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Face of a Father

Congratulations to Paul Sharpe and Jon Rigoni of Plymouth, winners in the Observer "Face of a Father" photo contest.

Each dad received two **Emagine Theatre passes** (each pass admits two people) and the Real Shave Ultimate Shaving Kit (which includes barbershop-quality grooming products from the Real Shaving Co.).

They are among the 25 lucky dads from throughout the area who were named winners. Congratulations to all dads. The photos of dads were so good that all received an Emagine Theatre

Enjoy the photos of all dads, which can be viewed at the Face of a Father gallery at hometownlife.com.

Christmas in July

Look inside this month's edition of Hometown Life Inspire for a chance to win a holiday shopping spree.

Three lucky winners will win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Find this holiday beach ball (below) on the pages of Inspire and enter to win. See more details in the July Inspire in print and online at hometownlife.com



History kids camp

Children can experience aspects of the Civil War at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the first annual History Kids Kamp 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Visit the museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org for more information.

Pancake breakfast

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Boosters host a pancake and sausage breakfast 6-11 a.m. Monday in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are available at the event for \$7 per person, children under 5 are free. The meal includes pancakes and sausage, juice and coffee. Proceeds benefit the marching band's appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.



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Paying tribute

U.S. Army Sqt. Brad Cullen and twin sons Alec and Austin present the colors as John Stewart and the Plymouth Community Band perform the national anthem during the band's Thursday night concert in Kellogg Park. The concert served as the kickoff of the Fourth of July holiday in Plymouth, which continues with tonight's fireworks display. Festivities conclude Monday with the annual Good Morning U.S.A. parade at its new start time of 9 a.m., and the Good Ol' Fashioned picnic at 11 a.m. in Plymouth Township Park.

Greatest Generation's heroes highlighted in annual parade

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joe Starr wants the heroes of the Greatest Generation to be remembered by future generations.

That's why, in 2004, Starr began organizing local World War II veterans to participate in Plymouth's Good Morning USA parade every Fourth of July.

"I was humbled, just humbled, by what these men and women did," said Starr, a history buff who was especially inspired by historian Stephen Ambrose's 1994 book *D-Day: June 6, 1944*, about the Allied invasion of

Nazi-occupied France. Starr didn't know any of the veterans before organizing the group, except for a



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

World War II veteran Gene Overholt of Plymouth, here accepting an American flag from Lt. Col. J. Calvin White of Canton during a Memorial Day ceremony a few years ago, is scheduled to be among the World War II vets riding in Monday's Good Morning U.S.A. parade.

cousin on his father's side, Frank Guzowski. But he's

gotten to know them, and their war stories, since then, and says he's better off for it. "It's been a real privilege for me," he said. "In the end, I've gained the most."

Some 20 veterans participated in the parade in 2004, and although new members have joined since, age and disabilities are taking a toll, with four people in the group having passed away in the last year alone, Starr

Starr expects nine veterans will be out for Monday's parade, which begins at 9 a.m. on Main Street at

Theodore. "The receptions that these guys get is amazing," he said. There is a sense of urgency about giving the veterans

their due, Starr said.

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District to study population

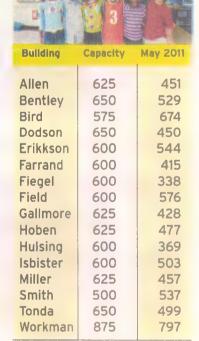
BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

During the budget crisis debate about whether the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education would close Fiegel Elementary School, there were many suggestions made from people who thought the district should do a housing study to determine which, if any, schools should be closed.

Those folks are going to get their wish, perhaps as early as

Jeremy Hughes, the district's interim superintendent, said he'd like to see a housing study done, maybe as soon as the first semester of the 2011-12 school year, to determine the attendance patterns, particularly in the district's 16 elementary schools.

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Source: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Shooting suspect waives exam, heads to trial



Shooting victim Joey Curcuru and his mom, Laurie Kelly, listen to the proceedings

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Using a .22-caliber revolver he bought on the street, 18year-old Tyler John Gower of Canton knew the gun had a round in it when he fired a shot that wounded Joey Curcuru, 15, while Curcuru was visiting Gower's younger brother, a prosecutor said Friday in court.

Gower, who has told authorities he only meant to scare the Plymouth teen when the gun fired, is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he appeared before 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe and waived his preliminary

hearing on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), felonious assault, felony firearm, reckless discharge of a firearm causing injury and making a false police report.

Allegations by prosecuting attorney Eric Sterbis convinced Lowe not to reduce a \$250,000/10 percent bond that could keep Gower in jail as he awaits trial, unless his family manages to post \$25,000 for his release.

"This is a guy buying a gun for \$150 off the street," Sterbis said, adding later, "He knew there were rounds in the chamber, and he pulled the trigger."

Lowe, saying he wasn't sure the shooting was an accident, refused defense attorney Kristin Pell's request to lower Gower's bond to \$20,000/10 percent. Pell said Gower, a recent Plymouth High School graduate, has a supportive family, no criminal history and hopes to attend Schoolcraft College.

Curcuru's mother, Laurie Kelly, has said her son had gone to visit a classmate -Gower's younger brother — to study for their ninth-grade final exams when the shooting occurred shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 14. A fourth

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"Around Plymouth" is designed to

announce upcoming events taking

place in the community. Items will

Date/Time: Saturday, July 9, 10

Location: Knights of Columbus

Plymouth Salvation Army's Tae

Kwon Do group, which is going

tion in August. All proceeds to

travel costs and cost of compet-

ing. Clothing, books, toys/games,

Contact: Plymouth Salvation Army,

power tools, jewelry and other

Location: Fox Hills Golf Club,

Details: The Salem High School

Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf

fundraiser includes a \$10,000

hole-in-one contest, prizes for

first place for men and mixed

teams, skins and door prizes.

closest to the pin, longest drive,

Golfers receive donuts/bagels for

breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the

turn, and a buffet dinner includ-

Contact: To register contact

Grief support

charge.

983-9050.

monthly, 6-7:30 p.m.

ing a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100

Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Location: Compassionate Care

Details: Compassionate Care

Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Hospice conducts an ongoing grief

support group, The Grief Journey,

loved one. The goal of the group is

to provide support and education

on the grief process. There is no

Contact: Ann Christensen,

Compassionate Care Hospice

Bereavement Coordinator, (888)

for anyone grieving the loss of a

(734) 453-5464

Rockettes golf

Plymouth

Date/Time: Aug. 7

to an international competi-

parking lot, 150 Fair St.

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a.m. to 4 p.m.

run on a space-available basis. Send

"The time is short now. It's sad, but it's the reality," he said.

Guzowski, who lives in Garden City, said he enjoys the reception he and the other vets get from the crowd at the parade.

"I've made a habit now of taking a big bag of candy and throwing it out to all the kids," said Guzowski.

Guzowski, 87, served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 and fought in Europe with the 1st Army as a member of an engineering unit that built bridges for troops and equipment to cross rivers, blew up German pillboxes and did other demolition and construction work. He landed on Omaha Beach on June 9, 1944, three days after D-Day, and his unit built the beach's first landing strip, he said.

He said he "lost a lot of buddies" in Europe but prefers to remember the good times more than the bad.

Like the time, for example, his unit was in Liege, Belgium, in the winter and came upon a group of cold and hungry nuns and children. A sergeant, he said, got out of his truck and wrapped a child in his own blanket.

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'When he turned around every guy in our outfit did the same thing," Guzowski said.

Guzowski worked in a factory in Detroit before and after the war, and later began a career with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in

His Army engineering unit, he said, held regular reunions until about a decade ago, but its ranks have been thinning lately.

"Been a long time. Everybody's dying," he said. Other World War II vet-

erans planning to take part in Monday's parade are: Oscar Williams, U.S. Navy; Joe Girolomo, Army; Bruno Andreolli, Army; Richard Wilson, Army; Ken Wheeler, Army; Tom O'Connell, Army; Gene Overholt, Army; and Don Folsom, U.S. Marine

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CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's Observer should have said the Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club is a 501(c)3 professional organization that is centered around helping people improve their communication and leadership skills through the art of public speaking. It is part of Toastmasters International. Every time the local group meets, it has a formal agenda, time frame and theme.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH



Rockettes rock

The Salem High School varsity Rockettes recently went to UDA camp at Oakland University and brought home third-place awards for home routine and superior trophy. Captain Stephanie Fogoros earned first-runner-up for Drill Down Queen. Rockettes included (front, from left) Stephanie Fogoros. Mary-Liz Benintende, Mary Colon and Jessica VanOoyen and (back, from left) Rachel Duprey, Anna Cratty, Nina Cilia, Olivia Ozeranic, Kayla Stokfisz, Mary Zelmanski, Jenna Newman and Vanessa Bank. Not pictured are Mianna Krause, Taylor Harvath and Coach Kaithlin Fettes.

Spanish camp

Date/Time: Aug. 1-5 Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth Details: Join Bilingual Fun for an interactive and educational day camp for preschool-through fifthgrade students. Kids will learn Spanish through interactive games, crafts, thematic presentations, music and more.

Contact: (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilingualfun.com.

Good Grief golf Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 10, 10

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club in

South Lyon Details: The 13th Annual" Good Grief" Golf Outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$115 per golfer prior to Aug, 1 and

\$125 after Aug. 1. Dinner only is \$35

per person.

Contact: Pattie Bingham, (248) 348-0115; www.newhopecenter.net. Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5

p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, through November **Location**: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton **Details**: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education.

Contact: For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Open house to emphasize good health

Fitness will be the focus on Saturday, July 9, when three businesses dedicated to health hold an open house in their corner of Plymouth.

The event will be noon to 3 p.m. at The Center, formerly The Center for Massage Therapy, 1200 West Ann Arbor Road, east of Sheldon Road. Neighboring businesses Natural Local Food Express and Fitness Things will be participating.

Marking its 10th anniversary this year, The Center was recently remodeled and now has more therapy rooms and a yoga and tai chi studio, said owner Margaret Grutza. Workshops and more classes are planned.

Natural Local Food Express, which specializes in organic and Michigan-produced meats, cheeses and produce, is marking a year in business. Fitness Things, which sells weight machines, stationary bicycles, elliptical machines and other exercise equipment, opened in 1984.

The open house will provide an opportunity to see the remodeled Center and meet therapists and instructors, and enjoy food samples from Natural Local Food Express, plus the opportunity to get discounts at all three businesses.

Holiday delays trash pickup

There will be no pickup of household trash, recyclables or yard waste in Plymouth or Plymouth Township on Monday due to the Independence Day holiday.

Pickups for the rest of the week will be delayed by one day. In the township, that means pickups normally done on Fridays will be done on Saturday, July 9. In the city, where curbside pickup is on a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday schedule, the Wednesday pickups will be done on Thursday.

The normal pickup schedule in both communities will resume on Monday, July 11.

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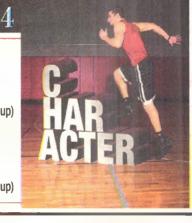
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New officers want to 'make a difference'

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There are two new police officers on the beat in

Plymouth Township.
Brad Cioma and Jeff
McParland, who grew up in
neighboring communities and
are blazing career paths that
are new to their families, were
hired in May and are currently
in the 14-week field training program, during which
they're each partnered with
senior officers in order to better learn the community and
the Plymouth Township Police
Department's policies and pro-

McParland, of Northville
Township, said he comes from
a business-oriented family but
"knew that wasn't the route I
wanted to go" and has had a
long interest in police work.
He's done commercial carpentry through an uncle's firm
and graduated from Michigan



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Township Officers Bradley Cioma and Jeffrey McParland are the newest hires by the police department.

State University, where he majored in criminal justice, and the Oakland Police Academy.

'NOT FOR ME'

Cioma, who is from Livonia, started a business career

after graduating from Central Michigan University, where he majored in business administration, but "kind of found out the hard way it wasn't for me," he said.

"I wanted a career where I could make more of a differ-

ence," Cioma said. He graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and was a Schoolcraft College security officer for about seven months before being hired by the township.

Neither officer has close family members in law enforcement, but Cioma said his fiancee Alyssa Sammut's father, Jeff, is a veteran officer in Dearborn and has been an influence for him.

Both say they're motivated by the desire to help people, become respected officers in the department and build a good name in the community.

"It's working to be the best I can possibly be," said Cioma of his motivation. "This department, obviously, gave me an opportunity, and I want to show them that was the right decision."

Events as simple as day-today police runs, his current training, or responding to a call, for example, involving an injured child provide the fire for him, McParland said.

"If that wasn't enough motivation to get out there and do the job, you're in the wrong profession, I'd say," he said.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Police work, both said, requires good communication skills and the ability to interact with a wide range of people

"You have to be a good problem-solver, because that's pretty much what this job is," Cioma said.

"I don't think anybody is necessarily born to be a police officer," said McParland. "I think the drive is in you, but a lot of it is on-the-job training." Oftentimes, he said, the people police encounter, having been in an accident or the victim of a crime, will be at their most vulnerable.

Coming from communities

on the township's boundaries, McParland and Cioma said they were familiar with the community, and that their positive views of it have been strengthened by working for it. The police department, they said, seems well-organized and the entire township is supportive of the police.

Just weeks into a job that promises different challenges every day, both talk about experiences that have made lasting impressions: the first time they took someone into custody, the first time they drove fast with lights and sirens.

McParland mentions the role-model aspect of his work, relating the story of how a young boy spotted him in uniform at township hall.

"His face kind of lit up and that kind of brought the job home a little bit," he said.

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"What I anticipate is this would be a major project undertaken during the coming school year," Hughes said. "I see a lot of the really spade work being done in the first semester, so by second semester there are at least models for people to look at, so that by the end of the year it's clear to everyone concerned where their children are going to school."

Hughes said a housing study was one of the items mentioned for his "to-do" list by board members when he was hired. The need for the study was further cemented in his mind, he said, when Dodson Elementary teachers at a recent school board meeting said their school had "six or seven" empty classrooms, while Workman Elementary. just down the road, was so crowded officials were thinking about bringing in portable classrooms.

THOUGHT PROCESS

The detail about the portables was "not true," according to Hughes, but it did get him thinking the study was necessary.

"That was a pretty powerful argument," Hughes said. "That was a pretty good example that somebody ought to be able to take a look to see if there's a better way of balancing things out from school to



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school, instead of taking one school at a time when something comes up."

Even many of the parents from the Fiegel family said that, while they were unhappy about the choice of their school for closure, the decision might have been easier to take had it come out of a district-wide study. As it was, nearly all of them said, it felt like Fiegel was being picked on.

John Nichols, a former school board candidate and an outspoken Fiegel parent during the budget discussions, said a study might have made the decision more palatable.

"Before any school is closed, the housing committee should do a complete study," Nichols said. "Whether it was Fiegel or another school (chosen for closure), if the committee made the recommendation, it would have been easier to accept. At least the public would have been involved."

LAST TIME AROUND

The last housing committee study was done during the 2006-07 school year, when some 40 students were moved from Gallimore Elementary School to Workman Elementary, clearing space for a classroom for the Autistic Impaired program

at Gallimore.

In the same recommendation, the committee moved some 50 students to Workman from Isbister Elementary School, eliminating portables in use at the time and creating potential space for art or music rooms.

Currently, 14 of the district's 16 elementary schools have student populations below recommended building capacities. Only Bird and Smith elementaries are above; Bird has 647 students in a building built for 575, while Smith has 537 students in a building fit for 500.

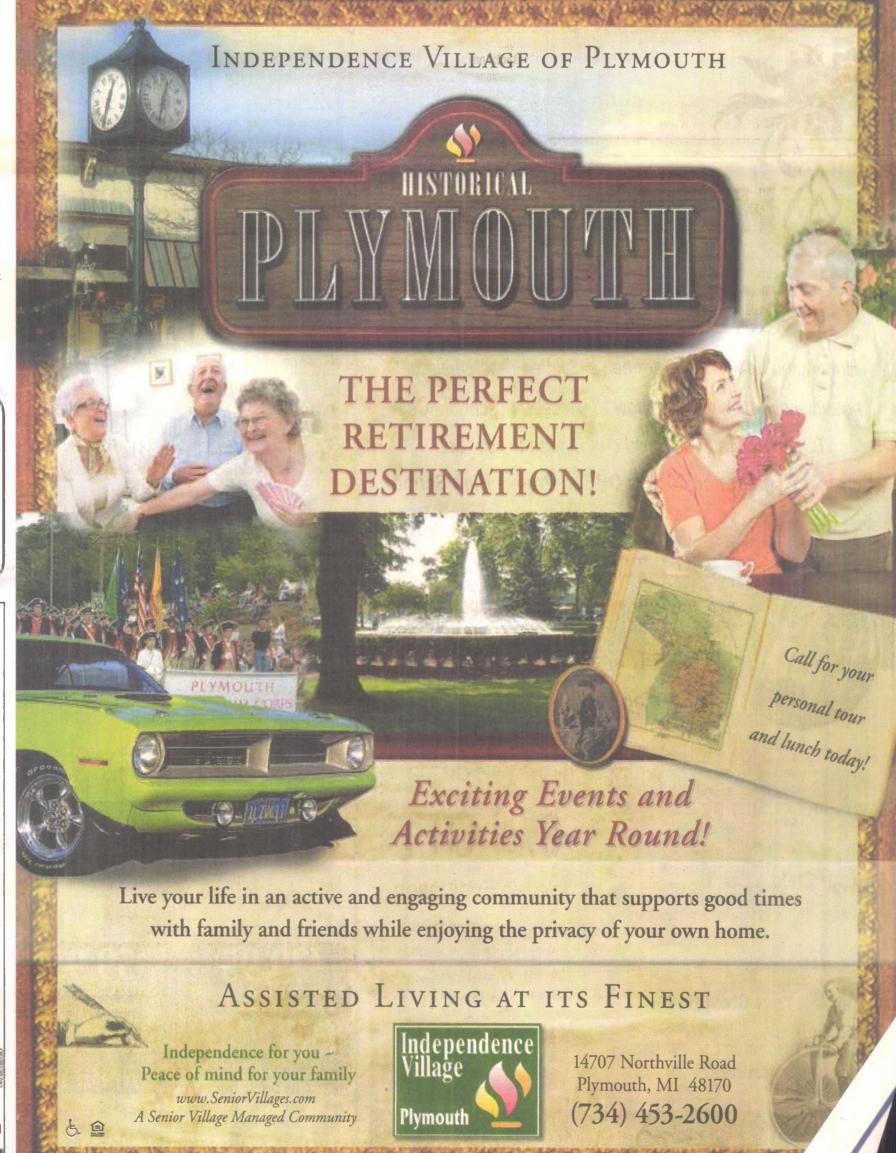
TIME AGAIN

Still, some current board members agree it's time for another study. In fact, board President John Jackson said the district is as much as 18 months behind in getting the work done.

"It needed to happen a year, year and a half ago," Jackson said. "We've got such an imbalance in our schools. I think it will affect student achievement. I'd like to see us get started on it in July, start talking about how we're going to do it, how it can be most effective.

"The whole idea (of a study) is it has to be done for the right reasons," Jackson added. "Emotions are part of it, but we have to get rid of the emotions and realize it's for the good of the kids and the good of the district. You do that by getting started early."

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School board OKs new HR chief

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Ray Bihun joked Tuesday that Monica Merritt doesn't have very big shoes to fill, but she'll begin trying to fill them anyway when she replaces Bihun as executive director of human resources for the Plymouth-Canton Community

Bihun retired effective July 1 after nearly 10 years with the district.

"I only wear a size 7!" Bihun joked as he introduced Merritt at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

Merritt, a Plymouth resident, was among 20 applicants for the job, according to Bihun. Four of those were interviewed, with two of them brought back for second interviews.

Merritt has served the last year or so as executive director of human resources for Ypsilanti Public Schools. She has represented her board on the district's collective bargaining team, recently settling contracts with two unions that resulted in some \$3 million in savings.

That was particularly interesting to officials in Plymouth-Canton, which only recently completed bargaining with its teachers' union and has already begun talking about the next contract.

"She's a good bargainer, and a highly skilled problem solver," Bihun said of Merritt.

Merritt spent seven years as the principal at Ypsilanti's



Incoming human resources executive director Monica Merritt thanks the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for the opportunity to be part of the team after being introduced by retiring HR chief Ray Bihun.

West Middle School, following a two-year stint as an assistant principal at Ypsilanti High School. Her educational career also includes stints as an English teacher in Southfield Public Schools and in Fairfax County Public Schools.

She's earned a bachelor of arts in English education and a master's of teaching, both from Virginia Commonwealth University. She's also in the process of earning her education specialist certificate from Wayne State University.

She told the board she and her husband, Darron, are impressed with the quality of education in Plymouth-Canton, where their children

"When we were looking for a place to educate our kids, we sought out Plymouth-Canton," Merritt said. "To have an opportunity to join this team is so exciting."

Hiring Merritt was the last act for Bihun. Board members didn't let him off with his joke about "no big shoes to fill," though, praising him for his work in the district.

"We need to thank Ray for all he's done," board president John Jackson said. "He's been a fixture in this district and has been a real problem-solver for us."

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Hoben team grabs Old Hickory in EEF outing

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Each year at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools **Educational Excellence** Foundation golf outing, competition for the Old Hickory Stick — which goes to the school team with the lowest score — is fiercely competed for between perennial stalwarts West or Discovery Middle School.

This year, though, the team from Hoben Elementary provided the outing's biggest surprise, firing a 61 in the scramble-format tourney to claim the coveted stick.

"After so many years of being down, (Hoben) wasn't really on anyone's radar," said Carole Kody, the EEF's director. "But they won, and it was so exciting.

The whole day was exciting, according to Kody, if for no other reason than Mother Nature cooperated for a change. After four straight years of rain, the outing was played without a drop of water falling on the 115 golfers who took part.

Kody was nervous, because weather predictions the night before called for inclement. weather for the Jan. 22 event, played on the Golden Fox Course at Fox Hills.

"They were saying there was a 60-percent chance of rain," Kody said. "I thought,



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools teachers (from left) Patrick Foley, Bill Wooster, Jeremy Majszak and Nick Brandon won the P-CCS Open Spirit Award at last week's golf outing with their imitation of the legendary Village People. The Educational Excellence Foundation raised more than \$26,000 this year in support of P-CCS.

'Could this possibly happen, five straight years of rain?' But we didn't get a drop of rain. That was a blessing."

Overall champions were golfers from National Home Lending in Livonia, who beat out the team from Arch Environmental in Farmington Hills.

Event sponsor Community Financial fielded a team featuring Plymouth-Canton's interim superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes.

The event raised some

\$26,000, a figure that, while lower than previous years, was still an improvement on the 2010 event and showed the kind of support the district gets from local residents and businesses.

"We're still lagging behind some other years, but it was still a great event," Kody said. "In this economy, to still get that kind of support, it's amazing."

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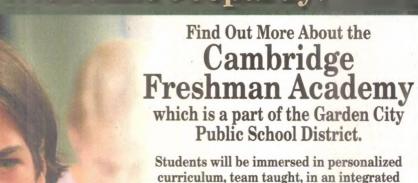
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Canton pilot killed in Howell crash

BY CHRISTOPHER BEHNAN **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

Canton Township resident Patrick Charles was taking his biennial flight review on Wednesday when his two-seat experimental aircraft crashed into a Howell Township home.

Charles, 43, and Westland resident John Nowak, 70, were killed almost instantaneously after the plane crashed into the single-story home of Livingston County-based real estate broker Tommy O'Connell off west M-59 near the Spencer J. Hardy Airport around 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night.

Nowak, a flight instructor of at least 40 years, was conducting Charles' flight review, said Livonia resident Mike Scovel. Scovel and Charles were close friends through the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 out of

Friends of the pair were obviously stunned at the news, particularly given Charles' reputation as a "good stick," or excellent pilot.

"He was an extremely safe pilot," said Scovel, who knew Charles for more than 10 years. "That's why this is such a huge shock to all of us."

It hasn't been confirmed whether Charles or Nowak was behind the wheel, but the pilot was trying to land Charles' red Thorp T-18 plane at the county airport, said Tony Molinaro, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration's Great Lakes region.

Molinaro said it's unknown where the single-engine aircraft was either coming from or planning to go to at the time of the crash.

The crash investigation is now in the hands of the National Transportation Safety Board, which hasn't released any new details.

FAA records list Charles, a 1986 graduate of Ionia High School, as the plane's registered owner. Nowak wasn't a member of association Chapter 113, but had a hangar at Mettetal Airport in Canton, where the chapter is based, said Tom Goulding, a fellow pilot and friend of Nowak.

The plane was an experimental, amateur-built plane constructed in 1982.

Professional pilot Karl Smith admired and took photos of Charles' plane less than two weeks ago at an association Chapter 113 Father's Day fundraiser.

The Thorp T-18, along with other planes, was on display during the June 19 pancake breakfast fundraiser, said Smith, a Monroe resident.

While an amateur plane. Smith said Charles' plane was built from scratch, likely over several years, and was custombuilt. Many amateur planes are built from kits using

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A Livingston County sheriff deputy and Howell Area firefighters begin to cover the cockpit of a small crashed airplane Wednesday evening near the Spencer Hardy Airport in Howell. Killed in the crash were Canton resident Patrick Charles and John Nowak of Westland.



Howell Area firefighters peer into the rear section of a crashed aircraft at the scene of a double fatality accident near the Spencer Hardy Livingston County Airport in Howell.



KARL SMITH

cates the pilot was attempting

to glide safely to a landing.

Aircraft N8AL in pre-crash condition.

published assembly plans, he explained.

The airplane was in a good shape. It was a good looking example of that type," he said. "It was obviously well-constructed."

Smith wasn't privy to investigation details, but said the condition of the plane in Daily Press & Argus photos indi-

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Scovel said Charles was a longtime member of the national Experimental Aviation Association's Chapter 113.

"Pat was the most genuine, kind, generous, humble character I've ever met in my entire life," Scovel said. "He's the type of guy everyone would strive to be like. He was a very warm, wonderful person.'

Scovel said the loss of Charles and Nowak was a big one to their friends and fellow

"The people who were lost were a huge loss to the people in the aviation community,' Scovel said. "There wasn't a person who didn't like them."

Goulding, president of the Dawn Patrol Flying Club based at Mettetal Airport, echoed Scovel's praise of Nowak as a seasoned pilot and that Gower is no stranger to instructor.

"He was a very experienced lot. You just don't know" what caused Wednesday's crash, he said.

Scovel agreed.

"They were the only ones in that cockpit," Scovel said. "We won't know until the NTSB has finished their work. None of us were there so none of us can know, until the very end."

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teen - a friend of Gower's who was not involved in the shooting — also was at the home, in the Meadowwood Townhomes complex northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

Although authorities say Gower has indicated the shooting was accidental, Sterbis said Gower pointed the revolver directly at Curcuru and fired.

"That was a voluntary act," Sterbis said.

Curcuru and his mother sat in the courtroom Friday as Gower appeared in court. Gower's family also watched the proceedings.

The bullet entered Curcuru's right shoulder area, pierced his lung and lodged near his abdomen. Canton paramedics took him to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, where he was rushed to the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. His mother said he narrowly survived after losing a large amount of blood, and he was hospitalized for a week.

Canton police have said Gower called 9-1-1 after the shooting occurred and initially claimed Curcuru had been shot by another neighborhood male, though he later described what happened as accidental. Gower has been accused of retrieving a gun he had put in the basement of his mother's home. She wasn't at home when Curcuru was shot.

Sterbis indicated in court guns, saying the defendant 'has been around guns all his life." He didn't elaborate.

If convicted, Gower could face up to 10 years in prison for the most serious charge

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Tyler John Gower and defense attorney Kristin Pell stand before Judge Ronald Lowe and waive the preliminary examination.

against him — assault with intent to do great bodily harm. One of the charges, felony firearm, carries a mandatory twoyear term with a conviction.

As the issue of Gower's bond was debated in court Friday, Lowe said it's possible Gower wouldn't serve any time in prison unless he is convicted of the felony firearm charge. Lowe indicated that Gower, as a first-time offender in Wayne County, could conceivably be released even if he is convicted.

"Odds are he wouldn't do any time at all, right?" Lowe asked Pell, as she argued for a bond reduction.

Pell replied that she has seen first-time offenders for such crimes get jail time

"It's rare," Lowe said.

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McCotter jumps in presidential race

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, July 3, 2011

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter announced his run for president Friday.

A Republican and Livonia resident currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, McCotter was scheduled to be the keynote speaker the following day at the WAAM Freedom Fest in Whitmore Lake where he was expected to make the official announcement of his candidacy.

McCotter confirmed his presidential candidacy Friday in a conversation with the Livonia Observer. He planned to file paperwork that day with the Federal Election Commission, and his website, www.mccottter2012.com, was up and running.

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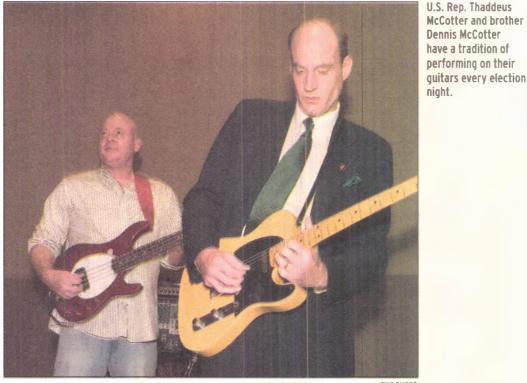
McCotter told the Observer Friday afternoon he first considered running during the Congressional discussions of the auto loans and the bank

"Here we were giving \$300 billion to the people who caused the problem,' McCotter said of the bank bailout, which he strongly opposed. Yet some congressional members railed against the manufacturing sector and auto industry jobs during discussions at that time about loans to Chrysler and General Motors.

"There's something inequitable about that, and something needs to be done about it now," McCotter said.

McCotter said the American economy needs to be restructured to create growth in the 21st Century. Thirty million Americans want to change jobs, but can't because of the lack of economic growth.

"Wages are declining, inflation is increasing and things have to change," McCotter



said. McCotter believes lowering taxes and curbing government will stimulate the economy, but also believes the Wall Street bailout has failed miserably.

"The credit isn't flowing," McCotter said. "It isn't getting to the entrepreneurs and business owners. The manufacturers will not be able to invest. It's not working, and no one is talking about fixing it."

WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Early Friday morning, McCotter launched a new campaign website, http:// mccotter2012.com, with a campaign slogan "For an America That Works." The website lists five core principles that McCotter intends to center his campaign around:

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not relative."

When asked what his main message would be to voters, McCotter said: "Seize the opportunity to lift the crisis," McCotter said.

McCotter said watching the struggles of the Michigan economy gives him perspective on how to tackle government restructuring.

"We've gone through the painful restructuring," he said. "It was such a sudden shock to the system." McCotter said that experience brings him an understanding by seeing it and living through

McCotter is a former state senator and Wayne County Commissioner representing several western Wayne County communities. He represents the 11th District, which contains communities in western Wayne County and western Oakland County.

Congressman McCotter was elected by his colleagues in November 2006 to serve as chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee, which he chaired through

2010. McCotter is a member of the House Financial Services Committee.

The University of Detroit alumnus and graduate of Catholic Central High School is married to Rita, a nurse, and has three children.

McCotter is the son of Joan McCotter, the former city clerk for the city of Livonia.

McCotter said his family is prepared for the campaign. "We've gone through this in county commission, state Senate and Congress,' McCotter said. "It's not really a shock to them; they've grown up in this environ-

And as challenging and formidable a presidential run appears, McCotter said he and his family think about the troops serving this country.

"There are a whole lot of others who are helping America, who are making greater sacrifices," McCotter said. "They have things a whole lot harder."

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Record numbers made Liberty Fest a success

Canton and surrounding communities turned out in record numbers to enjoy the 20th Annual Liberty Fest last month in Heritage Park, featuring a wide range of entertainment, carnival rides and games, an International Festival, America's Most Wanted Car Show and a fireworks display.

he numbers have been tallied and the results are in with more visitors, more civic group involvement, more tickets sold and more fun had by

This year's event drew record crowds as well over 40,000 people attended the three-day festival. The festivities kicked off with a preview of the Carnival Rides and Midway games. A wide-range of top quality entertainment was scheduled on multiple stages throughout the festival. Over 40 live performances were scheduled throughout the festival and area performers showcased their talents and skills by donating over \$15,000 of free entertainment.

This year's Taste of Canton winner, chosen based on menu selection and taste, was Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, whose dishes can be purchased at 4171 S. Canton

Area civic groups also served up delectable festival food, dishing out to record crowds. The Canton Lions Club prepared more than 400 pancake breakfasts while Canton Firefighter's #2289 Charity Foundation's 13th annual spaghetti dinner served over 750 meals. The Canton Kiwanis Club was also on site selling over 300 delicious chicken dinners while the Canton Rotary Club provided rice bowl lunches and

A special exhibition of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall had over 3,000 estimated visitors. The replica pays tribute to 58,272 servicemen and women who were lost or killed during the Vietnam War. Of special note, the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon staged two unique precision drill exhibitions, including an unprecedented performance in front of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, which no other traveling wall replica is believed to have exhibited to date.

During this year's Liberty Fest, 127 volunteers provided over 400 hundred hours of support for an estimated cost savings of \$7,882 staff hours.

Wayne County wins 17 NACo awards

Wayne County is on the receiving end of 17 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards for, among other things, a China foreign trade mission program; a county-wide nutritional program, a life sciences initiative and a county effort that led to the state passing the Next Michigan

Development Act, which has already stimulated economic activity within the Aerotropolis.

"We know that governments today cannot continue to operate in silos," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "We are proud of the 17 programs recognized by NACo. They enhance our communities by reaching out in the spirit of collaboration and partnership.

The other 13 award-winning programs were:

 The Centers of Excellence, eGovernment Program,

 Emergency Preparedness Training Program,

 Energy Optimization Program,

• Equipment Re-Purposing Program,

• Infant Mental Health

Program,

• Juvenile Spot Check

Program,

Medicaid Enrollment

Program, Outside Counsel Cost

Reduction Program,

• Return-to-Work Program, • Tech Wizards Program,

Technology Resource Center Program

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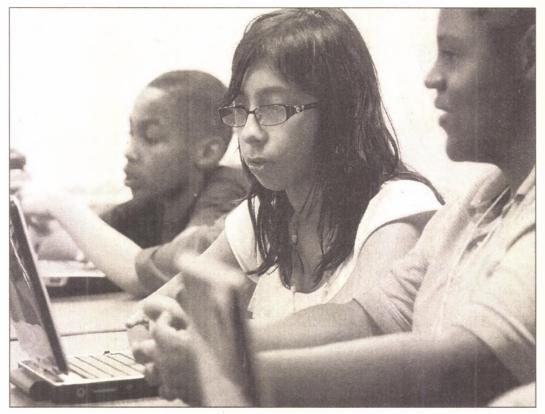
Bridge Camp at Madonna helps | Firework safety prepare Detroit youth for college

Like many 11-year-old boys, Jose Vazquez and Isaih Gutierrez of Detroit want to be cops when they grow up. But these two boys didn't come to this conclusion by watching T.V., rather by spending time lifting finger prints in a forensic science class at Madonna University.

"After being in that class, I want to be a policeman. They showed us how to conduct an investigation in a crime scene. It was really cool," said Vazquez.

The boys were among 28 middle school youth from southwest Detroit who spent the week on campus at Madonna University in Livonia participating in the annual Pre-College Bridge Camp. The camp aims to provide college awareness and preparation to youth from Southwest Detroit through engaging and interactive sessions that promote academic, social, physical and spiritual enrichment.

The students had a chance to see a wide variety of college disciplines including business, broadcast and cinema arts, marketing, dietetics and criminal justice. They were able to interact with training simulators in the nursing labs, create videos in the film studio, and dust for prints in the crime labs as well as participate in college



Tyler Davis, left, Jazmin DeRoa, middle, and Rosemary Abdul-Salam take part in an interactive nutrition course run by faculty and students from Madonna University during Bridge Camp.

readiness classes and outdoor activities.

"Our faculty, staff and 'college-positive' Madonna students expose them to what college has to offer while helping them to understand that going to college is a goal well within their reach," said Olga Martinez, director of the Office of Service-Learning at

Madonna. "We give them some tips on what they can start doing, even at a young age, to make sure they are on track to attain the goal of a college education, and we make sure they have fun while they are here.

Gutierrez said he learned a lot, especially about college. "I know I have to get good grades if I want to be able to be a cop so I am making sure to do my best at school," he said.

The six-night residential camp ended June 26. The camp is sponsored by Madonna University, Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, the MCC College Positive Communities grant and the Skillman Foundation.

is no accident

Blowing up watermelons, firework displays, and a dog named Striker who sniffs out explosives. They were all part of a Firework Safety presentation at Bell Creek County Park in Redford last week.

"Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano who was at the event. "But fireworks can be dangerous, injuring thousands of people a year. And the research shows that typically 60 percent of those injuries occur in the month surrounding July 4th."

Hosting the event was a 23-year veteran of the federal Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearm Department (ATF), Yvonne Meyer, who demonstrated the effect of professional grade fireworks like M-80s - a full size watermelon was blown to bits and the hand of a mannequin shattered to pieces - and a few smaller displays that don't leave the ground.

"We try really hard to keep children away from hot stoves, grills, and toaster ovens, but we'll hand them a 1,200-degree firework and expect them to be safe with it," said Meyer. "Firework safety is imperative."

Approximately half of all sparkler injuries involve

hands and fingers, the same pattern for firecracker injuries, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. About half the bottle rocket injuries involve the eyes, and almost 30 percent involve the head, face or ear.

Rounding out the event was Trooper Dawn Zonca's explosive-sniffing dog Striker, a German Shepherd from the Canine Unit, which thrilled the audience with his olfactory abilities.

The group also offered firework safety tips:

· Always have water readily available; You never know what could happen with these unpredictable hot products, and you should always be prepared if anything were to catch fire;

· Always use with adult supervision; You have to be 18 years old to purchase fireworks, so in no occasion should it be appropriate for a child to use fireworks without supervision

• Use with extreme caution; use fireworks in an emptier area, not near buildings or trees, to prevent anything from catching fire

 Once a firework has been lit, children should never go pick them back up; they may still be active and have the potential of going off.

Plymouth teen wins leadership scholarship

Local high school student selected exchange program this summer courtesy of U.S. Department of State.

Ann Arbor Greenhills high school student Madison Vorva of Plymouth was selected to travel to Cambodia via the



Vorva

Leadership

managed by Coloradobased nonprofit Global Explorers.

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The program, which will run for three weeks this

summer, is fully-funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Youth Programs Division.

Vorva, from Greenhills, was chosen from 298 finalist after a rigorous nationwide application and interview process.

The program brings together a group of 30 students from diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds from across the

"It is truly an honor to be selected to participate in a program that touches on areas that are already a big part of my life," Madison said. "I know this will be a life changing experience."

Madison, a Girl Scout, is nationally known for her campaign to remove palm oil from Girl Scout cookies.

The American Youth Leadership Program is a new program that is part of the U.S. Department of State's efforts to offer American citizens different opportunities to learn about global issues through cross-cultural exchange. The Cambodia program will emphasize the themes of Environment, Conservation and Sustainable Development.



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> Teresa Cischke, CPFA/MiCPT City Treasurer

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers. Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S.

Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments. Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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Salem sophomores fifth in history contest

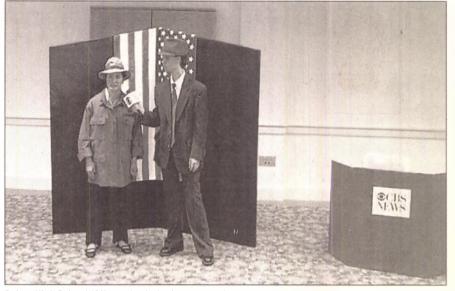
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Salem High School 10th grade students Andrea Ringer and Calgary Haines-Trautman competed at the 2011 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest June 12-16 at the University of Maryland.

Each year more than half a million students participate in the nationwide program. Students must choose a historical topic related to the annual theme, which for 2011 was Debate and Diplomacy, and present their information in one of several formats, including a paper, web site, documentary, exhibit, individual performance or group performance.

Ringer and Haines-Trautman chose as their topic, the debate over the design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and how it reflected the controversy in the Unites States over the Vietnam War itself. They conducted extensive research on this topic that included a comprehensive review of newspapers and recordings of actual debates over the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a live interview with the person who led the efforts to construct the memorial, interviews with veterans of the Vietnam War and those that organized the national design contest for the Memorial.

From this research, the students created a group performance depicting an emotional journey of the debate over the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that ends with survivors and loved ones paying tribute to the fallen soldiers of the Vietnam War.



Salem High School 10th grade students Andrea Ringer and Calgary Haines-Trautman pose as an interviewer and a veteran at the Vietnam Memorial.



Salem High School 10th grade students Andrea Ringer and Calgary Haines-Trautman "demonstrate" at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as part of their history day project.

After winning the Michigan contest for their category of group performance, Ringer and Haines-Trautman presented their project with the best National History Day projects from across the United States, American Samoa, Guam, International Schools and Department of Defense Schools in

Europe.

They captured fifth place in the group performance category out of 98 entrants in this category, the highest placing for Michigan amongst all categories. They also earned a State Award medal for the best entrant across all categories for the State of Michigan.

This is their highest finish in the four years that Ringer and Haines-Trautman have competed at the national level. Their plans for future contests are to serve as a mentor to other students from the Plymouth-Canton school district that are looking to compete in National History

Buying or renting?

There are many things to consider

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my 30s, single and don't plan on getting married anytime in the near future. Since I've graduated college, I have lived in an apartment and now I'm considering buying a home. I am getting all sorts of advice on whether

it makes sense to buy or just stay renting. Some of my friends say renting is a lot cheaper than owning, while other friends say I'll never be able to buy a house cheaper than I could buy today. What would you do? What are some of the Money Matters issues I should consider? A: Let me start with Rick Bloom



some of the basics. I believe that homes are not great investments. I've said this for as long as I have been in the financial world. I'm not talking about rental property, I'm talking about a home that you plan to live in.

I believe people should buy a home for the quality of life it provides. My reasoning has nothing to do with what has happened to real estate over the last few years.

In your situation, the first question you need to ask is whether the house will increase the quality of your life. If it won't, then as far as I'm concerned, there is no reason to buy.

If you decide the home will increase the quality of your life, then it is important to consider the economics. That means not only what you pay in principal, interest and property taxes. You also need to factor in the cost of maintaining the home. Obviously, if the house is new there'll be less in maintenance than if it is 20 years old. In addition, when it comes to items such as repair and maintenance, vou'll find that some years your costs will be higher than in other years. However, it does tend to average out. As a recommendation I would consider, at a minimum, 3-5 percent of the purchase price of the home as an estimate of annual repair and maintenance costs.

In looking at the economics of own-

ing a home, many people point to the great tax breaks. Although there are some breaks, they're not as valuable as some may think. The major tax advantages to owning a home are the deductibility of interest and property taxes. To determine the true savings, all you need to do is multiply your tax bracket by the amount you paid in interest and property taxes.

For example, if you are in a 28-percent tax bracket and you pay \$10,000 in interest and property taxes, you would save \$2,800 on taxes (\$10,000 x 0.28). Of course, that is assuming that you itemize your deductions. If you do not itemize your deductions, then there would be no tax savings.

There is another tax break with regards to home ownership that is difficult to quantify. The great majority of people will not have to pay income taxes if they have a gain when the home is sold. In today's real estate market gains are few and far between, so this advantage is not as valuable as it has been in the past.

In reviewing the cost between buying vs. renting, renting is probably the better move economically. That factors in not only the tax advantages of owning, but also the cost of maintaining a home. However, we don't make all decisions based upon what is good economically.

My advice is to focus on the quality-of-life issues.

Don't buy real estate because you think it is a great investment or that real estate has to go up in value — it doesn't. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if real estate went down further over the next few years.

However, if you buy a home that you can afford and that will increase the quality of your life, then you will get an immediate return on your investment.

Good luck!

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Any woman age 17-24 who lives, works full-time or attends school full-time in Wayne County is eligible to apply. Contestants will compete in six categories: interview, lifestyle, swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and onstage question.

The winner will receive a cash scholarship and will represent Wayne County at the 2012 Miss Michigan pageant which will be held in

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The application deadline is Aug. 21. To apply online, visit www.misswavnecounty. org. For more information, call (734) 367-0560 or e-mail SheilaMae116@aol.com.

Applications are also available for the Miss Wayne County Princess Program, a non-competitive pageant experience open to girls ages 4 12. Visit www.misswaynecounty. org to apply.

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ALS fundraiser

Area residents are invited to step back in time and experience an historic baseball game to help raise dollars and awareness for ALS-TDI research.

"Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" vintage base ball game will be held on Thursday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Canton's Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) or 'Lou Gehrig's Disease' as it has become to be known struck down Gehrig, one of the greats in major league baseball history, over 70 years ago. ALS has no known cure as of now but the ALS-TDI (ALS-Therapy Development Institute) has a single mission to develop therapeutics that slow and ultimately will stop ALS.

The game or 'match' will be played by two local teams, The Northville Eclipse verses The Detroit Early Riser Base Ball Club,' using 'original' rules of baseball - no gloves, foul lines or fences. The players, also know as "ballists," will wear period reproduction uniforms and recreate the game based on rules of 1862. A rain date has been scheduled for Thursday, July 28.

In 2009, Canton resident and ALS-TDI volunteer Bob Mosher was attracted to the Institute's work after reading a Newsweek article on an airplane announcing Major League Baseball involvement in the fight against ALS. One reason, as the article detailed, was that it was the 70th anniversary of Lou Gehrig's farewell speech to the country: "For the past two weeks you have been reading about a bad break I got. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans". Prophetic words from one of the greats in baseball's past that put a name to a disease that was unknown at that time.

Looking for a way to bring local awareness and fundraising dollars to help, Mosher organized the first historic baseball match in Canton in 2009 and again in 2010 and now this year.

"Any one can catch this disease since it occurs without regard to age, ethnicity, or economic and geographic boundaries," said Mosher. "We can all play a roll in defeating this devastating illness that takes a terrible toll on the victim and their families by raising awareness."

All donations from "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" will benefit the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS-TDI), the world's largest non-profit research Institute focused on finding a treatment for people living with Lou Gehrig's disease. Over 30 researchers are working daily to put an end to ALS in their Cambridge, MA lab. To learn more, visit www.als.net, where donations are

For additional information about "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS," visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 483-5600.

Canton hosts Pilot remembered as generous, well-respected

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nancy Nowak just knew when she answered the back door Wednesday evening what had happened. Standing there was a Westland police officer, dispatched at the request of the Livingston County sheriff, to tell her that her husband, John, had died in a plane crash in Howell Township.

"He was very generous and well-respected as a pilot and instructor and for his knowledge," she said. "He had a passion for flying. He was an experienced pilot and was wellrespected in the aviation community."

Mr. Nowak was with Patrick Charles of Canton who was taking his biennial flight review on Wednesday when his two-seat experimental aircraft he was flying crashed into a Howell Township home around 7:15

Mr. Charles, 43, and Mr. Nowak, 70, were killed almost instantaneously.



Mr. Nowak

Married for 26 years, the Nowaks shared a love of flying and fishing. The couple met at Mettetal Airport in Canton where they kept their

Piper Cherokee Arrow. She was dating someone else at the time, "and when it didn't work out, he nabbed me," she said.

"He told his friends that the first time he saw me that 'that's the girl I'm going to marry," said Nancy Nowak, who has been a pilot for 30 years. "He and I shared the same hobbies. It's not many guys who find a wife who likes the same things."

Mr. Nowak served in the Navy after high school, and once out, he owned a gas station on Wayne Road in Westland. He also owned Acme Garage Door in Plymouth for more than 40

According to Nancy Nowak, flying was something her husband always wanted to do. He had been flying for 37 years and usually could be found at Mettetal Airport, working on his plane. The couple owned several over the years and often would gather friends to fly out to other cities for breakfast of

"Sometimes, it was one or two friends, other times it was six or seven," she said. "It used to be called the \$50 hamburger, but now it's the \$100 hamburger because of the fuel costs."

Nancy Nowak also described her husband as great friend to many. He was very generous and was always taking people for rides in his airplane. One of his passengers was the nephew of Nancy Nowak's hairdresser.

"He took him up for a ride and he was thrilled, his room was filled with pictures of airplanes," she said. "He's now flying out of New York."

One of the special things he did was participate in Operation Good Cheer at Christmas, delivering gifts to needy families around the state out of the Pontiac airport.

Retired, he also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and grand niece, taking them to the movies, the Detroit Science Center and the Detroit

"He was very good," she said. In addition to his wife, Mr. Nowak is survived by sons John Jr. (Scott Klein), Larry and Terry, grandchildren Devin, Travis, Ashley, Arlene, Jennifer and Marisa, nieces Marie and Tracy, great-niece Mckenzie, brother Norman and sister-inlaw Dorothy, He is preceded in death by a brother, George, and sisters Millie and Jane.

Services for Mr. Nowak will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile, east of Levan in Livonia. Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials can be made to Operation Good Cheer, c/o Child and Family Services, 2157 University Park Drive, Okemos,

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Getting Scooped

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On a warm Thursday evening, the Plymouth Community Band was out doing what it does best.

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The band, generally composed of some 55-75 volunteer, amateur musicians, has been entertaining local audiences since it was founded in 1960,

and it did so again Thursday. Under the direction of long-

Under the direction of longtime conductor Carl Battishill, the band rehearses once a week, year-round (except for August), and performs other outdoor concerts as well as a slate of indoor concerts during the school year.

On Thursday, the band

marked the kick-off of a weekend full of Fourth of July activities in the Plymouth community. Still to come: The Plymouth Township fireworks tonight and the annual Good Morning U.S.A. parade (at its new start time of 9 a.m.) and Good Ol' Fashioned picnic (11 a.m.) on Monday.



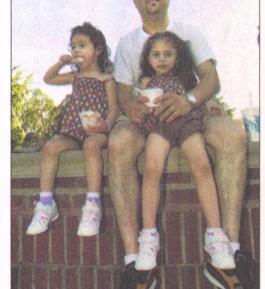


Robbin and Ann Ensor enjoy the music. Their dog is Sophie. They are Plymouth residents.



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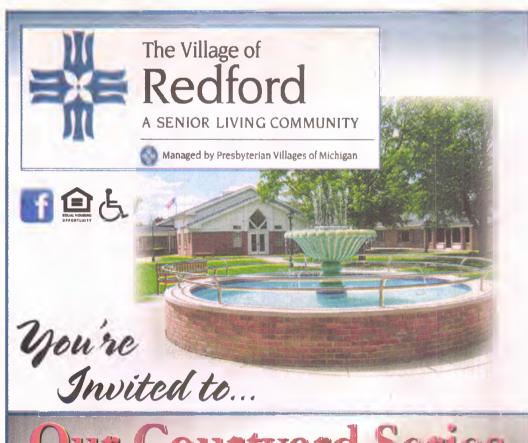
The Plymouth Community Band plays for a full house in Kellogg Park on a beautiful Thursday evening.



Gus Kandah and twin 3 year old daughters Isabella and Angela enjoy double chocolate ice cream and the music of the Plymouth Community Band. The Kandah family are Canton residents.



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HEALTH, B10



Ocelots' Larson adds top recruits

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rick Larson has been hard working on the recruiting trail.

And the sixth-year Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach appears to have another stellar incoming class for the 2011 season.

"I'm excited about what we've been able to bring to the table," said Larson, who must replace eight starters off last year's 17-4 1 NJCAA Region XII runner-up squad. "It's exciting because we have players who want to impact the program and players who truly want to play for the school, and that can get you through tough situations."

Larson, who has guided the Ocelots to five straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles, plucked off two first-team all-Observer players in Livonia Clarenceville's Ardit Dushkaj and Livonia Stevenson's Pat Smith.

Dushkaj scored 33 goals and added 15 assists in just 16 games last year for the Trojans. He tallied 59 career goals in 35 starts.

Smith, meanwhile, had seven goals and 10 assists for the 13-5-3 Spartans and was an all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selec-

"Pat is a wide attacking player who is great on the ball and has the ability of passing players one-and-one which leads to either crosses or scoring goals," Larson said. "Ardit is super creative. He's confident with the soccer ball and puts pressure on defenders with the dribble. He can play at any speed, whether it's slow or at full-

Larson also brought in three new goalkeepers to compete for the starting job including Toronto, Ontario native Scott Shewfeldt, who played last season for Garden City Community College (Kan.) before transferring after the program was dropped.

Tom Duquette (Novi) and Tyler Koontz (Auburn Hills Avondale) will also vie for the goalkeeping position.

Also in the fold are two players with

Please see RECRUITS, B4



Jack Boczar (left) and his mom, Roxanne Boczar, each aced the No. 7 hole at Pheasant Run in Canton — 14 years apart.

All (aces) in the family

14 years separate Pheasant Run feats for Canton mom, son

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jack Boczar is a 12-year-old who already knows what he wants

The Canton youngster eats, drinks and sleeps golf and wants to become a professional cham-

pion someday. "I want to win one of the four majors," said Jack, in matter-offact fashion. "Either the British Open, the Masters, the U.S. Open or the PGA championship.'

But even if he does become another Rory McIlroy (his favorite golfer who won the 2011 U.S.

rival what he accomplished June 2 at Pheasant Run Golf Course in

Jack aced the No. 7 hole — the very hole his mom, Roxanne Boczar, sank a hole-in-one in

"I don't know what the odds are," said Jack's dad, Jeff Boczar, during an interview at Pheasant

Not surprisingly for someone who has his future all mapped out, Jack interrupted his dad that those odds are about 1-in-40,000.

FUN STORY

"It's fun when you tell the story

Jeff Boczar noted. "Jack got a hole-in-one on No. 7 and, oh, by the way, his mom got one there about 14 years ago.'

"Everyone's eyes light up. It's really cool."

According to Roxanne, there was a difference between the two. She used a 9-iron to sink hers from the red tees (109 yards) during an Octoberfest scrambles event while Jack's was launched from the white tees some 144 yards from the pin.

"He called me on the phone and told me it was No. 7," Roxanne

Beechview swimmers garner 3rd straight city crown



CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS

Club swimmers get a flying start in one of the bovs age-group events in the annual Farmington city meet.

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Capitalizing on its talent in the older age groups, Beechview Swim Club won its third consecutive Farmington all-city swim championship June 25.

In the competition between the four club teams, Beechview scored 585 points and overcame a serious challenge from

McNeece

runner-up Farmington Glen Aquatic with 533. Woodbrooke Hills scored 452 points and meet host Kendallwood 374.

"It was really close between Beechview and Glen this year," meet director Mike McNeece said. "Glen is building big time. It was good competition this year, and it'll be better competition next year.

"Glen is coming on strong and Woodbrooke always fields a good team. There's a real good base in Farmington because of the Farmington YMCA Stingrays. A lot of those kids swim for Beechview and Kendallwood.

"Glen has a real good 10-and-under contingency. They're going to be a power the next couple years as those kids move up in age. Beechview has a lot of older kids, mostly girls. They'll be going off to college. They won't be scoring as many points, and Glen will be scoring more."

Beechview won 14 of the 46 individual events and two relays. It had four double winners in Madison Ruffin (12), Marina Borri (16), Katie Romero (12) and Emily Brunett (13).

The other Beechview winners were Kellie Flynn (8), David Ratze (12), Mikayla Doepker (14), Drew Hinckley

Please see SWIM, B3

Rams falter, 5-3

Alex McMurray threw a complete-game Wednesday as Advanced Baseball defeated the Michigan Rams, 5-3, in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Bicentennial Park.

McMurray scattered seven hits and two walks over seven innings.

Madonna University's Spencer Sarel paced Advanced's eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with two RBI. Lonnel Bush also knocked in a run for the 22-and-under squad, which improved to 9-11 in league play.

Caleb Wick went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Rams, who fell to 10-9 in the LCBL.

Miles Sorise also added two hits and an RBI in the loss.

Jay Perry, who pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Colin Gerish, suffered the loss.

Gerish allowed one run on three hits and two walks over the first four innings, while Perry was touched for four runs (two earned) on five hits.

Bucks win 200th

The Michigan Bucks achieved yet another Premier Development League (PDL) milestone Wednesday night when they became the first team in league history to win 200 games when they defeated the host Akron Summit Assault, 4-3, at St. Vincent St. Mary High School.

The Bucks (8-1-1, 25 points), getting the game-winning goal from Stew Givens in the 60th minute, kept their slight lead in the PDL's Great Lakes Division by winning their eighth consecutive match, while Akron (4-3-3, 15 points) dropped to fourth place in the standings.

Tommy Catalano led the Bucks with goals in the 23rd and 33rd minutes, while Lucky Mkosana (24th minute) also had a goal and assist. Adam Quinn, Thomas Schmidt and Ashton Campbell all scored for Akron during the first

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/ Oakland University) made two

The Bucks will travel Sunday to Hamilton, Ontario to face the FC Rage (3-4-2, 11 points). Game time is 6 p.m. at Timmis Field.

The Bucks will also induct three new members into its Hall of Fame during halftime of their game with the Cincinnati Kings on Saturday, July 9, at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac.

Tim Richey, Kheli Dube and Dan Fitzgerald will be honored for their contribution to soccer and to the Bucks. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$5 when purchased online at www.buckssoccer.com.

Moore wins vault

Livonia Franklin pole vaulter Helen Moore cleared 7 feet to capture the girls 14-and-under division at the Spree 61 Vault competition held June 24-25 at Ford Field in Livonia.

Hole-in-one club

Craig Henriksen, of Farmington Hills, used a 7-iron to ace the 144yard, No. 17 hole Wednesday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course. It was the second hole-inone for the 54-year-old, who has been playing golf for 40 years. Henriksen shot 35 for nine holes.

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Marissa Williams, Plymouth: The aggressive, ultra-confident goalkeeper successfully followed up a sensational junior season when she led the Wildcats to the Division

Williams racked up 12 shutouts as Plymouth finished 11-3-5 overall. One of those was against state champion Novi.

The third-team, all-state selection in 2010 made the second team this season.

"She started every game of her four year career for us," coach Jeff Neschich said. "Last year was a great year, but she played awesome this year.

"In the (0-0) tie against Novi and when we beat Northville in the crossover she just made incredible saves in both of those games."

She will play soccer at Tusculum College (Tenn.). "I think she'll have a fantastic career there, also," Neschich said.

Madeline Reed, Ladywood: The senior posted 13 shutouts this season after recording seven as a junior en route to Division 2 first-team all-state honors for the state runner-up Blazers.

Bound for Western Michigan University, Reed also earned all-Catholic League honors. She carries a 4.38 grade-point average.

"Maddie has a tremendous work ethic," coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She works hard every day on the practice field and in the classroom. I believe she won just about every scholar-athlete award you can win. To watch her grow into a premier goalkeeper in the state during the past two years has been awesome."

Hallee Kansman, N. Farmington: Kansman was a fouryear starter for the Raiders and an outstanding defender. She also is skilled at heading the ball to the net on corner kicks. Kansman had three goals and two assists.

She was named North Farmington's team and defensive MVP, and she is the girls co-recipient of the Raider Cup (with all-area gymnast Kristen McKelvey), recognizing her as one of the top female athletes in the senior class. Kansman is also all-state as a player (honorable mention) and a student (academic).

"Hallee has been a key player for us in the back," coach Tim Russell said. "She has been a tremendous leader for us on and off the pitch. She never quits, never gets down on her teammates and always gives her best, during games and practices. Her humor and attitude are infectious, and (the) Eastern Michigan University (soccer team) is lucky to have her next year."

Kelsey Rothermel, Churchill: The senior defender, bound for Grand Valley State, earned first-team all-area honors for the second straight year.

Rothermel scored seven goals and added five assists to earn all-KLAA and all-district honors for the third

She was named honorable mention Division 1 allstate this year and is a two-time all-region selection. She also earned third-team all-state honors in 2009

Rothermel, a four-year varsity starter, played in 79 matches for Churchill.

"Kelsey is a student of the game of soccer, as she not only plays the game, but also watches professional soccer and coaches youth soccer," coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Kelsey was a two-year captain and was a great central defender for the program. She possesses excellent technical ability, a tough, competitive personality, and can read the game at a high level. No doubt that she will make an immediate impact at GVSU."

Melanie Pickert, Canton: One of Canton's stalwart senior leaders, Pickert was steady as a rock on defense for firstyear coach Jeannine Reddy.

As a bonus, she scored five goals and chipped in five assists to lift the Chiefs to KLAA South and D1 district championships.

Reddy called Pickert "as solid as a defender can be and she will be greatly missed."

Pickert was named to the all-conference, all-district, all-region and all-academic teams as well as being selected to the all-state second team.

A versatile athlete who also excelled on Canton's varsity basketball team, she will play college soccer at Iowa. Rachel Zukowski, Churchill: The senior defender earned all-KLAA and all-district honors this season for the

"Zuke was our backbone the past two years and was named MVP in 2011," Hebestreit said. "Time-and-time again she was able to find success in numbers-down defending situations. A wonderfully gifted athlete, she possesses excellent balance, speed, and agility. She appeared in every match the past two seasons and served as a captain this year. Her commitment to her teammates is unparalleled in my 18 varsity seasons as a

Robyn Mack, Canton: The hard-driving Mack made her presence felt in the midfield and in her own zone, not to mention occasionally wreaking havoc near the other team's goal.

Mack's all-out hustle and talent combined to yield a superb brand of soccer for the Chiefs.

She earned all-conference, all district and all-academic honors while tallying seven goals and four assists. "She played great wherever I put her," Reddy said.

"She's a great motivator on the field and played every game as if it were her last." Kristina Klusek, Salem: The senior co-captain scored 10 goals and assisted on five others as she sparked Salem to

a winning season.

For her efforts, Klusek was named to the all-conference, all-district, all-region and all-state teams.

"She has raised her game to the next level and it showed in her play and the attention she received from her opponents," coach Joe Nora said. "Usually being double-teamed or shadowed, still she produced." With 39 goals and 25 assists during her career,

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Marissa Williams, GK, Plymouth, Sr. Madeline Reed, GK, Liv. Ladywood, Sr. Hallee Kansman, Def., N. Farmington, Sr. Kelsey Rothermel, Def., Liv. Churchill, Sr. Melanie Pickert, Def., Canton, Sr. Rachel Zukowski, Def., Liv. Churchill, Sr.

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Jenna Williams, F. Westland Glenn, Sr. **COACH OF THE YEAR** Ken Shingledecker, Livonia Ladywood HONORABLE MENTION Canton: Rachel Winters, Megan Trapp, Kayla Bridges: Plymouth: Jen Babcock, Kate Watson, Alyssa Dillon, Zoe Foster, Maria Farmer; Salem: Madeleine Vala, Nancy Krutty; Plymouth Christian: Brianna Harris, Emily Gerulis, Rachel Zandee, Annette Somercik, Martha Mullet, Katelynn Barkell; Farmington: Tasha Ivanac, Lauren McCann, Lauren

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Klusek provided plenty of punch the Rocks.

"A lot of our success is due to the example she set and her amazing work ethic and positive attitude," he said. Stephanie Dillon, Plymouth: Although just a sophomore, Dillon played like a senior for the Wildcats.

She scored nine goals and assisted on seven others from the center-midfield position.

Neschich said she already has a knack for scoring big goals in big games and is a tireless worker who wants to improve and someday play college soccer.

'She was our most consistent player," said Neschich about the All-KLAA selection. "She played very strong, game in and game out. She's improved so much from her freshman year to her sophomore year, and she is so committed to the game."

Paige Brennan, Ladywood: The junior central midfielder earned Division 2 first-team all-state honors for the second straight year.

Brennan, who has made a verbal commitment to Eastern Michigan University, led the state runner-up Blazers with 15 assists to go along with nine goals.

'We asked Paige to do more defensively than we did last year," Shingledecker said of the all-Catholic League pick. "We received more offensive production from other players, which allowed Paige to truly manage the midfield for us. She battled a right knee injury for most of the second half of the season, but really proved to be one of the state's top players throughout the state tourna-

Makenzie Williams, Mercy: The junior midfielder is that player around whom everything revolves for the Marlins, who tied Division 2 state finalist Ladywood twice. Williams, who is a three-year varsity starter, wasn't a high scorer (three goals and six assists), but she distributed the ball and got the offense started. She also plays for the Midwest Regional League's Michigan Rush

"She controls a lot of the game for us," coach Butch Babler said. "Her value doesn't show up in the stats. She's a good, all-round player, and opposing team had to account for her.

'Technically, she's a very sound player and reads the game very well. She can make adjustments during a game as to what's going on. She makes adjustments on the field that I don't have to make as a coach. She just takes care of it."

Melissa Kucukarslan, Farmington: The junior midfielder has exceptional skills. She's very good at controlling and distributing the ball, according to coach Greg Thompson. A two-year varsity starter, Kucukarslan led the Falcons with nine goals and six assists. Having



Marissa Williams Plymouth



Madeline Reed Ladywood



Hallee Kansman N. Farmington



Kelsey Rothermel Churchill



Melanie Pickert Canton



Churchill



Robyn Mack Canton



Kristina Klusek Salem



Stephanie Dillon Plymouth



Ladywood



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Melissa Kucukarslan Farmington



Shannon Melvin Garden City





Ladywood



Ladywood coach

drawn interest from Michigan State and Loyola Chicago, she will eventually play college soccer.

"She was one of the best players on the field and always in the top three in every game we played," Thompson said. "She has an incredible first touch with pressure. She has amazing ball distribution; she threads the needle. She fights through tackles. She loves to take people on and is very effective at it. She's

"Melissa doesn't want to come off the field. She wants to be out there and get it done. She's that kid who wants the ball. She's a pretty special player."

Shannon Melvin, Garden City: The junior had an immediate impact on the Cougars after transferring from Redford Thurston. Melvin tallied a team-high 16 goals to go along with one assist in 16 games.

"Shannon is deceptive with the ball at her feet," said coach Jason Dean. "She is skilled at taking defenders one-v-one and getting to the goal. It usually takes a couple defenders to slow her down. She can finish the ball with both feet and is composed when she can get to the net. She gave our team the big goals during crunch time and plays with great intensity. Shannon is a very fast player with a ton of knowledge of the game. Her possession up top gives us the opportunity to play possession into her feet and let

her distribute the ball to the remainder of the field." Allyson Krause, Canton: The junior forward's speed and offensive creativity propelled Canton to the D1 regionals.

She scored 26 goals and assisted on 14, enough for selection to the first All-State team (along with All-KLAA, all district and all-region honors).

"She's a great player with an outstanding knowledge of the game," Reddy said. "She has a great shot and can create chaos for the opposing team's defense. "She is easy to coach and is one of the best high school players I have seen."

Krause already has verbally committed to play soccer at Michigan State University.

Kelly Capoccia, Ladywood: The junior forward was named second-team all-state in Division 2 for the second year in a row after finishing with 15 goals and 10 assists (both second on the team).

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

The all-Catholic League pick recorded her best game of the season when she scored both goals in a 2-0 win on the road against Division 4 state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"We moved Kelly all around the field this year," Shingledecker said. "She spent most of her time as a wide midfielder, but she can always play up top and be effective. In games when we would press the game into the other teams' end is when Kelly excelled. She is very crafty around the goal, and will find multiple ways to score goals."

COACH OF THE YEAR Ken Shingledecker, Ladywood: The fourth-year coach guided the Blazers all the way to the 2011 Division 2 state finals before losing, 2-1, in the championship match to Plainwell.

Ladywood, which graduates only three seniors, finished 17-4-6 overall while capturing district and regional titles for the second straight year. The Blazers were also runners-up in the Catholic League.

The 33-year-old Shingledecker is 49-22-18 overall with the Blazers.

The Lutheran High Westland grad previously served as head girls coach (2004-06) and 12 years as an assistant boys soccer coach (1998-2009) at his alma mater, and he is currently an assistant coach for the Madonna University men's soccer program.

Shingledecker, general manager of the Taylor SportsPlex, also coaches in the Livonia City Soccer Club. He and his wife Nikki have two boys, Brody, 3, and,

This season he was ably assisted by longtime Lutheran High Westland boys coach Rich Block, MU men's soccer coach Eric Scott and goalkeeping coach Joe Malek

"Anytime you can play the maximum number of games in a season, you have to be excited," Shingledecker said. "It was hard to not win the final game, but it doesn't take away the proud feeling I have for everything we accomplished. I am thankful that Sal Malek (athletic director) has given me the opportunity to coach at Ladywood. The Ladywood kids are great and the facilities are top-notch. I'm excited about the future of Ladywood soccer."

ODP selections

The Livonia City Soccer Club's Riley Burnette (left), an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School, and Alyssa Benvenuti (right), a seventhgrader at Holmes M.S., were recently selected to the 45-member Olympic Development Program for Michigan players 12-and-under. The Livonia duo, who began the tryout process in July of 2010, will be participating in a ODP regional camp for the midwest's top players this month in DeKalb, III.

Schoolcraft soccer

Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, will offer four sessions of its Victory Soccer camps including its Elite Player camp for ages 14-17 from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 6-8 (cost \$75).

Other camp sessions (ages 6-17) include: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 11-15, 18-22 and 25-29 (cost \$165 for each week).

There will also be an advanced goalkeeping camp during the July 25-29 session put on Olympic Development Program coach Ben Davis (cost \$250). Both lunch and swimming

daily are included in the cost. For more information, call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or e-mail ricklarson@victorysoccer.net.

Churchill girls hoop

The Livonia Churchill Lady Chargers summer basketball camp (entering grades 5-10) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, at the high school.

The fee is \$50 (includes Tshirt if registered by June 17); or \$60 (late fee).

For more information, e-mail varsity coach Kevin Etue at ketue@livoniapublicschools. org; or call (248) 914-0844.

Churchill boys hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will stage 10 skates from 8-9:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 11-15; Monday through Wednesday, July 18-20; and 3-4:20 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 18-19 - all at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The cost is \$175 and a'l checks should be made payable to Churchill High School.

For more information, call Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at (248) 345-6584; or e-mail Pmazzoni@livoniapublicschools.org.

Canton wrestling camp

Canton High School's wrestling program will conduct a four-day camp July 11-14 at the school gym. Offering the camp is the Advantage Wrestling Club, run through Eastern Michigan University.

The camp will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all four days, for students entering grades 7-12 in 2011-

Emphasis will be on running, lifting, technique, drilling, intense practices and

end of the day competitions. Another plus will be one counselor per 10 wrestlers for plenty of individual attention.

The cost to sign up is \$200. Contact Canton head wrestling coach Cory Mancuso (cory. mancuso@gmail.com) or EMU head wrestling coach Derek Delporto (Derek.delporto@ emich.edu) or call (734) 487-

6429 for more information. Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camps July 11-14 (boys) and July 18-21 (girls) at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95 (\$10 discount if registered by May 30). For more information, call

(248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at basketballacademy@hotmail. com.

TRAVEL BASEBALL

Riversharks roll in tournament

The Motor City Riversharks 11U travel baseball team of Canton won the recent Haslett Diamond Days Tournament with a 4-0 record including a 13-0 triumph over Haslett in the title contest.

In the opener against Newell's Yankees (Waterford), the Sharks took an 8-1 lead after three innings and held on for a 9-5 victory.

Gage Moyers got the win and Brian Martin picked up the save. Offensively, the Riversharks were led by Brendan Olepa with two hits and an RBI, and Kyle Winfrey's three

In game two, the Sharks beat East Lansing 14-3. It was all Motor City as the Sharks took a 14-0 lead into the last inning. Brenden Lacorato picked up the win on three innings of no-hit ball. Chase Every, Ryan Boyd, Olepa, Lacorato, Martin, and Moyers all had a multiple hit game.

The bats went silent for four innings against Fowlerville but the Sharks exploded for six runs in the fifth to lead the way to a 9-4 victory, putting the Riversharks into the championship game.

Hits by Martin, Winfrey, and Jeremy Armstead started the rally while Andy Lentine and Matt Hagan laid down perfect bunt sin-

The championship game was all Riversharks 13-0. Winfrey was dominant on the mound and Nik Patel was perfect at shortstop as the Sharks scattered three hits and Winfrey picked up the win.

Joe Watson returned from an injury to make a nice running catch in the second to secure the shutout. Olepa and Martin led the offense with two hits apiece while Winfrey drove in four runs.

The Riversharks are 20-7-1 and in first place in the 11U Cobb Division.



The Motor City Riversharks 11U travel baseball team of Canton continued their winning ways by capturing the recent Haslett Diamond Days Tournament.

(10), Tyler Roshak (14) and Miranda Shelly (16).

"We had some great swims, and our 8-and-unders were superstars," Beechview coach Driska McCullough said. "It was wonderful to see all the kids come together and have good swims and a fun meet."

Beechview had a little more depth than Glen Aquatic, which won 15 individual events and three relays. Double winners for Glen included Trevor Franklin (12), Brodeo Jamieson (8), Madeline Greaves (7), T-Bird Jones (8), McKenna Greaves (10) and Eric Gensheimer (17)

McNeece, who has served as meet director since the event was started in 2008, said it's a thrill to organize and produce the meet, because the kids enjoy it so much.

"In the summer, they get split up into different Farmington teams, but this meet brings them all together at the same time," he said. "The kids love it. This is their favorite meet of the year because it's such a friendly competition.

"It's some very good competition, but it's very friendly. A lot of age-group swimmers know each other and have fun competing against each other."

The idea for the all-city



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Beechview swimmers were No. 1 for the third straight year in the fourth annual Farmington all-city swim meet.

meet came from former Kendallwood coach Eric Newton. McNeece thought it was a great suggestion and took it from there.

"It was a big success the first year, and we've just continued it," McNeece said. "It's been fantastic every year.

"I'm glad he suggested it and grateful he had the foresight to say, 'Let's get all the

kids together.' We're going to have a fifth, sixth and seventh. As long as we can do it, we're going to do it."

McNeece is also grateful for the many Kendallwood parents and members who assist him in running the meet.

"We have terrific volunteers at the club who allow us to put it on," McNeece said. "It takes 30 to 40 people who

want to spend their morning with the kids, and it works out terrifically at Kendallwood. We have a great volunteer base.

"I'm looking forward to (the 2012 meet) already. It's a thrill to put it on for the kids. It's something they look forward to, and they would miss it if we didn't do it."

A total of 359 swimmers between the ages of 4 and

18 participated in the meet. Glen had the largest contingent with 117; Beechview had 92, Woodbrooke 82 and Kendallwood 68. The meet was a fund-raiser again for Special Olympics.

Kendallwood's double winners were Danny McNeece (14), Nick Leshok (15), Lauren

Folkert (16) and JT Gidley (10). Other single winners were

Glenn's Emma Inch (9), Analiese Schneeman (10) and Karlie Wengorovius (12), Woodbrooke's Sarah Kane (14), Calvin Kopitz (17), Keith Erichsen (13), Alden Kane (12) and Christopher Barron (11) and Kendallwood's Andrew Schenkus (10), Annika Gidley (13), Rob Chapekis (14) and Greta Gidley (8).



Livonia Wild repeats

On June 26, the Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild, a 14-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, successfully defended its Millington Invitational tournament title. Members of the Wild, who posted a 5-0 tourney record, include (front row, from left): Lindsey Bugosh, Anne St. John, Natalie Moore, Natalie Spala, Alaina DeFrain, Maggie Law, Megan Chapman; (back row, from left) coach Pete Chapman, Desiree Krzywdzinski, Jessie Strauch, Julie St. John, Allie Strautz and manager Glenn Moore. It was a total team effort," Moore said. "The girls fought through injury, fatigue, and heat to prevail against a talented group of teams."



Pride power

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10U travel softball team celebrates after a recent tournament victory. The team, which has excelled in numerous tourneys in Ohio, Indiana as well as Michigan, will compete at a national tournament in Florida in mid-July. Members of the team are as follows: (front row, from left) Madison Rosiewicz, Jessica Tucci, Justice Ruggles, Alaina Heitmeyer, Nicole Dawson; (middle row, from left) Morgan Overaitis, Isabelle Dawson, Makayleigh Silverman, Lucy Cronin, Jennifer Bressler, McKenzie Knight; (back row, from left) coach Dan Bressler and coach Craig Overaitis. Not pictured is coach Tony Gould.



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said. "And that it was the same one and that he played from the white tees, so it was even longer. I was at the red tees.'

She remembered that hers hit on the left side of the green and kicked in.

According to Jack, his hole-inone rolled right up against the

"I was playing with my dad and my friend Tyler (McMahan, 16) and Tyler lasered it with his yardage finder," Jack explained. "And I figured it was a little bit downwind, the pin's up front so I took a

* "And I just hit it and it bounced in front of the green, the pin's up front and it just rolled in."

Jack, a 4.0 student and multisport athlete entering seventh grade at Discovery Middle School, actually experienced a hole-in-one two years ago in Florida.

Of course, he said his recent ace was sweeter because it was where his mom sank hers.

Roxanne said she stopped golfing not long after her hole-in-one. The births of Jack and seven-yearold twins Bridget and Grace subsequently delayed her return to the course.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY

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But recently, she and the girls have gotten into the swing. They go out for family outings at Fox Hills (in Plymouth) or Bushwood (in Northville).

"Well yeah, the girls are a little older," Roxanne said. "We've been playing as a family, which is kind of nice.

"They've played the last couple years. ... Bridget's probably going to play in a tournament this year. Grace, I don't know if she's ready."

It wouldn't be a shocker if one of the twins someday follows suit in the hole-in-one department because that achievement runs in the family.

"One of my uncles has had, like six," Jack said. "My grandpa has three."

Meanwhile, Jeff and Roxanne intend to make sure Jack's ego doesn't get too massive in the wake of already doing - twice, mind you something most golfers never get to experience. "We won't let it," said Jeff with a hearty laugh. "Plus, he's got two sisters that definitely won't let it get to his head."

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Jack Boczar works on his swing recently at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stevenson hockey

Livonia Stevenson will begin its summer hockey program from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, for incoming ninth grades and goalies at Edgar Arena,

An informational parent meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 11, at Edgar Arena.

Tuesday, July 25-26, at both Edgar Arena and the

The cost per skate is \$10 for 1-hour skates and scrimmages, \$15 for 90 minutes; and \$5 for goalie half-hour sessions.

at lhyman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Whalers trade for future draft picks manager Bob Murray told the

With two good Import players already on the roster and ready to play next season, the Plymouth Whalers used Wednesday's 2011 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft to acquire two future draft choices.

Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci traded the Whalers' first pick and 31st overall to Erie.

In exchange, Plymouth receives a seventh round selection in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection and a fifth round pick in the 2014 OHL Draft.

The Whalers passed on their second selection (91st overall) in the CHL Import Draft.

CHL teams can play just two import selections.

The Whalers current Imports - Rickard Rakell, from Sweden (taken in the first round by Anaheim in last weekend's National Hockey League Entry Draft) and Dario Trutmann, from Switzerland - will return in 2011-12.

"We have two of the best imports in the Canadian Hockey League," Vellucci said. "Dario and Rickard were important parts of our team last season. They both played in the World Junior Championships last year. We expect them to improve in 2011-12."

Rakell scored 20 goals and 25 assists for 45 points and was a plus-14 in 49 games last season for the Whalers.

He missed 15 games at the end of the season due to injury, but that didn't stop Anaheim from taking him with the 30th pick in the 2011 NHL Draft.

"I saw him at the world juniors a whole bunch and liked him," Anaheim general Orange County Register. "He's a 17-year-old playing in the World Junior and he did a pretty good job. He's a good two-way smart hockey player. He can play center or the wing. We're very happy that he was still there at

As one of the youngest players in the 2011 World Junior Championships, Rakell contributed three assists in five games

Camp in September, Murray doesn't expect to fast-track him to the NHL.

career properly," the Anaheim coach said. "Maybe one year in the minors and then we'll see where he goes. He's very intelligent and plays more of a North American game than a

Trutmann paced the Whalers during the regular season with plus-17 and scored six goals with 13 assists in 62 games last season He added a goal and three

Trutmann played a regular shift for the Swiss during the 2011 World Juniors - often against the opposition's top lines - and scored fours assists in six games.

Stefan appreciates Trutmann's approach to the game.

Northville High ties - Nate Lightner, a defender-midfielder, and John Hatzis, a midfielder and transfer from Siena Heights University.

"Nate is very versatile," Larson said. "He plays so hard and will compete for full-time minutes because he knows how to play.

"John played one year at Siena Heights. He has a very high soccer I.Q. and can play any position."

Larson also picked off two defenders from the Ann Arbor area led by Pioneer High's Luis Gomez-Dominguez and Huron's Mario

Teixiera, a transfer from the University of New Hampshire.

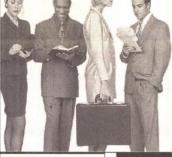
"Gomez is strong, super competitive and really a hard worker," Larson said. "Teixiera is a defender-type, a big, strong kid who played at Vardar Academy.'

Another Larson recruit, forward Gino Pasquali of Utica Eisenhower, should also contribute.

Aug. 1 and the first game will be a rematch on Friday, Aug. 26 against ner-up Cincinnati State, which defeated the Ocelots in last year's Region XII final, 2-1.

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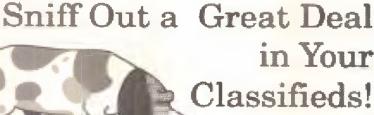
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Bring your neighborhood together with food, games, music and fun

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

Schuman Street in Garden City will celebrate a milestone this summer.

It's the 10th anniversary of the "Schuman Street Block Party," and organizers along the stretch of 10 houses have been gearing up for the event since February when they held a fundraiser at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia to raise seed money for expenses. Proceeds from the show, which drew about 200 friends and relatives, will buy a DJ's services, an inflatable bounce house, obstacle course and bungee run. Adults who indulge in the ice luge after the sun sets, pitch in for rental costs and remain vigilant for underage drinkers.

"We just have a blast," says George Kordie, who, along with his wife, Chris, and their three grown sons, has participated in the fun for the past decade. But it's a party with a real payoff.

"One purpose is that we try to watch each other's houses. We get to know our neighbors well. It has brought the block together," Kordie said.

Beyond the barbecues and bounce houses, block parties can promote neighborhood spirit and unity, create police-community partnerships and heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, according to the National Association of Town Watch. The nonprofit organization, founded in 1984, is dedicated to the development of crime and drug prevention programs. It promotes the annual National Night Out, held on Tuesday, Aug. 2 this year, and suggests that neighborhoods consider block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, and contests as ways to promote unity and increase anticrime awareness.

MEETING NEIGHBORS

Sgt. Duane A. Gregg of the Redford Township Police Department sees a connection between block parties and safer streets.

"Since we have reinstituted the Neighborhood Watch program we

BLOCK PARTY PLANNING IDEAS

- · Use the party as a fundraiser for a good cause or to strengthen or start a Neighborhood Watch program
- · Create an organizing committee and meet a few months before the event to decide activities, delegate responsibilities and tweak plans
- Try a block-long yard sale before attempting a block party
- Consider a fundraiser to help defray the cost of renting games and music
- · Suggest that each family be responsible for their own foods. They'll be able to choose their own time for dinner, as well as keep food covered and at the correct temperature
- · If you prefer a more formal, potluck, make sure there's plenty of ice to keep foods cold, and keep grills away from pedestrian areas
- Make sure there are plenty of activities for kids: Decorated bike parade, chalking on the walk, inflatable bounce house, organized games

have seen a few more block parties in the Township as a result," he said, in an e-mail to the Observer. "We encourage residents to participate in block parties as it is a great way to interact with new and old neighbors, and it in turn strengthens our com-

He checks block party applications to make sure previous gatherings haven't drawn complaints or required

"In the five years I have been approving block parties I have only had an issue arise with one block.

On Schuman street, neighbors take turns with a "security walk," twice a night to make sure the block party revelers all are invited guests. In the past they've also used wristbands.

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Get that permit

Here's a sampling of procedures for obtaining a block party permit and temporarily closing a street for the

• Canton: The police department needs at least four days to schedule a street barricade. Visit www.cantonmi.org for details.

• Garden City: The city needs two weeks to process and approve a block party application. Everyone on the block must agree to closing

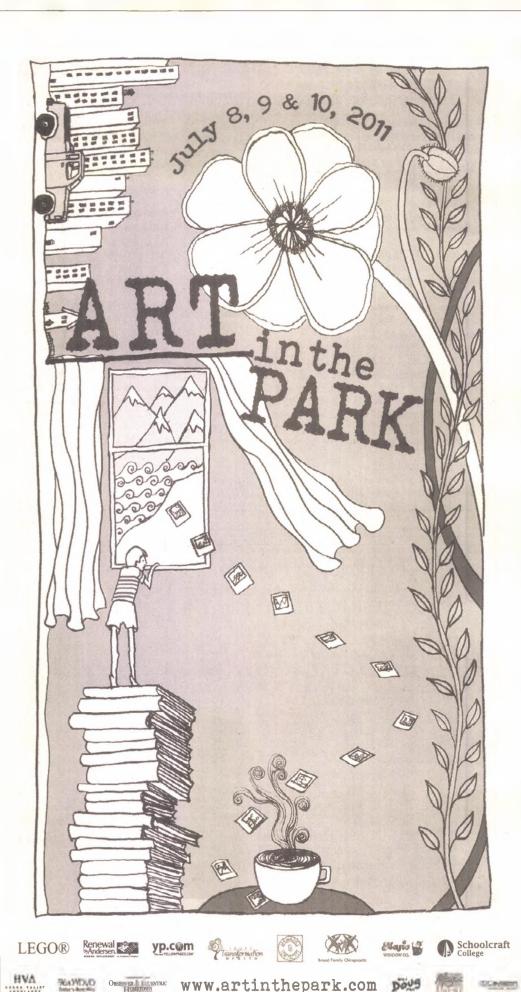
the street. A \$25 deposit is required for the barricades. Applications are available at Garden City's offices, 6000 Middlebelt; www.gardencitymi.org

· Livonia: Break out the cider and doughnuts and consider a football theme for your block party, because city guidelines say you must submit a request eight weeks before the event for city council approval. The council's resolution number is your ticket

to obtaining a permit from the police department. Permit-holders can borrow barricades, which are given out on a first-come first-served basis from the city sign shop, and must return them the day after the party. Visit the city Web site to download a form at www.ci.livonia.mi.us

· Plymouth: Maureen Brodie, deputy city clerk, says she receives

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Bound for Ireland

Members of the Catholic Central Dads' Club, Rick Bloomfield, (left), and Mike McGarry, congratulate Don Stock and his wife, Marge, who received a trip to Ireland from Dads' Club raffle winners Terry and Nan Flood. Mike Pursak, (right) manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia, sponsors the annual raffle. Although the Floods of Farmington won the trip, they presented it to the Stocks as a gift to celebrate Don Stock's retirement as a guidance counselor from Catholic Central, in Novi.

SCHOOLCRAFT SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP

There's still time to enroll in Schoolcraft College's "Kids on Campus" summer programs.

The college offers a variety of hands-on learning programs for kids of all ages. Camps run July 11-Aug. 5.

New offerings this year include "Weather & Nature Clubhouse" for first and second graders; "Become a Potter" and "Life in the Wild West" for fifth and sixth grad-

ers; a class in Greecian culture and field trip to Mexico for middle school students.

Other classes run the gamut from culinary arts to robotics and building design.

For full camp details and to register, visit www.schoolcraft. edu/koc or call (734) 462-4448.

GARDEN & NATURE

ENGLISH GARDENS

Saturday, July 30,

- 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.
 Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m.

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.

REDFORD GARDENS

Redford Township Beautification
Commission will present its garden walk 10
a.m. to 3 p.m., July 9. Tickets are \$5, available at the Redford District Library; the
Clerk's office in the Township Hall; Leisure
Services at the Redford Community Center;
the Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five
Mile; Township Hardware, 25880 Five Mile;
and at each of the gardens. For information on each garden go www.redfordtwp.
com. The ticket includes a map of the
garden locations. Participants can visit

the gardens in any order and at their own pace. A total of nine gardens will feature a variety of container gardens, perennials, raised beds, vegetable gardens, garden ponds with waterfall, and basically good upscale gardening.

NORTHVILLE WALK

Country Garden Club of
Northville presents its 18th
Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m. to
4 p.m. July 13. Tickets are \$10,
available at Gardenviews, 117 E.
Main, Northville.
On walk day, tickets also will be
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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 1954

A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar aat (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

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

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

REUNION CALENDAR

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 e-mail to hfh-s1971reunion@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

Farmington High School Class of 1961

dnshs40th71@yahoo.com

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., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11,

at Dug<mark>an s 31501 W</mark>oodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-

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.

Garden City West Class of 1981

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (734) 751-2424.

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.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol. com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@

twmi.rr.com. Class of 1981

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

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Make dogs happy by shopping sale, avoiding fireworks

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

Tons of gently-used books, sets of nice dishes and a Barbie house or two can be yours for a fraction of their original price Saturday, July 9, in downtown Plymouth.

Happy Hounds, a doggy day care and boarding business, will fill its parking lot with cast-off treasures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will donate the garage sale proceeds to benefit Last Day Dog Rescue.

"We're a foster for them. We've probably been for two years now," said Nancy Janoch, Happy Hounds owner. "At our last count we had over 100 dogs come through here. They get dogs from kill shelters on their last day, so they often don't have fosters or adoptive homes ready."

Happy Hounds fosters up to three dogs at a time. Stays range from a few days to a few months, depending on how quickly they are adopted. Janoch said the day care has donated funds to Last Day Dog Rescue in the past, but this is the first time she has planned a garage sale to raise the money.

"First of all, we wanted to clean out our closets. And we've been trying to think of events to have while Plymouth has their (downtown) events."

The garage sale will be held during the second day of the annual Plymouth Art in the Park in Kellogg Park and adjacent streets. The rain date



Keep pets safe this Fourth of July.

for the sale is Sunday, July 10. Happy Hounds staff will grill and give away free hot dogs, and will have information available about Last Day Dog

Janoch said Happy Hounds is accepting donations of gently-used items for the sale through Friday, July 8.

Happy Hounds is located at 673 S. Main; (734) 459-DOGS.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Every year animal welfare organizations and veterinary offices caution against taking dogs to fireworks shows and using firecrackers near family

And every year when I attend my favorite July 4 display, I watch people pulling their frightened dogs through the crowd, apparently oblivious to what's going on at the other end of the leash.

At last year's show, I saw a dog limp her way along the sidewalk as her family

searched for the perfect viewing spot. I wondered if the pooch might have stepped on a smoldering sparkler or had its paw trodden on by other pedestrians on the crowded

sidewalk. After the thundering finale, I headed to my car in a stream of spectators and watched a man pull at his cowering dog. He barked at her to keep moving and wondered out loud why she kept stopping and plastering her belly to the ground.

Is it really that hard to figure out?

"When fireworks and other loud noises are going on outside, pets can do some pretty remarkable things to escape," said Terri Mallett, animal behavior specialist, in a press release from the Michigan Humane Society, (MHS).

"That's why having up-todate identification including

tags and a microchip is so important - it's the best way for a lost pet to find their way

Here are a few suggestions from MHS about keeping pets safe over the July 4 holiday weekend:

· Keep pets inside and secure. Frightened animals may jump tall fences, bolt out gates or run through screens in order to "escape."

 Make sure pets have ID! A visible ID tag and license with current information plus a microchip is recom-

mended for all dogs and cats. • If your pet is afraid of the loud noises, confine him in a safe, quiet room and turn on soft music.

• If your dog shows signs of distress, give him a peanut butter-stuffed toy to help distract him and calm his nerves.

TOGETHER

Kordie said he and a neighbor have welcomed 150 party goers at their homes alone, but have since tried to "tone it

"We don't want it to get out of proportion."

PUBLIC INCLUDED

Outsiders isn't an issue with some block parties, such as Old Village Association's annual Halloween themed event in Plymouth.

The group of homeowners and businesses, headed by Shirley Smith, a resident, welcomes the public to its fall block party - which appeals to children with its pumpkin bowling, costumes, balloon twisting and magician — and its summer adult event, Bumpers, Bikes and Bands on July 17, which includes a car and motorcycle show, along with live music and food concessions. Proceeds raised through the neighborhood events help pay for neigh-

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borhood beautification.

"We want to draw people to Old Village for the businesses," Smith said. "We try to figure out what would be the biggest draw. From the resident's standpoint what we hope to do is beautify Old Village. We now have two sets of banners, a winter set and spring set. That is one thing we've done with the

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"quite a few" permit requests every year. Include your name, address, e-mail address, phone number, date/time requested and the street that would be temporarily closed. Include the names of the two cross-streets. Send the request to her at mbrodie@ci.plymouth.mi.us or City Manager's Office, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

• Redford: The city requires a petition signed by all residents affected by the block party. The petition must contain the street to be closed, the date and times, and a contact person for the block party. Fifty-one percent of the residents on the street must agree to the party. There is a \$25 fee. If approved, the affected street may be barricaded until 11 p.m. The police department

reviews applications. "We check for prior block parties and to see if there were any complaints or police runs to them. In the five years I have been approving block parties I have only had an issue arise with one block," said Sgt. Duane Gregg.

· Westland: Kevin Buford,

who heads the city's public ser-

vice department, says residents should write a letter to him, including their the block party date and time, their address and identifying the block they want to close from traffic. "We can't allow people to close down a main road, like Ford, and unfortunately we've had people who wanted to because they live on it," Buford said. He needs at least a week's notice to close a residential street. The city delivers the barricades for the street, but Buford says the person who requests the permit is responsible for them.

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Every penny counts when donating to a good cause.

Anyone can start a charitable foundation - and give more

Charities and nonprofits are looking for financial assistance and volunteers to help out at all times of the year, not just during the holiday season. But for many families, it can be difficult to save money and stay organized about how that money is donated, especially if they make donations throughout the year.

And for those on a tighter budget, there is always the question of "How can I find a way to give more money to charity?'

Accumulating money through a foundation account can help families monitor their charitable giving and also sup-

port causes that might need extra assistance at any time of the year, not just the holiday season.

The website, GiveBack. org, can help individuals and families establish a foundation account for free, and then designate through it where and when donations will be made.

Foundation accounts can accumulate money a few different ways. The account holder can deposit money with a credit card or set up an automatic withdrawal from paychecks. An easy, fun way is to accumulate money while shopping.

At GiveBack.org more than



450 retail partners will contribute a percentage of online purchases (between 2 to 15 percent) to foundations. And through a new 100 Days of Giving campaign that ends July 17, all cash back amounts going into an individual's foundation account will be doubled. Separately, select retailers will double, triple or quadruple the normal percentage of purchases made. Some of these select retailers include Nike, Apple, Bloomingdale's, Macy's and Barnes & Noble.

"For many, balancing the checkbook at home means balancing housing payments, food prices and purchasing gas for

the car," says Stephen Paletta, founder of GiveBack.org and winner of Oprah's Big Give television show. "It's tough to squeeze together dimes and quarters to give to the charities you love and support. But now your favorite retailers will be donating a percentage of the online purchases you'd be making anyway to those charities through your foundation."

Additional benefits to setting up you own GiveBack foundation include:

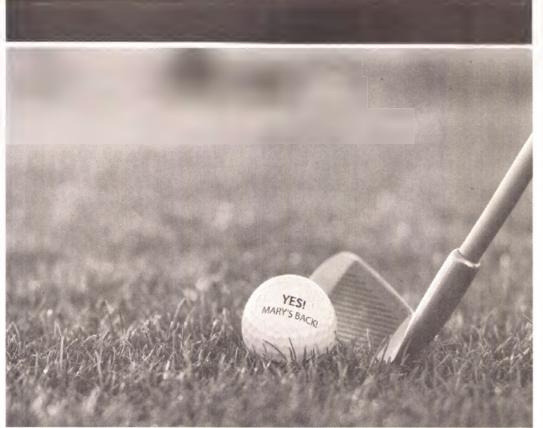
• There are more than 1.5 million charities registered with 501(c)3 numbers, and you can find and review them by topic or geographic location at

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· Keeping records won't be an issue any longer because donations made through your foundation are available for review at all times, especially when it comes to tax season.

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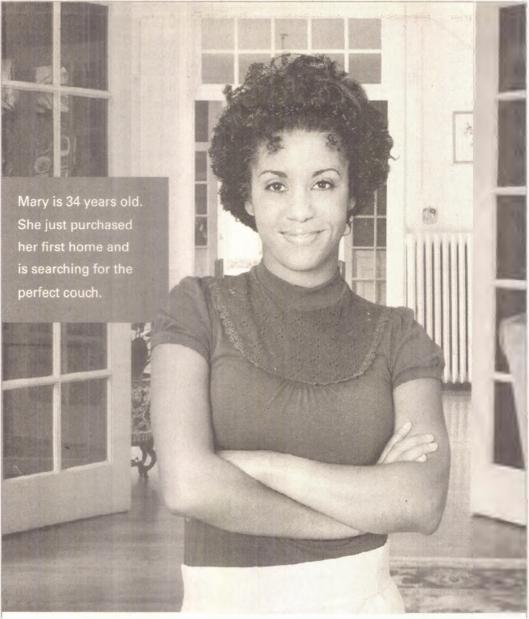
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60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ron and Dollie (Juengel) Lieberman celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with their immediate family on Sunday, June 12, at Fox Hills Banquet Center.

They were married June 30, 1951 at St. Brigid's Church in Detroit and now reside in Canton.

They have six children:

John (Nikki), Carol, Thomas (Susan), Paul (Deborah), Gail (Daryl), Sandra (Michael) and 12 grandchildren; Michael (Jamie), Joseph (Sarah), Cory (Amber), Erin, Melanie, Darik (Lisa), Timothy, Edward, Michele, Rachel, Jacob, Bryan, and one great-granddaughter; Cerina.



Ron and Dollie Lieberman of Canton

60-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Charles Edmond and Bernadine T. (Beil) Paquette celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 30. The couple wed in 1951 at St. Julianna Parish in Detroit.

The Paquettes moved from St. **Clair Shores** to Livonia in 1969, where they raised three children, Charles Keith Paquette, Rosemarie Ann Vincent and Sandra Delores Haffey. They have one grandson, Jacob Joseph Haffey. Charles retired 17 years ago from careers at DeVilbiss and Myr Industries. He is a Civil War buff and a handyman. Bernadine, a homemaker, has been an avid gar-

worker. Both enjoy spending time with their grandson.

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Charles and Bernadine Paquette of Livonia.



Bernadine Paquette is escorted down the aisle by her father on her wedding day, June 30, 1951.

WINTER WEDDING PLANNED



Matthews-Hunt

Heather Matthews and Joshua Hunt announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kim Reeves Matthews of Livonia, is employed at Harman International in Farmington Hills

Her fiance, son of the late Sue Fuller, is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed at Lean Logistics, in Holland.

A winter 2012 wedding is planned in Holland.

Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Guest speaker

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, July 3 **Location**: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Details: Bernard Gaulier takes over the pulpit for a sermon on "Churches, Patriotism and the American Flag" during Sunday service

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard N. Lupovitch teaches a summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah." Each lecture will be self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$50 for the series or \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Topics are "The World of Esther and Mordechai" on July 6; "Jews in Shi'ite Society," on July 13; "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Also may pre-register by calling the office and pay at the door

JULY 7-13

ENDI)W

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug.

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 Women. Atmosphere is prayerful, but relaxed. Cost is \$60. Scholarships are available Contact: Register at (303) 715-3224 or at

Guest speaker

Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 10 Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Details: Ben Gabel takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Island of Misfit Toys" during Sunday

Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9 and 16 and Wednesday, July 13 **Location**: Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

and recent graduate with a master's University. No cost, but a free will donation will be accepted. Register by phone Contact: (248) 446-9176

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BACK, RONALD SCOTT

Went to be with the Lord, June 23, 2011. Beloved father of Holly & Lisa. He was proceeded in death by his loving wife, Roberta and parents Marion and Gordon Back. Survived by many who loved him dearly. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Livonia at 11:00am on Saturday, July 2nd.

FISHER, HELEN

Age 81 June 27, 2011 of Garden City. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. 734-326-1300 vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FLOOD, CYNTHIA Age 52, June 29, of Livonia. Beloved Daughter of Donald and Norma Flood. Dear Mother of Michael Pohutsky and Mark Pohutsky. Loving Sister of Lynda (Timothy) Smith.
Dearest aunt of Kelley Smith and Karey Smith. Cynthia obtained an associate degree and a bachelor degree in business administration. She was a proud certified Braille transcriber. She also enjoyed contributing her time to the seedlings organization. Memorial Contributions can be directed towards Angela Hospice Center and Grace Lutheran Church. Memorial Service Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River Ave. Redford, MI. Arrangements in the care of Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

GYDE, ONALEE

June 26, 2011, age 93, of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Kenneth. Beloved mother of Patsy (George) Alver, David (Joyce), and the late Sally (Frank) Busha. Proud grandmother of Sue (Richard) Hoy, Jim (Lori) Busha, Pam (Dave) Pedlow, Julie (Greg) Flanders, Mike (Diana) Alver, and the late Janet Breland. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Kinyon Cemetery, Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



HARMON, MARYELLEN,

Educator and race relations consultant, died Saturday, June 18 at the age of 87. She ministered in education for more than 50 years. Sister Harmon served as Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit for a number of years. Following her tenure as Superintendent, Sister Harmon taught at the University of Detroit and Madonna University. A memorial service will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 1, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. For more information, please visit www.rscj.org/node/1644.



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HILLSTROM, ELVA R. JUNE 26, 2011

Born on February 26, 1927 to the late Henry and Edith Kahler in Lake Linden, Michigan. She graduated from Lake Linden High School in 1945. She moved to Detroit in 1950 and to Farmington in 1978. Elva was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. She is survived by her brother, Don (Shirley) Kahler of Chassell, Michigan and her sister Mae Toutaut of Laurium, Michigan. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6th at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Rev. Carolyn Wik officiating. Memorials may be directed to the church.

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KARAGEOZIAN, LUCILLE U.

Age 80 of Livonia. Cherished wife of George. Loving mother of Valerie and Greg (Diane). Proud grandma of Tava, Mara and Ani. Dearest sister of Sonia Toundaian and sister-in-law to Margaret Benian and Joyce Obenhoff. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Wednesday 3-9pm. Funeral Service Thursday 11am at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Therapeutic Riders, Inc and/or Old Village School.

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KIRKLAND, BARBARA L. Age 61, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away June 29, 2011. Arrangements by Tha Funeral Home, Farmington. by Thayer-Rock

LITTLE, BEVERLY M. Age 68, of Farmington, MI. Passed away June 24, 2011. Arrangements Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



MAGEE, ELLIS L. JR. "FRED"

June 27, 2011 age 87 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Lucienne. Loving father of Robert (Jeanne) Carol McMichael, David (Lori), Sandra (Leo) Bitting, and Mark (Mary). Proud grandpa of eight and great-grandpa of four. Dear brother of Joyce Skoglund. Fred was retired from Ford Motor Company after 40 years of service. He also honorably served in the US Army during World War II. Long-time member of WWCCA (Western Wayne County Conservation Association). Visitation Friday 3 PM until the 7 PM funeral service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck)

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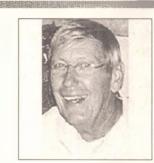
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NOWAK, JOHN

Age 70 of Westland. Cherished husband of Nancy. Loving father of John Jr. (Scott Klein), Larry, and Terry. Proud grandpa of Devin, Travis, Ashley, Arlene, Jennifer and Marisa. Special uncle of Marie and Tracy and Great Uncle of Mckenzie. Dear brother of Norman and brother-in-law to Dorothy (Dot). Preceded in death by his siblings George, Millie, and Jane. Visitation Tuesday from 3-9pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan) Livonia. Funeral Service Wednesday 10:30am at Fred Wood Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Operation Good Cheer c/o Child and Family Services 2157 University Park Drive Okemos, MI 48864. Please share condolences at

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OSBORNE, JOHN B. JR. Died March

Although born in Indiana in

1932, he grew up in the Detroit area and spent most of his life in Michigan. He and his wife of 46 years, Gretchen, left their home in Bloomfield Township, MI, and moved to Sherman Hills, near Brooksville, FL, in 2002. It was an opportunity to be near their son and to live on a golf course. John served three years in the U.S. Air Force and was a graduate of Michigan State University. He was employed by General Motors Corp., Buick Motor Division, for 31 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, John III of St. Petersburg, FL; his daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Markus Heiss; and granddaughter, Anna, all of London, England. He was also survived by his sister, Mary Jane Osborne Teaze, who died April 13, 2011, and her children, Molly Barnett and Daniel Teaze, survive him. John was generous with both his love and his time. Involvement in his children's lives included coaching in Little League and Connie Mack baseball for many years. He encouraged respect for the game and for each other. Although golf was John's favorite pastime, he also enjoyed reading (especially history) and gardening. He loved his M.S.U. Spartans and remained a lifelong supporter of the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings. His family and his many friends, especially in Florida and Michigan, will remember him as a positive, enthusiastic and caring man. He truly lived each day with joy and will be missed always. Friends and neighbors were invited to his home to celebrate a life well lived. As was John's wish, his cremated remains will be interred privately in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Fla. Donations in his memory would be gratefully accepted at either of the following, Moffitt Foundation, P.O. Box

SHELL, CLARENCE

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Age 64, June 28, 2011 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Frances. Loving father of Robert (Theresa), Lowanda, Carlen Holbrook, Tina Wisniewski, Julian Shell and the late Jami Holbrook. 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service Saturday 10 AM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM. Please share a memory of Clarence at www.rggrharris.com



"BILLIE"

Passed away March 5, 2011. Born June 22, 1961, son of Louis L. Zachos (deceased) and Margaret (Cecil) Zachos (deceased). Grandson of Aristotle "Harry" Zachos (deceased) and Victoria (Mager) Zachos (deceased). Grandson of Edward Cecil (deceased) and Justine (Comstock) Cecil (deceased). Dear brother of Susan (Zachos) Adams, Louis E. Zachos (deceased), and Christopher Brother-in-law of Dennis Zachos. Adams and Alesia (Warren) Zachos (deceased). Uncle of Jeremy Adams, Amanda (Zachos) Watson, Katie (Zachos) Brown, Justine Zachos and Nicholas Zachos. Husband (separated) of Debra (Lambert) Zachos and stepfather of John and Heather (children of Debra). Memorial to be held July 9, 2011 at a private residence. Please call (313) 532-6539 for further details.

May peace be with you in this time of Jorrow.



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Pack a healthful, safe picnic cooler this holiday weekend

Tonia Reinhard, director of Wayne State University's Coordinated Program in Dietetics in the Department of Nutrition & Food Science, says it takes only a few minor adjustments in food choices to keep July 4 picnic safe.

Food pathogens - microorganisms that make people sick generally like room or warm temperatures, low acid, water, nutritious foods and the time to multiply. To prevent microorganisms, Reinhard offers the following tips:

· Use iced coolers, check ice periodically; consider replacing ice during picnic if the temperature is high.

· Pack the cooler carefully, with most highly perishables closest to ice and farthest from

 Avoid bringing certain types of foods if they'll not be consumed almost immediate-

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and the time to multiply.

ly. These foods include meat, ground meat (especially burger patties) and mixed salads that contain meat and/or eggs.

· Plan to only bring what you will eat at the picnic; don't plan to bring home leftovers, especially meats and other entrees.

 Myth about mayonnaise: Mayonnaise is actually high in acid, so it keeps bacteria at bay. However, the foods it is typically used in, such as eggbased potato salad and macaroni salad, contain ingredients that are highly perishable, making them more susceptible to food pathogens.

Reinhard offers these suggestions for healthful picnic

 Quick finger foods (such as chips and candy) are poor

choices. Counter these with: · Lots of raw, well-washed cut vegetables. Be careful with dips, though, and keep them near the ice

• Fruits and fruit salads; -Berries - mix red, blue

 Hard cheeses · Chopped vegetable salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing

 Whole grain pasta salad with vinegar oil dressing · Whole grain pitas or tor-

• Baked goods, such as brownies, made with mashed black beans as one ingredient.



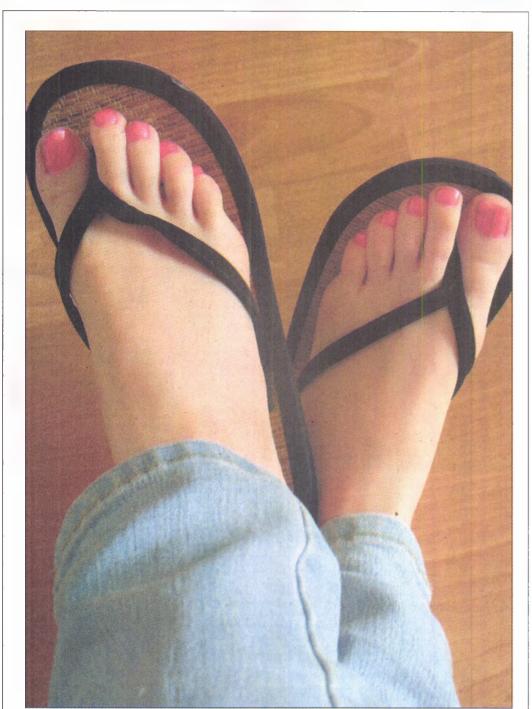
The annual Stroke Retreat for stroke survivors, caregivers and family members, sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, is looking for

Physicians, nurses, technicians, therapists and lay persons with special skills are needed to work with stroke survivors at the annual Stroke Retreat, July 22-24, at YWCA Camp Cavell, in Lexington.

Volunteers provide assistance so that stroke survivors and families can have a care-free mini-vacation while having their needs met in a structured camp environment.

Volunteers receive two nights lodging and meals from Friday dinner to Sunday brunch at no cost. For further information, call Sheila Daley at (313) 916-8884 or visit www.henryford. com/strokeretreat.

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Keep nails manicured and clean during sandal season.

Beware! Consider safety while at the nail salon

The heat is on and pedicure season has begun as sandals and flip flops make their way out of the closet and onto beautifully manicured feet.

Unfortunately, not all pedicure facilities offer clean and proper foot care and infections and other foot ailments may arise. The Michigan Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) wants to make sure you keep the following advice in mind as you select a salon for a pedicure:

• Make sure that the instruments used are clean and sterilized. Ask the technician which cleaning procedure they use as well as the frequency of cleaning.

· Soaking in alcohol is not an approved sterilization.

• Sterilization — rather than disinfecting — is the best method. This can be done by using a cleaning agent such as hospital bactericide, fungicide or viricide. Instruments can be sterilized in an autoclave or ultrasonic machine.

 Make sure the instruments are sterilized after each use. You may consider bringing your own tools — nail nipper, cuticle nipper, cuticle pusher and curette cleaner

 Make sure foot tubs or basins are drained after performing a pedicure to get rid of all the bacteria present. Once all the water is removed, the inside of the tub should be wiped down with an antibacterial

 Make sure technician's hands are clean. The nail technician should wash their hands in between clients. If they don't, request that they do or that they wear gloves.

 If you are diabetic, pedicures are not advised. Visit your doctor before receiving a pedicure to identify any potential risks. • Do not allow aggressive cleaning. Nails

should be cut straight with rounded edges. If bleeding of calluses occurs, see your

· Discolored or sickly nails should be treated.

Because polish hides the nails from the sun and can foster fungus, you may want to limit the use of polish to special occasions. However, keeping your feet clean, nails trimmed and moisturized for summer sandal wearing is recommended.

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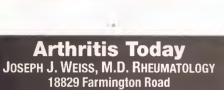


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The person finds it nearly impossible to dress, walk across a room, prepare breakfast or start out of the house before noon. Usually with difficulty it is possible to complete a few chores such as grocery shopping or picking up clothes from the cleaners. However, by 4-5 p.m. the stiffness becomes intense again and the person hereby barely has enough mobility to make supper and get to bed.

Physicians are quick to pick up on Polymyalgia because the features of sudden onset, extreme stiffness not accompanied by pain or weakness and the pattern of stiffness, partial recovery followed by return of stiffness, are characteristic of polymyalgia and no other condition. The other feature of Polymyalgia is its clustering in people age 70-age

Treatment is prednisone; a small amount 10 mgm-15 mgm/day suffices to reverse the

stiffness within a week. Thereafter, the doctor decreases the steroid every 2 weeks until the person is off the medication completely. At times the individual believes that because of feeling stiffness again, particularly in the morning, the Polymyalgia has returned. The reoccurrence of Polymyalgia is rare; in my medical practice, I am not convinced I have ever seen it. What is far more common

is that the illness has caused the individual to get out of shape. The person is, in medical jargon, deconditioned. The treatment is not a return to prednisone but a start on regular

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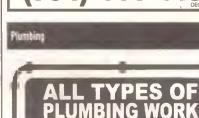
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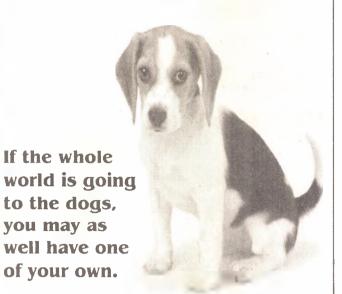


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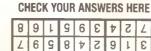
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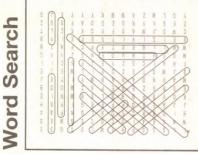
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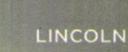
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