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Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with The Plymouth Community United Way, offers an evening for children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died.

The event takes place 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Creatopia, 924 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15. The children's Subway meals will be paid for by New Hope, thanks to a donation from the Plymouth United Way

For more information or to register, call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

Camp Backpack

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth sponsors "Camp Backpack," a half-day grief camp 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 for Catholic children grades K-6 who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The camp's activities will help them express their feelings in a safe, supportive environment and among other children who are faced with some of the same challenges grief can bring. The camp is run by Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization founded by Sandy and John O'Shaughnessy, whose mission is to bring hope and healing to grieving Catholics.

The \$10 cost will be collected at the door; e-mail an RSVP goodmourningministry@hotmail.com with your child's name and grade. OLGC School is located at 1151 William in Plymouth.

For more information, visit www.goodmourningministry.net.

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Bistro plans move amid bankruptcy, foreclosure

A GANNETT COMPANY

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A restaurant in Plymouth's Old Village is apparently relocating to Plymouth Township in the midst of its current landlord's financial problems — and its own.

Jeff Lindsey, who with brother Jay runs Amici Italian Bistro on North Mill, said Thursday the restaurant will be moving in August to the strip mall at Sheldon Road and Five Mile, where a Busch's supermarket is the

But Cliff Engerer, who owns the property on Mill, said the Lindseys haven't paid their \$1,500 monthly rent for going on six months, except for a partial February payment of about \$200. Engerer tried to evict the restaurateurs through 35th District Court, but the process was halted in June by a Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection filing by Jeff Lindsey.

Meanwhile, police in Plymouth are investigating several incidents of vandalism at Amici that were reported in recent weeks. Police Chief Al Cox said the damage included spray paint on the walls, cut power lines and a broken window. Cox said evidence collected at the restaurant is being processed at the Michigan State Police crime laboratory.

Because he hasn't been getting rent from the Lindseys, Engerer said, he hasn't been able to pay his mortgage for several months, and he's behind on property taxes. "I'm behind on everything," he said, including a city water bill of more than \$600.

County records indicate Engerer owes \$16,062 in taxes, interest and fees and that the property has been forfeited by the county. Engerer said he works as a flight attendant. Keith Owens, spokesman for county



Amici, currently located in Old Village at Mill and Liberty Streets, plans a move to the strip mall at Five Mile and Sheldon.

Please see BISTRO, A2



Civil War re-enactor Pvt. Guy Purdue "swears in" a group of visiting schoolboys at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Purdue will be in character on Saturday, Aug. 13, for the museum's first History Kids Kamp, which will teach campers about the Civil War era.

Taking a look back

Plymouth history camp to give kids a look at Civil War days

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Children can try hardtack, make a cockade, learn to march and hear about Civil War days from local Union Army reenactors next month at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The museum on Main Street is sponsoring its first History Kids Kamp, for children ages 6 to 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. The camp is designed as a fun way to acquaint children with the Civil War era and will focus on what life was like for soldiers and civilians during that time, rather than on the details of battles, said Leslie Ryder, the museum's education coordinator.

History Kids Kamp is one of the ways the museum is marking the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, which began in April 1861.

"We wanted to spark a learning of the Civil War," said Ryder. "There were a lot of people from Plymouth who were in the war, who lost their lives.

Participants will be able to look at the museum's biographies of area men who fought in the



Visiting schoolchildren listen to "Chaplain" Mike Gillett, a Civil War re-enactor (and an ordained minister in real life) at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Gillett will bring his chaplain character to the museum on Saturday, Aug. 13, for the History Kids Kamp. Standing, in civilian clothes, is Steve Morgan.

war, who were part of Company C of the 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment. "They can look at them and see if they have that name," Ryder said.

Campers will also get to speak with reenactors Mike Gillett and Guy Purdue, who will be in uniform, and in character, for the day.

"I'll have my tent pitched out front and, of course, I'll have my uniform on," said Gillett, who plays an Army chaplain (and who is a semi-retired minister in real life).

Please see CIVIL WAR, A2

Township auditors deliver glowing picture

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The opinion on Plymouth Township's 2010 finances is unqualified — and that's a good thing. That opinion, announced Tuesday at the township Board of Trustees meeting, was from auditor Martin Olineck of the accounting firm Plante & Moran, and means auditors endorse without hesitation the township's

financial health and bookkeeping practices. "The financial situation in Plymouth Township is very good," said Treasurer Ron Edwards on Friday, reacting to the audit.

"We've been able to live within our means." The township, reacting to the recession earlier than other communities, has been taking steps since late 2008 to cut costs, Edwards said.

The township spent nearly \$12.8 million through its general fund last year, the audit shows, and was able to add slightly to its fund balance, which at the end of 2010 stood at about \$3.1 million, the audit said.

In addition to the general fund, the township has several other funds, the largest of which is the water and sewer fund of about \$12 million, most of which comes from the sale of water and sewer service and is used to buy water and sewage treatment.

Olineck, joined by another auditor, Joe Heffernan, did offer a few caveats in their glowing audit report: property tax revenue, down in recent years because of the decline in property values, will continue to drop, and the departure of the city of Plymouth from the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which serves both communities, will mean a loss of about \$1 million next year and must be met with commensurate budget cuts.

A reorganization of the fire department has been under discussion for several months, and firefighters have offered alternative plans for contract concessions and ways to increase department revenue.

The audit shows that nearly \$7.57 million, or 56 percent, of general-fund revenue comes from property taxes, and Olineck said that is anticipated to drop to about \$7.15 million for this year and rise by \$100,000 for 2012.

Heffernan added that, even when property values stabilize, the township's financial planners should get accustomed to a drop in property-tax revenue of 25 percent to 30 percent from previous highs. In 2008, before the decline in values was completely felt in the housing market, the township took in more than \$8 million in property taxes.

In addition, Heffernan said, state statutory revenue sharing has essentially been scrapped, and replaced with a competitive aid system that will reward communities based on their transparency to the public, their adoption of so-called best practices, and their ability to share services and purchasing with other communities

Edwards says the problems outlined by the

auditors are covered. "Do we think we're on the right track?

Definitely," he said.

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Treasurer Raymond Woijtowicz, said the bankruptcy filing by tenant Jeff Lindsey doesn't affect the county's ability to move ahead with a tax foreclosure. The property will be going to auction in September unless taxes are paid in full, Owens said.

REDEEMING PROPERTY

Engerer said he is going to do what he can to pay the back taxes and redeem the property.

"I put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into it," he said. "It didn't look like that when I bought it." He had tried, before Amici moved in, to run his own sandwich shop there but couldn't make a go of it, Engerer said.

Engerer said that, since Amici has remained open, the Lindseys are taking in money and they in turn should pay some rent.

"I tried to work with them. I said, 'Give me half the rent.' They gave me nothing," he said.

Jeff Lindsey declined to discuss details of the dispute, saying only that he filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection and that the lease at Amici is in his name.

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"We've had everything legally within the system," he said. Engerer will get back rent, Lindsey said, but he added: "I'm under no obligation to do anything for him, to be hon-

'WE'RE OUT OF HERE'

Amici opened in November of 2009. "We're going to wind up these two weeks and then we're out of here," Lindsey

Documents in Jeff Lindsey's bankruptcy file indicate he has debts of nearly \$336,000 and assets of less than \$50,000. The debts include \$180,549 in federal taxes, \$17,367 in Michigan taxes, and more than \$15,000 in child support.

Engerer is listed in the filing as an unsecured creditor to whom Jeff Lindsey owes \$4,600. Engerer says the amount is greater.

Engerer also owns a neigh-

boring property on Mill, the site of the Presbyterian Thrift Shop. County records indicate that \$11,520 in taxes, interest and fees are owed on that property, which is also on the forfeiture list.

The Plymouth City Commission on Monday considered a plan to buy the Amici site from the county for taxes, raze the structure and use the site as a parking lot for the increasingly popular Old Village neighborhood.

However, Old Village residents who spoke at the meeting, after a closed-door commission session, were either against the plan or had mixed views on it, and the commission took no action.

"I'd really hate to see that place go away. It is kind of nice looking," Mark Oppat, a neighborhood history buff who has restored several houses, told the commission.

Oppat said the structure dates from the 1840s, is one of the oldest houses in Plymouth and was home to several prominent citizens.

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"We're going to do what the said.

Ryder said the hope is the museum can make History Kids Kamp an annual event, with a different historical focus each year.

The History Kids Kamp is for children 6 to 12 (children under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult) and the cost is \$25 per camper. Buy tickets at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 South Main, Plymouth, or through the museum's website, www.plymouthhistory.org, using Paypal. See the webtie for museum hours. The ticket price

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announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

"Around Plymouth" is designed to

Crafters wanted Date/Time: Oct. 15

Location: West Middle School in

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

hotmail.com Northville grub

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 26, 6-10 p.m. Location: Downtown Northville

Details: The Northville Chamber presents the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl, where 10 restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entree items along with cash bar specials. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Free shuttle transportation, grand prize drawing for barbecue gas grill. Tickets are \$30. Contact: The Northville Chamber of

Commerce.at www.northville.org.

Rockettes golf Date/Time: Aug. 7

Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth **Details:** The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

Contact: To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

Tea and fashion

AROUND PLYMOUTH



Pom excellence

At the 2011 Mid-American Summer Pompon Camp held at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, the Canton Varsity Chiefettes received first place in Original, first place in Kick line and first place in Speed Learning, which earned them a Grand Champions Award.

Location: Edsel and Eleanor house, Grosse Pointe Shores

Details: Divine Power Ministries, Sisters With Heeling Power is hosting their third annual Tea & Fashion Show at the Edsel and Eleanor house in Grosse Pointe Shores. The speaker will be Molly MacDonald, the Founder and President of The Pink Fund, a Detroitbased organization that helps women and men suffering from breast cancer to focus on healing by providing shortterm financial aid during their period of active treatment and recovery. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Contact: Bishop-Elect Dr. Andrea Calvert at eliseb12ac@gmail.com or (313) 963-2361.**Grief support**

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton **Details**: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a Date/Time: Sunday, July 24, 3-6 p.m. loved one. The goal of the group is

to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge. Contact: Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice

983-9050. Good Grief golf

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 10, 10

Bereavement Coordinator, (888)

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.

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Gillett, a reenactor for about eight years, said his intent is to "give them a taste of history that they wouldn't get out of history book" and explain that people in the Civil War era were real people.

"They had the same dreams and hopes and fears as everyone else," he said.

Civil war chaplains, Gillett said, not only took care of soldiers' religious needs but acted as counselors and parents to many soldiers who were away from home for the first time.

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They even wrote letters home, or read letters to soldiers, for those who couldn't read or write, he said.

Campers will also do chores of the period, like scrubbing socks on a washboard and beating the rugs, and will also learn Morse code and military marching basics. There will be a section on the Underground Railroad, which helped many slaves to freedom, and a scavenger hunt for museum items.

Hardtack, the tough, dry biscuits that were a staple of soldiers' diets, will be on hand, and craft time will include making cockades, badges with ribbons that were a part of military uniforms.

kids would think is fun," Ryder

will go to \$30 next month.

Bank of Ann Arbor bringing jobs to local branch

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The staff at the Bank of Ann Arbor location in Plymouth Township will double in size next month when the bank's wholesale mortgage division relocates there from Madison Heights.

The move of the 25 jobs was nnounced jointly Friday by Tim Marshall, Bank of Ann

Arbor's president and chief executive officer, and township Supervisor Richard Reaume.

Marshall said the bank has had a good reception in the Plymouth area since acquiring the former New Liberty Bank in May of 2010.

"We see an opportunity for further expansion," said Marshall. "We hope that this is just a start and we'll continue

to add jobs as we go forward." Marshall said the wholesale

mortgage division will be relocating to the second floor of the Bank of Ann Arbor branch on Ann Arbor Road and that the move is expected to be completed by the end of August.

The wholesale mortgage division, Marshall said, services lenders and brokers in the secondary mortgage

market who don't have direct connections with mortgage buyers, and also originates, processes and underwrites mortgages for other lenders. Bank of Ann Arbor originated more than \$600 million worth of mortgages in 2010, he said, between the wholesale and the retail markets.

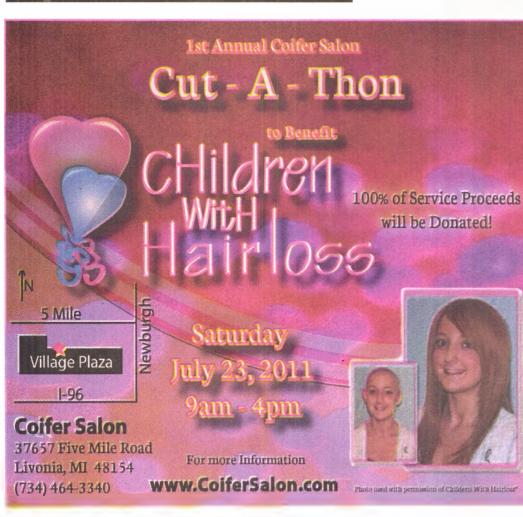
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Diners crawl for annual chamber fundraiser

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Domenic Tassielli has been around for all 10 Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawls, and knows full well the benefits of taking part.

Jason Schwedt is getting into it for the first time, and he's just hoping Tassielli is right

Both men will have their restaurant — Tassielli's The Crow's Nest and Schwedt's Hayden's Grill and Bar — represented when the chamber hosts its 10th annual Grub Crawl Tuesday night at a variety of restaurants around the township.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. In past years, there has been participation from about 13 restau-

FINE DINING

What: Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl When: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 Where: 14 different restaurants around Canton Township Why: The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as

promote Canton's diversity while having fun How much: \$35 tickets (T-shirts) available through the Canton Chamber of Commerce Details: Call the chamber at

(734) 453-4040 or visit www.

cantonchamber.com

rants in the community. This year's lineup will be similar with a few new additions.

It'll be the 10th straight for Tassielli, who plans to serve pierogis with grilled onions,



Dave Wisniewski and Chris Pappas were a couple of party guys at The Crow's Nest during last year's Canton Chamber of Commerce grub crawl. This year's crawl is set for Tuesday from 6-10 p.m.

antipasta salad, sweet-potato fries and fried pickles. It's a menu he hopes will show grub crawlers, particularly those who've never been to The

Crow's Nest, how good the food can be.

"It gives us a chance to draw some new people in here," Tassielli said. "We have very good food here, and some people still don't even know we're here."

It's the same obstacle Schwedt hopes to overcome at Hayden's Grill and Bar. The eatery opened in September 2010, and Schwedt hopes the restaurant's first shot at the Grub Crawl brings in a new set of customers.

Schwedt isn't divulging much of his menu, other than to say he'll "definitely put out some spinach dip and some jalapeno dip."

"I think we're the new kid on the block, and we want to get exposure," said Schwedt, Hayden's general manager. "We want our neighbors to see who we are and what we are,

what we're all about."
Chamber officials hope there
will be plenty of "neighbors"
taking part. According to chamber President Tracey Rettig,

and get an opportunity to see

more than 500 people attended the event, which uses T-shirts as tickets (they cost \$35 each). Rettig won't say how many people she hopes to have participating, but she did acknowledge the chamber has gone through three orders of T-shirts.

"I think it's fun because people get together and go as groups," Rettig said. "They all have their favorite restaurants and their favorite haunts. We have many groups who look forward to riding the buses, and we have groups who have rented limos, so they really do it up. A lot of people like to make it a night out."

The chamber has added a second bus route for crawlers who want to ride the buses to the various participating restaurants (there's a route map on the website at www.canton-chamber.com).

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Grant supports second vets' educational summit

For the second consecutive year, the Canton Community Foundation has received a grant to sponsor a September educational forum for veterans and legal advocates.

Awarded by the Holbrook Charitable Trust, the grant enables the foundation to again host the popular twoday workshop Sept. 14-15 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The forum targets veteran advocates who work with veterans to obtain benefits, as well as veterans and their families to learn about the VA's programs.

The 2010 summit narrowed the gap in Michigan's lack of continuing legal education required of veteran advocates to maintain accreditation to work with the VA. The event drew more than 30 veteran and legal advocates and more than 150 veterans and family members.

"The grant recognizes the

valuable resource this CCF program is to the veterans' community in Wayne County and the surrounding communities," said CCF board member and attorney Jim Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn LLP and Legal Help for Veterans PLLC in Northville.

The grant receipt is timely as awareness grows about Michigan's lower ranking among all states for the number of veterans receiving benefits, said Michael Harris, executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America. The Senior Alliance of Wayne County has also recently discussed the state's lower ranking. "We are trying to make veterans aware of the benefits," said Harris, a Senior Alliance board member.

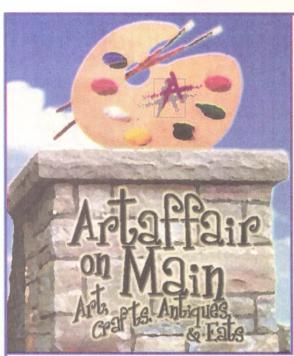
CCF's upcoming program will target the approximately 350,000 veterans who live in metropolitan Detroit and the close to 150 attorneys and

Veterans Service Officers who work with veterans. As with the 2010 seminar, the first day of the event will be devoted to the professionals. The second day will focus on the benefits for which veterans and their families may be eligible.

"We are excited to again sponsor this event," said Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks. "We've had a number of veterans asking if we would put on a similar workshop this year. We are urging veterans to save the date and attend this very useful and informational educational forum."

In 2010, veterans from as far away as Lansing and Port Huron attended the program. This year, it will again be open to all veterans whether or not they live in Wayne County, Noricks added.

For more information, contact CCF at 734-495-1200 or info@cantonfoundation.org.



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Deadline nears for school election

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton residents considering a run for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education now have less than a month to decide

With the Aug. 16 deadline approaching, current trustee Nancy Eggenberger is the only incumbent to announce a decision about seeking re-election. Other incumbents up for re-election include current board president John Jackson, vice president Dianne Gonzalez

and trustee Steven Sneideman.

"A lot has happened the last four years," Eggenberger said. "I think the history and the knowledge I've gained from being on the board is something that's essential in moving forward." Plymouth City

Commissioner John Barrett, a 40-year educator who retired in 2009 after 11 years as the principal at Farmington High School, is also running.

Barrett is the City Commission's liaison to the school board — a role he pioneered — and said a district workshop last summer, in which participants discussed their vision for the district's future, motivated him to get re-involved in education.

Another candidate who said she's running is Stephanie Goecke, a Plymouth resident with two children in the district. Goecke has been active in a group of concerned citizens who formed in the wake of the decision not to renew the contract of former superintendent Craig Fiegel.

John Nichols, who has run in previous elections and was an outspoken parent of a Fiegel Elementary School student during the debate over whether to close that school, hasn't announced for certain he's running, but he does have a Facebook page, "John Nichols for PCCS school board."

Petitions and affidavits are due Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 4 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty in Plymouth. Forty valid signatures are required for a person to be placed on the ballot. Petitions can be obtained at either the Plymouth or Canton Township offices.

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Local student gets bite of dentist's scholarship

Bright Side Dental — a local Detroit-based dentist — awarded two Michigan students with \$500 scholarships that can be applied toward college expenses.

Sarah Lewan of Royal
Oak High School and
Hannah Glodich of Salem
High School in Canton each
received a \$500 scholarship
and a dental care package
which included a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and
mouthwash.

"We are very proud to award these two students with scholarships. The decision was extremely difficult as all student essays were well-written and informative," said Josh Gershonowicz, Vice President of Public Relations & Marketing for Bright Side Dental. "We wish Sarah the best of luck at Saginaw Valley and Hannah at Columbia College in Chicago."

The Bright Future

Scholarship Program was established to assist deserving high school students in obtaining a college education.

Bright Side Dental received more than 60 essays from seniors living within the Bright Side Dental service areas of Sterling Heights, Royal Oak, Livonia, and Canton.

Students had to be a graduating senior with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher and be involved in extracurricular activities. Students had to live within the Bright Side Dental service areas and each applicant was required to complete a one page essay in response to the topic: Explain the importance of maintaining good dental hygiene and how poor dental hygiene can affect.your overall health.

Essays were judged by a panel of dental health experts.

Plymouth student gets Community Choice award

For the third consecutive year, Community Choice Credit Union stepped up during the most difficult and uncertain of economic times to support students pursuing their college careers, by providing \$100,000 in scholarships for the 2011-12 school year.

A total of 20 area high school students from across Southeast Michigan recently received \$5,000 each to use toward college costs.

Among them was Erin Roney, a Plymouth resident who attended Ladywood High School in Livonia.

The primary focus for the scholarship program is to reward Michigan's best and brightest students' for their commitment to Michigan. Scholarship recipients must first attend a Michigan college, and then select a career that will enrich the state, our com-

munities and/or a Michigan industry.

To be eligible, students were required to graduate with at least a 3.0 grade point average from high schools within the Community Choice charter counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. In addition, students must be accepted into an accredited community college, college, or university in the state of Michigan, pursuing an Associates or Bachelors Degree.

The Foundation committee received more than 270 applications. The Community Choice Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. In the prior two years, the Foundation awarded \$205,000 in scholarships to 41 Southeast Michigan students. They are now pursuing their higher education at Michigan colleges and giving back to their communities.



Plymouth resident Erin Roney with Gary Klotz, chairman of the board for Community Choice.

Academy tops charters in MEAP scores

Canton Charter Academy, a tuition-free public charter school, achieved the highest performance ranking in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests out of all the state's charter schools.

The school earned an overall proficiency of 94.6 percent, placing them first among all public charter schools in Michigan as well as the top performing public school district. The school also received a special tribute from

Gov. Rick Snyder, Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), and Sen. Patrick Colbeck, (R-Canton), congratulating them on their accomplishment.

"The Canton Charter Academy school community is dedicated to academic excellence and our MEAP scores are the result of that," said Cathy Henkenberns, principal.

For more information about Canton Charter Academy, please visit www.canton.heritageacademies.com.

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KIDZ Kamp gives grieving children new hope

CORRESPONDENT

KIDZ Kamp went so well last year that the New Hope Center is bringing it back again this summer with various activities highlighting the two days of fun and learning.

Last August, New Hope held a camp for kids ages 4-12 with arts and crafts and the big project - a memorial garden created with rocks the kids painted in honor of the loved ones they have lost.

"It's a way for them to get together with other kids and enjoy themselves, but we also make time to help them and talk about any grief they may be feeling," said Elaine Dzwonkowski, KIDZ Group coordinator, of the camp experience.

The goal of this support organization is to help the children understand and work through the grief they've experienced after losing a parent or other significant adult in their life. The center has been providing this important service for a decade after it was founded by Cathy Clough.

Dzwonkowski said the caring work of the four-person staff combined with the support of the community has made this organization last.

"New Hope has had all types of volunteers, from college students to community members, who have helped us out. We would not be able to do a lot of things without their help," Dzwonkowski said.

Located at 315 Griswold St. in Mill Race Village, New Hope is a center for grief support offering services to adults, teens and children through groups and



Shown are attendees of last year's KIDZ Kamp. This year's will be held Aug. 18-19 at Mill Race Village.

individual support, seminars and other resources, like the summer camp. It's a Christianbased bereavement outreach center, but people of all faiths are encouraged and invited to participate.

This year's camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 18-19. What made last year such a success and what they hope will help again this year is having it at Mill Race Village. Participants can expect the same fun as well as the opportunity to help grow the memorial garden.

To contact New Hope, visit www.newhopecenter.net or email griefhelp@newhopecenter.net or call (248) 348-0115.

FACTS

About New Hope Center

- · Non-profit bereavement outreach center
- In Northville since 2000; first on Dunlap Street and now on Griswold next to Mill Race Village
- Since 2000, has helped almost 10,000 people; no charge for services
- Workshops and support groups for grieving adults and children throughout the year

About KIDZ Kamp

- When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 and Friday, Aug. 19
- · Where: Mill Race Village, Northville
- For: Children ages 4-12 who have lost a loved-one
- Why: To help children heal from the loss of a loved-one; opportunities to tell their story, learn they are not alone by meeting other grieving children, and know that while grief is painful, they can still have fun.
- Activities: Art projects, memorial garden, music, tour of Mill Race, games, face painting, and lunches

McCulloch joins U.S. Senate race

John McCulloch, Oakland County Water Resources commissioner and former chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, officially kicked off his campaign Friday as a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate.

"I am running for the United States Senate because I can no longer stand by while President Obama and his Democratic cronies in the Congress continue to mortgage America's future on the backs of our children and their children's children with a national debt so large it is difficult to comprehend. The time for talk is long past due. It's time for action, which is why I'm in this race. This great country of ours desperately needs a change of direction, one that will lead to prosperity and economic stability, rather than finan-



McCulloch

McCulloch said in a statement released Friday morn-

McCulloch spent 10 years on

the Oakland County Board of Commissioners including five years as chairman.

Currently he is Oakland County Resource commissioner, and oversees a department with a more than \$200 million budget and 230 employees.

McCulloch earned early support of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson who said, "John McCulloch is a strong leader who is fiscally conservative and believes in the Republican doctrine of smaller government which is closest to the people it is intended to serve.'



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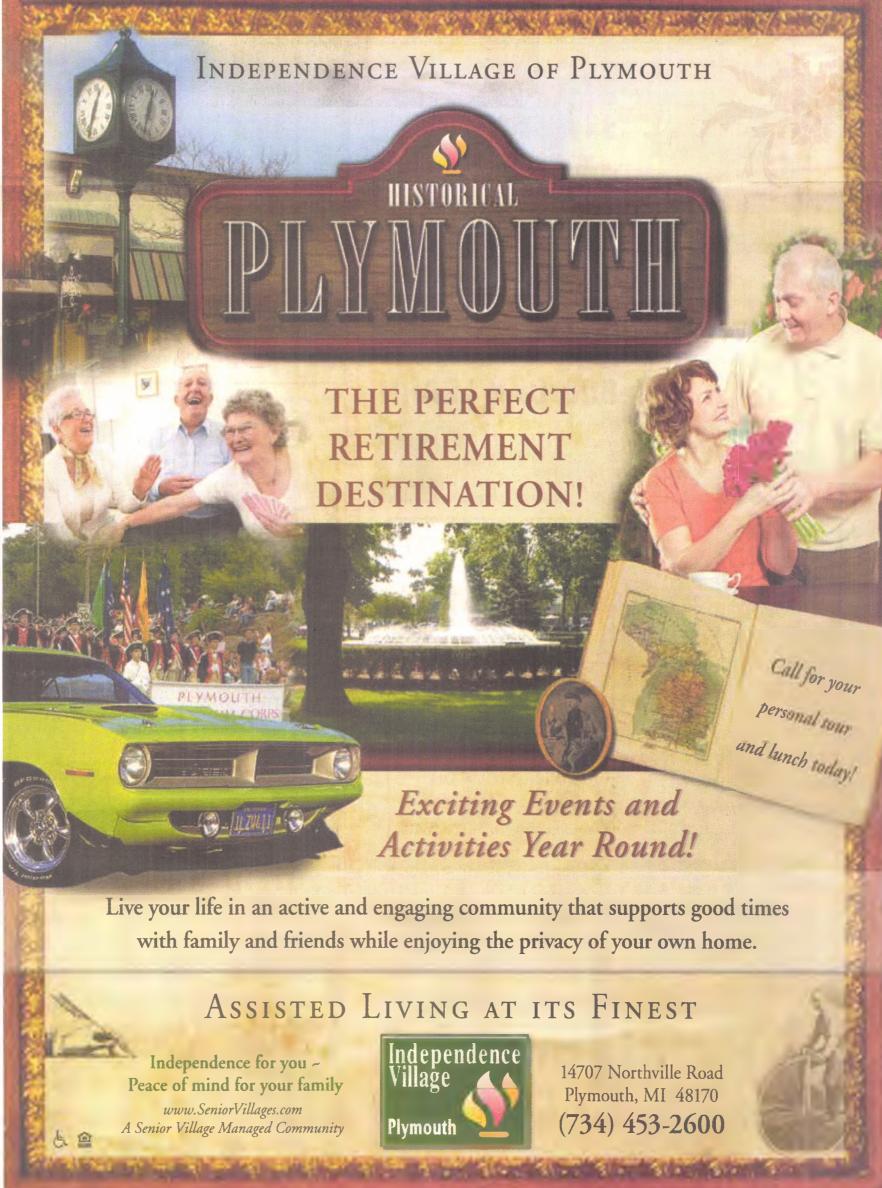
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Youth troupe heads off to 'Camp Rock'

Coming off a high-energy, high-demand performance of "The Wizard of Oz," officials at Forever After Productions are urging theater-goers to "get their tickets early" for the troupe's next production.

Forever After brings Disney's "Camp Rock-The Musical" to life at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton starting with their 7 p.m. performance Friday.

They might have a valid point; all 10 performances of "Wizard" sold out.

Audience members attending "Camp Rock" will see a play that's supposed to be about making music and having a great time. The now-famous Connect 3 band members have returned to mentor the next generation of rockers. However, a new camp across the lake

ROCKIN' THE CAMP

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, July 17, 2011

What: Forever After Productions' presentation of "Camp Rock-The

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton When: July 22-24 and July 29-30, 7 p.m.; July 23-24 and July 30-31, 2 p.m.; July 27-28, 10 a.m.

Tickets: \$15, get them at www.foreverafterproductions.com, through The Summit at The Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5460. The box office is also open for ticket purchase an hour before show time.

Details: Visit www.foreverafterproductions.com or call (734) 394-5460

- Camp Star - threatens the existence of Camp Rock with their flashy costumes, instruments and staging. A showdown ensues as

Mitchie leads her fellow Camp Rockers against Luke and Camp Star.

The play features music from the Disney Channel's original movies "Camp Rock" and "Camp Rock 2,"

including "This is Me", "Can't Back Down", "It's On", and "We Rock."

The play is based on a book by Robert Freedman and Faye Greenberg. The music was adapted, arranged, orchestrated and produced by David Lawrence.

Cast-Holly Platis and Cara Guernsey as Mitchie Torres; Kristen Abicht and Kacie



Forever After Productions cast members rehearse scenes for 'Camp Rock-The Musical,' coming next week to the Village Theater At Cherry Hill in Canton.

Burns as Tess Tyler; Sydney Hicks and Katie Farmer as Dana Turner; Reilly Conlon and Madeline Klozik as Caitlyn Geller; Esther

Kaufmann and Briahna Bell as Ella Pador; Amie Napier and Keri Santeiu as Peggy Dupree; Kaiti Szczepanik and Sophie Szczotka as Rosie

Day; Jaelyn Raiford and Emily Budlong as Georgina Farlow; Kyle Scanlon as Shane Gray: Brandon Waldenmayer as Nate Gray; Jeremy Muse as Jason Gray; Justin Morley as Luke Williams; Justin Muse as Barron James; John Szczotka as Sander Loya; Aleksander Papanastasopoulos as Andy Hosten; Ian Crawford as Brown Cesario; and Dean Bessey as Axel Turner

Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. The 2011-2012 season includes Disney's Aladdin in November, Little Women in December and Grease in January. Log on to foreverafterproductions.com for more information about auditions and performance schedules.



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Barefoot Productions presents Woody Allen's "Old Saybrook" as part of a series of one-act plays.

Barefoot production highlights Woody Allen

Barefoot Productions has put together three night offerings this summer that will heat audiences up and cool them off, as Plymouth's production company presents, "Three Nights of Woody Allen & Music." The nights feature music, humor and adultery, throw in a little bit of neurosis and comes up with three one-act plays written by Woody Allen followed by a musical concert.

On Saturday, July 23, at 8 p.m., Barefoot Productions presents the one-act play, "Old Saybrook." This play, written by Allen in 2003, explores the rationalization of infidelities, secrets and desires of three couples living in Connecticut. In true Woody Allen fashion, "Old Saybrook" makes a hilarious farce out of the deep seated problems, emotional hang ups, and awful decision that people make.

Following the performances of "Old Saybrook" and after a short intermission, audiences should be ready to cool off to the music and songs presented by the musical group "One Flight Up," a folk quartet with jazz influences. All for one low ticket price of \$15 a seat.

Barefoot Productions will then present, on Saturday, Aug. 6, Allen's "Riverside Drive," a one-act play about two strangers, a writer and a homeless bum, who cross paths on the banks of the Hudson. The question of the writers affair is tossed about like a quick-witted game of tennis. The performance will be followed by a jazz concert performed by "Five More Miles.

Finally, on Saturday, Aug. 20, the series will come to an end with Allen's "Central Park West." Two couples find that adultery among friends truly shoots down a relationship and a friendship. After "Central

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Park West," audiences can enjoy the music of "The Adam Dib Quartet," a talented group of musicians all made up of members of the Wayne State University Jazz Band.

Barefoot Productions has just completed its fifth season at its home in the old Walker-Buzenberg building at 240 N. Main. Barefoot Productions is a 100-percent volunteer, community based, non-profit theater company.

Tickets and reservation can be made by calling (734) 560-1493 or go to the Barefoot Productions website at www. justgobarefoot.com and order tickets online. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

This series in sponsored in part by Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry, located at 6018 Canton Center Road in Canton.

Madonna offers expanded courses for career development

Increasing your level of education often opens up new doors both professionally and personally. In order to keep pace with the growing demand for additional job training in southeast Michigan, Madonna University is adding 100 online career programs and 15 new courses to its traditional course list offered through the Continuing Education department.

In order to help prospective students better understand both the online classes and the tradițional continuing education courses being offered, the public is invited to attend an Ôpen House 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in Madonna University's Franciscan Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

"This is the first time we've

had instructors on hand to meet with students," said Joan Stephens, director of Continuing Education. "Prospective students often have questions, and here's their opportunity to get the information they need."

Instructors will talk about classes in medical coding, pharmacy technician, retirement planning, basic photography, video game development, Spanish for court Interpreters, pastel drawing, and illustrating children's

The Open House will also include information on the new online classes being offered.

"The online courses have various learning formats including books, DVDs and virtual classrooms. Students are paired with a facilitator

throughout the program to help them be successful completing the coursework. This is followed by the opportunity for online career counseling so students can be focused as they begin their job search," Stephens said.

In the last academic year, almost 500 students attended classes for personal enrichment, career training or professional development through Madonna's Continuing Education depart-

Class offerings are being expanded in health-and-wellness as well as art, as these have been the most popular classes. And Madonna continues to offer medical certificate courses.

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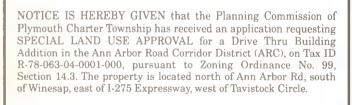
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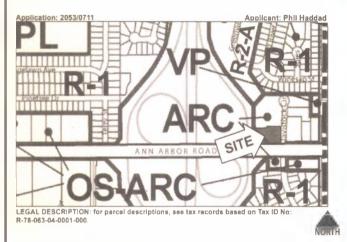
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Retirement options should include Social Security

BY RICK BLOOM **GUEST COLUMNIST**

Q: Dear Rick: I will be retiring in another month or so. I quesstimate it will cost my wife and I approximately \$4,000 a month to live. At the present time, I have approximately \$400,000 in non-retirement accounts and another \$250,000 in IRAs and my 401(k). I don't owe anyone any money and my house is paid off. My wife and I are both in our mid-60s. Between the two of us, if we take Social Security now (I'm 66, she's 65), we will get about \$3,000 a month. If we delay Social Security, we will get a little more. Does it make sense for us to take Social Security now or should we wait. Do we have enough to retire?

A: Congratulations on achieving the American dream — you can afford to retire and money won't be an issue. In your situation, the great thing is that you have options. You can afford to go either way. In other words, you can choose to delay Social Security for a few years or



Rick Bloom

it now. In reviewing your situation and considering the type of investor you are, my recommendation is take Social Security now.

This will allow

you can take

vou to use your portfolio to supplement your income needs and at the same time also have a growth portion. I considered several factors in reaching my conclusion, including that sometime over the next couple of years, I believe we will experience higher interest rates and potentially higher inflation.

Another factor is if you delay Social Security, you will use more of your resources over the next few years to cover living expenses. All things being equal, I'd rather have those resources remain under your control. I believe it gives you greater flexibility in

the future.

Because you and your wife are still young, it is important to make sure that you have a growth element in your portfolio. My recommendation is that at least 50 percent be dedicated to long-term growth. This will assure you of a rising income throughout your lifetime.

When determining whether you can afford to retire, you must first look at your income needs. In your situation, that's \$4,000 a month. From that number, you subtract pensions and Social Security. Therefore, in your particular case, there's a \$1,000-amonth shortfall. To cover that shortfall, a simple equation that I use is to take your yearly shortfall and multiply it by 25. Therefore in your case, to produce the \$12,000 a year in income, you'll need approximately \$300,000 of assets. I recognize that it sounds like a lot of money and it is, however, what it factors into the equation is that \$1,000 today

will not be \$1,000 10 years

Everyone should know how much money they will need in order to retire. Two key elements in this equation are pensions and Social Security. În that regard, one question I am frequently asked is whether you and I can count on Social Security? I have no idea what the future of Social Security will bring. I do know there will be adjustments down the road. What I generally recommend to people is that if you're in your mid-50s or older, you generally can count on receiving Social Security. If you are under 50, it's probably best to assume that you will not receive Social Security. I recognize this may not be fair, however, it is what it is. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com

Car care helps protect water resources

In an effort to help protect water resources, Canton is urging residents to practice good car care during the summer months. When motor fluids and dirty water from washing cars enter storm drains and roadside ditches, it empties into lakes and rivers causing pollution.

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wash your car.

• Minimize it: Reduce the amount of soap you use, or wash your car with plain water.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO:

AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM **ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TO AMEND ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73, THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 1, SECTIONS 73.010 THROUGH 73.070 PROVIDING FOR AND REGULATING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE, WATER AND SEWER CONTRACTS, WATER AND SEWER RATES, TAP CHARGES, CAPITAL AND SPECIAL CHARGES, BENEFIT CHARGES, USE FACTOR SCHEDULES, INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES, METERS, CONNECTIONS, SUMP PUMP SYSTEMS, INDUSTRIAL SURVEILLANCE PERMIT FEES, BOOKS AND RECORDS AND WATER CONSERVATION DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

, codified as Chapter 73, the Water and Sewer System Ordinance Article I, Sections 73.010 through 73.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 73 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE **ARTICLE 1**

<u>Purpose</u>. This section provides for the purpose of this

73.020. <u>Definitions</u>. This section provides for the definitions of terms used in this ordinance.

73.030. Fiscal Year System. This section provides that the operating or fiscal year commences on January 1st of each year and ends on December 318t of the same year.

73.040. Water Rates. This section provides for consumption rates, service charge, minimum water rates, water tap charge, water benefit charge, fire line detector charge, capital charges and special rates, construction water charges, and other charges.

Sewer System Rates. This section provides for sewer disposal use rates, minimum sewage rates, single residences unmetered water, special rates, and sewer benefit charges.

<u>Use Factor Schedule</u>. This section provides for use factor fees.

73.056. Transition Rules For Water and Sewer Benefit Charges Amendments. This section provides for amended water and sewer benefit charges.

Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge. This section provides for a monthly industrial waste control charge.

Sewer Connection Rates. This section provides for sewer connection rates.

Rate Appeals. This section provides for rate appeals. 73.062.

73.063. Water and Sewer Applications. This section provides for water and sewer applications.

Billings. This section provides for water and sewer billings. 73.064.

Enforcement. This section provides for enforcement. 73.065.

73.066. Prohibition of Free Service. This section provides that free service by the System is prohibited.

73.067. <u>Interior Meters - Basements or Cellars.</u> This section provides for interior meters in structures with basements or cellars.

73.068. <u>Interior Meters. No Basement or Cellar</u>. This section provides for interior meters in structures without basements or cellars.

73.069. Exterior Meter Readers. This section provides for exterior

73.069-1. Disclaimer of Warranties and Liability. This section provides for disclaimer of warranties and liability.

73.069-2. Funds. This section provides for Gross Revenues of the

73.069-3. Connection. This section provides for connections to the

73.069-4. Sump Pump Collection Systems. This section provides for

sump pump collection systems. 73.069-5. Water Conservation Devices: Non-Contact Wastewater. This section provides for water conservation devices and non-contact

73.069-6. Additional Authority. This section provides for additional

73.069-7. <u>Books and Records</u>. This section provides that the books and accounts of the System shall be kept in the manner provided by

73.070. Industrial Surveillance Permit Fee. This section provides for industrial surveillance permit fees.

SECTION II. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road. Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE **FEE SCHEDULE**

At the regular Township Board meeting held on the 12th day of July, 2011, the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees did pass Resolution No. 11-07-12-17, as required by the Township Ordinances, setting the fees and rates applicable to the Township Ordinances and the Comprehensive Fee Schedule was to take immediate effect.

The Comprehensive Fee Schedule includes the setting of fees

the Building Department;

the Community Development Department;

the Police Department; the Clerk's Office:

Alarm Users;

Park Reservations;

Solid Waste; the Treasurer's Office; and

the Water and Sewer System. Copies of the complete text of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule

are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours or from the Township web site: www.plvmouthtwp.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2011 commencing at 6:00

Application 1479, 47119 5 Mile, IND zoning district: the applicant is requesting a sign variance to allow (1) wall sign to go on the front of the building facing 5 Mile RD with no ingress/egress on that side of the building.

Application 1480, 46979 5 Mile RD, IND zoning district: the applicant is requesting asign variance to allow (1) wall sign to go on the front of the building facing 5 Mile RD with no ingress/egress on that side of the building.

Application 1481, 47911 Halyard, IND zoning district: the applicant is requesting a sign variance to allow (2) wall signs on the same faAade where only (1) is allowed.

Application 1482, 44437 Oregon Trail, R-1 zoning district: the applicant would like to construct a (10 x 6) kitchen bump out on the back of the home that includes a 2nd floor deck. The minimum required rear yard setback is fifty (50) feet; this kitchen bump out does create a rear yard setback of forty-seven (47) feet, encroaching into the required rear yard, setback by three (3) feet. The applicant is asking for a rear yard setback variance of three feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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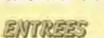
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SPORTS

SUNDAY, July 17, 2011





THREE PRIDE
TEAMS WIN STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN FASTPITCH
SOFTBALL
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Rams drop cliff-hanger to Bulls, 7-6

The Michigan Rams dropped a 7-6 cliff-hanger to the 22and-under Bulls in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played Wednesday night at Ford Field in Livonia.

The one-run setback dropped coach Rick Berryman's squad to 13-13-1 while the Bulls improved to a league-best 23-4.

The game started with plenty of early fireworks as the Bulls exploded for four first-inning runs against Rams starting pitcher Jay Perry. Undaunted, the Rams countered with a pair of markers in the bottom of the frame to cut their deficit to 4-2.

After the Bulls padded their lead to 5-2 with a single run in the second, the Rams snatched a 6-5 lead with a four-spot in the bottom of the third.

The contest stayed that way until the top of the sixth when the Bulls pushed across a pair of runs on just one hit.

The Bulls outhit the Rams, 10-8. C.J. Maszac paced the winners at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored. Jake Rhodes also had a productive night at the dish, adding two ribbies and a run.

Other contributors for the Bulls were Pat MacKenzie (1-for-3, two runs), Jason Hockemeyer (1-for-2, run, RBI), Dave Frederick (1-for-3), Jim Pickens (2-for-3) Korey Hall (1-for-4, RBI) and Theo

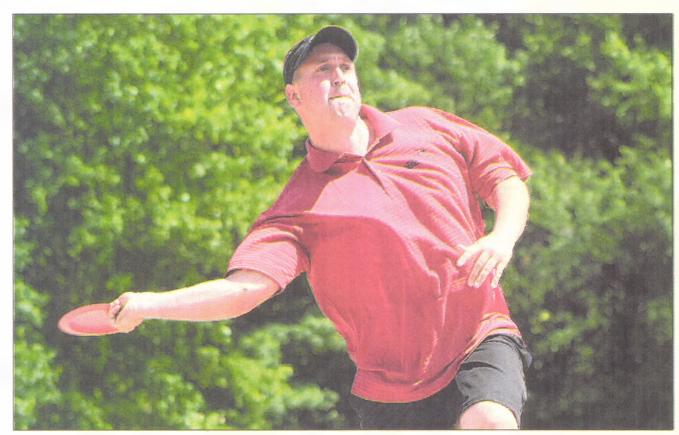
Piccinilli, who scored two runs.

The Rams' offensive onslaught was led by Mark Weist, who clouted an inside-the-park grand slam in the third inning.

Other clutch hitters for the Rams were Miles Sorise (2-for-2, RBI), Jonny McCann (2-for-4, two runs), Jeff Sorenson (1-for-3, RBI, run), John DiLaura (1-for-4, two runs) and Nick Lagerstrom, who went 1-for-2.

Novi graduate Mark Heard tossed a complete game for the Bulls, scattering eight hits and a walk while striking out 10.

Sorenson suffered the mound setback in relief after yielding one run on one hit in two innings of work. Sorenson struck out three and walked two.



Canton resident Geoff Bennett unleashes a drive on the tee pad of the No. 3 hole at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course in Northville. Bennett plays the sport up to four or five times a week.

Grip it and zip it

Disc golfers enjoy free and easy fun

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 740-foot patch of disc golf heaven was laid out in front of Canton resident Geoff Bennett early Thursday afternoon as he stepped onto the elevated concrete tee pad on the No. 3 hole of Northville's Benton Hills Disc Golf Course.

With a cloudless blue sky as a backdrop and a sun-parched fairway as a target, Bennett secured the rim of a bright-orange disc between the thumb and index finger of his right hand and unleashed a high, bending shot that came to rest more than a football field

"That will work," said Canton's Kevin Tomasaitis, one of Bennett's three playing partners, as the foursome carefully descended a 20-foot-high hill to line up their approach shots on the 740-footlong fairway.

"This is a great sport for exercise and getting outside with your buddies," said Farmington Hills resident Dave Milewski, the administrator of the Benton Hills Monday night doubles league.

"And, unlike ball golf, it doesn't put



Discs are designed for various shot distances. The disc on the left is for driving, the middle disc is for approach shots and the disc at right is for putting.

a dent in your wallet," added Chris Brown, who also resides in Farmington

"I played regular golf a lot when I was in high school," Tomasaitis said.
"But then I went to college and I was broke (smile), so I started playing this. I love it."

POPULAR PAST TIME

Bennett, Tomasaitis, Milewski and Brown are four of an estimated 40,000 people world-wide who consider themselves avid disc golfers. For a nominal fee, serious players can register their tournament scores on the website www.pdga.com so that they can develop a skill rating and compare their talents with people around the globe.

There is a world championship tournament every year and, just like in professional ball golf, there are major tournaments.

"The Jack Nicklaus of our sport is Ken Climo," said Bennett. "He's won like 12 world championships and you'll find his name on a lot of discs. He makes his living off playing disc golf."

A PROFITABLE SPIN

Many of the sport's upper-echelon players — Bennett and Tomasaitis included — have earned deals with equipment manufacturer Discraft that result in free discs and other bonuses that are based on performance in recognized tourneys.

"Within a 30-mile radius of this course," Milewski said, "there are probably 12 disc golf courses. And within an hour's drive, there are probably 60 courses. Michigan is actually in the top

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merican

Canton's father-son duo of Rob and Tyler Brooks enjoyed a memorable experience at this week's Major League Baseball All-Star Game festivities.

Brookses' All-Star Game experience 'amazing'

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robinson and Jose Cano weren't the only father-son duo who enjoyed an unforgettable experience at Monday night's Major League Baseball Home Run Derby at Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz.

While the Canos were hooking up to win the derby — Robinson was hitting, Jose was pitching — Canton's father-and-son team of Rob and Tyler Brooks were carving out an experience that will be stored in their memory banks forever.

The Brookses were treated to an all-expenses-paid four-day trip to the All-Star extravaganza when Tyler qualified as one of three national finalists in the 13- to 14-year-old age group in the Aquafina

Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run.

And while the PH&R phase of the trip was exciting — Brooks finished second, along with earning the Sportsmanship Award — the actual competition took a back seat to many of the incredible perks.

"The whole trip was amazing," said Tyler Brooks, who is a freshman-to-be at Salem High School. "I didn't expect to get to do all the stuff I did and I didn't expect to get all the nice things I was given."

The fun started Sunday, when the Brookses boarded a Phoenixbound plane at Metro Airport.

"The temperature was only about 103, so it wasn't too bad," Tyler Brooks said. "It was almost as hot — and a lot more humid — here when we left." On Monday morning, the Brookses were transported to Chase Field for the PH&R finals.

"Following the actual competition, they let us sit in the National League's dugout for a couple of hours while the players took batting and fielding practice," Tyler Brooks said. "The players were really nice and I got a couple of autographs (from NL All-Stars Scott Rolen and Troy Tulowitzki)."

More thrills followed Monday evening, when Brooks helped shag balls during the MLB Home Run Derby, which was witnessed by millions of people around the world.

"Being on the field for the Home Run Derby was crazy," he said, smiling. "You'd look around

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SIDELINES

Hole in one

Livonia resident Martin Matuszak aced the 126-yard second hole July 13 at Glenhurst Golf Course. It was the 41-year-old's second hole in one in his 21-year golfing career. Matuszak used a 9-iron and finished with a ninehole round of 37.

GC youth gridiron camp

The Garden City Little League Football Camp will be held on the Garden City High School football practice fields 6-8:30 p.m. July 25-28.

Using drills and demonstrations, participants will be taught the basic fundamentals of the sport along with the proper techniques for throwing, blocking, receiving and tackling.

All campers will receive a camp T-shirt.

The cost is \$60 and walkins are welcomed.

For more information, visit www.gccougarcountry.com.

Martin on Lombardi list

University of Michigan football senior defensive lineman Mike Martin (Redford/Catholic Central) has been named to the 2011 Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List. It marks the 42nd season the award has named the nation's college lineman of the year.

Martin is one of 125 players named to the list, which includes 16 Big Ten candidates. The winner will be named Dec. 6-7 at Reliant Center in Houston, Texas.

A second-team All-Big Ten choice by the league's coaches as a junior, Martin had 37 tackles and 2.5 sacks in 12 starts at defensive tackle in 2010.

Eligibility for the Rotary Lombardi Award is limited to down linemen, end-to-end, either on offense of defense, who set up no farther than 10 yards to the left or right of the ball, and linebackers who set up no farther than five yards deep from the line of scrimmage.

The candidates earned a place on the Official Watch List by earning All-America honors last season, by being named to their respective all-conference first team last season as selected by the conference's head coaches, by being projected to be an All-America or first team all-conference player for the coming season, or by nomination approved by the nominations committee.

Martin previously was named to the Bednarik Award Watch List.

Elks Soccer Shoot

There's still time to sign up youngsters for the Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot, slated for Saturday, July 23, at Elks Park.

The tournament will include boys and girls divisions for the U8, U10, U12 and U14 age brackets (with ages determined as of August). Games will be five-goal contests.

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Trio of PC Pride teams wins state fastpitch titles

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, July 17, 2011

Look out Disney World, buses of Plymouth-Canton Pride softball players are coming your way for the USSSA Fastpitch World Series.

That's because the PC Pride travel softball organization's 10U, 12U and 14U squads each won their age bracket championship at last weekend's USSSA state tournament — hosted by Canton Softball Center.

All three teams will compete July 23-24 in Orlando, Fla., in the World Series to take place at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

It is the first time three PC Pride teams won state titles in their age bracket at the same time, and is a testament to the dedication of coaches.

"The coaches of these groups really put in a lot of time and effort teaching the game's fundamentals to the kids," said parent Rob Heitmeyer, whose daughter Alaina is on the 10U squad. "And the parents are really a close-knit group, too."

Those parents have a lot to cheer about these days.

TEAM EFFORT

• The 14U Pride, sporting a 21-0 record in USSSA play, went 8-0 at the state tourney and Sunday, July 10, won the final 9-1 over the Oakland Athletics.

Earning the victory was pitcher Paige Aresco, with big offensive contributions from shortstop Megan Keller (three hits, three RBI), outfielder Christina Meyer (two hits, two RBI) and catcher Brooke Senkbeil (two hits, two RBI).

In the semifinal, the Pride led all the way in a 9-6 triumph over Finesse.

"I'm extremely proud," 14U Pride coach Dave Senkbeil said. "All the way through it was a team effort. Everybody contributed one way or another."

Making the team's results more impressive is the fact there only are 10 players on the roster.

"They did everything they needed to do to win it," Senkbeil said.

• Heating up at the plate during a scorching-hot weekend was the 12U Pride team, scoring 52 runs on the way to sweeping six contests. In the



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 14U softball team are (bottom row from left) Kristi Zink, Kendyl Richter, Maria Donovan, Emily Marcero, Tori Kiers, (top row from left) coach Jeff Marcero, Christina Meyer, Megan Keller, Paige Aresco, Sarah Gallagher, Brooke Senkbeil and coach Dave Senkbeil.



Pictured is the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 12U softball team.



PC Pride 14U shortstop Megan Keller turns an unassisted double play in the finals at Canton Softball Center, while second baseman Emily Marcero looks on.

championship game, the Pride earned a 5-1 win.

Meanwhile, coath Tim Hutchison said his team shut the door on defense, not allowing more than three runs in any game.

Peyton Philbeck tossed four complete games for the Pride. Jenna Olszewski rocked a first-pitch home run in the final and, as the catcher, threw a runner out at third for the championship game's final out.

Jamie Squires laced three triples during the weekend.

Heading to Disney World for the World Series will be coaches Hutchison, Dan Hiltz, Jon Olszewski and Gary Zerona and players Sydney Dawson, Olivia Grant, Kara Hutchison, Katie Hiltz, Jamie Klotz, Olszewski, Philbeck, Becky Sarver, Sabrina Shingleton, Squires, Emily Stewart and

Rachel Zerona.
• The 10U Pride made it two state titles in two weeks (the team won the NSA State Championship June 26 in East Lansing) with Sunday's 15-4

rout of the Hartland Eagles in the USSSA state championship tilt.

Winning the final was Morgan Overaitis, who homered to help her own cause.

HOT AT THE PLATE

Also making it happen on offense was Jennifer Bressler, who hit two homers and a single while driving in five runs.

Chipping in with three singles was Justice Ruggles. Other contributions were turned in by Isabelle Dawson



Morgan Overaitis of the PC Pride 10U fastpitch softball team delivers a fastball during the team's victory in Sunday's USSSA state championship game.



(triple, single) and Alaina Heitmeyer (two singles).

"When you score 15 runs in a final game, everybody hit and did well," 10U coach Dan Bressler said. "It's been like that all season. They played well beyond their age."

In the semifinal, also Sunday, Jennifer Bressler pitched the Pride to an 8-2 win over the Michigan Bat-Busters.

The team (51-1 in 10U play; 17-4 in 12U competition) won all seven games at Canton

Softball Center, with a pitching rotation of Overaitis,
Bressler, Knight and Madison
Rosiewicz leading the way.

Earlier in the tournament, Nicole Dawson, Jessica Tucci and Knight all hit home runs. The IOU squad also won

The 10U squad also won the USSSA state title in 2010 and finished fourth out of 39 teams in the World Series.

"We don't know what new competition is going to be down there," Bressler said. "But I expect us to do just as

He tipped his cap to his coaching colleagues, including Tony Gould and Craig Overaitis. Gould has coached with Bressler for a number of seasons.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth baseball tryouts

• The Motor City Giants Baseball Club will be staging 10-and-under tryouts for the 2012 season from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and Aug. 3 at Castle Gardens Park, 14503 Hix Street, Livonia.

The tryouts are open to any player who will be 10 or younger on April 30, 2012. (Age group is intended for players with birthdates between May 1, 2001 and April 30, 2002). The Plymouth-Canton based team will compete in tournaments and non-league games against select KVBSA, NOBF and MABF teams with 30-to-40 travel games.

For registration information, e-mail Tim Sweet at sweetbaseball@sbcglobabl. net.

• Tryouts for the 2012 11and-under Canton Cardinals baseball team will be Sunday, Aug. 7 and 21.

For more information, visit www.gcybas.com; or e-mail

coach Patrick McAuliffe cantoncards 2011@gmail.com.

Golf & Margaritas

Instructors Tami Bealert and Gary McKettrick will off a golf night out with Margaritas on the Range for women 21-and-older from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Hickory Creek Golf Course's driving range, located at 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Included in the \$25 cost is personal golf tips, one medium

range of balls, margaritas, salsa and chips. Space is limited to the first 20.

The reserve a spot, e-mail TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238. For more information, visit www. trainwithtami.com.

Whalers to 'Connect'

Plymouth Whalers forward RJ Mahalak and other members of the Ontario Hockey League team will read to students at 2 p.m. Friday, July 29 at Canton Public Library. 1200 S. Canton Center Road, as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

CYO volleyball signup

St. John Neumann parish

in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

Any girls grades 5-8 in 2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week

of September.
To register, call St. John
Neumann athletic director
Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910,

Golf outings

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• The Harrison High School Football Boosters will have their annual golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at The Cattails Golf Club in South

The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The format is Texas Scramble. A steak dinner follows the golf. A registration form is avail-

able at www.gohawks.org or by calling Dave Race at 248-376-1535.

 The fifth annual Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours family golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

The \$75 golf package includes 18 holes (with cart), meals and refreshments. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits.

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Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if



an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Canton residents Kevin Tomasaitis (left) and Geoff Bennett walk down the fairway of the 740-foot No. 3 hole at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course.

three in states with the number of courses.'

In addition to the cost differential - an 18-hole round of "regular" golf generally costs around \$40 to \$60 while a round of disc golf is free on most courses - disc golf is attractive to casual athletes because it doesn't require lessons or countless hours on the driving range to become competent.

"You can bring an entire family out here, play for free and each person can play with one disc if they want," said Milewski.

A CUT ABOVE

You can spot the sport's advanced players from three fairways away. They haul their discs around in back-packlike carrying cases, which also include everything from drink holders to ash trays, and they're often wearing their game face.

"We have a lot of fun," Tomasaitis said, smiling, "but we're also as competitive as (heck). We've all been playing a minimum of 10 years and we're probably out here four or five times a week."

If you pay the \$5 entry fee to participate in the Benton Hills Monday night doubles league, you'd better bring your "A" game if you expect to rake in half the pot at the end of the day (half the pot carries over

to the following week). "If you don't shoot at least 14-under (par), you probably won't stand a chance of winning," said Brown. "It's deuces (twos on each hole) or die."

Advancements in the sport's equipment has mirrored its growth. Certain discs are designed to handle particular distances, much like the clubs in a golf bag.

"The disc you use on the tee pad has a flatter edge," Milewski said. "The disc you use for a mid-range shot kind of like a wedge in regular golf - has a thicker rim while the one we use for putts has a much more rounded rim. The bigger the rim, the slower the disc will fly.

"The technology has really improved, just in the past 10 years. The discs have gotten faster and they travel farther."

Pole position

The vast majority of disc golf holes are considered par 3's, Milewski said. The ultimate target is a Pole Hole, which is a five-foot-high metal pole with a chain basket attached at its mid point. A player's score isn't official for each hole until the discs lands in the basket.

"A 20-foot shot for us is comparable to a five-foot putt in ball golf," Brown estimated.

While the third hole on the Benton Hills track is long and wide, many holes require finesse more than power.

There are a few really short holes on this course," said Milewski, "but you have to shoot through a million trees, so they're not necessarily a lot easier than the long ones."

Weather-related elements also come into play.

"I played in a tournament once in Las Vegas when the wind was blowing about 40



Canton resident Kevin Tomasaitis back-hands a drive down the middle of the fairway Thursday afternoon at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course in Northville.



Farmington Hills resident Chris Brown attempts an approach shot from a



Farmington Hills resident Dave Milewski nailed this 15-foot shot during a Thursday afternoon round of disc golf at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course in Northville.



In addition to being lighter than ball golf bags, disc golf bags serve many purposes.

miles an hour," Bennett said. "I missed a 10-foot putt and the wind blew it about 60

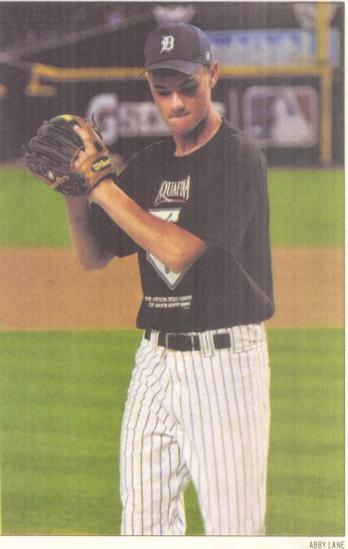
feet away."

Unlike their ball golf counterparts, disc golfers don't pack their equipment away once the snow starts falling.

"We play right through the winter," Milewski said. "There are tournaments, leagues - everything we have in the summer.'

For more information on disc golf, visit www.pdga.com. If you're interested in joining a league in the area, contact Brown at Kristafer@gmail.com.

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Fourteen-year-old Canton resident Tyler Brooks is pictured pitching during the national final round of the Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run competition at Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz.

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and thousands of people were looking at you. It was hard to judge the flyballs because they were hit so high, plus there were a ton of kids chasing every ball, but it was a lot of fun. It was hard to believe how hard those guys were hitting the ball."

The younger Brooks' luggage was packed a little tighter on the return trip.

"They gave me four hats, 10 shirts and a VIP duffel bag that was filled with cool stuff,"

The most notable gift Brooks earned was a replica American League Home Run Derby jersey that was presented to the

competitor who exhibited the most sportsmanship.

He also garnered autographs from Detroit Tigers Justin Verlander and Alex Avila, who he bumped into while waiting for an elevator at a hotel.

"I still get goose bumps thinking about the whole trip," Rob Brooks said. "I can't even begin to describe how exciting it was to look down on the field during the Home Run Derby and seeing your son down

there. I was very proud. "One of the things I'll remember the most was the unbelievable generosity everyone affiliated with the event showed us. Everyone went above and beyond to make sure it was an unforgettable experience for us, and it was."

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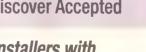
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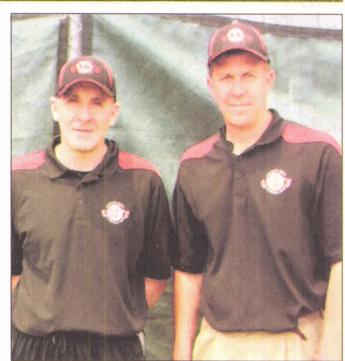
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Giant feat

The Motor City Giants, a 10and-under travel baseball team made up of Canton and Plymouth residents, recently captured first place in the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association's Austin Jackson Division. The Giants outscored their divisional opponents 217-78 on the way to compiling an 18-2 record. The team consists of (top photo, front row from left) Jack Savage, Lucas Binquit, Thomas Dono, Ben Wright, Jacob Kash, Liam Radomski, (back row from left) coach Fred Binguit, Garrett Colasinski, Ben Spencer, Justin Kuhn, Joshua Metz, coach Ryan Smith, (right photo from left) coach/general manager Tom Dono and Dave Colasinski.



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Hills' Boeker bolsters Midwest tennis rating

BY DAN O'MEARA **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If he'd had more time to devote to the game of tennis, Roberto Boeker wonders just how good he might have been.

Though the Farmington Hills resident plays "just for fun," he's a very good player as

Boeker's performance in the recent Midwest Super Senior Clay Court Championships helped to strengthen his USTA standing.

He's ranked No. 8 in the Midwest this month, following a runner-up finish in the men's 45 singles tournament at the Detroit Tennis & Squash Club in Farmington Hills.

"Overall, I played well, but I didn't win the tournament!" Boeker said. "I think I have some talent. If it would have been fostered in the early stages, I don't know who you would be talking to now."

Boeker, who works as an automotive consultant and travels a lot, also plays racquetball at Detroit Tennis & Squash, but that and tennis are his means for recreation and fitness.

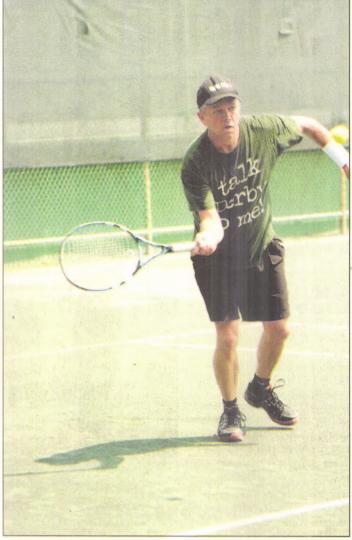
In the Super Senior tournament in late June, Boeker defeated Bill Spencer of Brighton in straight sets, 6-0,

Spencer was the top seed in the tournament and is ranked sixth in the USTA Midwest. He's the only Michigan player ranked ahead of Boeker; Spencer has 445 points, Boeker 410.

"Bill and I are very good friends," Boeker said. "This time, when we played, I got the best of him, and I'm sure there's going to be a different day when he'll have the better day, the better game."

Boeker lost a three-setter to Kevin Collins of Troy in the final match, 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-2. Collins is the next ranked Michigan player at No. 12 in the USTA Midwest.

"He's very, very good," Boeker said, adding he and Collins are different types of tennis players. "He played his game the first set; I played my



Roberto Boeker of Farmington Hills is now No. 8 in the USTA Midwest men's 45-and-over tennis rankings.

game the second set. In the third set, he had better conditioning and played his game

"I give credit to him. He has a great stroke. I'm more a finesse, strike, drop-shot player, and he's more of an aggressive, fast-paced, deepcourt player.

"I like to move the pace, change the pace from whatever the opponent is doing, and I play every game differently."

Boeker, 48, said he plays four or five tournaments a year and has won some of them. He plans to enter a couple more in the metro area and one in Cincinnati.

"The last 10 years I have been playing pretty consistent," he said. "If I would have more time, I would play more

outside the Detroit area. The time will come, and I will do

With that perspective, tennis is truly a lifetime sport in Boeker's opinion.

"There are people who pick up weights and have to give it up, because they're too heavy," he said. "But, tennis, you can play all your life."

Boeker also praised the Tennis & Squash Club facilities and the tournament run by director and general manager Dean Snyder.

"The main program done by Dean and his team make this a great event," he said. "It's one of the best tournaments in the area. It's just a great event for tennis. The whole surrounding is just absolutely phenomenal."

SPORTS CAMPS

Passing Academy

Champions Passing Academy will have summer football camps the next two weeks for youths in grades 3-8.

The camps will take place 9-11:30 a.m.. Monday through Friday, July 18-22 and July 25-29 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The camp instructors on Joe Pesci, former Harrison and Albion College quarterback, and Mario Vassallo, former Catholic Central and University of Idaho wide receiver.

For more information about the camps and registration, see the website at www.championspassingacademy.com.

Schoolcraft soccer

Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, will offer four sessions of its Victory Soccer camps including (ages 6-17) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 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 by Olympic Development Program coach Ben Davis (cost \$250).

Both lunch and swimming daily are included in

For more information, call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or email ricklarson@victory-soccer.net.

Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camp for girls, Monday through Thursday, July 18-21 at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95.

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

Plymouth baseball

Aspiring young baseball players are invited to learn about the game at the Wildcats Baseball Summer Clinic, July 19-20, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Boys and girls entering grades two-nine this fall can participate. Sessions are 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, for players entering grades twofive and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, for those entering grades six-nine.

The cost is \$20 for those who pre-register or \$25 the day of the camp and the fee includes a snack. Event T-shirts are available for \$8-\$10.

Sessions will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environ-

Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 players.

The program is limited to 100 campers. Please register as soon as possible. Go to www.baseball. plymouthwildcats.com for registration forms and contact information.

Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch. Registration forms are available online at www. ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Churchill football skills

The Livonia Churchill High 2011 football skills camp (entering grades 9-12) will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday, July 25-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Football youth skills

The Livonia Churchill youth football skills camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28, at the high school.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Churchill gymnastics

The Livonia Churchill gymnastics camp for girls ages 11-and-up will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 8-12, at the high school.

The fee is \$79. For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly Grodzicki at kgrodzic@ gmail.com; or Sara Wilchowski at sarahwichows-

Madonna girls softball

ki@gmail.com.

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch. Registration forms are available online at www. ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

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Schoolcraft's Kids on Campus

Academic camps make learning fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

Kids do more than dream about becoming a doctor or video game designer at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Every summer, they learn about the skills required for success.

Although mainly academic, the weeklong camps provided plenty of fun for the first- to 12th-grade students who filled the classrooms on the first day of class July 11. This is the 32nd year children from Canton, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Westland, Livonia and Novi have been drawn to Kids on Campus. For three weeks, thev'll have the opportunity to learn about future careers and

"A lot of people work out this way. The camps get the kids out of the house instead of doing the same old, same old," said Lauren Murphy, promotion coordinator for Continuing **Education & Professional** Development.

"Enriching Minds, Transforming Lives" — the writing on the wall of the CEPD office says it all.

"It's different than being in class during the regular year," Murphy said. "It's been 31 years of exploration, adventure, cre-

As of last week, 1,666 kids



Instructor Michael Kuhn works with Rina Kishida, of Farmington and Taylor Vitori of South Lyon, on their wind chime projects.

had registered for the camps focused on culinary training, business and health care careers, Web and video game design, aerospace and rockets, robotics, writing, the visual arts, foreign cultures and high-tech manufacturing. Schoolcraft College adjunct instructors and teachers from area school districts develop the exciting curriculum. New is Crime Scene Investigator for high school students.

EXPLORING

On Monday, Doris Denison was winding up the first day's lesson on the digestive system

in Camp Scrubs for fourth- and fifth-graders. Urvi Bhargava of Canton, an 11-year-old student at Central Middle School, "wanted to learn about the human body" and explore careers in the medical field. So did Kayla Blaise of Farmington Hills and Diego Sanabria, 10, of Westland. Last year, Blaise had fun solving mysteries in the CSI camp for fifth- and sixth-graders. Sanabria liked the robotics

"I want to be biochemist and thought it was a good way to start," said Blaise, a 10-year-old Power Upper Elementary student. "It's very interesting and



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In The Potter's Studio class, Erin Boyle-Levy and Sam Garrett add textures and cut out strips of clay that will become wind chimes. They are both from Plymouth.

I learned a lot. I really want to help people and like science and math.'

Blaise decided to take the class with friend Natalie Hong, 10. Like Blaise, the Farmington Hills girl found Scrubs Camp informative.

"I've learned about a lot of subjects, but not health care and wanted to take something very

close to it," Hong said. Denison created the curriculum as an introduction to health care careers. The Garden City woman is a retired nurse practitioner and assistant professor at Wayne State University.

"I'm going to get the next generation hooked so there are people to take care of me," Denison said.

Tuesday was all about nutrition, including choosing healthy snacks over not so healthy. Denison went to a garage sale to

pick up dice and a deck of cards to illustrate portions.

"We'll do some math," Denison said. "You have to know math in health care.'

Math is an important subject when it comes to hightech manufacturing as well. Instructor Gene Keyes has owned a machine shop for more than 30 years and teaches from an employer's perspective.

On Monday, his seventh-through ninth-grade students were programming and machining metal name tags. Once a week, Keyes hears from employers looking for workers trained in computerized numerical control machining and manufacturing processes. The college offers an associate's degree and certificates in advanced manufacturing.

"I want them to know what manufacturing is all about,

encourage them," Keyes said. "It's common sense, not that hard to do."

Half of the students were still seated at computers programming while the other half were watching the machine carve name tags. Caleigh Lin wants to be an engineer and thought the camp would expand her knowledge. The 12-year-old Plymouth girl is in the TAG program at East Middle School. She studied rocket science and video games the last four years. Her 9-yearold brother Jared is in Scrubs Camp.

"I found Machine Adventures interesting," Lin said. "I like making things, like the machines and all the math involved with engineering." Keyes' assistant, David Valencia of Northville, was

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Jessica Moore of Allen Park dips tomatoes in boiling water to loosen the skins for peeling. Lena Niseanian of Northville and Dagan McCarthy of Canton will do the same with their tomatoes.



helping students in the final process of machining their name tag.

"We're using a CNC mill used in industry," Valencia said. "It's the same program using basic geometry."

"They told us codes and we figured it out," Lin said as she watched the cutting arm go down and start carving her name in metal.

Cindy Shi of Novi was making a metal plate that reads "I Love My Family." She was in the Tween Writers camp last summer.

"It's fun to watch," said Shi, 12. "I thought it would be interesting to make stuff."

Sindhuja Borra was having fun spraying away the scrap metal after the machine finished carving. She wants to become a doctor, but was exploring the engineering-related career. The 12year-old Canton girl is a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"It was really fun," Borra said. "I'm good at math and really into computers. Next week I'm taking Web Design."

Andy Chen, 12, was waiting anxiously to carve his online user name, Dralcax. The Canton boy is an East Middle School student. He's already taken Web design, video games and

"You can do interesting things," Chen said. "I made a robot and website, learned the process of creating video games. Designing isn't much of a problem. The problem is getting the message to the computer."

CHALLENGING BUT FUN

Sarah Wang experienced similar problems. She worked on the program with Cindy Shi.

"It's hard," said Wang, 11, of Novi. "I like writing out the program. My mom and dad write programs for computers. I thought it would be nice to do something they do. I want to be an engineer and think it's quite fascinating."

In the Forum building, kids were enjoying getting their hands dirty as they turned clay into bowls and wind chimes in The Potter's Studio with Michael Kuhn. Aaron Best, 10, of Southfield, had nearly finished a vase for his mom. His father works in Livonia. Gitika Kumar, 11, of Novi, was making wind chimes; Jocelyn Chu, 9, of Livonia, a dolphin.

Blake Rosevear of Livonia had already made a bowl. This was the Johnson Elementary student's first year in Kids on Campus.

"It's really fun and I like that everybody has creative stuff." Rosevear said. Vibha Shivakumar of Novi was mak-

ing a sculpture of strange mustaches.

This is the 10-year-old girl's third year.

Ellen Christinsen of Livonia was working on a cup. She took lyric writing last year. She's been dancing since age 2 and is a student at the Bunny Sanford studio in Livonia.

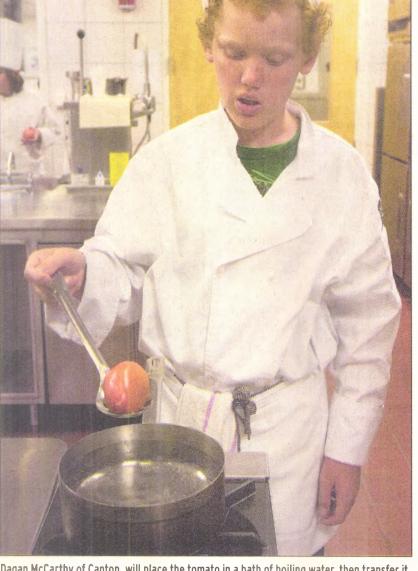
"I like art," said Christinsen, a 9-year-old student at Johnson Elementary.

It was apparent by a show of hands that everyone in the Culinary Arts Boot Camp likes to cook. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel received the overwhelming response at the end of Monday's session. The camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Monday, the seventh- to ninth-grade students learned knife skills as they busily chopped vegetables. They also learned the importance of sanitation and working organized. On Tuesday, they would cook Italian. The menu included lasagna with roasted tomato sauce.

"The first ingredient a good cook has to possess is to love to cook," Gabriel said. "One reason to cook is to be healthy. When you cook from scratch, you're in control. You're going to get more nutrients than a fast food restaurant. When you eat from scratch, it's

Gabriel gave several reasons to become a cook, including the \$200 000 salary made by executive chefs

"You can work on a cruise ship, get a



Dagan McCarthy of Canton, will place the tomato in a bath of boiling water, then transfer it to ice water. The skin will then become easy to peel.

job in Germany at hotels, restaurants. You can go all over the world. It's one industry that has jobs all the time," Gabriel said.

This was Barbara Smith's second year in the culinary arts camp. The 13year-old Northville girl is a student at Hillside Middle School.

"The food was so good last year and I was able to learn things I can still use in the kitchen, how to mince things," Smith said.

Arthur Aigeltinger usually uses a cookbook to stir up his dishes. The 12year-old is a student at Adams Upper Elementary in the Wayne-Westland School District and lives on the border

"I want to take it further as a chef," said Aigeltinger, who's been cooking for

Lena Nishanian of Northville first learned to cook at Steppingstone School in Farmington Hills, where she made gumbo at age 9. She frequently cooks her favorite dish of grilled chicken with diced peppers, onions, carrots and celery with tomato sauce and rice.

"My mom thought it would be good learn more "Nishanian said Jessica Moore's mother found the culinary camp online. This is the Allen

Park girl's first year in the state-of-theart kitchens at Schoolcraft College. She especially likes to cook pasta for her family.

"I loved it," Moore said about her first day.

Dagan McCarthy likes cooking so much he takes classes all year round at Schoolcraft. The Canton boy has participated in the Iron Chef Junior competition and last year was on the winning team. He wants to be a chef.

"Cooking is fun and makes other people happy," said McCarthy, who attends the Creative Montessori Academy in Southgate. "I like baking a lot, cakes and sweets."

McCarthy plans to continue taking classes through Schoolcraft's Continuing Education department in fall. A variety of subjects are offered for children and adults. Two of the classes allow parents and kids to cook together. Gabriel teaches the Iron Chef for ages 12-17. Kids on Campus offers video game creation, radical robots and successful student seminars for middle and high school students.

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

BLEEDING INTO A JOINT The usual reason that bleeding occurs into a joint is because a person is

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The medication most often used to thin the blood is Coumadin; doctors regulate

how much Coumadin the patient takes by a blood test called the INR. Anyone who has taken Coumadin can tell the reader how difficult it is to keep the INR at a safe but therapeutic level: not so high as to put one at risk for excessive bleeding, but not an INR level so low that the person loses protection against an unwanted blood clot. All manner of foods cause the body to metabolize Coumadin in an uneven manner Without knowing, a patient may spend part of the day at risk from bleeding which

can occur when the INR is high and the person bumps a knee against a dashboard or hits a shoulder on a half opened door. At time the incident is so trivial, the patient hardly remembers it, but the body does, and a bleed into the joint takes place.

In most instances, when a bleed occurs, the person feels immediate pain in the affected joint. Their first thought is that the joint is fractured or that an attack of gout has occurred. If the doctor knows the patient is taking Coumadin, then the cause of the sudden pain is evident. The best treatment is to put a needle into the joint and evacuate the blood. That stops the pain and ends the problem





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Email the entry form (go to hometownlife.com starting Friday, July 22) or cut out the entry form in the July 21 edition of Inspire and mail to: Christmas in July, ATTN: Hometown Life INSPIRE, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Three lucky winners will be drawn from all entries that correctly identify the pages on which the holiday icon appears.

All entries must be received by midnight, July 31.

Polish Mission hosts grandparents, grandchild workshops

The Polish Mission has begun hosting "The Grandparents Project," made possible by a major grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. The project unites grandparents and grandchildren of Polish, Jewish and German backgrounds who share a common Polish heritage.

The Polish Mission at Orchard Lake Schools will host free two-day and four-day workshops throughout July and August with a goal of reaching 96 families. Workshops are held at 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

Two-day workshops are scheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (hour lunch break at 11:30 a.m.) July 25-26, July 27-28, Aug. 8-9, Aug. 25-26, Aug. 29-30 and Aug. 31 to Sept. 1.

Four-day workshops offer morning or afternoon sessions, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m., respectively. Workshop dates are July 18-21, Aug. 1-4 and Aug. 15-18.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is very excited about this project and how it brings together different generations to share their cultural heritage," said Katie Wolf, executive director for the Michigan Humanities

Each session can stand alone; attendees can mix and match sessions as needed. If grandparents are unable to bring their grandchildren, they may still attend and share their

discoveries with grandchildren at a later date. Each family will take home an archival booklet including a pedigree chart, U.S. Census records, ship manifests, maps of ancestral villages, photos, family stories and recipes. At the project's end, families are invited to bring an ethnic dish to pass and participate in a public exhibit.

"Most researchers lament that they did not ask questions of their grandparents when they had the opportunity," said Hal Learman, genealogist and assistant director of the Polonia Americana Research Institute.

"PARI Director Cecile Wendt Jensen did interview her Przytulski grandparents, but didn't know what

to do with the information until she found some vintage maps and a 'how to' book. Her quest to find her roots lead to writing the book, Sto Lat: A Modern Guide to Polish Geneaology. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Sto Lat."

The Polish Mission is part of the Orchard Lake Schools which was founded in 1885 by Polish Immigrants. Its mission is to preserve and promote Polish and Polish-American culture, tradition and history for present and future generations. The Polish Mission organizes programs, courses and events that highlight Polish and Polish-American culture and accomplishments, and

ensures a repository for artifacts, archival materials, works of art and publications.

Project sponsors include The Polish Mission, Polonia Americana Research Institute, with outreach via the West Bloomfield Public Library, Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Oakland County Genealogical Society, and the Holocaust Memorial Center.

Sessions may be reserved online at http://grandparents.eventbrite.com or by calling (248) 683-0323.

The Michigan Humanities Council is a private, nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www. michiganhumanities.org or call (517) 372-7770.

A chance to learn: Host families needed for exchange program

Youth For Understanding, a nonprofit, international education organization, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, invites local families to participate in a high school exchange

student program. The group seeks host families who can provide a typical family living experience — not a tourist or travel opportunity. Families provide encouragement, guidance, love, a place to live, and meals for their new exchange son/daughter.

Families come in all shapes and sizes, with and without children of all ages. They select a student who shares some family interests. YFU encourages families to "live their normal life, including their exchange child in it.'

The boys and girls (ages 15-18) come with their own spending money, health insurance, and the commitment to live according to the rules and values of your family and Youth for Understanding. They can

share a room with a host sibling. They attend the local high school.

"YFU provides life-changing opportunities for students to become informed, global citizens," said Michael Finnell, president of Youth For Understanding USA. "Youth exchange is just as, if not more,

important today than when YFU was founded in 1951."

YFU has been a leader in international student exchange facilitating 250,000 exchanges among 60 nations over the past six decades.

To learn more about hosting a high school exchange student or becoming a volun-

teer, contact the Youth For **Understanding District office** at (866) 493-8872, founders@ yfu.org or visit www.yfu-usa. org (where you can fill out an online host family application). You can request to see descriptions of the boys and girls who are still available to families in this community.

Holocaust Memorial Center will host seminar for teachers

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus and Eastern Michigan University announced that they will co-host a Summer Educational Institute seminar to benefit current and prospective teachers and their students from Aug. 15-19.

The weeklong seminar, "Reading the Holocaust: A Seminar for Teachers," takes place at the Holocaust Memorial Center located at 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Using the latest academic scholarship and best instructional practices to make lessons

about the Holocaust understandable and meaningful for students, the seminar is designed to build an instructor's content

Attendees will hear presentations from scholars and survivors examining the Holocaust from the rise of Nazism to the Holocaust deniers of today. Presenters include:

· Sidney M. Bolkosky, Ph.D., William E. Stirton professor in the Social Sciences and director of the honors program, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Robert Franciosi, Ph.D.,

professor of English and honors, Grand Valley State University

· Henry Greenspan, Ph.D..,

• Jack Kay, Ph.D., provost and vice president, Eastern Michigan University

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· Guy Stern, Ph.D., distin-

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• Annette Wannamaker, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of English and Literature at Eastern Michigan

Participating teachers will be provided access to the vast primary resources from the museum library and archive to aid them in the development of

go to http://ep.emich.edu and click on the link for "Reading the Holocaust: A Seminar for

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It is the mission of the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus to remember those who perished and those who survived the Holocaust and, in a world increasingly faced with sectar-

forth the lessons of Holocaust as a model for teaching ethical conduct and responsible decisionmaking. By highlighting those individuals who, in the midst of evil, stood for the best, rather than the worst of human nature, the Holocaust Memorial Center seeks to contribute to maintain-

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KENSINGTON

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10

Fish Camp: Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19-20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. What do fish eat and where do they like to "hang out?" Kids will make their own tackle and a fish print T-shirt, discover fun facts about fish, catch pond bugs and go fishing. They will acquire the fishing skills needed to make their own fishing stories come true. This program is for ages 8 to 13. Fee \$75 per child. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, call Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-

Exploring a Pond: Sunday, July 24, 2-4 p.m. The pond is home to many wonderful and unique animals. Join us and meet some of these pond personalities. This

program is for all ages. Free.

Gardening for Butterflies & Hummingbirds:

Saturday, July 30, 1 p.m. Discover how to plan an allyou-can-eat restaurant to attract these interesting animals to your backyard. This program is for ages 10 and up. Fee: \$3 per person and preregistration is required.

Firefly Frenzy: Sunday, July 31, 9 p.m. Summer is a great time to spend the evening outdoors. You will hunt for fireflies and other creatures of the night. This program is for all ages. Preregistration required. Beasts on the Beach: Sunday, Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m., Martindale Beach. Snakes and turtles are among the most fascinating of all animals. There's a lot of misinformation about them. Join an interpreter and sort out what is true and what isn't, during this ongoing program. Free.

Colonial Kensington: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m, Martindale Beach. Watch battles, visit camps and discover the past as more than 200 Colonial, British and French re-enactors bring Michigan's history to life. Incredible Insects: Saturday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. Grab a butterfly net and head out to the field with an interpreter to see what you can find. Fee: \$3 per

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Calling All Owls: Sunday, Aug. 28, 8 p.m. Learn how to tell the difference between owls by sight and sound, and take a hike to try and find these stealthy creatures of the night. For ages 8 and older. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Farm Center

Fun on the Farm - Pigs: Thursday, July 21, 10 a.m. This program for the little ones consists of story time, a craft and an activity. Children will get to see a pigpen, visit with the piglets and maybe get a little dirty. Fee: \$3 per person. Farmer for a Day: Tuesday July 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program is offered to children interested in working on a farm. Kids will work alongside farmers cleaning stalls, feeding animals and working on other daily or seasonal chores. This program is designed to be educational and fun; children will leave with a greater appreciation of farm life. For children ages 7 to 15 years. Fee: \$30

REUNION CALENDAR

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

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

50s and 60s

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

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971

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

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961 50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail. Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. Email 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

dnshs40th71@yahoo.com Farmington High School Class of 1961

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

tact 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 Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522

Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67

A casual, joint reunion is planned for

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

Garden City High School Class of 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. Email 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.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

Plymouth High School Classes of 1951-52

Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

Class of 1953

A reunion is planned for July 22-24 at the home of Lewis Beaver, 1111 Manistee, in Lake City. Just show up for the gathering at 1 p.m. on July 22, with snacks and your beverage of choice. A pig roast will held at the Beavers at a cost of \$20 at noon on July 23. Bring a dish to pass. Gathering on July 24 is optional. The North Crest Motel is located across from the Beavers, telephone (231) 839-2074. Lake City is located on Highway 55, west of Highway 127 and Houghton Lake. For more information call John Mathe at (734) 729-0551, Lewis Beaver at (775) 727-1327 or Charlotte Tate at (734) 697-2799.

Classes of 1965-66

6 p.m., Satuday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d' oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, Mi 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S Harvey, Plymouth, Mi. 48170.

Redford Union Class of 1971

6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or email to RUHS71@yahoo.com

Class of 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012 E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at lindatracy100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

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LONGSTAFF,

MURIEL GRACE

Jan. 24, 1919-July 11, 2011

Muriel Grace Longstaff passed away

peacefully on Monday, July 11, 2011

at the age of 92 years. She was predeceased by her husband Cyril; step-daughter Delphine Eagle; parents

Edward and Grace; stepmother Jessie;

and siblings Glenys Payne and Helen

Terrett. She will be lovingly remembered by her stepdaughter Barbara

Story and the Story family; the Eagle

family; sister Marjorie Richards and

the Richards family: the Terrett fami-

ly; as well as other family and friends.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be

held at Regina Pioneer Village, 430

Pioneer Drive, Regina, SK on Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with inter-

ment to follow at Regina Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations in memo-

ry of Muriel may be made to the Sisters of St. John the Divine, 233

Cummer Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M

2E8. Family and friends are invited to

sign the online obituary and tributes

page at: www.regina-memorial.ca.
Arrangements entrusted to Regina

Funeral Home (306) 789-8850.

BROOKS, SCOTT PAUL

Age 49, of Redford, passed away July 8th, 2011 at home. Beloved husband of Catalina; precious father of Angela and Liam. Survived also by brother Grant and many more loving family and friends. Memorial service will be held Friday, July 15th at the Redford Moose Lodge, 5 Telegraph), Redford. 5 Mile (W. of

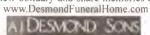
DES AUTELS, DAVID B.

Age 71, passed away July 5, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Aileen and bother Jack. Survived by his beloved Barbara, three sons, Terry, David and Scott and daughter Tracey. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Also surivied by one brother Larry, four sisters, Jean, Ruth, Alice and Anne and a host of nieces, newphers, cousins and friends. Dave will be rememberd Friday, July 15th, 2011 from 3-5pm with a memorial Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Road, Redford Township, MI 48240.



EBERSOLE, ELVA M.

June 16, 2011, age 97. Loving wife of the late A. Edgar "Eby." Dear Mother of Brenda Shufelt and Bob (Colleen). Beloved Nana of Cara, Lani and the late Erin. Best friend of her late Maltese, (Dandy Boy). Lovingly cared for one of Birmingham's oldest homes for 58 years. A memorial service will be celebrated on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 11:00a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. In her memory the family welcomes flowers at the church or donations to the Birmingham Musicale Philanthropic Fund, c/o Mary Irvine, 3142 Brandon Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at



FIGUEIREDO,

RICHARD STANTON

Age 80 of Northville, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011. Born December 28, 1930 in Boston, MA, he

was the son of Edward J. and Hilda G.

(Hebert) Figueiredo. Beloved husband

of Barbara A. (Lower) whom he mar-

ried in Colorado on November 5,

1952. Loving father of Brian (Pamela)

Figueiredo of Wayne, Mark Figueiredo of Brooklyn, MI and Kim (Ken)

Stratford of Hartland. Also survived by

six grandchildren; six great-grandchil-

dren; sister-in-law, Lucy Figueiredo of

West Port, MA; one nephew and three nieces. Dick and his wife are former

members of the Salem Bible Church.

They were avid roller skaters, for years

they skated regularly at the Riverside

Arena in Livonia. Another passion they had was for traveling and camp-

with funeral services Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home,

315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-

546-2800). Memorial contributions are

suggested to the American Diabetes

Association. Please visit the family's

www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

on line guest book at

Visitation was held Wednesday

Holland, MI passed away Monday,

JOLDERSMA, ALFRED T.

Age 92 of Sarasota, FL, formerly of

June 27, 2011. He was born on October 17, 1918 to Alfred and Antoinette Joldersma, graduated from Holland High School, Hope College and the University of Michigan where he received an MBA. Alfred was employed at Arthur Anderson, Detroit Harvester both in Detroit, Kawneer Company in Niles, MI and Hubbell Inc. in Connecticut, from which he retired in 1981. Since his retirement Alfred lived in Sarasota, FL and summered in Holland and Traverse City. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Millie in 1982 and his second wife. Grace in 2002. Alfred is survived by his wife, Sande Galate of Sarasota, ; Children, Diane and Bob Portenga of Traverse City, Tom and Anna Joldersma of Oak Ridge, TN and Jane and Luke Sandborn of Sunfield, MI. Six grandchildren and eight great-Coffman of Bloomfield Hills, MI and several step-children and step-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 11 am Saturday, July 30, 2011 at Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 277 College Ave., Holland. The Reverend Mark Nieuwsma will officiate. A time of fellowship and refreshments with the family will take place after the funeral service in the atrium of the A. Paul Schaap Science Center. The burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to the Millie Joldersma Scholarship at Hope College. An online registry is available at www.langelandsterenberg.com.



KORBY (Nee HALL)

IRENE M. Passed away on July 8, 2011. She was born in Mohawk, MI on September 8, 1935. She was predeceased by her first husband, James Markovich and son Scott. She is survived by her beloved and caring husband Leland; son Brian Markovich (Kim); grandson Brian Jr. (Amy); great-granddaughter Kaylee; brothers Gary Hall (Janet); Robert Hall (Susan); two step-children Daneen (Roland), Greg (Nancy); five step-grandchildren; one step-greatgranddaughter Abby; numerous nieces and nephews. She also considered herself as great-grandma to Justin, Chase, Cheyenne, Lily, Dakota and Brooklyn.

At her request there will be no visitation or memorial service.

WALKER, WILLIAM GLEN

Age 86, June 26, 2011. Beloved husband of Betty Jane, survived by his daughter Susan; sons Scott (Pam,) David (Susan,) and Thomas (Jane); grandsons James (Cuchnat,) Eric, Paul, Donald, Andrew, Glen, Timothy, and the late Jennifer. Great-granddaughter Arianna. Military service in WWII and Korea. Civil engineer, Wayne County Road Commission (Bridges). Memorial Service Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Remembrances to the American Cancer Society. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



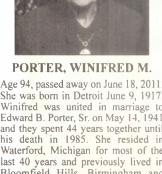
MILLER, ETHEL V.,

Age 86, of Farmington, died July 10, Ethel, a radar inspector and active in the USO during WWII, was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church choir, Farmington Vivians, and the Farmington Players in the 1980's. Beloved wife of the late Floyd (d.1999); loving mother of Michael (Karen) Miller and Deborah (Robert) Harrison; sister of William (the late Lois) Cornwell and Lee (Connie) Cornwell; cherished grandmother of David, Jennifer (Benjamin) Reigle and Michael (fiance' Lauren); and great grandmother of Ava and Clara. Ethel was also preceded in death by sisters, Prudence McPeek, Flora Hovatter and Susan McPeek. Visitation Thursday, July 14th, 2-9 PM, with 4 PM prayers, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Friday, July 15th, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to

St. Jude Children's Hospital, stjude.org. heeney-sundquist.com

RITCHEY, DAVID A.

Suddenly, July 13, 2011, age 65. Beloved husband of Kathy. Dear father of Michael (Marion), Kimberly, Karyn, Karol (John), Jason (Jessie), Carl (Shelly) and Barbie (Shane). Also leaves 17 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Brother of Carol and Marilyn. Services were private. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



She was born in Detroit June 9, 1917 Winifred was united in marriage to Edward B. Porter, Sr. on May 14, 1941 and they spent 44 years together until his death in 1985. She resided in Waterford, Michigan for most of the last 40 years and previously lived in Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Grosse Ile, Michigan. She is survived by her children, Patricia A. Porter; Edward B. Porter, Jr. and Dona M Porter and her brother Edgar W. Heinrich II; nephews, Gar (Rita) Heinrich and Todd (Susan) Heinrich, Peter (Michelle) Heinrich and niece Heidi Heinrich. Winifred was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Porter, Sr., her parents Evelyn M. Schmitz Heinrich and Edgar William Heinrich I. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the chapel of Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham,

SCHULZ, RUTH

Formerly of Livonia, passed on July 9, in Monroe MI. She was 89 years old. Ruth taught in Westland for several years. www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com



Age 65 July 8, 2011. Beloved wife of James for 42 years, loving mother of Matthew (Angie) Weston and Amanda Weston. Cherished grandmother of Josh, dear sister of Earleen (Danial) Van Etten, Sharon (Patrick) Mullins, Earl (Patricia) Keith, and Sheila (Dennis) Skelton. Open house family and friends visiting Tuesday, July 26th from 5-8 PM at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington Educational (F.E.A.) Scholarship Fund, 39300 West 12 Mile, Suite 140 Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington

WIGGINS, FRANK R. Age 50, of Fowlerville, passed away

July 6, 2011. He was born September 2, 1960 in Coburg, Germany. He is the beloved son of Monika and the late William James Wiggins, III of Birmingham and the dear brother of Suzanne (Fred) Hinebaugh. Also survived by his nephews, Nicholas and Christopher Hinebaugh and stepfather, Pete Gallucci. The family will have a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Duck's Unlimited and/or Michigan Animal Rescue League. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, (248) 398-6500. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com



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Avoid illness, shower before getting in pool

Water parks offer families a chance to have fun and be physically active, but that fun may come with the risk of getting sick. Infections and illnesses from the water affect more than 10,000 Americans each year. One of the best ways to reduce the risk of infection is to make sure that parents and kids shower before playing at water parks.

The University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health asked parents of elementary school kids about their perceptions of water park risks and their opinions about basic water park rules. The sample included families who have taken their children to water parks within the

"While 64 percent of parents feel it is very important for children to not swallow the water at a water park, only 26 percent of parents think it is very important to shower before getting in the water," said Dr. Matthew Davis, director of the poll and associate professor in the Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit at the U-M Medical School. "Parents seem to understand the risk of contaminated water for their kids but few have their kids take the necessary preventive steps to keep everyone healthy."

Most parents also may not appreciate their role in preventing recreational water infections, Davis says. While 65 percent of parents feel that preventing recreational water illnesses is a shared responsibility between parents and water park staff, 28 percent of parents feel that water park staff alone is responsible.

"This poll shows that relatively few parents fully understand their role in preventing infections at water parks," said Davis, who is also associate professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. "The 'shower before entering' rule posted at water parks nationwide isn't meant to be optional. Showering is a simple and effective way to reduce the spread of germs, including some germs like Cryptosporidium that are not killed with conventional levels of chlorine. When



parents let their kids play at a water park without showering, they may be raising the risk of infection for everyone."

Parents perceive the risk of infections from water parks as lower than the risk of drowning, Davis added. In fact, national data indicate that infections are more common than drowning each year.

Water park staff and parents can work together to prevent infections. Staff can follow state-of-the-art steps to managing risks of cryptosporidiosis, which include treating with high levels of chlorine intermittently and using ozone or ultra-violet treatment technologies. Parents can follow

these easy steps:

•Wash thoroughly with soap and water (especially for young children in the diaper area) before swimming.

•Take children on bathroom breaks or check diapers often.

•Remind children not to swallow the water and to avoid getting water in the mouth.

•Do not swim when sick with diarrhea. For more information on recreational water illnesses from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, visit

www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/ rwi/rwi-basics.html

Research: Faith benefits traumatic brain injury victims

Two researchers at Wayne State University have found that individuals with traumatic brain injury can improve rehabilitation if they feel close to a higher power.

Traumatic brain injury — the disruption of normal brain function after a head injury — affects 1.7 million Americans annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those struggling with the longterm effects are at a heightened risk for mental and physical problems that can inhibit rehabilitation outcomes. When the injury leaves people feeling stressed, less satisfied with life and functionally dependent on others, rehabilitation is the only option.

"Among healthy adults, religion and spirituality have shown strong association with improved life satisfaction and physical and mental health outcomes," said Brigid Waldron-Perrine, a recent Ph.D. graduate who conducted the research with her mentor, Lisa J. Rapport, a professor of psychology at Wayne State's College of Liberal Arts and

But research about religion's effect on TBI rehabilitation in particular is lacking. To fill this void, Waldron-Perrine interviewed and completed neuropsychological tests on 88 individuals diagnosed with TBI. Most of them were male, African American Christians. Participants also completed a neuropsychological measure of their cognitive abilities. Each TBI victim's "significant other" also participated and reported on their loved one's functional status.

Waldron-Perrine found that most participants who reported higher levels of religious well-being had better emotional and physical rehabilitation outcomes. But public religious activities and existential well-being — a sense that life has a purpose apart from any religious reference — did not have such an effect influence on rehabilitation

This "intriguing" finding, she said, may be due to the fact that TBI victims lack full control of their ability to participate in public religious practice. "They often must rely on others for scheduling and transportation to social events, so their public religious participation does not wholly reflect their true use of religious resources," she said.

Social support was related to positive physical and mental rehabilitation results. Waldron-Perrine said that's consistent with other research studies linking religious social support to positive health outcomes in other populations. But even when Waldron-Perrine adjusted for social support, religious well-being still stood as a unique and strong predictor of positive health outcomes in TBI patients.

Waldron-Perrine's doctoral dissertation, completed in Rapport's lab, was the foundation of this study. Waldron-Perrine is now a post-doctoral fellow at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Health Care System and University of Michigan's Department of Psychiatry.

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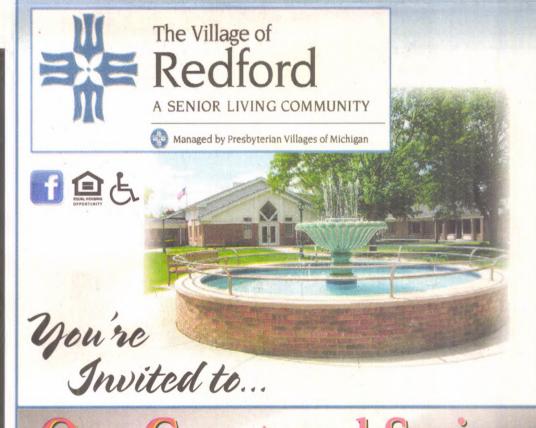
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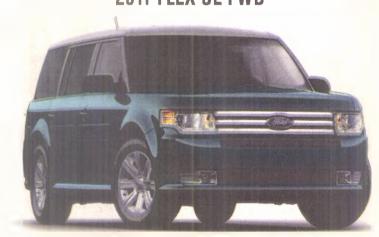


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How to keep networking during summer vacation

Anthony Balderrama, **CareerBuilder Writer**

For many people, regardless of age, summer is a time when work is low on your list of priorities. Perhaps all those years of three-month summer vacations as young students conditioned us to think of June, July, and August as reprieves from using our brain. Even many offices let their workers leave early on Fridays during the summer.

For job seekers, the summer months can be particularly troublesome due to several factors. Aside from wishing they were outside sunning at the pool rather than inside typing up a resume, many job seekers have children at home for three months and need to entertain them. Not to mention scheduling conflicts of the employers who are off at some resort enjoying the sun and don't have time for interviews. Despite these problems, however, summer isn't a lost cause for job

Why summer is a good time to job hunt "Conducting a job search during the summer can be tricky, and it is important to avoid the biggest hazards for job seekers during the summertime -- timing and schedules," says Patty Coffey, a partner in the information technology division of staffing firm Winter, Wyman. "Candidates shouldn't feel discouraged if the interview process takes extra time, and those who can withstand a longer process may just find that perfect job."

In fact, Coffey offers these five tips for job seekers to keep in mind during the summer: Some industries slow down in summer

"Employees of many companies may actually have more time to interview candidates in the summer, when they aren't on vacation, because it isn't a busy time for their organization," she explains. Don't assume no one's hiring

"Companies still need to hire even when it is 95 degrees outside," Coffey reminds. "If you stop your job search, you could miss out on some great opportunities. And you may face less competition if other job seekers are buying into the summer slowdown myth." Be prepared to act quickly

"While summer vacation schedules can

prolong the interview process, they can also expedite it," she cautions. "If the schedules of all involved align, companies will speed up interviews -- to even just one day -- to avoid the complexity of scheduling multiple meetings."

Starting in the summer gives you more breathing room

"Summertime is typically a less hectic time to transition to a new job. Prospects can get acquainted with the company when fewer people are in the office and things are slower. It can also be less traumatic for families if a move is involved, since children

picnics and sports games in order to advance your career. Here's what they think you should be doing:

"At the summer barbecue or pool party, networkers should listen as well as talk. Listening establishes rapport and people are more likely to help you when they feel listened to. Job seekers should never say, 'I'm unemployed.' It sounds passive and negative. If you are networking and not employed, the best thing to say is 'I'm in [a] career transition.' It puts you in the driver's seat. If you were caught in a downsizing, never say 'I lost my job' or 'I was laid off.'

since these are usually social or recreational, do not come across as too pushy. Keep it low key!" - Larry Chiagouris, professor of marketing at Pace University

"The best thing about networking [at picnics, softball leagues or tennis matches] is people get to know the real you, the person behind the suit, the face and the personality. Be yourself! And connect with them on LinkedIn.

"Considering most conversations either begin or end up focusing on what you do for a living, have that elevator speech planned but don't sound too canned. Bring business cards or connect with new contacts on LinkedIn but know going into it what you're looking for. Identify what you want such as a company you want to work for and/or specific jobs and put yourself in the position to ask new contacts for help." - Vicki Salemi, author of "Big Career in the Big

"At times, professionals forget the conversation starters and ways to look for making connections to build their networking. Ask probing questions to find out more about the other person. Don't talk all business but ask them about their personal interests outside of work, their family, their occupation and what made them select that industry, where they like to vacation and what are their dreams and aspirations. When you find a common connection that is when the real magic begins to happen.

"I challenge people to keep asking questions on various topics until they find a common interest. I've personally done this and found people who attended the same university, from the same home town or like to vacation in the same type of relaxing vacations. This is how to build a professional network that can lead to longterm rapport." - Sarah Hathorn, CEO of Illustra Consulting, a corporate and individual professional consulting firm.

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Now that you know summer is the perfect time to job hunt, and maybe even the secret to landing a job while everyone else has given up, you need to know how to do it. We asked some career experts to give their best advice for making the most of summer

Instead say, 'My position was downsized' or 'my department was eliminated.' Then, it sound less like the layoff was about you and more like it was about the financial operations of the company." - Marky Stein, career coach and author of "Fearless Resumes: The Proven Method to Get a Great

"The challenge of summer networking is that so many of the venues and places are outside. Most of us are not walking around with our briefcases and resumes in hand. We forget that these summer places offer real opportunities.

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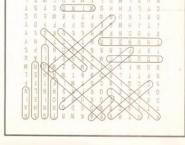
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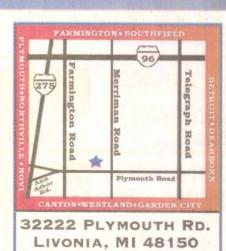
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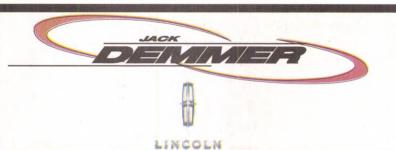
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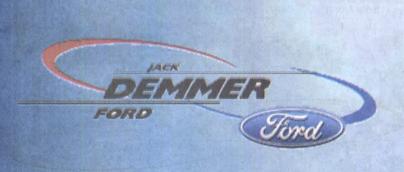
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