis. At nearly 88, she's been promoting jazz with the hope it continues to thrive for generations to come.

On Sunday, June 19, the Livonia woman along with the Michigan Jazz Festival Committee will hold the brunch benefit to raise funds for the annual showcase of southeast Michigan jazz musicians at Schoolcraft College in July. The daylong festival is free to the public, but a costly production at \$40,000 a year.

The Father's Day brunch will include a concert featuring the Pete Siers Quartet, with Siers on drums, Brian McMillen, organ, and Keith Kaminski and Ben Jansson on saxophones.

"It's always exciting because the food is so wonderful. Schoolcraft has a reputation for its food. There's something for everybody. If you happen to be a vegetarian you can eat until you're stuffed," said Ellis.

Seating at tables of eight stimulates conversation. Last year 300 people were talking music.

"It's good for meeting other jazz lovers," said

Ellis. "People love it and meet other people and wouldn't be there if they didn't love jazz."

Ellis promises audience members will have a lot to talk about when the quartet takes to the stage with their straight-ahead jazz. Siers has toured Europe several times and played with musicians such as Russell Malone, Marian McPartland, the late David "Fathead" Newman, and Mulgrew Miller, to name a few. His orchestral pops show ventures include Marcus Belgrave's Louis Armstrong Tribute and Dave Bennett's Salute to Benny Goodman.

Siers is an educator as well. He has taught at University of Michigan, Purdue University and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and served as Artist-in-Residence at Interlochen School of the Arts.

"Pete is such a good musician, a very good drummer," said Ellis. "This is a unique group. There's no bass. The organ plays the bass and there's two saxophones."

The Father's Day Jazz Brunch runs noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$27.50, and include a brunch and concert. Call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720 or send a check with self-addressed stamped envelope to 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022. Be sure to include last four digits of zip code to speed delivery.



The Pete Siers Quartet will perform at a Father's Day Brunch benefit for the annual Michigan Jazz Festival.



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**ABAZI, REDI** 

Age 32. Quietly entered the rest of his Savior on Monday, June 6, 2011. Beloved husband of Lindsay. Proud and loving father of Tommy, Sarah and Matthew. Cherished son of Xhemil and Vera and dear son-in-law of Steve and Julie Vanker. He will be remembered fondly for his joyful spirit, principled life, and affection for Christ and his family. He worked diligently as a math teacher at Derby Middle School in Birmingham and faithfully taught the Standing Stones Adult Bible Fellowship Class at church. He will be missed by many. The family received visitors on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Highland Park Baptist Church, 23600 Lahser Rd., Southfield from 9:30am until the Memorial Service at 11:00am. Donations may be made to "The Abazi Living Trust" with the memo "Childrens' College Fund" and mailed to 5250 Kellen Ln., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

**BADGLEY, HENRIETTA M.** Age 70. Beloved wife of the late Scott for 35 years. Dear Mother of Teresa, Jeff and the late Elizabeth. Grandmother of Cheyenne. Sister of Gwendolyn Fry & Bo Davis. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 11, 2011. Arrangements were made by the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



### BANKS, STEPHEN G.

62 on March 30, 2011 in Modesto, CA. Steve was born in Detroit and moved to Farmington where he attended Farmington Junior and Senior High School from which he graduated in 1967. While there, he was a member of a rock band, The Czars, which won many local competitions in the '60s. He was the son of the late Lorne and Cecile Banks, long-time Farmington residents, and was the brother of Don Banks of San Diego, John Banks of Jacksonville, FL, and Ken Banks of Seminole, FL He is survived by his ex-wife Linda Banks of Modesto, CA, and life partner, Joanne Welch of Salem, OR, as well as his three children: Christopher Banks, Chico, CA, Stephanie Luepke of Modesto, CA, and Matthew Banks, of Modesto, CA. He also was beloved grandfather of six granddaughters in California. A celebration of life was held by his family in Modesto on April 16 and another by friends in Salem on May 13. Condolences may be sent to the family at 2800 Braden, Apt 156, Modesto, CA, 95356. Steve shared his final thoughts at



### CHAPIN, LOIS M.

Age 80, June 8, 2011. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Gary (Mona), Bruce (Jennifer) and Kirk (Julie) Chapin, and Sally (Douglas) Freed. Dear grandmother of David, Scott and Mackenzie, Alyssa and Matthew, Thomas, Amy, James and Kimberly. Dear great grandmother of Maiya. Sister of Eleanor Fisher, James Colter and Carolyn Wicker. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday from 3 - 8 PM. Instate at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church (at St. Andrew Episcopal Church), 16360 Hubbard Rd., Livonia, Monday from 10:30 until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.



SAWICKI, CECILIA MARY

Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Patricia (Gary) Seleski, Robert (Syndi) Loussia, and Richard (Geralyn). Proud grandmother of Michael (Jessica) Mistak, Christopher Mistak, Dana (Tim) Balogh, and Douglas Sawicki. Great-grandmother of John Michael Mistak II. Cecilia and the late Walter were among the "Original" residents of Newburgh Village. She was a hard working employee for the 7 Mile and Farmington Kmart for over two decades. Mrs. Sawicki enjoyed exercising at the Livonia Senior Center. A memorial gathering will was held Saturday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St, Suite 705, San Francisco, CA, 94102. Please share your memories at

www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com.

**SHARPE JR.,** 

### C. GRANVILLE,

Age 91, of Novi, MI, died 6/4/11. Services were held 6/11. Arrangements by O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. Novi, MI

### SULLIVAN, **MONICA SUSAN**

Of Brighton passed away peacefully in the care of her loving family on Sunday, June 5, 2011. She was 53 years old. She is survived by her beloved husband, John; loving sons, Ryan (Callie) and Sean (Ruth); father, Paul Clement; grandson, Jack; sisters, Mary Clement and Kathy (Kevin) Carroll; brother, Brian (Stacey) Clement; nephews, Zachary, Dylan, Wyatt, Samuel and Aaron (Miriam); nieces, Amanda, Lou (Tyler); many loving extended family members and dear friends. Monica was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Clement and brother, Paul Clement. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton. Friday, June 10 at 10:30AM. Fr. Mark J. Rutherford to officiate. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 East Main Street, Brighton, Thursday 3-9PM. Memorials may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank. For further information please call Lynch & Sons, Brighton at:

810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### **MILESTONES**

### **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Leon and Mary (Jasmund) Frank of **Redford** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, May 26. They were married in 1951 at St. Cecilia Church in Detroit.

The couple has three married children, Robert, James and Marie Masterson. Their five grandchildren are Jason, Michael, Amanda, Nicholas – who is in the U.S. Army - and Jennifer, in Alaska. The family celebrated at a local restaurant.



Leon and Mary Frank of Redford



Leon and Mary Frank of Redford on their wedding day in 1951

### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

## **JUNE 12-15**

### Concert

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12 Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Movie night Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

Scholarships are available

Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Women. Atmosphere is prayerful, but relaxed. Cost is \$60.

Contact: Register at (303) 715-3224 or at www.endowon-

Details: Free screening of "Toy Story 3" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested Contact: (734) 425-5950

### **Rummage Sale**

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Edward Horde. Dear aunt of Hope Grondy, Tyler and Ian Horde. Special

Of Salem, OR, and former resident of Farmington, MI, passed away after a courageous fight against cancer at



caringbridge.org/visit/stephenbanks.



**BLAHUNKA, CHARLES S.** Age 72, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in Rockford, IL. He is survived by his sons, Ronald Blahunka, of Rockford, Dennis (Marcie) Blahunka of Loves Park, IL, grandchildren Luke, Logan, and Taylor Blahunka, and sister Mary (late Peter) Lazar. Chuck was preced-ed in death by a son Donald (1981), parents Charles and Frances (nee Cabay) Blahunka, brother Joseph (Ethel) Blahunka, sister Frances (Frank) Gabrys, and numerous nieces and nephews. Chuck graduated from Joliet Township High School, then IIT where he studied electrical engineering. He retired in 2003 as Supervisor of the Electromagnetic Testing Laboratory at Yazaki Corporation. His hobbies included golf, enjoying classical music, cigars, viewing nature, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active member of IEEE EMC Society and a certified EMC Engineer for iNARTE, both professional organizations for electrical engineers. For those wishing to leave memorial donations in Chuck's name, they may be sent to: International Essential Tremor Foundation, attn: Research, 11111 West 95th Street, Suite 260, Overland Park, KS 66214. A Celebration of Chuck's Life will be held on Tuesday, June 14 with a memorial visitation from 2 - 7 PM, followed by a memorial service beginning at 7 pm in the funeral home chapel. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Tezak's Home to Celebrate Life, 1211 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL 815-722-0520

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### KOROL, PAUL C.

Newburgh Rd, Westland.

friend of Danielle Beaudrie, Scott and

Scotty White. For information regard-

ing pancreatic cancer awareness visit

www.pancan.org. Visitation and Service was held Wednesday at

Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N

To share a memory,

visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

Age 76. Beloved husband of the late Raissa. Dear father of Andrew, William (Cindy), George, and Katherine (Andrew) Schornick. Proud grandfather of Kayla and Nicholas. Loving brother of George and the late Lydia Kytasty. Visitation was at Fred Wood Funeral Home- Rice Chapel, in Livonia on Wednesday. Funeral 10 AM Thursday at St. Mary Ukrainian orthodox Church, 21931 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, MI 48075. Interment will take place at Parkview Cemetery. Please visit online guest book at

fredwoodfuneralhome.com



LAROQUE, ELIZA JANE

Passed away on June 4, 2011 at the age of 95. She was born on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Onigum Minnesota on February 2,1916. Eliza was the loving wife of the late Henry LaRoque and is survived by her sister Dorthy McMickens and her 3 children Sharon Hoyt, Gary LaRoque and Lesley Dale LaRoque, her grandchildren Mark Hoyt, Lauren Hoyt Willams, Brandon LaRoque, Derek LaRoque, Meghan LaRoque and Alicia LaRoque and her great grandchildren Justin, Zoe, Jake, Isabella and Haidyn. She showed her care and love through her actions and all who knew her felt blessed to be touched by this amazing woman. Elizabeth will be missed by all. www.uhtfh.com



**ROCKWELL, SUSANNA P.** 

86, June 3, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Francis W. II (d. 2006); devoted mother of Francis W. III (Diane), Thomas R. (Elizabeth) and Edward C. (Tanya); and cherished grandmother of 12. A memorial Service was held Saturday, June 11th, 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Memorial tributes suggested to Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills or the Salvation Army. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200)

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ZIMMER **COMMANDER DAVID W.** 

US Navy, (ret). June 4, 2011 Age 93 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired Naval Aviator and Pearl Harbor survivor. Proud

graduate of Northwestern University and longtime Ford Motor executive Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Ely) for 63 years. Dear father of David R. (Donna), Stephen E. (Susan), Dr. John W. (Naywon) and Thomas A. (Patrice). Grandfather of Amy, Kristen, Julie McCann (Casey), Jennifer, Andrew, Matthew, Scott, Michael, Zachary and Trevor. Great grandfather of Alexander. Brother of the late Julian and Rodney. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday, June 17th 5-8p.m. Funeral service Saturday, June 18th 1p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Sports Unlimited, Quad Rugby, 6781 Rattalee Lake Rd.,

View obituary and share memories at



Redford

Details: Pentecost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church Contact: (313) 937-3170

**Pomegranate Guild** 

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, June 12

Location: The Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework, will have a dairy potluck luncheon and complete selections for next year's officers

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

### **JUNE 16-22** Dav camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24 Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$60 per child.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuellivonia.org

### **Book of Faith**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning June 22

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: The Rev. Joan Christoffers leads a study on "The Book of Faith." Join the group for any or all classes Contact: (734) 427-3660

## **JUNE 23-29**

### **Clothing bank**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25 Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or )734) 404-2480

### **JUNE 30-JULY 13** ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31 Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Michele Schmidt facilitates this women's study group, which is designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching. Sessions explore Pope John Paul II's Letter To Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 8 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9 Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: Gently-used items Contact: (734) 427-2290

## **JULY 14-27**

### Concert

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford Details: Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Includes arts and crafts fair, carnival-

style games and food concessions

Contact: (313) 937-2424

### Movie Night

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free screening of "The King's Speech" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested

Contact: (734) 425-5950

## ONGOING

### AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills** 

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergartenfifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

### Classes/study

### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

### Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8 Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits **Contact**: (734) 464-7990



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# Rehab clients exercise while beautifying therapy center

### **BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFE WRITER**

Theresa Fischer knelt on the concrete sidewalk Tuesday and planted impatiens in the landscape bed surrounding Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford.

While she gardened in the record high temperature, the Farmington Hills woman who has Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) - barely seemed to break a sweat.

After three years in pulmonary rehab, Fischer is better equipped to climb stairs, swing a golf club and plant flowers during Valley Hill's annual "Gardening Day" event.

"On a whole I would not be as active without it," she said, referring to the physical therapy she receives at the Center, home to Botsford Hospital's outpatient pulmonary rehab program. "I look forward to coming here. I feel it has helped me.

"I tell you a big plus. It improved my golf game. It was amazing to me because I didn't expect it. But I kept thinking, gosh that ball is going farther."

Gardening, like golf, gives Fischer an opportunity to apply breathing and energy conservation techniques learned at the Center to everyday activities.

During Gardening Day, patients plant flowers around the facility as a part of their supervised exercise treatment. Valley Hill offers a multidisciplinary treatment plan under medical direction. Therapy is designed to improve quality of life for individuals with chronic asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung conditions. **Respiratory therapists work** 





Cindy Bailo, coordinator Respiratory Services at Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford, talks with a client during the fifth annual Gardening Day.

Dorothy Lehner of Farmington Hills plants flowers as a part of the fifth annual Gardening Day at Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford.



use while tackling everyday activities such as gardening. Therapy patients learn to breathe in for a few second and then purse their lips to lengthen the time it takes to exhale.

"When they take longer, it keeps their lower airways open long enough for them to exhale carbon dioxide. We teach them to take their breath in before they exert themselves," Bailo said.

Working on treadmills and stationery bikes at the Center helps strengthen muscles. Bailo teaches patients that a "stronger muscle uses less oxygen then a weak muscle.' "When you become short of breath by doing simple things, you avoid doing those simple things and then your muscles tend to atrophy more. So we work their heart, legs, diaphragm."

Georgia Cherry of Farmington Hills has pulmonary fibrosis and has attended therapy sessions for five years. In that time she has lessened her reliance on an oxygen tank and now uses one only at night. Techniques such as purse lip breathing come naturally.

"One of the reasons I've stuck with this exercise program is that they take your vitals when you come in," Cherry said. "They take vour blood pressure, listen to your lungs, measure your oxygen levels. You don't get that in just any exercise setting. She likes the camaraderie that has developed during sessions. Patients have become friends with each other and with the therapists. 'There is a social aspect to it. That's what is unique about this."

with patients on controlling symptoms, slowing their disease's progression, increasing their ability to live independently and building endurance. Physical therapists help patients improve strength, balance, and muscle function.

### **DIFFERENT APPROACH**

### .IIINF Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network ... A Primer," 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools, health care economy ics and accountable care organizations' impact on health care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals, Offers 4.0

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AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at www.

### Kidney treatment

Individuals facing kidney failure can learn about the treatment options that best suit their health and lifestyle needs at a Treatment Options Program (TOPs) session, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14 at Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners, 6064 N. Sheldon, Canton. Healthcare professionals will talk about managing chronic kidney disease, dialysis treatment options, kidney transplants, patient support services and more The session is free and open to the public. For more information, call Christine Hilmer at (586) 431-5084

"We teach them to cope

Instead of stopping activi-

ties, we teach them to do

it differently," said Cindy

Bailo, therapist. "When we

with their lung disease.

### Free fall risk screening

The screening will run 12:30-3 p.m. June 15, at The Recovery Project, LLC, 20000 Victor interview them, that's one of their major complaints that they can't work in the yard and garden any more. So we try to teach them that yes, you can. You just

Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and

occupational therapist, pharmacist and physi-

cians will provide vision, balance, medication,

blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734)

Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps

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Summer camp

Bernard Smith of Detroit, his oxygen tank at his side, digs holes for flowers during Valley Hill's annual gardening day.

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How To Triple Your Chances Of Getting A Job

### Paul G. Stoltz, Ph.D., co-author of "Put Your Mindset to Work"

As a job seeker or someone trying to flourish at work, ever wonder, out of the hundreds of "expert" tips, which ones are actually proven to work? Here's what 98 percent of top employers worldwide say and groundbreaking research studies prove makes all the difference.

### Mindset trumps skill set

Give employers what they want. When forced to choose, "Who would hire, A) the person with the perfect skills and qualifications, but lacking the desired mindset, or B) the person with the desired mindset, but lacking the right skills, 98 percent picked mindset over skill set.

### **Mindset means money**

When forced to choose, 91 percent of employers say they will grant a pay raise, as well as a promotion, to the person with the right mindset over the person with the right skill set. And, an independent study shows, those who score the strongest on mindset make the most money.

research reveals that there are 72 qualities that make up a winning mindset, or "3G Mindset."

### **Global mindset -- think big** picture!

It's not about multicultural sensitivity (which can't hurt). It's about time and distance. It's about pulling your

head out of the weeds and tapping the horizon. Global is your vantage point, or how well you lift your eyes beyond the immediate here and now, employ curiosity and openness to reach out, connect with and draw from a broad array of ideas and people to arrive at superior solutions.

### Good mindset - good guys finish first!

Turns out integrity and kindness -doing what's right and being good to others -- pays off, big time. Good is the bedrock of a winning mindset. When the news is packed with mounting immorality and ethical implosions, employees with a good mindset are gold.

the worst weather. Good news is, in most jobs, there's plenty of it. Your capacity to not merely survive or cope, but grow with and harness the tough stuff really sets you apart. Grit fuels pay, promotion, retention, performance, engagement, energy and more.



Open, curious, bigpicture, connecting, considerate, agile, adaptable, resilient, growing, focused, tenacious, moral, honest, trustworthy, authentic, kind,

compassionate, generous, otherminded, contributing, tenacious, improving, fair, courageous, creative and determined is a short list of winning mindset qualities. Embed them in all you say, think and do.

### The 3X factor - give your resume the mindset boost

Which resumes win and which ones lose? Mindset gives you the edge. An independent study of 30,000 resumes shows A) the conventional

Mindset quality>>>put into action>>>>to achieve a specific outcome.

Example (tenacity): Pioneered, piloted and proved a new customer response system and cut complaints by 87 percent. Example (generosity): Volunteered to mentor new hires before and after work hours and cut first 90day turnover by 72 percent.

### Triple (or better) your chances with 3G mindset

Here's the breakthrough finding: Resumes with one "Mindset-inaction" statement are three times (3X) more likely to win the job. Those with two or more are 7X more likely to get the offer! The proof is in. Mindset helps you stand out from crowd, get paid more, be promoted sooner, be retained when others are cut and win the best jobs, even over people with better qualifications. Remember: skills matter, mindset rules!

Paul G. Stoltz, Ph.D., co-author of "Put Your Mindset to Work" (Portfolio, May 2011), is considered one of the world's leading experts and pioneering researchers on the winning mindset. He is founder and CEO of PEAK Learning, Inc, works with the top companies in the world, and is bestselling author of three books in 15 languages.



### Use a winning mindset Mindset is not about attitude. It's deeper. It's the lens through which you see and navigate life. It therefore affects all that you think,

believe, say and do. Breakthrough

### Grit mindset - take on the tough stuff!

This is the fuel cell of a winning mindset. It powers all the rest. See, it's all about adversity. Employers want people who flourish even in

wisdom (standard tips) do nothing. In some cases they backfire! But, the "Mindset-in-action" formula does.

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Duhamel's latest movie, Transformers: Dark of the Moon, is in theaters July 1 Who'sNews



Q On the Food Network's Cupcake Wars, what happens to the 1,000 cupcakes baked by the loser? JEAN CASEY, Penfield, N.Y. We got the scoop

on what happens after the dust er, flour — set-

tles on the weekly dessert dustup, whose third season starts Tuesday. "All the fresh ingredients that are still usable are kept for the next challenge, while the completed cupcakes left over are delivered to nearby charitable organizations, or given to our hardworking cast and crew," a Food Network and Cooking Channel rep tells us. "The set is a great place to work — especially if you have a sweet tooth." Yum — sounds as if there are no real losers! **Q** The things Joan Rivers says on *Fashion Police* are hilarious. Do celebrities contact her to retaliate or ask for an apology?

Jared Scott Tesler, Rochester, N.Y.

"Very few," Rivers tells us. "The big ones always know it's in fun. No one who is making \$20 million cares that I didn't like her dress." That does not mean she hasn't gotten nastygrams (from Edie Falco and Kathy Bates, to name two).



Hollywood is a small town, and when Rivers and her targets collide, it's awkward, she says. "We had just done a

"I like the

circus life;

Woodard

says

thing on Sandra Bullock's bangs, and we ran into her

on a plane on the way home. You feel terrible, but my job is to be a critic. That's why people tune in." Catch *Fashion Police* Fridays on E! at 10:30 p.m. ET.

### Who's hot in Hollywood



Andrew Rannells scored one of a whopping 14 Tony nominations for the hit Broadway musical The Book of Mormon by South Park creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker. Their subversive cartoon was a staple for Rannells when he was growing up in Omaha. "Who would have thought, watching South Park in high school, those are the guys who would change my life one day?" See if Rannells, 32,

wins the best-actor Tony Sunday on CBS. ... Alfre Woodard seems to have spent more time on the road than at home. "I've never been a suburban type. I like the circus life," says Woodard, 58. But her children, Mavis, 19, and Duncan, 17, (with husband Roderick Spencer) always came first. "Wherever we were, they became kids in that city. Then when they started playing organized sports, they said, 'Mom, we don't want to go to Zimbabwe. We have soccer games.' " Catch Woodard on TNT's *Memphis Beat*, which returns for its second season Tuesday. Who puts together Bonnie Bedelia's Boho chic outfits on NBC show Parenthood?

Camille Thompson San Ramon, Calif.

That is costume designer Diane Crooke, who also has dressed the stars on *Friends* and *Crossing Jor*-

dan. To dress Parenthood matriarch Camille Braverman as "a more

current version of a past hippie life," Crooke skips the hemp and starts with skinny black jeans ("She has great legs"), then adds staple tanks from Eileen Fisher and "flowy, colorful tops" from Citron and Harari.

> Like Camille's jewelry collection? Buy from local arts and crafts fairs, as Crooke does. "Bonnie is an artist and a painter in her real life, so she wanted to have that feeling influenced in her clothes now." says Crooke, who keeps a closet busting with pitch-perfect clothes for each character.

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## Screaming lobsters and other food myths

THIS AIN'T YOUR grandmother's cookbook. In their new recipe and guide book, Lobsters Scream When You Boil Them, and 100 Other Myths About Food and Cooking, authors Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough debunk some of the oldest myths about your favorite foods, including:

White-meat chicken is better for you than dark. It's true that white meat is lower in calories and fat, but only by about 10 calories per ounce and 1 gram of fat. So if you're eating a typical portion size, there isn't much of a discrepancy. What's more, dark meat has nutrients that

are lacking in white meat, including more iron and zinc.

An avocado pit placed in guacamole will stop browning. When you slice open an avocado, chemical compounds in the fruit are exposed to the air. That causes the compounds to absorb light and change, which turns the fruit brown. Including a pit may

limit the guacamole's exposure to the air, but only to the spot directly underneath the pit.

You should test a peach by squeezing. The authors say manhandling the fruit is unnecessary and doesn't actually let you know if it's really ripe. Instead, try smelling it. If it doesn't smell like

anything, it won't taste like anything and if it smells delicious. it'll taste delicious.

--- Cara Hedgepeth



## Check for warning signs of decline

THOSE CARING for aging parents must balance concerns for their welfare with respect for their independence. In addition, we may live far from loved ones and view changes through

a magnifying lens.

How do you know if what you're seeing is a true decline vs. a natural state of old age? Look for warning signs, says Jody

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Gastfriend of Care.com, an online resource that connects families with trusted care providers.

Among the signs:

Physical changes. Are there gait changes, weight loss or gain, a decline in personal hygiene?

Household changes. Is there no food, old food or expired food in the fridge? Are there signs of fenderbenders on the car?

Unusual forgetfulness. Losing glasses is expected. but a repeated pattern of forgetting pertinent events may be cause for concern.

The changes may be signs of dementia, a chronic illness or increased frailty, so voice concerns in a compassionate, clear manner. Take steps to plan for care that will give your parents independence and well-being yet maintain their safety.

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40 years ago, average life expectancy was 67 years; today it's almost 76. It's a definite improvement, but men still have work to do when it comes to their health: They tend to smoke and drink more than women, they see their doctor less often, and they are diagnosed with more cases of cancer and heart disease. Step One to staying healthy: Get regular checkups and

EN LIVE A LOT LONGER than they used to: About

Step One to staying healthy: Get regular checkups and screenings. Here are more strategies to help prevent or treat the top threats to men's health:

**Eat more fiber.** Two recent studies suggest that doing so may help decrease your risk of developing and dying from heart disease. These findings add to the body of evidence that links fiber-rich diets to lower rates of high blood pressure, high cholesterol and obesity. The daily recommended fiber intake is 38 grams for men under 50 and 30

men under 50 and 30 grams for men over 50. But most men don't even come close, averaging about 15 grams a day. Some of the best sources of dietary fiber are beans and peas. Others include fruits, vegetables,

### whole grains and nuts. Know signs of diabetes.

According to the most recent statistics, 7 million Americans have the disease and don't know it. That's because symptoms often go undetected. But left untreated, diabetes can damage your heart, blood vessels, nerves, vision and kidneys, and it can lead to health

Whole grains are wholly recommended

complications such as erectile dysfunction. Diabetes is diagnosed with a simple blood test. If you are overweight and age 45 or older, ask for it at your next checkup. See your doctor sooner if any of the following signs seem familiar: frequent urination, unusual thirst.

### Josh Duhamel: "I want to stay as young as I can"

Actor Josh Duhamel and his pop star wife, Fergie, apparently share everything, including their personal trainer. And not by choice, Duhamel tells us.

"One day she comes down to the gym and she's like, 'So how do I get rid of this back here?' " says Duhamel, 38. "The next thing I know, she is working out with [my trainer] every day and now she takes him with her whenever she's gone. So I don't have a trainer."

To make matters worse, he adds, he sloughs off when left home alone. "When she's been gone for a week, I've been pretty bad about it," he says of working out solo. "I did a 15-minute workout today that was worthless. We definitely push each other."

But the hunky star of the blockbuster *Transformers* series manages. (The third film, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, opens June 29.) When both are at their L.A. home, the A-list couple like to work out together, either outdoors or in their home gym.

Duhamel also can fall back on a lifetime of fitness knowhow. After all, he was raised in North Dakota by a P.E. teacher mom, ran track, played basketball and baseball, and then was backup quarterback at Minot State University.

"You only have one body," the actor says. "I want to stay as young and athletic as I can for as long as I can."

Duhamel's routine includes weight training and hiking on a trail he carved out in the hillside behind his house.

Duhamel opts to have a

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Stop your NSAID medicine and call

your health care provider right away

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if you have any of the following

more tired or weaker than usual

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there is blood in your bowel

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WHO SHOULD NOT TAKE

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who are at risk of developing gastr

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If you had an asthma attack, bives.

aspirin or other NSAID medicine

If you are allergic to any other PPI

For pain right before or after heart

If you are in the third trimester

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

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Before you take VIMOVO, tell

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all your medical conditions and all

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prescription and non-prescription

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can cause serious side effects

their pregnancy

Talk to your health care provider before

Using VIMOVO with other medicines

Talk to your health care provider if

NSAID medicine should not be

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- and bleeding in the stomach and intestines at any time during treatment, Ulcers and bleeding can happen without warning
- symptoms may cause death
- The chance of a person getting an ulcer or bleeding increases with taking medicines called steroid
- hormones and blood thinners longer use
- smokina
- drinking alcohol
- older age having poor health
- NSAID medicines should only be
- exactly as prescribed at the lowest dose possible to
- your treatment for the shortest time needed

### WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF NSAIDS?

- Serious side effects include heart attack
- stroke
- high blood pressure
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- life-threatening allergic reactions
- liver problems including liver failure asthma attacks in people who
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Aspirin is an NSAID medicine but it does not increase the chance of a heart attack. Aspirin can cause bleeding in the brain, stomach, and intestines Aspirin can also cause ulcers in the stomach and intestines Some of these NSAID medicines are sold in lower doses without a prescription (over-the-counter). Talk to your health care provider before using over-the-counter NSAIDs for more than 10 days NSAID medicines that need a prescription

### Generic

attack, or stroke

Generic Name	Trade Name		
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Diclofenac	Cataflam, Voltaren, Arthrotec (combined with misoprostol)		
Diflunisal	Dolobid		
Etodolac	Lodine, Lodine XL		
Fenoprofen	Nalfon, Nalfon 200		
Flurbiprofen	Ansaid		
Ibuprofen	Motrin, Tab-Profen, Vicoprofen* (combined with hydrocodone), Combunox (combined with oxycodone)		
Indomethacin	Indocin, Indocin SR, Indo-Lemmon, Indomethagan		
Ketoprofen	Oruvail		
Ketorolac	Toradol		
Mefenamic Acid	Ponstel		
Meloxicam	Mobic		
Nabumetone	Relafen		
Naproxen	Naprosyn, Anaprox, Anaprox DS, EC-Naproxyn, Naprelan, VIMOVO		
Oxaprozin	Daypro		
Piroxicam	Feldene		
Sulindac	Clinoril		
Tolmetin	Tolectin, Tolectin DS, Tolectin 600		

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### **SPECIAL REPORT: MEN'S HEALTH**



high blood pressure.

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planation: Excess fat releases hormones and chemicals that may affect the brain's functioning. Normal weight equates to an 18.5 to 24.9 BMI. To measure vours, visit the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute website at nhlbisupport.com/bmi.

Take a nap. It's one way to help reduce high blood pressure, according to a study published in the International Journal of Behavioral Medicine. Hypertension is the leading cause, and the most controllable risk factor, for stroke — a top health threat for men. Researchers found that 45 to 60 minutes of midday sleep

may help buffer the effects of stress on hypertension. Other ways to control blood pressure: Consume no more than 1.500 milligrams of sodium a day; increase your

intake of fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy; limit alco-

Follow the signs: Speeding can be your ticket to a fatal accident

hol to two drinks a day; exercise regularly; and watch your weight. Your blood pressure goal: less than 120 over 80.

Lighten your lead foot. Car crashes are the leading cause of fatal accidents among men, and more than half are associated with aggressive driving, such as speeding. To stay safe on the roads, stick to the basics: Heed the speed limit, focus your attention on driving, signal when changing lanes and keep vour cool.

Take a conservative path in treating prostate cancer. Most of the 217,000 men in the USA who are diagnosed every year with prostate cancer have a slow-growing, non-aggressive form of the disease. New research from Johns Hopkins Hospital concludes that taking more of a watch-and-wait approach may be a better treatment option for older men who have very-low-risk prostate cancer rather than immediately opting for tumor removal or radiation therapy --- both of which

come with risks and complications. Studies have shown that even after 10 years of follow-up, about 40% of participants who chose "active surveil-

lance," which involved semiannual checkups

and annual biopsies,

did not need any treatment. Talk to your doctor about your options. 🖾

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WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

about whether Akavar 20/50 ("Akavar") is sold as a proven weight loss product and whether there is clinical and scientific support for the manufacturer's claim that users of Akavar can "Eat all you want and still lose weight." The case in the United States District Court for the District of Utah is called Miller v. Basic Research, LLC, et al. No 2:07-CV-871

You may be included in a class action lawsuit

The Court decided this should be a class action on behalf of a "Class," or group of people, that could include you. This notice summarizes your rights and options. More information is available in a detailed notice. There is no money available now and no guarantee that there will be

#### WHO IS INCLUDED?

The Court decided that the Class includes any person who purchased Akavar after seeing or hearing the marketing slogan "Eat all you want and still lose weight.

#### WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

The case is about whether the manufacturer and other defendants engaged in fraudulent and deceptive advertising and marketing. The lawsuit says that Akavar has not undergone "scientific evaluation" by a "team of doctors" has not been tested in controlled random clinical trials and that there is no scientific evidence that users of Akavar can "Eat all you want and still lose weight." The lawsuit seeks money and other benefits for the Class. Defendants deny the claims and allegations in the lawsuit. The Court has not decided who is right. The lawyers for the Class will have to prove their claims at a trial set to begin on September 10, 2012.

The Court appointed the law firms of Anderson & Karrenberg; Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.; and Shepherd, Finkelman, Miller & Shah, LLP, to represent you as "Class Counsel." If Class Counsel obtains money or benefits for the Class, they may ask the Court for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses. You don't have to pay any of these fees, costs and expenses. If the Court grants their request, the fees, costs and expenses would be deducted from any money obtained for the Class. or paid separately by Defendants. You may hire your own lawyer to appear in Court for you. If you do, you have to pay that lawyer.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

You have a choice of whether to stay in the Class or not, and you must decide this now. To stay in the Class, you do not have to do anything. If money or benefits are obtained, you will be notified about how to ask for a share. You will be legally bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, and you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue about the legal claims in this case.

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#### How CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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- 4 slices provolone cheese, halved

Mix oil, steak sauce, soy, garlic powder, paprika and pepper in a small bowl. Place steak on a plate; prick all over on both sides with a fork. Spread half the marinade on one side; turn steak(s) over and repeat on remaining side; let stand while grill heats. (Can marinate at room temperature up to 2 hours or refrigerate overnight.)

Place a large cast-iron or heavy ovenproof skillet on grill grate. Heat gas grill igniting all burners on high for at least 10 minutes. Clean with a wire brush, then lubricate with an oil-soaked rag, the portion of grate

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where steak will grill.

Toss onions with reserved fried pepper oil and sprinkle with salt.

See video of Pam and he

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daughters making this sandwich

BY THREE MANY COOKS

Add onions to skillet and place steak on hot rack; cover and grill until impressive grill marks form, about 4 minutes. Stir onions and turn steak; close lid and continue to grill until onions are tender and steak is cooked to desired doneness, 4 to 5 minutes longer for medium. Stir peppers into onions, remove steak from grill, let rest 5 minutes, then slice thin. Reduce burners to low; add buns and grill until toasted and warmed through, 2 to 3 minutes.

To assemble, drizzle each bun with a little olive oil and vinegar. Fill with a portion of steak and peppers and onions; top with cheese. Return sandwiches to warm grill; cover and continue to grill until cheese melts, a couple of minutes longer. Serve immediately.

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Regular checkups, keeping BMI in check are keys to good health.

weight can lower your risk of heart disease and diabetes, but new research suggests it may also help prevent dementia. Scientists in Sweden followed more than 8,500 twins over 30<sup>s</sup> years and found that people who were overweight or obese in middle age had an 80% higher risk of certain types of dementia or Alzheimer's disease later in life compared with people who have normal body mass index (BMI). One possible ex-

leaner physique than his blockbuster movie competitors (did you see Thor?!) when fighting evil giant transforming robots. He tried to get big once for his first film role, 2004's Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!, but "that was just never going to happen. I'm too tall and gangly," says the 6-foot-3 actor, laughing.

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- Brian Truitt

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Approved Uses for VIMOVO

VIMOVO is approved to relieve the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and ankylosing spondylitis, and to decrease the risk of stomach (gastric) ulcers in patients at risk of developing stomach ulcers from treatment with NSAIDs VIMOVO is not recommended as a starting treatment for relief of acute pain. Controlled studies do not extend beyond 6 months. Important Safety Information

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VIMOVO combines a prescription arthritis pain medication with a built-in medicine that has been proven to reduce the risk of developing stomach (gastric) ulcers

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. Have heart problems, high blood pressure, or are taking high blood pressure medications Have kidney or liver problems

Review all the medications, even over the counter medications, you are taking with your health care provider before starting VIMOVO. Talk to your health care provider about your risk for bone fractures if you take VIMOVO for a long period of time.

The most common side effects of VIMOVO include: inflammation of the lining of the stomach, indigestion, diarrhea, stomach ulcers, abdominal pain, and nausea.

For further information on VIMOVO, please see the Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information, including Boxed Warnings on adjacent pages. You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.

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## From the ER to aliens

Noah Wyle gets back to TV.

N THE SIX YEARS since Noah Wyle regularly donned his scrubs on the TV phenomenon *ER*, the actor has been busy. Wyle, 40, got divorced and made a few movies.

But mostly, he has been on "daddy duty," he says; he has two children, Owen, 8, and daughter Auden, 5.

### Where's he been? On 'daddy duty.'

We recently caught up with Wyle, who makes his biggest return yet in the new Steven Spielberg-

produced sci-fi series *Falling Skies*, starting next Sunday at 9 p.m. ET on TNT.

**On getting back to work:** "This job serves one purpose only — and that's to make me look heroic to my son."

**Helicopter** dad: "I feel cheated [when the children are in school]. I drive them right to the door, and then I hang out for way too long. Then I get there a half-hour early with my book waiting for them."

**Trust Spielberg:** "If you are going to do an alien show, that's exactly the person to hitch your wagon to." — Gayle Jo Carter WOMEN'S BEAUTY UPDATE

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## **How I Kicked the Mascara Habit**

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### By Isabelle Busse

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# **Royal redemption**

Duchess Sarah Ferguson, reinventing herself yet again, "finds" herself on reality TV.

**BY GAYLE JO CARTER** 

**S**ARAH FERGUSON GETS tough love from Oprah gurus Dr. Phil and Suze Orman as she goes "in search of understanding what self-hatred is [and] of finding self-worth" in a reality series premiering Sunday, *Finding Sarah* (9 p.m. ET, OWN). After facing her demons, the Duchess of York, 51, felt confident enough to give us some revelations about her old and new self.

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Low point: The infamous video from last May that appears to show Ferguson selling a businessman access to her former husband, Prince Andrew. Ferguson says the press "twisted" and "sensationalized" the story, and what she was really doing was offering the man an opportunity "to invest in a start-up company."

**Before Oprah's intervention:** She was at rockbottom — "a place where you sit bolt-upright on a 12-hour flight to Los Angeles with an eye mask on with your eyes wide open."

**Family ties:** "We have a good relationship," Ferguson says about her ex, to whom she was married for 10 years and with whom she still shares a home. "He is my most special person I've ever met. The best day in my life was when I went down that aisle. We're a family unit, the four of us." (They have two daughters, Beatrice, 22, and Eugenie, 21.)

**The newest royal couple:** "She's learned about life in the royal family," she says of Prince William's bride, Catherine. "Diana and I [each] met and married very quickly. I hope and pray the mistakes we made can help William and Catherine with their future. Diana would be so proud."

Her princesses: "They both looked utterly beautiful, and to be called 'the ugly sisters' is outrageous," says Ferguson, referring to the drumming her daughters got in the press for their royal-wedding attire. "It's one thing to have a go at me, but keep away from young people who are trying their best in a very, very difficult environment."

**The queen of England:** "One of the greatest ladies I've ever met in my life is my mother-in-law, and I'm just very lucky to even be able to say that," she says. "I love her."  $\square$
Justin Bieber rocked a black velvet vest in London.

#### BY MICHELE MEYER

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ble and TV's Boardwalk Empire. But dressing up is not just for old guys. Teen idol Justin Bieber and twentysomething

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J. Crew pairs vests with loosened skinny ties, rolled-up sleeves and jeans.

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even Emporio Armani's neck-high waistcoats for fall.

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"But casual doesn't mean untucked shirttails," Crocco says; nor should ties hang farther than partly buttoned vests. "That's sloppy."

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BY TERRY STICKELS

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### He built 2,000 playgrounds

Non-profit founder shares a lifetime of helping kids.

arell Hammond's work is all play. As founder and CEO of the nonprofit KaBOOM!, he is leading a movement to assure that kids have a great place to play within walking distance of their home.

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Research shows that play helps kids physically, builds character and fosters creativity. "As a nation," he says, "we have to start taking play seriously."

Hammond and his seven siblings grew up in a group home near Chicago. It had a big campus, with plenty of space to play - a simple joy that Hammond wants every child to experience no matter his circumstances. — Katie Crowe

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Canton's Liberty Fest is in its 20th year of providing family fun for all ages.

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### Festival marks 20 years of family fun

This year Canton celebrates 20 years of Liberty Fest fun. Every summer our community welcomes friends and neighbors to Heritage Park for a festival that is packed with great entertainment, delicious food, thrilling rides and toetapping music. This year's Fest offers all of that and more!

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, we will witness a fly-over by an F-16 jet fighter, during the opening ceremony of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, which will be on display in Heritage Park all weekend long. I encourage you to stop by and take a moment to honor those who served.

Thursday will also feature a special carnival sneak preview from 5-10 p.m. Visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com for discount ride armbands.

Friday evening will feature the annual Firefighters Charity Foundation Spaghetti Dinner, U2 tribute band, "Zooropa," and will close with the featured Movie Under the Stars, "Shrek Forever After." Families are encouraged to bring their blankets and chairs.

And although we are not having a parade this year, Saturday will still offer up plenty of fun for the whole family.

The Canton Lions Club will be offering their famous pancake breakfast in a new location this year. They will be serving a delicious breakfast in Heritage Park 7-11 6

a.m. Kids will have a chance to meet a variety of fun characters such as Spiderman and Clifford 9-11 a.m.

Phil LaJoy

I personally am very excited to see the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon in action on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the amphitheater. We are honored to welcome this 39man platoon who will perform a breath-taking exhibition in crisp, dress-blue uniforms with bayoneted rifles flying from Marine to Marine.

As always, handcrafters will be presenting around the big pond on Friday and Saturday, and America's Most Wanted Car Club with cars of every shape, size and color on display for all to see.

The most memorable and popular Liberty Fest event is Saturday night's spectacular fireworks show. The Canton sky will be set ablaze by one of the largest and best fireworks displays in Michigan. Tens of thousands of spectators will be awed as they watch this outstanding aerial show.

Thank you, Canton, for making Liberty Fest a community highlight for the past 20 years. Here's looking forward to 20 more!

**Phil LaJoy** is the Canton Township supervisor.

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## **Canton celebrates landmark Liberty Festival**

**BY DARRELL CLEM** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's Liberty Fest celebrates its landmark 20th year June 16-18, amid projections it will draw as many as 40,000 people to Heritage Park for live entertainment, carnival rides, a classic car show, diverse international performances and an event-crowning fireworks display.

And while local officials scrapped a festival kickoff parade due to budget cuts, they still expect a strong response to myriad events such as a Canton firefighters charity spaghetti dinner, a U2 tribute band, a Michigan Philharmonic performance and the touring Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

Liberty Fest, anchored in Heritage Park off Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads, has become increasingly popular since organizers rolled out the first festival two decades ago as a way to celebrate community.

"It's part of our history. It's part of our community," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's part of families getting together and having an opportunity to enjoy entertainment. It's part of the local quality of life."

Due to a stubborn economy that has caused many families to scale back outof-town vacations, LaJoy said Liberty Fest has come to play an even more crucial role as local residents seek ways to enjoy their leisure time closer to home.

"This day and age, a lot of people have had to curtail vacations," he said. "It's great when you go and see the smiles on the kids' faces

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Liberty Festival features a variety of cultural acts and performances.

## Marine platoon to drill at Liberty Fest

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 20th annual Canton Liberty Fest will have a decidedly military feel when it kicks off next month.

Canton Township officials have landed an appearance by the prestigious U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 18, the festival's final day.

The team is a 24-man rifle platoon of the U.S. Marine Corps which performs unique silent precision exhibition drill. The purpose of the platoon is to exemplify the discipline and professionalism of the Marine Corps. The team first performed in 1948 as a one-time show, but received such overwhelming response it became part of the routine parades at Marine Barracks,



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"We're ecstatic to get them," Canton Township Recreation Coordinator Jon LaFever said. "We've been trying to get a military performance or display. It could be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see them." During their performance, the Marines execute a series of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their hand-polished, 10.5-pound M1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. The routine concludes with a unique rifle inspection involving elaborate rifle spins and tosses. All drill movements are done with superfluous spins of the rifle, making the Silent Drill Platoon's drill unique from other Marine units' drill movements.

Members of the Silent Drill Platoon are handpicked to represent the Marine Corps. The platoon is based at the historic Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., "8th & I," the oldest active post in the Marine Corps.

LaFever said the request went out to the Marines in September. The process, he said, is an arduous one, during which the Marines consider a variety of factors, including their own schedule. LaFever said the scheduling of an appearance by the Vietnam Traveling





The Canton Liberty Festival parade, which cost the township an estimated \$10,000 per year, was eliminated this year due to budget constraints.

## Budget ax slashes Liberty Fest parade

#### BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's Liberty Fest parade became a casualty of local officials' efforts at swinging a budget ax that already slashed employee wages and ushered in \$1.8 million in spending cuts across township departments.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the community's milestone, 20th Liberty Fest will happen June 16-18 without the usual parade along Ford Road.

Abandoning the parade saved Canton an estimated \$10,000. Trustee John Anthony said the parade, while popular with many residents, involves a large commitment of time and expense for local police, firefighters and other employees.

Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz called the decision not to have a parade "very difficult" but added, "we are cognizant of our current economic challenges, and this is just one example of reducing a service when appropriate without negatively impacting Canton's identity."

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## Liberty Fest first state stop for Vietnam wall



The Vietnam Traveling Wall will make its first Michigan appearance in



BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In its first trip to Michigan, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall is coming to Canton's Liberty Fest in June, culminating the tireless efforts of local veterans and their supporters.

The V-shaped memorial — not to be confused with others such as The Moving Wall — will stand 6 feet tall and stretch 288 feet across ballfield No. 3 on the north side of Heritage Park.

The wall, three-fifths the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains 58,227 names of Vietnam troops who died serving their country.

#### **CRYING EYES**

"When you see those names, it brings tears to your eyes and a lump to your throat to think of all these men and women who died," said John Spencer, a 66year-old Vietnam veteran and Canton resident.

Spencer and Vietnam veteran Dennis Bielskis, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528, discussed the project on a recent cold, overcast morning as they stood near the Heritage Park site where the wall will stand.

"The people I've talked to are all excited about this," Bielskis said.

The traveling wall is expected to draw large crowds from across southeast Michigan. Bielskis said the wall comes to Canton 11 years after The Moving Wall was here for Liberty Fest.

An opening ceremony is expected to occur about 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16 — the second day of Liberty Fest. A closing ceremony is tentatively set for 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19, the day after Saturday night's festival-ending fireworks show.

Greg Welsh, the Floridabased wall manager, said Thursday he hauls the aluminum wall in a 32-foot trailer pulled by a Ford F-350 truck, and the memorial is assembled on site.

"This is our first trip to Michigan since we built the wall," Welsh said.

#### **VETS FUNDRAISING**

Veterans raised money to build the wall in 2005, and Welsh said it was publicly unveiled in April 2006 in Florida.

VVA Chapter 528 orchestrated the local effort, which Bielskis said comes 11 years after The Moving Wall made a local stop. Local veterans have raised the \$10,000 they need for the project, including a \$4,000 donation from the Canton-based America's Most Wanted Car Club, a Liberty Fest regular.

"A lot of their members come from the same generation we come from," Bielskis said.

Donations also came from VVA Chapter 528, the Plymouth-based Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and the Canton Veterans Memorial Association, among others.

Spencer chairs the traveling wall committee, and Bielskis serves as vice chair along with Al Dorey. Other committee members include Joe Agius, Gary Boucher, Bill Boudreau, Gordon Dorey, Ted Enright and Gary Pritchard, and they have had help from other supporters.

However, Bielskis said volunteers still are needed to help while the traveling wall is in town. To get involved, send him an e-mail to dbielskis@att.net.

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## Things to do at Liberty Fest

#### Thursday highlights

The carnival runs 5-10 p.m. Armband or tickets required; individual tickets are \$1, and sheets of 50 tickets are \$40 - sold during the event; Mega Bands cost \$40 each and are good all three days.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

• 7:30-9 p.m. Zooropa (U2 Tribute Band) on the Canton LIVE! Stage

• Adult Beverage Tent: Located near the Canton LIVE! Stage, the adult beverage tent will be open from 5-10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

• Festival Food from 5-10 p.m. Enjoy all the classic foods commonly found at festivals, including corn dogs, elephant ears, roasted almonds, kettle corn, gyros, fruit smoothies, pretzels, and so much more provided by more than a dozen different concession vendors throughout the Park.

• The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall opening ceremony 6 p.m. Thursday; open for viewing 2-9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19.

#### Friday highlights

Carnival & Family Zone runs 1-11 p.m. Armband or tickets required.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

• America's Most Wanted Car Club: Car & truck show Kick Off/Pre-Registration Party 5-8 p.m.

• Marketplace: 5-9 p.m. Consists of local artisans, crafters, businesses, and vendors set up in small tents around the large pond.

• 1-6 p.m., Axis Music Academy Musician Performances on the Canton



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#### LIVE! Stage

• 4-6 p.m., Rick Leider's Marley-ritaville Band at the Amphitheater

• 7-7:45 p.m. The Jasen Magic Show at the Amphitheater

• 6-7 p.m. Detroit Singer Robin Horlock at the Amphitheater

• 8-10 p.m. Piano Man - A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel on the Canton LIVE! Stage

• 10 p.m. Movie Under the Stars Featuring "Shrek Forever After" on the big screen at the Amphitheater

#### **FESTIVAL FOOD**

• Taste of Canton, featuring area restaurants offering their signature menu items, runs I-11 p.m.

• 5-9 p.m. Annual Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Canton Firefighters - Proceeds benefit families victimized by house fires through the Canton Firefighter's #2289 Charity Foundation. Prepared by Rose's Restaurant; tickets are \$7 for teens and adults, \$5 for children 5-12 (children under 5 are free).

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#### Saturday highlights

Carnival runs 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; armband or tickets required.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

• America's Most Wanted Car Club: Car & truck show hours 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (onsite registration 8-11:30 a.m.)

• Marketplace: consists of local artisans, crafters, businesses, and vendors set up in small tents around the large pond.



SCHEDULE

• 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Strolling Character Meet-and-Greet Pancake Breakfast (Spiderman, Belle, Snow White, Clifford, Buzz Lightyear, Woody)

• 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Canton International Stage Acts, Canton LIVE Stage

• 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Village Theater & Community Artists, Amphitheater Stage

• TBD United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, Amphitheater Stage & Weapons Display

• 6:45-7 p m. Michigan Philharmonic, Amphitheater Stage

• 8-10 p.m. X-Generation: A 90s Rock Tribute Canton LIVE! Stage 8:15-10 p.m.
Motown Rockin' Review
Amphitheater Stage
Dusk, FIREWORKS
The first fireworks display in the area.

#### **FESTIVAL FOOD**

• 7-11 a.m. Canton Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast in a new location in the Heritage Park North Pavilions. Donation \$5 includes pancakes, coffee, milk, juice, water, sausage.

• 1-7 p.m. Canton Kiwanis Club "Chicken with the (Fire) Works" dinner in a new location in the Heritage Park North Pavilions. Purchase half a roasted chicken dinner with sides.

• Taste of Canton: Area restaurants are on hand offering their signature menu items.



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## **Fireworks headline Liberty Fest events**

#### BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When dusk falls over Canton on Saturday, June 18, a large fireworks show is expected to light the skies over Heritage Park — culminating another Liberty Fest — unless Mother Nature interferes.

Thousands of people are expected to converge on the park, off Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer, to watch what township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin has called "a signature event for Canton."

Others will watch from farther away — from back yards, parking lots, driveways and anywhere they find a place with a view without immersing themselves amidst the crowds gathered on Liberty Fest grounds.

It's one of many events to define Liberty Fest, which marks its 20th year this season.

Though township officials axed this year's festival parade due to budget cuts, they decided to proceed with a fireworks show that costs about \$25,000 a year.

Officials could have rolled out a cheaper, lesser fireworks show, but the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed earlier this year that residents have come to expect a crowdwowing display.

It's one of many events to mark Liberty Fest. Among the others:

• A carnival sneak preview occurs 5-10 p.m. Thursday, June 16, and at 7:30 a U2 tribute band, Zooropa, performs on the Canton LIVE! Stage.

• On Friday, June 17, the Axis Music Academy has performances 1-6:30 p.m. on the stage.

• Starting at 5 p.m.



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America's Most Wanted Car Club's kickoff party 5-8 p.m. Friday in Heritage Park.



The carnival opens with a preview night Thursday, June 16.

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## Nonprofits play key festival role

Canton Leisure Services partners with sponsors, local nonprofit community groups and volunteers during this year's 20th annual Liberty Fest, Canton's largest summertime community celebration.

It takes the entire community to run a festival of this size and several community organizations will once again participate and give back to the community in this annual celebration, including:

• America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton: This Canton-based club has been conducting car shows to benefit local charities for almost 20 years and has participated in all but one of Canton's Liberty Fest celebrations. With over 50 members, this car club exhibits numerous vehicles mostly from the 1920s through the 1970s throughout the metro Detroit area.

Stroll along the ponds of Liberty Fest on Saturday. June 18 to enjoy some of the finest automobiles created. Vehicles will range from classic restorations to race cars. Proceeds from this year's Liberty Fest appearance will benefit two area groups: Wayne County 4H Club and VFW Camp Trotter. For more information about America's Most Wanted Car Club, contact Connie Xenakis at (734) 455-9796.

• The Canton Firefighters #2289 Charity Foundation: This non-profit group was established in 1995 by Canton Firefighters to give something back to the Canton Community. The purpose of the foundation is to support Canton community charities, assist in emergency relief efforts and other worthwhile causes that surface in the commu-

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The Canton Lions Club pancake breakfast moves into Heritage Park this year.



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The Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra) kicks off its season with a Saturday evening performance at Canton's Liberty Festival.

## Philharmonic among festival entertainers

The Michigan Philharmonic will kick off its first season under its new name by presenting a free pops concert for America's birthday on Saturday, June 18, during the Canton Liberty Festival at Heritage Park in Canton.

This fun, patriotic, familyfriendly "American Salute" pops concert will include many American favorites — "Yankee Doodle," "This Land is your Land," "America the Beautiful," Gershwin's "American in Paris," Bernstein's "West Side Story" — and will conclude with Tchaikovsky's thrilling "1812 Overture" and Sousa's most famous march, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The concert, under the direction of conductor Nan Washburn, takes place just before the annual Liberty Fest Fireworks Spectacular.

The rest of the entertainment schedule looks like this:

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

1-6 p.m. - Axis Music Academy Musician Performances on the Canton LIVE! Stage
4-6 p.m. - Rick Leider's Marley-ritaville Band at the Amphitheater • 6-7 p m. - Detroit

Singer Robin Horlock at the Amphitheater

• 7-7:45 p.m. - The Jasen Magic Show at the Amphitheater

• 8-10 p.m. Piano Man - A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel on the Canton LIVE! Stage

• 10 p.m. - Movie Under the Stars Featuring "Shrek Forever After" on the big screen at the Amphitheater

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 18**

• 9:30-11 a.m. - Strolling Character Meet-and-Greet • 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. -Canton International Stage Acts, Canton LIVE Stage

• 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Village Theater & Community Artists, Amphitheater Stage

6 p.m. - United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, Amphitheater Stage & Weapons Display
6:45-7 p.m. -Michigan Philharmonic, Amphitheater Stage
8-10 p.m. - X-Generation: A 90s Rock Tribute Canton LIVE! Stage
8:15-10 p.m. -Motown Rockin' Review Amphitheater Stage
Dusk - Fireworks



Detroit singer Robin Horlock rocks the Liberty Festival Amphitheater 6-7 p.m. Saturday, June 17.



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nity. Each year the Canton Firefighters #2289 Charity Foundation hosts a popular Spaghetti Dinner at Liberty Fest, thanks to the generous donations from Rose's Restaurant of Canton. For more information about the Canton Firefighters #2298 Charity Foundation, visit their website www.cantonfirefighters.org/charity.htm

• The Canton Lions Club: Celebrating over 40 years of dedicated service in our community, the Canton Lions Club is a group that comes together and shares a common interest in community service, supporting the Lions motto "We Serve." Since establishing its charter in 1968, club members have raised and distributed over \$200,000 in charitable grants to nonprofit service agencies.

The Canton Lions Club's annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 18, from 7-11 a.m. at its NEW location in Heritage Park. This breakfast is just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds will benefit local Lions Club charities. For more information about the Canton Lions Club, visit www.cantonlions.org.

• The Kiwanis Club of Canton: The Kiwanis Club Visitors of all ages can enjoy the annual spaghetti dinner, which benefits the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation Local 2289.

of Canton performs many community service projects in Plymouth and Canton to help serve children. Individuals interested in performing community service and helping children in Canton and Plymouth are encouraged to learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Canton by attending a weekly meeting every Tuesday from 7:15-8 a.m. at Canton Coney Island, located on Lilley Road.

This year the Kiwanis Club of Canton presents "Chicken and the Works (Fireworks - that is)" at Liberty Fest. Ten dollars will get you a delicious fingerlicking good half a roasted BBQ chicken, roasted potato wedges or chips, baked beans, roll and butter, pop or bottled water. Advance tickets are available for \$8 at www.libertyfestbbq.com. For more information, visit the Kiwanis Club of Canton website. www.cantonkiwanis.com

These certainly aren't the only nonprofit community groups participating in this year's Liberty Fest. Stroll around the Market Place and discover at least a dozen more groups on site connecting with the community and promoting their causes. For more information on any of these nonprofit groups, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.



The 24-man U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon will make an appearance at Canton's 20th annual Liberty Festival.



Alemorial Wall, which is also scheduled to be in town for the festival, may have played a role in the Marines' decision to come here.

"Bringing the Vietnam wall here certainly helped us," LaFever said.

The wall is coming to Liberty Fest during its first trip to Michigan, culminating the tireless efforts of local veterans and their supporters.

The V-shaped memorial — not to be confused with others such as The Moving Wall — will stand 6 feet tall and stretch 288 feet across ballfield No. 3 on the north side of Heritage Park.

The wall, three-fifths the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains 58,227 names of Vietnam troops who died serving their country.

"When you see those

names, it brings tears to your eyes and a lump to your throat to think of all these men and women who died," said John Spencer, a 66-year-old Vietnam veteran and Canton resident.

Spencer and Vietnam veteran Dennis Bielskis, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528, discussed the project on a recent cold, overcast Thursday morning as they stood near the Heritage Park site where the wall will stand.

The traveling wall is expected to draw large crowds from across southeast Michigan. Bielskis said the wall comes to Canton 11 years after The Moving Wall was here for Liberty Fest.

"The people I've talked to are all excited about this," Bielskis said.

Observer Staff Writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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## Familiar face brings carnival fun

#### **BY BRAD KADRICH** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a one-year hiatus, a familiar face returns to Canton's Liberty Festival for its 20th year.

Skerbeck Brothers Shows, Inc., the Escanaba, Mich., firm which held the contract for several years before losing it last year, is back for the 2011 festival to provide the carnival attractions that have become such a huge hit at the festival.

Skerbeck replaces Wade Shows, which did a great job at last year's festival but lost out on the bid for the contract this year.

Organizers expect Skerbeck to enhance the festival's Family Zone, an area they wanted to expand this year.



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Carnival rides have become a major attraction of Canton's Liberty Festival.



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"(Skerbeck) has great customer service, they're very family friendly," said Canton's recreation coordinator, Jon LaFever. "You don't have to worry about layers. You know you're talking right to the owners."

LaFever said the township was more than happy with Wade Shows, the same company that provides carnival rides to Livonia's annual Spree festival, among others. It was simply a matter of dollars, as Skerbeck came in with the lower bid for the multiyear contract.

The carnival will again be huge, part of an expanded Family Zone that will incorporate activities over all three days of the festival. Among many other attractions, the festival will feature: • A variety of petting zoos and animal attractions, with several different animal groups on hand to provide entertainment.

• A Fine Arts Tent featuring interactive activities for kids of all ages.

• The Michigan Lego Club will be on hand.

"We decided to play up our entertainment over all three days," LaFever said. "It's what the people want. A majority of Canton is young families. That is reflected in the numbers of people who attend and the amount of revenue the carnival brings in."

The carnival runs 5-11 p.m. Thursday, 1-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

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## Canton inks five-year fireworks deal with Pa. firm

**BY DARRELL CLEM** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a welcome reprieve from festival budget-cutting, the township board approved a five-year agreement with Pennsylvaniabased Zambelli Fireworks to continue providing the festival-crowning fireworks show that erupts over Heritage Park.

The fireworks show costs about \$25,000 a year, but officials say some of the expense will be paid with a 5-percent pay cut accepted this year by the seven-member township board.

Zambelli — one of several companies that bid for the fireworks show — was rated higher based on the number and size of fireworks shells set off during the show.

Trustee Todd Caccamo noted that an alternate company, Wolverine Fireworks Display Inc., could have saved the township about 7 percent — a savings he said was appealing on the surface. Yet, he voted alongside his colleagues because Zambelli offered a larger fireworks show that officials say residents have come to expect.

"It's a signature event for Canton," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

Canton Township officials signed a five-year contract with Zambelli Fireworks earlier this year to produce the annual fireworks display for Liberty Festival.

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Kids of all ages get a chance to spend time with the animals during the festival.



that Friday, the Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation offers its spaghetti dinner, thanks to donations from Rose's Restaurant. At dusk, festival-goers can take in a movie in the park featuring *Shrek Forever After*. Bring chairs or blankets.

• From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 17-18, a traveling zoo of sorts, Premier Animal Attractions, comes to Liberty Fest.

Other Friday events include:

• Rick Leider's Marleyritaville Band 4-6 p.m., the Jasen Magic Show 7-7:45 p.m. and Detroit singer Robin Horlock 6-7 p.m. — all in the amphitheater area.

• Piano Man, a tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel, happens 8-10 p.m. on the Canton LIVE! stage.

• Area restaurants and other vendors will provide an array of food 1-11 p.m.

• America's Most Wanted Car Club's kickoff party 5-8 p.m. in the park.

Saturday activities

include:

• Children meeting characters such as Spiderman, Belle, Snow White, Clifford, Buzz Lightyear and Woody 9:30-11 a.m. near the Canton Lions Club pancake breakfast area.

• International stage acts take the LIVE! stage 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• The Village Theater and community artists are featured 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the amphitheater stage.

• The Michigan Philharmonic, with director Nan Washburn, performs at 6:45 p.m. at the amphitheater.

• A 90s rock music tribute happens 8-10 p.m. on the LIVE! stage.

• The Motown Rockin' Review plays 8:15-10 p.m. at the amphitheater stage.

• The Canton Kiwanis Club sponsors its Chicken with the (Fire) Works dinner 1-7 p.m. in the Heritage Park north pavilions.

• America's Most Wanted Car Club displays classic cars and trucks 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be in Canton Thursday, June 16, for the opening of the 20th annual Liberty Festival.



Canton, veterans expect to have an hours-long reading of all the names of Michigan servicemen and women who either died or were POWs in the war, though a precise time isn't yet known. Because the wall elicits somber emotions among many people who see it, organizers decided to put the memorial on ballfield No. 3, on the far north end of Heritage Park.

"It's the farthest away from the festival carnival," Spencer said. "We're trying to keep it away from the noise."

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There are many ways to enjoy Canton's Liberty Festival.

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and get all the positive feedback from the community."

The fun starts Thursday, June 16, with a carnival sneak preview 5-10 p.m. and a performance by Zooropa, a U2 tribute band, at 7:30 p.m. on the Canton LIVE! stage. The festival continues 1-11 p.m. Friday, June 17, and from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The demise of the parade along Ford Road hasn't sparked a huge outcry, but the Canton Lions Club expects its pancake breakfast fundraiser, which coincided with the parade, to bring in less revenue this year as the group raises money for scholarships and services for the blind.

"We expect to lose a little bit because we don't have the parade," Lions Club board member John Chew said.

Festival organizers have announced the pancake breakfast will be moved to the north side of Heritage Park 7-11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, while starting at 9:30 a.m. children can visit with characters such as Snow White and Buzz Lightyear.

Jon LaFever, Canton recreation coordinator, said large crowds from Canton and surrounding communities are expected for the local festival.

"Each year Liberty Fest increases in popularity, attracting so many visitors to beautiful Heritage Park and bringing in about 40,000 festival-goers who enjoy three fun-filled days," LaFever said. "This jampacked festival showcases the best family friendly activities Canton has to offer, as well as outstanding entertainment the whole family will enjoy."

Families can save by purchasing ride-all-day wristbands for \$16 through June 15 at www.cantonlibertyfest. com. The wristbands will be available on the festival grounds for \$17 June 16 and \$20 June 17-18.

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