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Library director authors new path

Thomas retiring from Plymouth District after 34 years

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Patricia Thomas has had a lifelong love affair with libraries.

Thomas, a librarian for more than 40 years, grew up in Melvindale, and fondly remembers the town library, with its stately look and its mural of storybook characters on a wall in the children's room.

She only had to cross one busy street to get there.

"From the time I could read, if nobody could take me to the

library, I walked," said Thomas on Thursday. "The library was a place where the whole world was there for you."

Now, Thomas is getting ready to chart a new path for herself — while continuing her passion for books — as she plans to retire next month from the Plymouth District Library, where she's been the director for 34 years.

"This is a perfect job. You get to work with people. I have a wonderful staff," Thomas said during an interview at the library.

Thomas will be succeeded

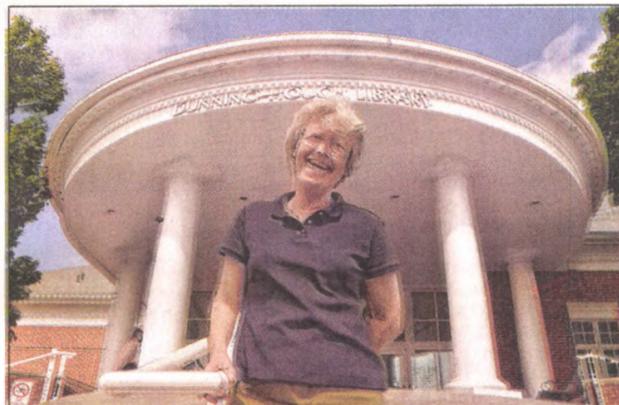
by Carol Souchock, director of the Adrian Public Library, who was picked last weekend after the Board of Trustees interviewed her and three other candidates.

Board president Mike Pappas said it's an exciting time and should be a smooth transition.

'She'll be missed'

"Her service to the library's been second to none," Pappas said of Thomas. "She's been very good. She'll be missed,

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Library Director Pat Thomas has been at the Dunning-Hough Library for over 34 years. **BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



Officer manager Jackie Anderson (left) and medical records keeper Patty Slomsky work the front desk at Personalized Nursing LIGHT House-Plymouth.

Suspect sent to trial in gas station holdup try

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

One of two suspects in a June holdup attempt at a Plymouth Township gas station was sent to trial Friday after a hearing in 35th District Court.

Judge Ron Lowe ordered the case against Matthew Ross, of Taylor, sent to Wayne County Circuit Court, where Ross is to be arraigned Friday, Aug. 9. He is charged with one count of armed robbery in the attempted holdup June 30 of the Shell station at Five Mile and Beck. A would-be robber escaped without any money, and no one was hurt.

Meanwhile, Lowe ordered the second suspect, Tyler Robinson of Canton Township, to undergo a psychological examination to determine whether he is

competent to stand trial, a measure his defense requested. Robinson is due back in district court on Friday, Oct. 25. He is also charged with armed robbery.

Both men are also charged with armed robbery in the holdup of a Mobil station at Merriman and Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, which also occurred June 30. Ross was ordered to trial in that case after a recent hearing in Livonia's 16th District Court, while Robinson, as in the Plymouth Township case, was sent for a competency examination.

Both men were being held in the Wayne County Jail on Friday.

In the incident at the Shell station, according to township Officer Charlie

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Fighting the demons

Plymouth center helps addicts build new life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

His real name, the one he uses at Personalized Nursing LIGHT House-Plymouth, means "freedom."

And that's what Freedom (his real name is being withheld to protect his privacy) thinks he found at PNLH. A self-professed five-time failure in rehab, Freedom believes the sixth — and what he hopes is the final — time is the charm.

Freedom just completed his intensive rehab program with PNLH earlier this week. PNLH is a treatment center for addictions, primarily drug and alcohol. At any given time the center is treating some 70 people in one program or another.

"This place saved my life, in all ways," said Freedom, who admitted to addictions to alcohol and crack. "It helped me

with my addictions, and it helped me with my core issues. I failed the other times (in rehab), and I hit my very bottom. I was defeated, and this place picked me back up."

PNLH uses three full-time therapists and eight other Masters-prepared therapists who do group therapy sessions and see outpatient clients. There are three case managers, and four peer recovery coaches (most of them former clients who've been clean several years).

One of five

The Plymouth office, opened in October 1990, is one of five PNLH locations (Dearborn Heights, Farmington, Detroit and Lakeland). It offers day treatment, an intensive outpatient treatment program that includes housing, and an outpatient program for

adults seeking treatment for addiction.

But, according to co-founder Joe Paliwoda, PNLH is about more than just the addiction.

"We do more than basic addiction treatment," Paliwoda said. "We incorporate mental health therapy, as well."

When PNLH was founded, Paliwoda said, there was a "huge gap" between residential and outpatient services, and the success rates of people who either didn't have transportation to and from treatment, or didn't have a supportive home environment.

PNLH introduced its intensive outpatient therapy with domicile, providing housing to allow clients who were learning coping and life skills in treatment to practice them

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Johnson Controls employees and Detroit students work on Belle Isle during the Conservation Leadership Corps' Greening Day on Wednesday. **SANTA FABIO**

Students, Johnson Controls join for city spruce-up

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Employees from Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township worked alongside Detroit students Wednesday as part of a leadership training program dedicated to cleaning up the city and fostering environmental stewardship.

It was the sixth annual Greening Day for the Conservation Leadership Corps, an environmental-centered jobs program for Detroit teenagers and young adults that's sponsored by Johnson Controls in partnership with

the Student Conservation Association and The Greening of Detroit. This year's CLC involves some 80 Detroit high school students, some returning members.

The students, their crew leaders and the Johnson Controls employees spent the day pulling weeds, clearing paths, picking up trash and trimming overgrown trees at places like Belle Isle and Rouge Park.

"We got some mosquito bites — we dressed appropriately — but it was a lot of

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in a safe, supportive home environment. PNLH uses designated apartment complexes around the area to give clients a place to go.

"They get to practice the skills they learn here during the day," said Teri Baker, PNLH-Plymouth's clinical director. "They're learning to have one foot in treatment, but the other foot is in the real world."

Housing helpful

Paliwoda called the housing element "crucial" to the success of the program. He cites Johns Hopkins research that says while relapse rates for people leaving

detox range from 65 to 80 percent one month after discharge, those provided drug-free recovery housing coupled with an intensive day-treatment program may be up to 10 times more likely to stay abstinent than those released from detox with minimal assistance.

According to Baker, PNLH-Plymouth has room for 36 IOPD clients and another 30 in the enhanced outpatient program. IOPD clients attend therapy Monday-Friday in programs ranging from two to eight weeks. She said 60 percent of the clients are men; only 40 percent are women.

"With women there's a greater level of shame," said Baker, who owns a master's in social

work from Wayne State University and has been with the company since May 1998.

"They won't seek treatment as often. Women sometimes stay and muddle through."

Baker said while clients are learning to battle their addictions, they're also being taught about self-esteem. She remembers handing the key to a room to a client, who seemed stunned by the move.

"She told me, 'nobody has ever trusted me with a key before, and you're just handing me a key?'" Baker recalled. "We teach them not only to not use drugs or alcohol, but we work on their self-esteem."

Some of the clients are ordered into rehab by the courts, others are

referred from hospitals or other treatment centers, still others walk in off the streets. Insurance isn't often an issue; PNLH gets county funding so people who don't have insurance can get help.

Staffers believe they're having a solid impact. Paliwoda said some 86 percent of clients still feel better about their lives six months after completing treatment.

Baker said success can be measured in a variety of ways, some as simple as seeing clients "dressing better, or even just taking a shower. It shows they're thinking better of themselves."

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but it's time to go on."

Thomas praised the community's support for the library, suggesting it made her job more satisfying. "These people love libraries. They support libraries," she said.

That support was key in 1985, Thomas said, when voters approved the creation of a district library and the millage to fund it. The library district was created the following year.

Previously, the 90-year-old library had been part of the Wayne County system, then a city library, with its revenue coming from the city, Plymouth Township and, until that community got its own library, Canton Township. The district system helped stabilize finances, Thomas said.

Thomas began as a shelver in the Melvindale library while in high school, worked in the Plymouth library in the children's department from 1973 to 1976, and worked in other libraries in the county system before returning to Plymouth as director in 1979.

She's seen big changes in libraries over those years, including the introduction of computers, computerized catalogs, and the expansion of collections to include paperbacks ("Libraries don't do that" was the word when she started, she said), videos and books once considered too specialized or outside the mainstream, like graphic novels and Christian fiction.

What those changes have added up to, Thomas said, is the biggest change: The library becoming a community center that appeals to a broader array of people.

"I think you're seeing a great willingness to reach out to people where they are," she said. "Not everybody wants to read the classics."

Mass appeal

That broader appeal was more evident during the recent recession, Thomas said, when more people came in to use library computers and seek resources for their job searches, and when librarians had to learn how to help people sign up for unemployment benefits online. Annual circulation reached 1 million for the first time in 2009, she said, and has stayed above that ever since.

For her own reading, Thomas likes a lot of nonfiction: economics, politics, and science. She's now reading *Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal*, by Mary Roach.

Thomas has led the library through a period of growth, in particular the construction of a whole new and larger library building in the 1990s. A former grocery store farther south on Main Street was used as a temporary library until the current building opened in April 1998. In 2006 and 2007, the building was expanded again when an attic space — built to accommodate future growth — was finished.

In the library's future, Thomas sees a greater sharing of ideas of the potential uses for, and links between, the material in its collection, a cross-pollination of ideas and insights of the sort one might find on social media.

"We're looking for ways to bring more of that into the mix," she said. "That's our opportunity, I think, moving ahead."

In her own future, Thomas said, she has a "laundry list" of things to do, including re-siding her vacation home in St. Ignace, gardening there and at her house in Ann Arbor, and catching up on short-story fiction.

"I'm looking forward to rethinking what I'm doing with my life again," she said.

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Rozum, the detective in charge of the case, two men walked in some time after 1 a.m., and one of them bought a package of beef jerky with a Bridge card, a debit card that replaced food stamps in Michigan.

They left, Rozum said, and the man who had bought the beef

jerky returned a short time later and announced a holdup. He lifted his shirt to show the clerk what appeared to be a silver-colored semiautomatic pistol, Rozum said.

But a man delivering Krispy Kreme doughnuts then walked in, Rozum said, and apparently scared off the would-be robber, who left.

Rozum said the delivery man didn't see the gun the would-be robber

had shown the clerk.

The Livonia holdup occurred a short time later; a man with what was described as a silver pistol left the Mobil station with an undisclosed amount of cash and a package of beef jerky, said Livonia Lt. Tom Goralski. No vehicle was seen.

Robinson was arrested by township officers July 1 at a local Walmart, after police traced the Bridge card used at the Shell station to him, said

Rozum. Further investigation, Rozum said, led to Ross, who had outstanding traffic warrants and was arrested July 3 after a traffic stop in Taylor. Police found a silver-colored toy pistol in the car he was driving, Rozum said.

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fun," said Tendo Kasara, a strategic planning manager at Johnson Controls who worked with CLC students at Rouge Park on Wednesday.

Taking the lead

"When you talk to a student, it's good to get their perspective," Kasara said. "We learned, first and foremost, they have a lot of heart about what they do." Other work sites CLC students visit during the six-week pro-

gram are the Brightmoor neighborhood, Eliza Howell Park and the D-Town Farm.

Greening Day was also a get-acquainted session, Kasara said, as the CLC students will visit Johnson Controls' Plymouth Township facility Friday, Aug. 9, for a professional development day.

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Canton's own 'King'

Performer's act brings Elvis to life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Chris Ayotte and his older brother, Paul, would do their after-dinner chores as kids, they'd sing along to an Elvis Presley record Paul bought shortly after Presley's death.

While Paul washed dishes and Chris dried, they'd sing the entire album, complete with the shaking, rattling and rolling for which Presley was famous. The more they sang, the more Paul was picking up Elvis' voice, imitating Presley to near-perfection.

Younger brother Chris was so impressed, he decided to try getting the voice down, too. Now, as anyone who's been to the Michigan ElvisFest in Ypsilanti the last few years knows, Chris does it as well as anyone.

Ayotte, a Canton resident who grew up in Shelby Township, spends a couple of nights a month performing as Elvis - and paying tribute to a variety of other musicians, actors and even U.S. Presidents - in his own variety show.

"Cleaning up was never so much fun," said Ayotte, who by day is a marketing manager for a Fortune 500 company. "I was so impressed with (Paul's) vocal likeness that I started picking up the voice myself. By the time I was in high school, I was performing Elvis in show choir and also for special performances with the marching band."

Dared to enter

Friends dared him to enter an Elvis contest at the 2004 Michigan ElvisFest, an event Ayotte didn't even know existed to that point. Thrown into a contest with a dozen



Chris Ayotte's fans gather at the edge of the stage. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

other Elvises, all of whom Ayotte said "had the look, feel, moves and voice," Ayotte wound up winning the Director's Choice contest.

While he was excited - "I was honored, humbled," he said - to win, Ayotte was more impressed with the size of the crowd and their "insatiable appetite and appreciation" for Presley's music.

"I had no idea there was such a demand for it even today," said Ayotte, who has a bachelor's degree in political science and communication from the University of Michigan. "Since then, I have been very fortunate to have been invited back every year. What a joy to sing for people who will never forget the King of Rock and Roll. Ultimately, it's Elvis' God-given voice that has always mesmerized me. There's no one like him and there never will be."

Ayotte has freelanced as an announcer and actor for TV, industrial video, and radio. His credits include several live TV commercials for the local NBC affiliate and acting as game show host for trade show

videos. He also performed in civic theater to raise funds for charitable causes.

Variety the spice

Much of his time these days, though, he does variety shows, paying tribute to a list of legendary singers, celebrities, and former U.S. presidents. According to Ayotte, it's a little like The Tonight Show meets The Rat Pack meets Who's Line Is It Anyway?

And it's more than just Elvis. His act features tributes to the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, Harry Connick Jr., Neil Diamond and Tom Jones, each singer introduced with celebrity impressions ranging from Jack Nicholson and Sylvester Stallone to William Shatner and Johnny Carson.

And while the idea of turning his entertainment career into a full-time gig is a tempting one, Ayotte never really considers it.

"I'm just happy to occasionally perform for people who enjoy a different take on live entertainment," said Ayotte, a

always says I was meant to bring back the memories of these legendary performers so we never forget."

While his performances are "variety" shows, he always brings it back to The King, whose voice Ayotte said is "simply unmistakable" and who has the "greatest following of any performer I know post-death."

"When people close their eyes, I want them to feel like they are hearing the real thing," Ayotte said. "I think there's an Elvis fan in everyone. Yet Elvis was a man of humility and shyness, so I never let it go to my head. I always try to remember who I am and not take myself too seriously."

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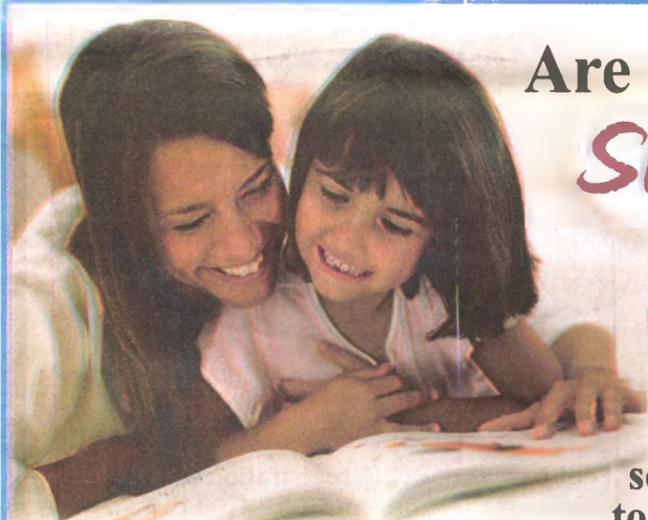
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chestra is put together, what each instrument's sounds are, and what the conductor does.

Students get to meet composer, Andre Myers, who narrates his own work, based on the book "Paddle to the Sea." They also get a conducting lesson and get to sing with the orchestra.

"We were really thrilled to receive one of the Community Financial award grants for the education program," said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic's executive director. "We really appreciate their support for arts education in our community."

Community Financial is donating \$1,000 every Monday through Friday until Aug. 30, to non-profit organizations nominated during the Summer of Sharing campaign. Nominations can

be made at www.SummerofSharing.org.

"Our members are actively involved in the community and we want to support the charities that are important to them," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial Credit Union President/CEO.

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Pretending to succeed is a failed strategy

No, I did not predict the demise of Detroit 60 years ago.

Yet, in 2004 when I was state superintendent of public instruction, I did say the funding model for our schools and far too many of our municipalities were unsustainable. (See Structural Funding Problems Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century: www.michigan.gov/documents/michigan-schoolfund-110803_7.pdf)

Did the governor, legislature, State Board of Education and other local policy makers and educational leaders listen?

Nope. Collectively, for the most part they acted like Rip Van Winkle, waking only long enough to kick the can further down the road.

And like Detroit, they, too, are running out of both the road and the can.

My report foreshadowed what is now true today. Fifty-five school districts are in substantial financial deficits. Two, Inkster and Buena Vista, are being dissolved and the sitting state Superintendent is now calling for collapsing the 550 plus local school districts into 83 county-wide districts.

Solutions take time

Problems left alone do not solve themselves. Cleaning up historic messes takes time. Yet as we all know, the first step in problem solving is admitting you have a problem. Denial is a potent enemy of sen-



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

sible change. Even today in dealing with the unsustainable nature of our schools and many local units of government, the response in far too many cases is to pretend, deny, and continue to spend.

We need to get serious about the scope of the problem. Only when the magnitude of the problem is revealed and accepted can leaders persuade citizens to take action on necessary sacrifices needed to fix it.

Think General Motors, Chrysler and the city of Detroit.

Stein's Law

If there's an obvious rule in economics, it is Stein's Law (named after Herb Stein, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers): "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop."

The Economist magazine put it this way in a recent article entitled: *The Unsteady States of America: It is not just Detroit.* "American cities and states must promise less or face disaster... Public employees should retire later. States should accelerate the shift to defined-contribution pension schemes, where what you get out depends on what you put in. These are the norm in the private sector. Benefits already accrued should be honored, but future accru-

als should be curtailed, where legally possible. The earlier you grapple with the problem, the easier it will be to fix. Nebraska, which stopped offering final-salary pensions to new hires in 1967, is sitting pretty."

Other than the federal government, who reverts to printing money, there are only three ways to balance a budget:

- 1) Increase revenue
- 2) Reduce expenditures
- 3) A combination of the above.

Pretending has a way of catching up with everyone. If you have a hole in your roof, pretending to fix it has never kept the rain out.

Look across Michigan and America - the fiscal roofs on far too many schools, cities, counties, and states are leaking.

Hey, Rip: Wake up! GM, Chrysler, Inkster, Buena Vista and now Detroit are the canary in the coal mine.

That is far too many canaries to ignore.

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The Plymouth Whalers will play the Windsor Spitfires in their exhibition opener to benefit the Livonia Fallen Heroes Memorial, groundbreaking for which took place July 17.

Whalers give back for Livonia memorial

When the Plymouth Whalers open the 2013 preseason schedule on Saturday, Aug. 31, against Windsor at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia, a heartfelt and inspiring back story will take center stage in a big way.

One hundred percent of the proceeds generated in the game benefit the Livonia Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Larry Nehasil Park in Livonia.

Eddie Edgar Arena is located at 33841 Lyndon in Livonia. Tickets for the game are on sale run \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Livonia Police Department, 734-466-2470, Compuware Arena, 734-453-8400, Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, 734-427-1280, Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 734-427-2122, and the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 734-466-2900.

"We're very excited here, not only with the (Livonia) police department, but the fire department and the entire city organization," said Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid. "We really appreciate the support of the

Plymouth Whalers and their organization in bringing the game to Eddie Edgar Arena for our benefit. We're truly honored that the Whalers and the Spitfires are willing to play a game here in Livonia and for this cause."

The Larry Nehasil Park and the Livonia Fallen Heroes Memorial were created as a memorial to the service of late police Officers Larry Nehasil, Ervin Johnston, James Kelley and Sidney Dethloff and fireman Gary Kreski. Groundbreaking for the project happened on July 17, with the anticipated completion sometime during the summer of 2014.

Fans attending the game will have a direct effect on the completion of the project. Livonia businesses are also stepping up to support the game. Livonia Dermatology - located on Farmington Road, across from the Livonia Police station - is the presenting sponsor for the game.

"The game between the Whalers and Spitfires is going to stimulate growth for the park and the monument - all

through donations," said Caid. "No city or taxpayer funds will be used. An event like this game is critical for the success of the park. Livonia is in close proximity to Windsor, so we're excited to have Spitfire fans in Livonia cheering for their team."

Although Eddie Edgar Arena has a long history of hosting high school hockey and is the home of the Livonia Hockey Association, the Plymouth-Windsor preseason game is the first Ontario Hockey League game for the facility.

"We're very excited about this game," said Justin Feldman, Eddie Edgar Ice Arena manager. "It's a great opportunity for Nehasil Park and the Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund. When we were approached to host the game, we were very excited to get on board to hopefully help them out. We anticipate a good turnout and that the game will be a success."

The Whalers will participate in a meet-and-greet for fans after the game and there will be raffles for prizes before and during the game.

Canton sets hazardous waste collection date

Residents can properly dispose of toxic items

Canton's annual Hazardous Household Waste Collection takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 S. Sheldon.

This event is open to Canton residents only and is an opportunity for residents to make their home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable, or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include, but are not limited to fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-

care products, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, anti-freeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires. To obtain a detailed list of what is, and is not, acceptable please call Canton Public Works at 397-1011 or visit www.cantonmi.org.

In addition to Canton's Sept. 7 collection,

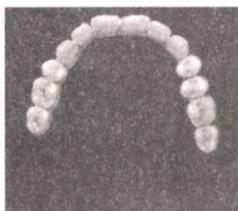
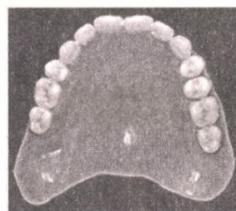
the final dates for the 2013 Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collections are as follows:

» Saturday, Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Westland Shopping Center, located on Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in Westland.

» Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Southland Shopping Center, located at 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor.

These collections are open to all Wayne County residents. For more information on the collections or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, call 734-326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

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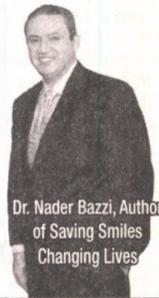
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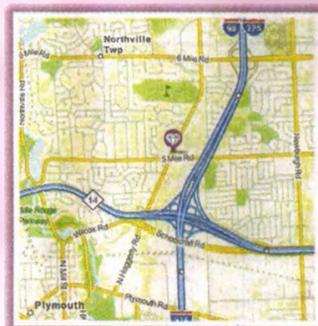
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Grants from the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities dropped about 20 percent as the partnership builds toward renovating the old Ford factory in Cherry Hill Village.

Canton arts partnership approves eight grants

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities' push to turn the old Ford factory in Cherry Hill Village into an arts complex ate into the partnership's annual grant allowances this year, but eight arts groups are still splitting \$32,500 in grant money.

The partnership's Board of Directors recently approved the eight grants, ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,500, and agreed to spend some \$7,000 on a concert marking the 10th anniversary of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The group will also continue to contribute funding to the award-winning fifth-grade "African American History Through Artist Eyes" field trip.

This will be the sixth consecutive year raising funding for this educational theater program that over 2,000 students attend each year.

"This year's grant amount is a 20-percent decrease compared to

the last year because of the anticipated expenses this fall for the future Cherry Hill Arts Community legacy project, which is currently in the planning phase," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "The good news is that since the opening of The Village Theater just nine years ago, we have contributed more than \$900,000 to our community arts."

Grants for \$5,500 went to four resident groups at the Village Theater - BeckRidge Chorale, Forever After Productions, Spotlight Players and Spotlight on Youth. Main Street Opera Theater was awarded \$3,000, while the Michigan Philharmonic, Still Got It Players and TLC Productions each got \$2,500.

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities acquired the 14-acre site of the historical Henry Ford Village Industry-Cherry Hill site at Cherry Hill and Ridge. Partnership officials said the acquisition enables the partnership to begin developing a strategic plan that will incorpo-

rate these historical Canton landmarks along with a master community revitalization plan for Cherry Hill Village.

This Canton landmark is also listed in the National Register of Historical Places, which recognizes historic properties worthy of preservation throughout the United States.

"The vision is clear," Engel said. "The overall goal of the entire Cherry Hill Arts District is to broaden and support the cultural arts in this area by creating a regional arts destination that will offer both indoor and outdoor art across 14 acres." The current concept design includes art therapy for veterans, art studios and gallery, classrooms for art education, a large multi-purpose gathering place for public rental and other culinary opportunities and 11 acres of nature preserve, outdoor sculptures and walking paths around the Lower Rouge River.

For additional information, visit www.partnershipforarts.org or call Engel at 734-765-7061.

Wayne-Westland begins registering Inkster students

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Parents of students from the former Inkster Public Schools can register their children for the new school in their receiving districts at a familiar location — Meek-Baylor Elementary School.

The four receiving districts — Wayne-Westland, Romulus, Westwood and Taylor — will conduct registrations over the next two weeks at Meek-Baylor, at 28865 Carlyle St.

The start of registration comes less than two weeks after the Wayne RESA Board voted to dissolve the cash-strapped school district and divide it up among the four districts.

Parents can register their children for school, get information about their child's new school and get their questions answered at the registrations. They will hold in the school's media center:

» 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, for incoming Wayne-Westland students.

» 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, for students who will attend the Romulus Community Schools.

» 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, and Wednesday, Aug. 14, for the Westwood Community Schools.

» noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, for the Taylor Schools.

Information about the registrations has been posted on the former school district's website at www.inksterschools.org, and in the case of Wayne-Westland, on its website at wwcsd.net.

The parents of the 64 children assigned to Wayne-Westland have

already received a letter from Superintendent Greg Baracy as well as a registration information letter, map of the school district and a list of schools their children will be attending.

In the letter, Baracy told the families he recognized the difficulty of closing a school district, but assured them that their new school district has "a strong tradition of excellence in education that is reflected in each classroom."

"We are eager to see the smiling faces of your children, and we will help them to feel at home," he told parents.

Parents will need to bring an original birth certificate with raised seal (parents' names must be on the certificate) to registration. Only a parent named on the birth certificate or legal guardian with proper Michigan Probate Court paperwork will be able to register a student.

They also will need to provide a current immunization record — students will have to be up to date on their shots in order to begin attending school — and three proofs of residency.

Parents who can't make the Wayne-Westland registration on Tuesday can complete the process at the district's Board of Education Office, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday through Aug. 15. After Aug. 17, registration can be completed 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, or contact the Department of Instruction at 734-419-2083.

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Very good news

Air Museum gets extension on bid to buy part of bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Yankee Air Museum received very good news Wednesday — an extension on the purchase of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The museum will have an extra two months to raise the money it needs to buy 175,000 square feet of the bomber plant where 8,600 B-24 Liberator Bombers were built during World War II.

"It truly is exciting that we have the extra two months," said Bob Catalano, who works in the museum's collections department. "Those extra months give us time to raise money."

In April, the museum entered into an agreement with RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust to buy that area of the former GM Powertrain Plant where the aircraft were completed and then exited the plant for delivery to the government. The staff was aware a big announcement was coming, but Catalano thought "in my heart of hearts it was about a big donor."

The museum has been conducting a Save the Bomber Plant campaign and has raised \$4.5 million of the \$8 million needed to cover the purchase price — \$5 million — and enclose, secure and power up the area to eventually become the new museum.

Cause for optimism

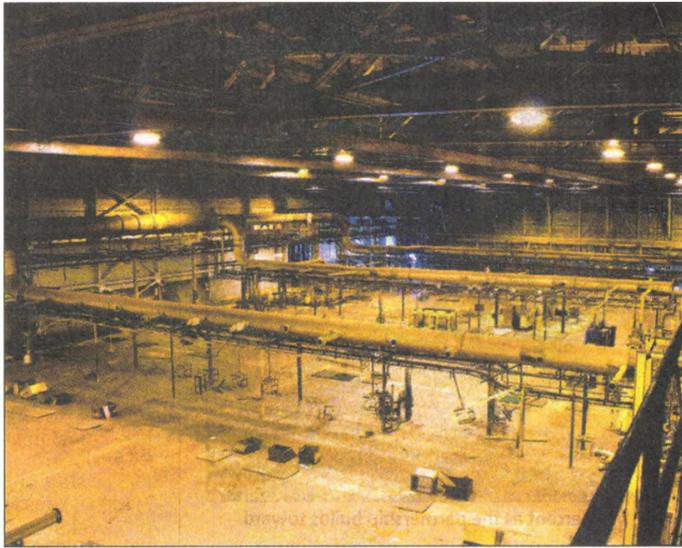
The extension was announced Wednesday by the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Yankee Air Museum and RACER Trust, just a day before the original Aug. 1 deadline. The museum now has a 60-day extension.

Elliott P. Laws, RACER administrative trustee, said the success and momentum of the campaign is cause for optimism and warranted an extension.

He praised the staff and supporters of the Yankee Air Museum for the tremendous job they have done with their campaign to raise the necessary funds.

"RACER has been supportive of the Yankee Air Museum effort and wanted to present every possible opportunity for the campaign to reach a successful conclusion," he said.

"We wish Yankee Air Museum success in its campaign and we



The Yankee Air Museum hopes to transform the interior of the East Bay into its new home.

will continue to support that effort consistent with the mission of the trust and its plans for the Willow Run plant."

Extending the deadline will not delay or disrupt RACER's work, including dismantling the building, Laws said.

Dennis Norton, the founder of Yankee Air Museum and president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, was grateful that the foundation and museum will be "able to continue working toward our goal of preserving a portion of the former bomber plant to tell the Arsenal of Democracy story and how Americans, men and women, of all races, came together to not just build aircraft needed to win World War II, but to change the country forever."

"We've had a great response to our campaign," he said.

"So many people have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and generosity, and with a bit more time, I believe we will hit our target."

"We truly appreciate RACER Trust and everyone else's support for our mission" added Ray Hunter, chairman of the board of the Yankee Air Museum.

"It's incredible to see and hear from so many people who recognize the opportunity to honor and preserve a physical connection to that era."

Under one roof

If the "Save the Bomber Plant" campaign is successful, the Yankee Air Museum will move from its current location on the east side of Willow Run Airport to the former bomber plant, which is adjacent to the airport's western boundary.

All of the museum's collections and exhibits, including aircraft, would be then be reunited at a single site.

"The museum is getting the area at an incredible price, but a majority of the money is for infrastructure," Catalano said. "The power plant will be torn down."

"We'll need to get electricity, water and heat. We'll also need to construct a west wall and a north wall to enclose it."

Catalano had the opportunity to visit the plant on Wednesday while NBC was filming there.

He described the plant as "gigantic."

"When I looked at the area, after seeing the plans, in my mind's eye, I could see planes sitting on the assembly line," he said.

"This is very exciting." More information about the Save the Bomber Plant campaign can be found by visiting www.savethebomberplant.org.

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St. Mary Mercy hospital to host blood drive

In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in the North Auditorium of the hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event.

Participants will receive a free ice cream bar for donating.

St. Mary Mercy and the Red Cross are partnering in a yearlong

blood drive campaign. Future blood drives will be held 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 and Dec. 12, in the North Auditorium.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org.

Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

For directions or additional information, visit www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CROP WALK RECRUITERS MEETING

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton

Details: All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk to be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, in Plymouth. CROP Hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

Contact: For more information, contact Gary or Becky Copenhagen at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or 734-981-6023.

'COME AND SEE' DINNER

Date/Time: Sept. 7 from 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8 from 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14 from 5-7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

Details: Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available onsite for dinner participants free of charge.

Contact: The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OLCG website at www.olgcp parish.net. Register for the dinner online: <https://olgcp parish.wufoo.com/forms/q7x1k9/>

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Sunday, Aug. 4, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township.

» Thursday, Aug. 8, 1-6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

» Sunday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., BAPS Temple, 3175 S. Canton Center, Canton.

» Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2-7:45

p.m., Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton.

» Friday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Canton Library, 1200 N. Canton Center, Canton.

» Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth.

» Thursday, Aug. 29 1-6:45 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffled off at these drives.

Contact: To make an appointment, contact Diane Risko at 313-549-7052.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours

Location: Plymouth

Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. There are only a few spaces left in the show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

VENDORS WANTED

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9.

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.

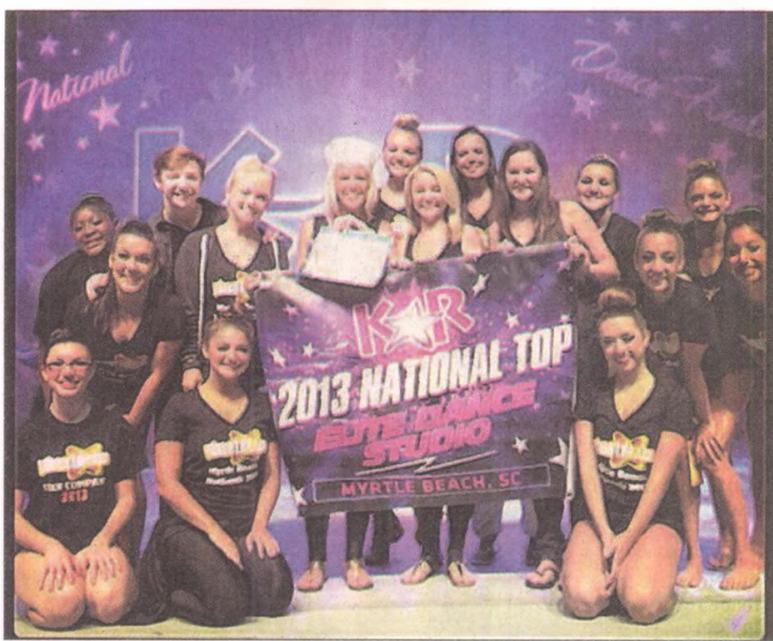
Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Grow business and help women in Third World countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.

Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://furnorthville.org/#/missions-and-service>, email: fumbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Aug. 7, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton



Dance champs

The team from planetdance recently traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for the K.A.R Dance national finals. The team took top honors in "Top Elite Studio," "Top Elite Grand Champion," "Top Teen Elite Group," "Top Teen Elite Solo" and "Senior Miss KAR," along with several other overall placements. Jen Toby, the owner/director, was also chosen as "Teacher and Choreographer of the year." planetdance conducts a fall intensive workshop Aug. 12-14, where choreographers will be teaching master classes in jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary and hip hop. For details visit www.planetdancestudio.com or call the studio at 734-414-0641.

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.

Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second Thursday of

each month, 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

SUPPORT GROUP

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township

Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

Contact: Call or email Judy at 734-347-1001 or jbstone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First and third Friday of each month, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support and features a schedule of activities that includes speakers, crafts and group discussions.

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Appeal denied for suspect in officer's death

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The man accused of killing Livonia police Officer Larry Nehasil has had an appeal of his sentence turned down by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Terry Neil Bowling pleaded no contest in 2011 to second-degree murder in Oakland County Circuit Court in the death of Nehasil, who was tracking Bowling and his brother in a burglary investigation. He was sentenced to 100 to 150 years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$5,000 in restitution.



Nehasil



Bowling

He appealed the sentence to the state Court of Appeals, saying it was "cruel and unusual punishment," and ultimately to the State Supreme Court earlier this spring.

The State Supreme Court rejected Bowling's appeal, saying it failed to see a reason to hear the appeal in an order released this past week.

"We are not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this Court," reads the order, dated July 30.

Nehasil and other officers were working in Walled Lake trailing a pair of burglary suspects suspected of similar crimes in Livonia. He was killed exchanging gunfire with Bowling's brother while working to apprehend the two men who had broken into the home. Bowling's brother was killed during the exchange as well.

Nehasil is the fourth Livonia officer to die while on duty in the city's 63-year history.

Bowling was also sentenced to 50-100 years for home invasion and three to 15 years for resisting

and obstructing a police officer.

Bowling appealed his sentence to the Court of Appeals, stating the sentencing guidelines were scored incorrectly and that he was wrongfully required to pay restitution in the case.

Sentence upheld by lower court

The three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals upheld the prison sentence for Bowling back in February, citing the fact he was a fourth-time habitual offender and that the sentence was not out of the ordinary. It corrected his restitution, reducing the amount of \$5,890.33 by 10 cents to match the pre-sentence report recommendation.

Bowling, 51, is locked up in the Alger Correctional Facility in Munising. His earliest release date is 2111, meaning he will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid, who is also Nehasil's brother-in-law, said he was pleased to hear the State Supreme Court declined to take the appeal. He said he hopes the incident will not resurface again, as it does whenever a hearing takes place.

"It's nice to have those things behind us as a police department and a family," he said. "We're grateful the Supreme Court ruled as they did." After Nehasil's death, the city renamed the park outside of city hall Larry Nehasil Park. The city recently broke ground on a fallen heroes monument, which will remember the police officers and firefighter who have died in the line of service to Livonia.

Donations to the monument are still being accepted, and can be sent to the City of Livonia. For more information on how to donate, visit the park's website at nehasilpark.org.

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Faire-goers can see living history demonstrations at the Aug. 25 Village Faire.

Celebrate Canton's rich history at Village Faire

Visitors can step back in time at Canton's annual Village Faire, scheduled at Preservation Park Sunday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organizers said the event provides "many educational and entertaining activities that the whole family can enjoy."

Faire-goers will celebrate Canton's rich history and heritage as they watch living history demonstrations, provided by the Sisters of Union, who will be cooking on site, making candles and sewing in period garb. Village Faire participants can also enjoy music, face painting, a petting farm, and

guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House.

Canton's heritage is preserved in several historical structures, such as the Bartlett-Travis House, a 1860s farm house; the Hugh Clyde House, one of Wayne County's oldest homes; the Cady-Boyer Barn, a pre-Civil War barn and a 1930s silo.

In keeping with the community spirit of the faire, visitors can come enjoy the best in fresh produce and handmade crafts during the Canton Farmers Market, which will also be held at Preservation Park on the same day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The open-air mar-

ket will be held in Preservation Park every Sunday through Oct. 20, rain or shine.

Village Faire participants should note that the Canton Lions Club annual Corn Roast, traditionally held during this event, will take place one day earlier on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Preservation Park.

Residents of all ages are welcome to this free event, sponsored by Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

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Survey seeks input on waste collection

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Residents wishing to share their opinions can visit www.canton-mi.org and click on the link at the top of the page to

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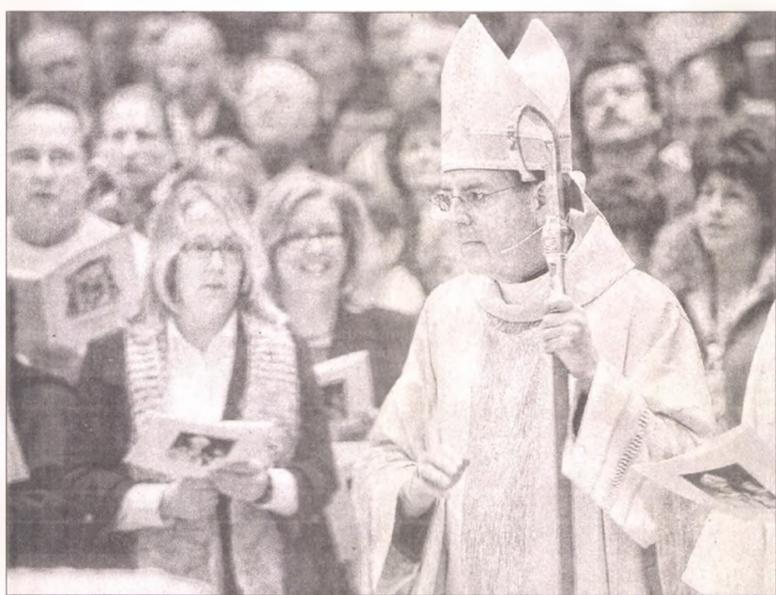
AVERAGES AND STANDARDS

Physicians have problems explaining to a patient why he experienced an attack of gout. The patient had an attack of intense pain at the great toe; the doctor treated the pain, and believing that the attack was likely gout, drew a serum uric acid. The laboratory returned a result of 6.3 mgms. The doctor would tell the patient the laboratory result was in keeping with gout; the patient would protest. "Doctor, the laboratory slip says the normal value is between 4.0 mgms and 8.0 mgms. My uric acid was 6.3, I'm right in the middle range."

The physician didn't misspeak. A uric acid value of 6.3 mgms is high enough to precipitate an attack of gout. The patient is misled because of the laboratory's reporting of the reference value for uric acid. In the usual reports the reference values reflect normal values. Thus a hemoglobin reference value of 11.5-15.5 represents values of hemoglobin that are compatible with maintain daily activity.

In contrast, reference values of serum uric acid of 4.0-8.0 reflect averages in the community; in theory, the body can dissolve up to 6.5 mgms of uric acid in the blood, and any number above that value puts the person at risk for an attack of gout.

In reality, some people can tolerate uric acid levels of 9 or 10 mgms and never have an attack while other individuals will experience a flare of gout when their blood levels are at 5.5 mgms. In gout what matters is not the level of uric acid in the blood, but the genetic makeup of the person with that level of uric acid.



Archbishop Allen Vigneron visited St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia Wednesday night to mark a large milestone in the Archdiocese of Detroit's Changing Lives Together fundraising program. FILE PHOTO

Church celebrates fundraiser milestone

\$400,000 raised for Changing Lives Together program

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Rev. Bill Tindall said he's proud of his parish's effort the past two years to lead the fundraising for the Archdiocese of Detroit's Changing Lives Together program.

A visit from Archbishop Allen Vigneron Wednesday night to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and 350 attendees marked a large milestone in the Archdiocese of Detroit's

Changing Lives Together fundraising program. The program, which was started at the Livonia church on Plymouth Road, has raised more than \$107 million across the six-county diocese in southeast Michigan since 2011.

"When (the archbishop) talked about the role of evangelization, that really peaked the feelings for the parishioners here," Tindall said. "His words sort of coincided with what we're trying to do."

Vigneron led a vespers service at the church Wednesday evening, followed by a presentation on the program itself. Changing Lives Together is an initiative launched to raise a target of \$135 million across southeastern Michigan to help fund projects in local churches and to help the diocese in other areas, such as Detroit.

Seventy percent of all money raised stays at the local parish, and 30 percent goes to the diocese to help with three causes identified by Vigneron: providing tuition assistance at area Catholic schools, training priests and lay ministers and strengthening the church's presence in the

city of Detroit.

Tindall said St. Michael the Archangel has raised more than \$400,000 in the two-year drive from parishioners, and has used some of the money to update the facility, including refurbishing the pews and adding LED lighting throughout the building.

He said the church is still looking at making some improvements to the bathrooms to make them handicap accessible, and adding space in the vestibule outside the sanctuary.

"It will allow us a greater ability for people to visit after Sunday Mass," he said. "It'll provide us this space which people can meet and greet."

Vigneron said the drive is one that will have a lasting impact in the diocese, especially in sharing the church's message.

"I am profoundly grateful to God for how powerfully he has worked through you and the thousands of people you represent," Vigneron said. "It is only possible for us, together, to meet the challenges that we - the Catholic faithful in southeast Michigan - face."

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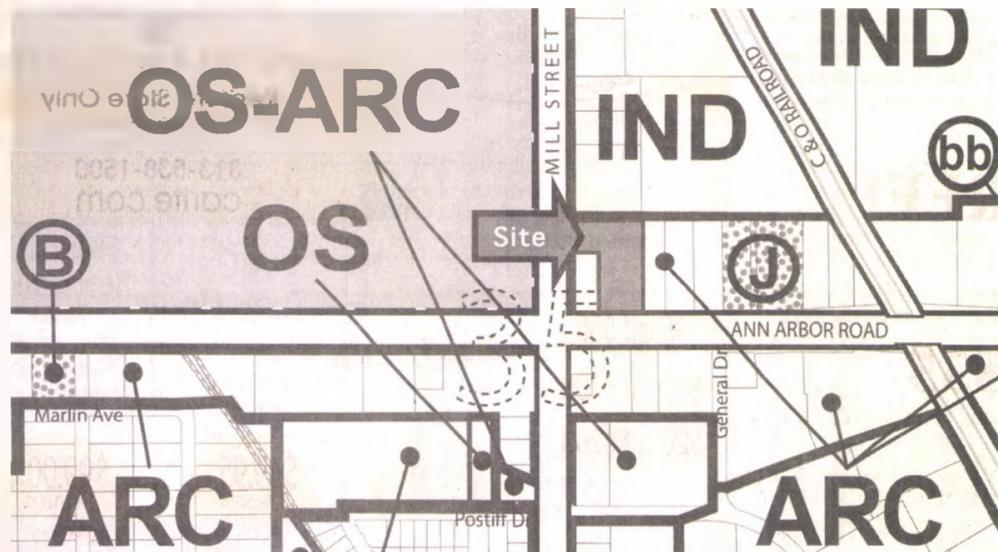
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PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 21, 2013
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a climate controlled storage facility in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC), on Tax ID R-78-060-99-0025-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 14.2. The property is located north of Ann Arbor Road, east of Mill Street, and west of the C&O Railroad.

Application: 2116-0713

Applicant: Ann Arbor Road Ventures LLC



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-060-99-0025-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

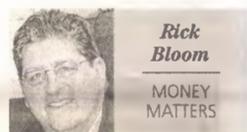
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Publish: August 4, 2013

Say no to helping financially challenged son

Q: Dear Rick: We need your help on a family situation. My wife and I are in our early 80s and in good physical and economic health. Our required minimum distributions along with our Social Security cover our living expenses. We have no debt. Our problem is our youngest son. He is always having money problems and we are constantly giving him money to pay his bills. We are at a point where we really cannot afford to give him anything more. Currently, his house is being foreclosed and he has approached us about us doing a reverse mortgage on our house and using the proceeds to pay off his mortgage. We love our son but we need a second opinion on whether this is a smart move for us.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

least another decade and your costs are going to go up, somewhere in the future you may have to do a reverse mortgage to maintain your lifestyle. If you do it now and use the proceeds to pay your son's mortgage off and your need more resources in the future you could have difficulties.

As difficult as this may be, I recommend that you tell your son you're not in the financial position to do a reverse mortgage.

What I recommend to your son is that he learns to live within his means. Whether he has to sit down with someone professionally who can help him with a budget or take a course on money management, he needs to get his act together.

If he has too much debt then he may have to explore filing for bankruptcy. The bottom line is that throwing more money at him is not going to help him solve his problems. Throwing money at him is only a short-term fix and it doesn't solve his long-term problems.

I recognize it is difficult to tell a child no. Parents and grandparents by nature want to help their children and to make their lives easier. However, occasionally people have to be selfish and this is one of those times. You cannot put yourself at risk and that is exactly what would happen here if you went through with the reverse mortgage.

Throwing money at a problem doesn't necessarily solve it. What would help your son is to get his financial house in order before he asks for any more money. Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Sisters to present cabaret-style show Aug. 16

Siblings reunite at Canton's Village Theatre

Two sisters will be taking over the Village Theater in Canton for an evening to present a cabaret performance of "A Strange Series of Unexpected Events."

The show will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at the theater at 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

"So through a strange series of unexpected events, my sister Rebecca Timmons and I have somehow been allowed to have a theater for a night so rather than let it go to waste we thought we'd put on a concert," said local actor/singer Sarah Faix. "We used to write our own shows and put them on in our basement as kids, and while we don't plan to revive any of our greatest hits of the '80s and '90s, we do promise that the evening will be at least as good and with higher production values."

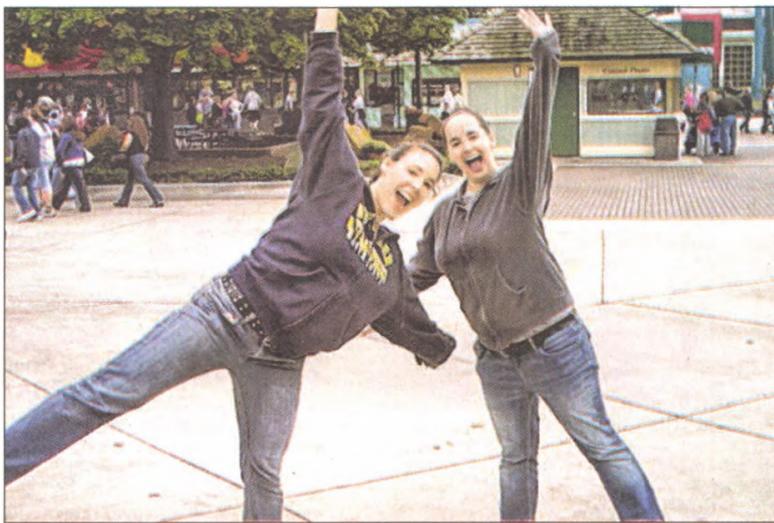
Both sisters earned theater degrees from Michigan State University and now reunited as residents in the Ann Arbor

area, they are teaming to appear together onstage for the first time in more than a decade.

Faix has been seen most recently on stage in the Penny Seats production of *Little Me*, and has appeared with companies such as Wild Swan Theater, Arbor Opera Theatre, Comic Opera Guild, Spotlight Players and the Movement Artist's Guild.

Faix will appear as Hansel in Main Street Opera Theatre's production of *Hansel and Gretel* this fall.

Timmons has been recently reimported from Canada where she appeared in a series of concerts with Broadway and West End legend Peter Karrie. Prior to that, Timmons worked with groups in the Park City, Utah, region, such as the Rodgers Memorial Theatre and the historic Egyptian Theatre. She currently sings with the internationally known group Bocca Musica.



Sisters Rebecca Timmons and Sarah Faix will present a cabaret show at the Village Theater in Canton on Friday, Aug. 16.

The sisters will be accompanied by music director and local teacher Rebecca Biber, who just completed a stint helping the music duties for The Penny Seats production of *Little Me*. She has worked extensively with other local

theater groups as well, including Spotlight Players, Farmington Players and Encore Theatre. She holds degrees from the University of Michigan.

The evening of musical theater favorites will be pre-

sented in the Biltmore Studio, a small room with a portable stage and seating. Admission is \$5. Information is available at the Village Theater website at http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/performance_glance.aspx.

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Local man among first to buy electric Tesla automobile

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Len Budzen rolls down the driveway of his Highland Township home at the wheel of his brand-new, cherry-red Tesla Model S.

The battery-powered car has no combustion engine, hence no engine noise. It is silent.

"I can sneak out at night and no one will know," said Budzen with an impish boy-with-a-new-toy grin sneaking across his face.

And then: "Do you want to go fast?" He's happy to demonstrate what the car can accomplish, and he does.

Budzen and his wife, Jo, took delivery of the car last month.

The Tesla Model S, introduced as a prototype in 2009 with U.S. deliveries beginning in June 2012, is a full-sized electric four-door hatchback sports sedan produced by Tesla Motors.

The car's claim to fame is its long range; it can travel 160, 230 or 300 miles, depending on the buyer's chosen battery option; unlike cars such as the Chevrolet Volt, the Tesla has no backup gasoline engine.

The car's performance has gained a lot of attention in the automobile industry since its release.

High ratings

In fact, in a report published last month, *Consumer Reports* said the Tesla Model S is the best car it has tested since 2007, achieving its highest score.

The magazine said the electric sedan achieved a score of 99 out of 100, outperforming every other model this year in every category — from performance to interior quality.

High points, according to *Consumer Reports*:

» Acceleration: The Model S leaps from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 5.6 seconds, on par with top sports cars. Yet it is the quietest car that the magazine has tested since the Lexus.

» Handling: *Consumer Reports'* engineers compared its "pinpoint handling" to that of a Porsche.

» Interior: The "beautifully-crafted interior calls to mind an Audi."

» Practicality: The test car's ability to go 200 miles on a single charge gave it a level of practicality not seen in other electric cars, which are typically limited to 75 or 80 miles a charge.

» Thrift: The test car achieved the equivalent of 84 miles a gallon of gas. At \$9 in electricity for a full charge, it is like buying gas at \$1.20 a gallon.

All those features, plus the 17-inch touch screen that integrates media, navigation, communications, cabin controls and vehicle data sold the Bud-



Len and Jo Budzen stand next to their new electric car. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

zens on the car.

Personal interest

But for Len Budzen, the interest is personal, too. He, after all, helped pioneer electric vehicles.

It all began in 1969, Budzen said, when he joined the Copper Development Association.

His job, along with two others, was to explore and expand the use of copper and copper alloys in the U.S., as well as to work toward future developments.

Reading the newspaper one day, he came across a small article about a Detroit man who was importing French-made Renaults and converting them to electric vehicles.

After visiting with the man featured in the story, Budzen enthusiastically reported back to his boss.

"He told me I had too much for lunch and I should go home and lie down," Budzen said.

But one thing led to another and before long Budzen found himself heading up a group charged with building a prototype to examine the possibilities of an electric car.

"We found a Cobra chassis in Pennsylvania and had it shipped up," he said. "We used that as the frame at the bottom; the battery was about 4,500 pounds total, so it was heavy."

Once the work was done and the car was built, Budzen and his group took it on the road. And on television.

In winter 1970, Budzen, then CDA's electric products market development manager, along with his Copper Electric Car, were featured on Garry Moore's *To Tell the Truth* show.

Everywhere he went with the car, people were fascinated.

"We took it to Washington, D.C., and all the politicians wanted to have their picture taken in it," he said. "Everywhere I stopped, I was mobbed with people who wanted to know more about it."

A memorable trip to Denver

Then, about two years ago, when Budzen stopped to check out the Tesla Roadster in a showroom at a mall in Denver, he spotted a photo of the Model S on the wall and ended up in a conversation with the technician.

He liked what he heard. And, for a fully refundable \$5,000 deposit, he could put his name on the list. The cars, the technician told him, would roll out in about two years.

So he called Jo. "She said, 'Honey, it's probably the last car you'll ever order, so go for it.'"

Budzen's name was placed at number 4,498 on the list. That was in 2011. He almost forgot about it.

The car arrives

Then, last month, finally, a call from the delivery driver.

Twenty minutes later, an enclosed van — coming from a Tesla distribution center in Columbus — drove up to the couple's home.

Ever since, Budzen's been hearing similar words to those he heard back in the '70s.

"Where ever I go, people stop me and want to know about it," he said, adding that he's still learning about the car and having a good time doing so.

"It's fun to drive. Very responsive. I like the performance, the handling, the acceleration. Aerodynamically, it's as good as you can build a car."

Jo Budzen has her own set of favorites.

"The touch screen," she said. "I'm fascinated by it. I don't have to look for buttons all over the car. It's just a matter of a little touch on the screen and you can get whatever you want."

The styling, she said, is also at the top of her list.

"It's such a beautiful car," she said. "People say, 'Oh, you're getting an electric car, how cute.' They think of a Smart Car or something small. When they see this car, they're surprised at how beautiful it is."

Len Budzen adds a final thought: "The other thing is, when I pass the gas station, I give them the finger."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report

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A contender: Lake Michigan Overlook at Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, Sleeping Bear Dunes. TRAVEL MICHIGAN

Help us pick the Seven Wonders of Michigan

Remember the first time you crossed the Mackinac Bridge? Did you hug the window in the backseat of your parents' car, neck craning to peer over the edge to the straits below?

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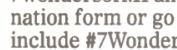
Michigan is full of places that take your breath away, places you hope

your children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren will someday enjoy, places that make you realize Michigan is one of nature's masterpieces.

What are your favorites? The *Observer & Eccentric Media* wants to celebrate Michigan's majesty. We're ranking the Seven Wonders of Michigan and we need your help.

We're accepting your nominations for Michigan's grandest sights — either natural or man-made. To nominate your favorite places, visit www.hometownlife.com/7wondersofmi and click on the nomination form or go to Twitter and include #7WondersofMI in your tweet.

Finalists will be revealed online Aug. 8 and winners announced online Aug. 29.



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Investment of Bond Proceeds**. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available by contacting Tiffany Brindza, Purchasing and General Ledger Associate, Plymouth Canton Community Schools at tiffany.brindza@pccsmail.net or (734)416-2975. Technical questions should also be directed to Brodie Killian, Executive Director of Business Services at brodie.killian@pccsmail.net or (734) 416-2740. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposal at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on/or before **1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013**. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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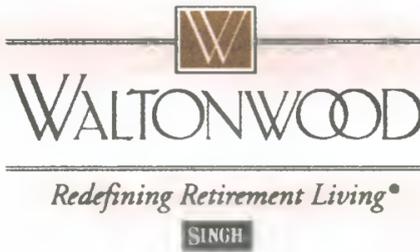
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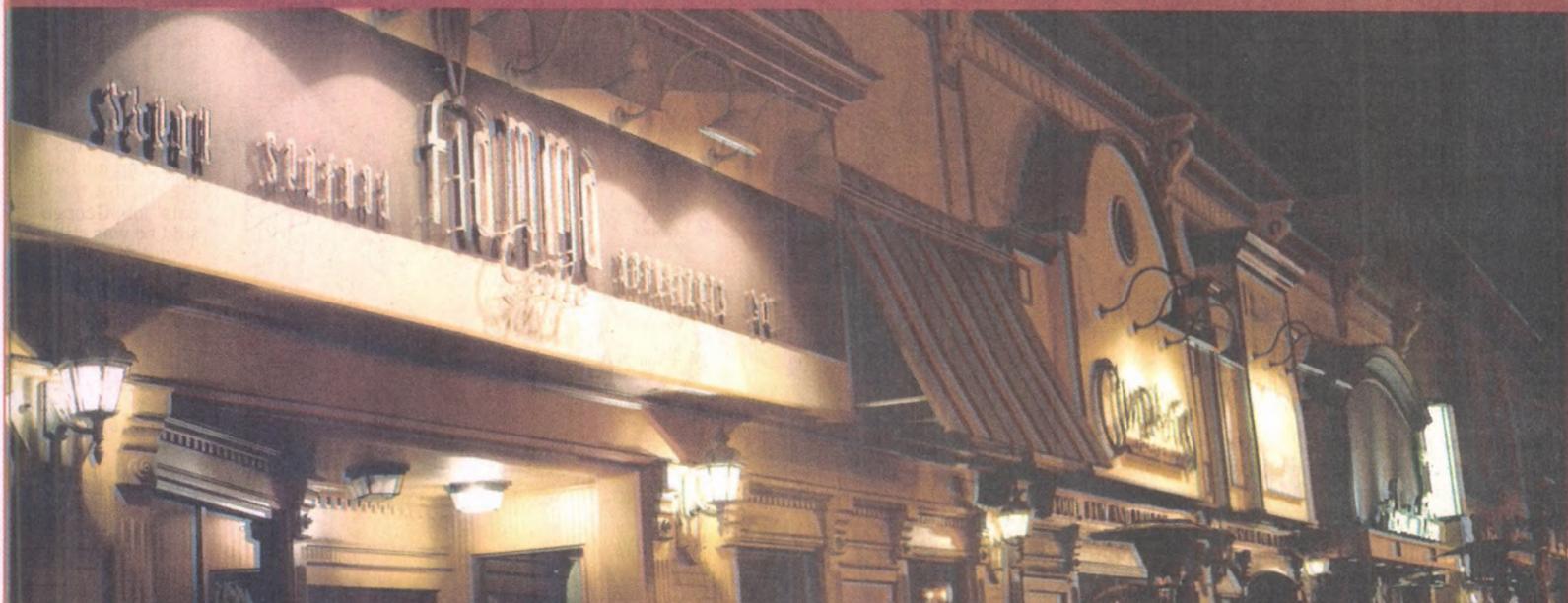
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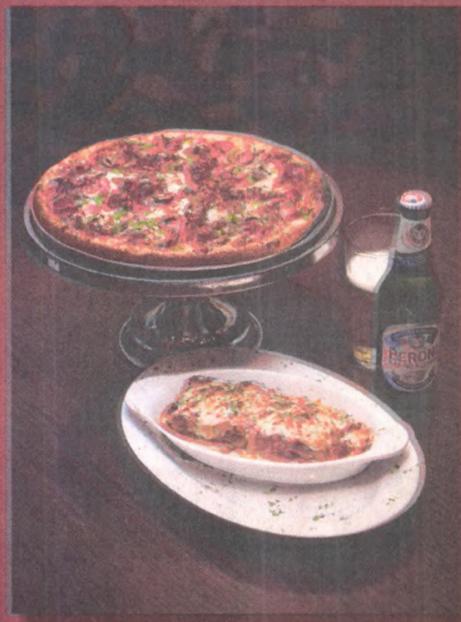


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Sticking to it

Hockey friends support woman's quest to do Komen 3-Day Walk

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Jody Perris knew reaching out to hockey friends in her ongoing quest to fight breast cancer had a chance to click.

Needing \$2,300 to register for the mid-August Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk, the 41-year-old Farmington woman and Longacre Elementary School teacher hosted Monday's "Sticks & Pucks" event at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

She couldn't have been disappointed. More than 50 skaters of all ages came out for the hour-long event to put a serious dent in those registration costs.

Perris — who hopes to do the Komen walk for the third time (it is Aug. 16-18 in metro Detroit), in order to support friends and family who have been afflicted with the disease — was thrilled with the turnout and with the generosity shown by participants.

Plenty of generosity

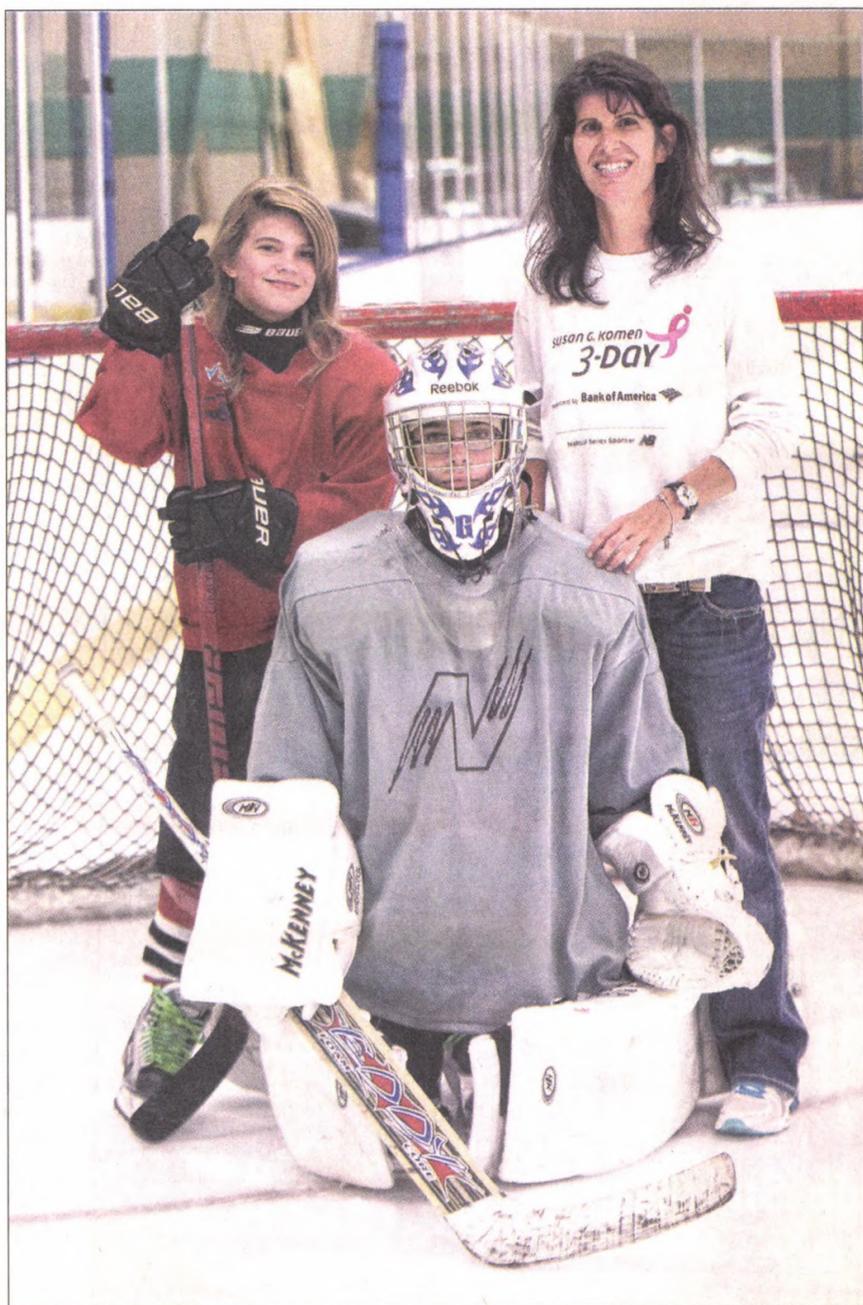
To that end, the donations jar in the arena lobby quickly became stuffed with \$10s and \$20s, and it wouldn't be surprising to find a blank check for Perris somewhere underneath those bills.

"It's such a great cause," said Perris, herself a hockey player in an area women's league. "We're hoping for a cure any day

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Note the pink 'Courage' stickers on the helmets of Chelsea siblings (from left) Gabby and Conor Dougherty. The stickers were given out to anybody taking part in Monday's Sticks & Pucks.



Gabi (from left), Gehrig and Jody Perris of Farmington enjoy a family moment at the Sticks & Pucks event. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Not sure yet

When Mike George took charge of Plymouth's varsity baseball team for the final weeks of the 2013 season following the resignation of head coach Bryan Boyd, he was encouraged to apply for the permanent post.

But George, a veteran assistant baseball coach at Madonna University, is still mulling things over.

Asked last week whether he was throwing his hat into the ring for the Wildcats' job, George said he was still undecided.

According to the website for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools applications are being accepted for that and other coaching vacancies until Aug. 9.

Check it out

The Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia has some tantalizing summer hockey and skating options for older folks.

For starters is drop-in hockey for those age 50 and over. Sessions are 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (\$8 fee).

Sticks & Pucks are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (\$6); open skating hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For open skating, fees are as follows: adults (residents, \$4.75; non-residents, \$6.60); children (residents, \$4.25; non-residents, \$5.60); senior citizens (residents, \$3.15; non-residents, \$3.15).

For more information, call Eddie Edgar Arena at 734-427-1280. Or, check out the website, www.livoniahockey.org.

MOTOR CITY JR. GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Whatley rebounds to win girls junior invite

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Kayla Whatley found herself in quite a predicament following her first two holes in Wednesday's 2013 Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

"I wouldn't say it was a great round because I had two blow-up holes which messed my score up, but it was enough for me to win, so I was happy," said Whatley, who will be a senior this year and was an integral member of Plymouth High's 2012 MHSAA Division 1 state championship team.

Whatley, who resides in Canton, rebounded nicely to shoot an 84 to beat Farmington Hills' Molly Laird by three strokes to capture the Girls 14-17 age division title.

Whatley who started on back nine, took a nine on the par-5 No. 10.

"I pushed my drive, then my second shot went into the heathers, so I had to take a drop," said Whatley of her first hole. "It went downhill from there. I didn't have a clear shot from where I dropped. I had to punch out. It could have been a lot better than it was. At the moment, it kind of destroyed me."



Canton's Kayla Whatley attempts the putt as Farmington Hills' Dana Iles looks on in Wednesday's Motor City Invitational golf tourney at Whispering Willows. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The par-4, No. 11 hole wasn't much better as Whatley took an eight and found herself eight-over after two holes.

"After hole number two I just had to calm down and try to finish strong, then I'd still have a good chance of winning," Whatley said. "I was one-over on number 12 through and number 18, so I tried to pull it together to finish strong."

Whatley did just that by card-

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Boczar leads boys field

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It appears Jack Boczar will be a welcome addition next spring for the MHSAA Division 1 runner-up Plymouth High boys golf team.

The incoming freshman showed his prowess in Wednesday's 2013 Motor City Junior Golf Championship at Livonia's Whispering Willows by leading all age groups with a low 18-hole total of 75 en route to the Boys 14-15 division crown.

Meanwhile, recent Canton High grad Brent Perry captured the Boys 17-18 title with a 78, while Novi's Saahith Mummadi also carded a 78 to take the Boys 13-and-under division.

An intermittent light rain softened up the course, much to Boczar's liking.

"I wasn't putting very well, but I was hitting greens and driving it well," he said. "I was throwing darts. In the first five holes I hit every one inside of 10 feet."

Boczar, who resides in Canton, was playing in his 17th junior event of the summer. He finished his Motor City round with three birdies, but admitted "I had a lot of bogeys."

"I was up-and-down," said Boczar, who got his start in golf at age four.

Winning golf tournaments is not the only sport Boczar excels



Livonia's Marin McGowan launches a tee shot during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Invitational at Whispering Willows. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

in. He also competes for the Colony Swim Club during the summer and will also be on the Wildcats' swim team this winter.

But his main sights are set on helping the Plymouth boys golf team, which returns three of its top five players, stay among the area's and state's elite.

"I'm going for varsity and going to 'states,'" said Boczar, who also captured the long drive contest.

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Lax chance

High Velocity Sports, located on Michigan Ave. in Canton, is seeking an experienced Girls Lacrosse Director to help coach and oversee a new program including clinics, camps and leagues that will run in the new HVS Dome starting this November.

The position is part-time, year-round (indoor and potentially outdoor) with the possibility of full-time once the program takes off.

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Vic Fournier named new Ladywood A.D.

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer



Vic Fournier

The 40-year-old Fournier brings 13 years of experience in heading athletic programs.

He spent the past four years as A.D. at Rochester High School and was at Madison Heights Bishop Foley for five. He also served four years as recreation director for the City of Hamtramck.

"We are thrilled to welcome Vic to our cam-

pus," Ladywood Principal Tracey Mocon said. "His experience and his professional reputation precede him. Vic will start immediately, and will work diligently to make our transition a smooth one."

Fournier is no stranger to the Catholic League. In addition to his stint at Bishop Foley, the certified athletic administrator lettered in three sports at Center Line St. Clement H.S. He later earned undergraduate degrees in criminal jus-

tice along with recreation and parks management from Eastern Michigan University (where he is currently pursuing his master's degree in sports management).

Fournier replaces Sal Malek, who resigned from Ladywood last month after 20 years to take a similar position at Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Under Malek's watch, the Blazers enjoyed a rich history of winning programs including two state championships,

four state runner-up finishes, 12 Final Fours, 25 regional, 52 district and 40 Catholic League titles.

Founded in 1950 by the Felician Sisters, Ladywood has an enrollment of approximately 300 students in grades nine-12. In 2013, Ladywood had a graduating class of 77.

"I am excited to join the Ladywood community," Fournier said. "I look forward to continuing and building upon all of the success and proud

tradition for which Ladywood is widely respected."

Fournier, who resides in Westland, will also be able to enjoy a much shorter commute to his new job.

"That drive was an absolute killer," Fournier said of his four years going back-and-forth to Rochester. "My daughter goes to All Saints and I have a 1-year-old. I've been looking for something closer to home."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer its seven-week Learn To Skate (Session I) on Mondays, Sept. 9 and through

Oct. 21, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m.

(new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hock-

ey skills with no sticks or pucks used).

The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (non-residents).

All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental is available.

The registration deadline and early enrollment for last year's skaters is Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154

(There will be a \$10 late fee beginning Aug. 22.)

You can also fax to 734-466-2679.

Registration for new students or missed mail-in will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28-Dec. 16 (pre-registration deadline Oct. 16); and Session 3, Jan. 1-March 3, 2014 (pre-registration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal will be from March 9-29 with show dates March 28-29.

For more information about the classes, call 734-266-2412.

Rec soccer openings

The Michigan Hawks under-11 girls recreational soccer team needs a couple of players to complete its roster for the upcoming fall season.

The team plays in the WSSL and practices Monday nights (starting after Labor Day) at Jaycee Park in Livonia. The cost to play is \$75.

Players should contact Doug Landefeld at either 660-473-6604 or dbraley1515@sbcglobal.net.

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The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams.

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Franklin girls tennis

Girls interested in playing high school tennis for Livonia Franklin during the 2013-14 school year are asked to contact

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Potential players are asked to leave their name and contact number in a voice message. There is off-season conditioning and off-season play during the summer and school year before the season begins.

Coaching jobs

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13U Mud Hens win pair of tournaments

Farmington Hills travel team holds tryouts Sunday

The 13U Farmington Hills Mud Hens won championships in their last two tournaments of the season.

They captured the Monroe (Mich.) Summer Classic by defeating the Downriver Hawks 4-3 and then traveling to Boyne Mt. (Mich.) to win the Crown Jewels of Baseball Tournament against the Elite Strikes by a score of 4-1.

The Mud Hens is an independent travel baseball team which plays in local tournaments as well as out of state.

To that end, they just returned from the Ripken Experience Beach Blast in Myrtle

Beach, S.C., and went 3-1-1 during pool play to become the No. 3 seed in the championship bracket before losing to the Cooper City Cowboys from Florida.

Also this season, the 13U Mud Hens were second place runner-up twice this year once in Fort Wayne, Indiana at The Plex and Game Day's West Chicago (Ill.) "Stars and Strikes Memorial Classic Tournament."

The team is managed by Steve Bean and Roger Parsons and other coaches are Joe Mencotti and Mike Korte.

Each player contributed to the team's success this season

and every player did a great job. Players on the squad are Blake Bean, Jack Budde, Brody Demunnik, Ryosuke Fukuda, Mitchell Knedgen, Kevin Korte, Dominic Lanni, Kyle Lockhart, Will McLellan, Victor Mencotti, Dylan Parsons and Shane Saxton.

Meanwhile, with several players attending high school next year, tryouts for this season will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Henway Park, located at 21900 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

Any player that will be 14 years of age before May 1, 2014 that wishes to try out should contact Steve Bean (fhmudhens@yahoo.com) or Roger Parsons (rogerp@combine.com).



The 13U Farmington Hills Mud Hens celebrate after winning the recent Crown Jewels of Baseball travel tournament in Boine Mountain, Mich. Pictured front row (from left) are Kyle Lockhart, Blake Bean, Mitchell Knedgen, Brody Demunnik, Jack Budde and Ryosuke Fukuda. Pictured middle row (from left) are Dylan Parsons, Victor Mencotti, Dominic Lanni, Shane Saxton and Kevin Korte. Not pictured is Will McLellan.

Veteran Ladywood hoops coach Coratti steps down

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Anthony Coratti has stepped down following a successful three-year stint as Livonia Ladywood's girls basketball coach to pursue other coaching opportunities.

The 30-year-old Coratti spent the past six seasons with the Blazers, including the last three as varsity coach where he compiled an overall record of 48-24, including three straight district championships.

Last season, Coratti guided the Blazers to a 17-8 record and their first regional title (Class B) since 1992 before losing to Goodrich in the MHSAA quarterfinals.

Coratti's resignation this week comes on the heels of Sal Malek step-

ping down as athletic director after a 20-year stint to take a similar position at Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart. (Malek was replaced this week by Vic Fournier, who spent the past four years at Rochester High.)

"It's the people ... nobody has had a better than me the past six years," Coratti said of Ladywood. "I've been the head coach for three years. It's the families and the kids, and also the people in charge of me, along with the assistants in the program. The people and the camaraderie have been great from top-to-bottom. You can't replace any of that."

Coratti, a 2001 graduate from Detroit Catholic Central High School who

played football at Canisius University (N.Y.), coached the Ladywood JV team to an undefeated season in 2009-10 before taking the varsity reins from Pat Cannon in 2010-11.

Coratti, who is a graduate of Iona (N.Y.) College and holds a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy (2011), said he plans to coach possibly boys basketball at the college or high school level during the 2012-13 season.

"It's just a good time to move on in terms of transition and leadership," said Coratti, "and I'm taking on more a role with my current job opportunity."

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Future Patriots excel



The 16-and-under Franklin Bulldogs, made up of ninth- and 10th-graders from Livonia Franklin H.S., finished their summer season with a 13-6 record. Team members include (front row, from left): Robert Comini, Andrew Montie, Jordan Stasser, Joe Chinavare, Adrian Reed, Bobby Mandrink; (back row (from left) coach Scott Linsner, coach Tom Chinavare, Mitchell Gonyaw, Andrew Koslowski, Cory Linsner, Ryan Prohaska, Jacob Fry, Nate Binkiewicz, coach Bill Binkiewicz, Jay Hopson, coach Nick Hopson and manager Jim Hopson. (Not pictured are Nate Rodgers, Dave Milican and Joe Alarcon.)

GAM on tap for top amateurs

Historic Birmingham Country Club is opening its doors and course to the best amateur golfers in Michigan for the 92nd GAM Championship presented by Carl's Golfland, Aug. 5-6.

For the Championship, Birmingham Country Club will play as a par 71 at 6,644 yards.

This will be the sixth time that the course has hosted the GAM Championship, and the first time since 1989.

The competition kicks off on Monday, with 36 holes of stroke

play for all 84 of the participants.

At the conclusion of the first two rounds, the field will be cut to the low 30 and ties for Tuesday's final round of play.

The Championship field includes defending champion Jared Dalga (Grand Rapids), 2005 and 2010 GAM Champion Casey Baker (Ann Arbor), reigning Michigan Amateur champion Andrew Chapman (Traverse City), Michigan Amateur runner up Mike Ignasiak (Saline), and reigning Michigan

Open champion Tom Werkmeister (Kentwood).

Of the 84 competitors, 16 gained entry through exemptions, while the remaining 68 earned their way in at one of the six qualifying sites.

Pairings for Monday's first and second rounds are available at GAM.org. Check out GAM.org, as well as the GAM Twitter (@official-GAM) and Facebook (/golfassociationofmichigan) accounts, for daily updates from the 92nd GAM Championship.

Storm 14U 1st



The 14-and-under Livonia Storm girls softball team recently finished first in the Gold West Division of the WWCL. Team members include (bottom row, from left): Jessica Banks, Erin Carpenter, Cassie Campbell, Alyssa Zahra, Clare Bunton; (top row, from left): coach Craig Carpenter, Kayce Ziemba, Lexi VanHorn, Cori Wilson, Taryn Bergman, Elyse Baumgardner, assistant coach Dave Zahra. (Not Pictured is Alex Ansara and assistant coach Pat Wilson.)

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Perry, meanwhile, helped Canton earn a team berth in last year's Division 1 state tourney and plans to continue his golf career at Schoolcraft College. His high school season was highlighted by a hole-in-one (168 yards) at an invitational held at Birmingham Country Club.

And although his Motor City round did not include a birdie, Perry stayed consistent and did not card a double-bogey.

"It went pretty well," said Perry, a big hitter who averages 280 yards off the tee. "I missed a few putts, but I was hitting the ball pretty solid."

Boys closest-to-the-pin winners included Livonia's Chris Massa (40 inches), Livonia's Dominic Marsales (14 feet) and Mumfadi (20-0).

FINAL BOYS RESULTS
16-17: 1. Brent Perry, 78; 2. Justice Graves, 84; 3. Chris Massa, 87; 4. Chad Macorkindale, 91; 5. Ian Seach, 101.
14-15: 1. Jack Boczar, 75; 2. Nick Cotter, 89; 3. Evan Kuczarski, 92; 4. (tie) John Doyle and Dominic Marsales, 94 each; 6. (tie) Alec Moore and Christian Nabozny, 97 each; 8. Sean Eiben, 102; 9. Rob Gulick, 104; 10. Carson Graves, 107.
13-and-under: 1. Saathith Mumfadi, 78.



Livonia's Kristen Szabelski (left) puts a putt toward the hole as Livonia's Anna Vento looks on in Wednesday's Motor City Invitational. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

YOUTH BASEBALL-SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Michigan Generals

The Michigan Generals travel softball program is back in business and will be running 12-and-under and 14-and-under teams beginning this fall and heading into the spring and summer of 2014.

Coaches affiliated with the organization include Larry Thiede, Al Land, Al White, Tom Hillsey, Dave Brubaker, Gary Arnold and Jeff Simpson.

Tryouts will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 7-8, at North Farmington High School.

Interested players are encouraged to arrive early to fill out registration papers.

M.C. Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks 13-and-under and 14-and-under travel baseball teams will be holding tryouts in August for the 2014 season.

Players must be willing to commit to playing between 40 and 50 games, including week-

end tournaments. The season runs from April through July.

All tryouts will be held at Jaycee Park, which is located at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. It is recommended, but not required, that players attend all three tryout dates.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under Riversharks will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Tryouts for the 14-and-under Riversharks will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

To pre-register or for more information, send an email to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs' 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 10-11, at

Bicentennial Field (fields nos. 2 and 3), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Interested players should note that the Bulldogs will be looking for players to also fill out a second 11-and-under team.

For further information, contact Mike Heard at 734-834-6950; mikeheard34@yahoo.com).

Canton Cobras

The 2014 Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding a pair of tryouts for experienced players.

Tryouts are from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Massey Field in Plymouth; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Hines Drive (west of Haggerty). Players should arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm up.

For more information, email head coach Jack Murray (jackmurray929@gmail.com) or call 734-968-5808.

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ing a 39 on the front nine to claim her third title of the summer, which also include Top 50 Junior Tour triumphs at Mystic Creek and Fox Hills.

She has not finished lower than third in any junior tourney this summer and hopes to take her talents to the next

level.

"I plan on playing golf in college," said Whatley, who plans on playing Tuesday in the Tournament of Champions junior event at Whispering Willows. "I'm looking to go somewhere down south. I haven't committed to anyone. I'm still talking to coaches and haven't made a final decision yet."

Whatley also won closest-to-the-pin honors

for her age group.

Meanwhile, Livonia's Kristen Szabelski carded a 98 to capture the Girls 12-13 age division crown. Runner-up Anna Vento, also of Livonia, shot a 108 to finish second and won the other closest-to-the-pin contest (8 feet, 5 inches).

FINAL GIRLS RESULTS
14-17: 1. Kayla Whatley, 84; 2. Molly Laird, 87; 3. Dana Iles, 98; 4. Kendall Payne, 105; 5. Jess Crachiola, 107; 6. Madison Maurier, 112; 7. Marin McGowan, 119; 8. Katherine Collieran, 139.
12-13: 1. Kristen Szabelski, 98; 2. Anna Vento, 108; 3. Rachel Crachiola, 109.

Outdoor game leads Whalers' eventful 2013-14 OHL sked

Believe it or not, another Plymouth Whalers season is less than two months away.

The Whalers' home opener at Compuware Arena is 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, against the Erie Otters, featuring rising star Connor McDavid.

Of course, the 2013-14 season's main attraction will be Plymouth's historic outdoors game 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, against London at Comerica Park.

That game is part of an Ontario Hockey League twinbill (Saginaw and Windsor also will face off) during the much-anticipated Hockeytown Winter Classic.

There are many other highlights on the Whalers' schedule, including the annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness contest (Saturday, Oct. 26, against Sarnia).

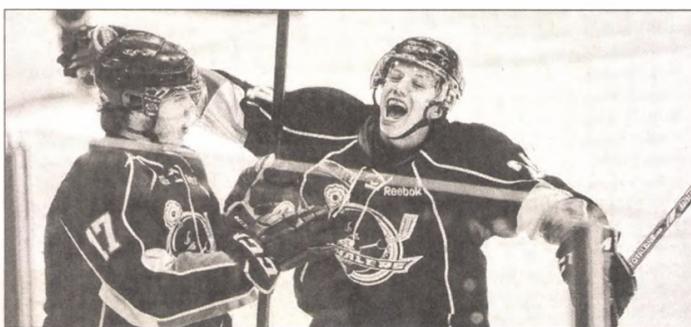
As in past seasons, Plymouth will wear distinctive pink jerseys for the game, which will be auctioned off to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute. This season's Pink! Out is Plymouth's sixth since starting the campaign in 2008-09.

Youngsters (and yes, moms and dads, too) who want to skate with the Whalers can do so following 2 p.m. matinees Monday, Jan. 20, and Sunday, March 9, both against Saginaw.

Fans of the Whalers' \$5 Fridays promotion should circle the following dates on their calendars: Nov. 29 vs. Oshawa, Dec. 6 vs. Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 17 vs. Sudbury, Jan. 31 vs. Kingston and Feb. 7 vs. Sault Ste. Marie. Call 734-453-8400 to find out more.

Around the loop

In addition, Plymouth fans can visit Compuware on the following



Plymouth Whalers' fans will be sure to see plenty of moments like this during the 2013-14 season. Here, Rickard Rakell (right) celebrates after Sebastian Uvira (No. 17) scored a playoff goal. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

dates to see OHL teams and players on the rise:

» **Windsor (Nov. 9, Jan. 18, Mar. 1 and Mar. 15):** Missing the playoffs last season did not sit well with Spitfires general manager Warren Rychel and head coach Bob Boughner.

The Spitfires anticipate being in the hunt in the competitive Western Conference playoff chase again this season. A Windsor player to watch is second year center Josh Ho-Sang.

» **Saginaw (Oct. 5, Dec. 11, Jan. 20 and Mar. 6):** Led by Red Wing draft and goaltender Jake Paterson, the Spirit got a little older this summer in acquiring former Whaler Cody Payne, left wing Kristoff Kontos from Mississauga and defenseman Sean Callaghan from Ottawa.

Saginaw enjoyed a good 2013 NHL Draft with returning players Jimmy Lodge (Winnipeg), Nick Moutrey (Columbus) and Eric Locke (Buffalo) all selected. They'll join returning veterans Justin Kea (Buffalo) and Paterson

to form a good nucleus.

» **Guelph (Nov. 23 and Dec. 7):** The Storm had five players taken in the 2013 NHL Draft, including Jason Dickinson (first round, Dallas), Tyler Bertuzzi (second round, Detroit), Ben Harpur (Ottawa) and Justin Auger and Zach Leslie (Los Angeles). They join holdovers Scott Kosmachuk (Winnipeg), Matt Finn (Toronto) and Brock McGinn (Carolina).

» **Kitchener (Oct. 12, Feb. 15):** Whalers alum Troy Smith was promoted to head coach. The Plymouth-Kitchener rivalry is always compelling and never dull.

In Livonia

Meanwhile, as they have in recent years, the Whalers will play their lone preseason home game in a local arena away from Compuware Arena.

This year's event is 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia against Windsor.

All proceeds from the game will benefit the Livonia Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund.



Canton High School's Madison Kielty (right) and partner Aleka Bassett are all smiles last weekend after helping Premier Volleyball win the 2013 USAV Sand National Championships in Milwaukee, Wis.

Canton spiker helps Premier win sand volleyball title

By mid-August, Madison Kielty will be back to the gymnasium hardwood as she goes to tryouts for the Canton Chiefs varsity girls volleyball team.

But for one glorious weekend in Wisconsin, the soon-to-be Canton senior showed she can bump, set and spike with the best of them in sand, too.

Last weekend in Milwaukee at the USA-Volleyball Sand National Championships, Kiel-

ty and her partner, Aleka Bassett, teamed up to help win a championship for Premier Volleyball of Maumee, Ohio.

Kielty and Bassett capped off a great weekend with a 18-21, 21-12, 15-13 come-from-behind thriller in front of a packed crowd on the championship court.

Down 11-13 in set three, the duo reeled off four consecutive points to capture the title.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Hawks-Wolves soccer camp

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks will offer a summer soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 5-15) from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, Aug. 12-15, at Jaycee Park, 19800 Mayfield Street, Livonia.

The camp staff includes Doug Landefeld, Adil Salmoni, Sam Cheaib and Lars Richters.

The cost of the four-day camp is \$75 (if registered before Aug. 5) or \$95 (after). Included in the cost is camp T-shirt.

For more information, email dbra-

dley1515@sbcglobal.net; or visiting michigan-wolveshawks.com.

Soccer mini-camp for ages 5-12

A soccer mini-camp for boys and girls ages 5-12 (all skill levels) will be from 6:30-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday,

Aug. 5-8, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$15 (includes instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home).

To register, visit www.christoursavior.org. For more information, call 734-522-6830.

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now. We appreciate all the donations and everybody coming out.

"Last year I did it (Sticks & Pucks) over spring break and it wasn't a great turnout. I think a lot of families were traveling. So this is a lot better than it was last year. I'm very excited."

Her own family was there, of course: 13-year-old son, Gehrig (a goalie in Farmington Hills Hockey Association) and daughter Gabi, 12.

"It means a lot," Gabi said. "I'm really proud of my mom for doing this."

Gabi is a forward in a boys travel league in Novi and has aspirations of playing in the Olympics. For one evening, it was okay to tone things down and have fun shoot-

ing pucks at her brother.

It was more than okay that she had plenty of company doing just that.

"It's really kind of them to do that and donate," Gabi added. "And it's helping for a good cause and I'm really proud of my friends, too. And everybody."

Having some fun

There were some older folks getting in on the action, such as Charles Webb, 24, and his 44-year-old dad, Jeff Webb. Both are from Royal Oak.

The younger Webb — owner of the arena's independent pro shop, Mitten Sports — came out in summer garb (plaid shorts and a T-shirt). "It's still summer, it's still summer," he proclaimed.

Charles Webb's pro shop also kicked in dollars from skate sharpenings and other pur-

chases this week.

"I'm happy to contribute," he said. "It's a wonderful cause. It gets people donating to the cancer society and just having fun."

Nearby was another brother-sister combo — Chelsea's Conor Dougherty, 11 and her 9-year-old sister, Gabby (who wrapped her hockey stick in pink tape).

On their helmets were stickers with the universal pink ribbon symbol for breast cancer awareness (criss-crossing ribbon) and an inspirational word: Courage.

Perris noted that she told the youngsters that, by putting the stickers on their helmets, they'll have a reminder all season long that "whatever city you're in, whatever rink you're in," they'll know they helped.

Other stickers — included messages such as "Hope," "Strength," "Survivor" and "Love" — were visible on top of helmets as kids circled the ice or worked on their stickhandling, passing and shooting.

According to Conor, the stickers are an important reminder.

"Yeah," he said during a brief rest stop along the boards. "I'll be thinking about it (the cause) whenever I put my helmet on before the game."

Over in a nearby corner of the rink were Livonia brothers Trevor and Lucas Van Vliet, both working on their puck skills.

Monday's hour on the ice certainly will help 12-year-old Trevor (Livonia Knights Bantam A) and 7-year-old Lucas (Livonia 2006 Rockets) sharpen up for the upcoming season.

But all of that pales by comparison to the real reason they came out, along with their dad, Joe Van Vliet.

"Just to support my cousin who has breast cancer," Trevor said. "I'm really sorry she has it. I'm really trying to help."



Vying for the puck are Charles Webb (left) and dad Jeff Webb, both Royal Oak residents.

His cousin is Lauren Van Vliet, 17, also of Livonia.

Helping out

Their cousin is in remission. Still, the breast cancer fight is never done. That's why it is so important to come out to events such as Perris' "Sticks & Pucks."

"Any time you can help somebody else and do something good for people who are in need, for sure it's a really good thing," Joe Van Vliet said.

As he watched his sons skate, Van Vliet knocked on the bleachers

for good luck as he talked about Lauren — who "has been clear (of cancer) for 2 1/2 or 3 years."

He then nodded that so many others are going through similar situations.

"It's unbelievable how many people you really find out this affects," Van Vliet continued. "Everybody knows somebody with this. You just let them know, whatever you possibly can do, that you will be there for them."

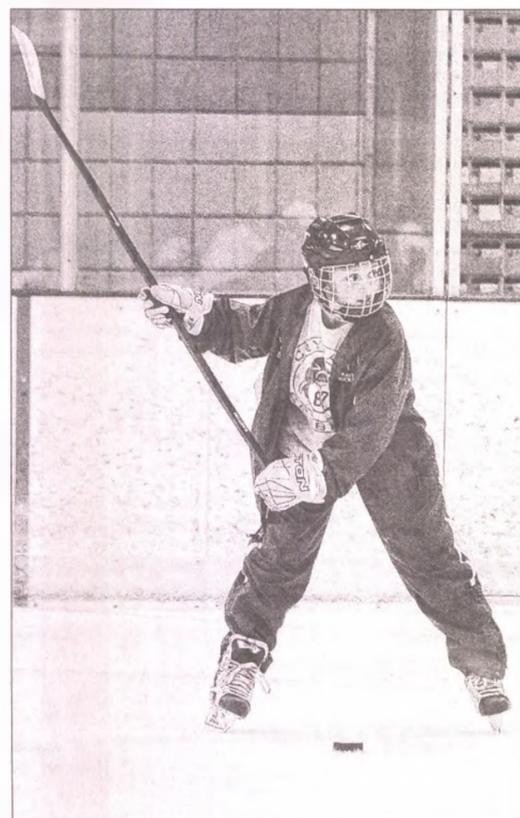
So will Perris, gearing up for the 60-mile walk by walking, running, biking and playing soc-

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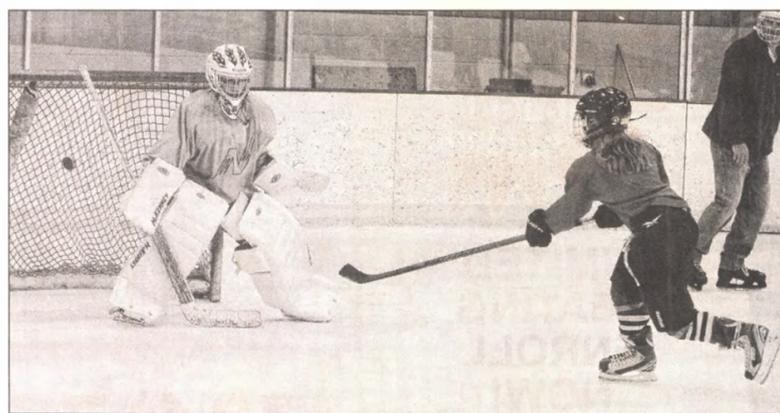
"It's giving back," Perris said. "Physical activity has always been very easy for me and it's my way of contributing to those that are stricken with something like breast cancer."

"The training part is really easy, the fundraising's pretty easy because of all my great hockey contacts. It's just one way I can give back, it's a great way to model for my kids and my students that, you know, it's just important to contribute to those less fortunate."

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Getting ready to unleash a slapper is Livonia's Trevor Van Vliet, 12. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Gabi Perris of Farmington (right) sends this shot past her goaltender brother, Gehrig, during Monday's special Sticks & Pucks event at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Stretch your senses and muscles while enjoying nature

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

There's nothing like doing "sun salutation" in early morning light.

Or balancing one-footed in "the tree" position amid towering hardwoods.

Or striking a "crow" pose to the sounds of chirping, tweeting and cawing overhead.

Outdoor yoga-lovers say nature is a perfect setting for those and other forms of their favorite exercise.

"Early in the morning, get up with the sun and do some yoga — it's very relaxing," said Lynn Manzi, a Farmington Hills resident who began attending weekly summer yoga classes two years ago, in Heritage Park. "I came to the park one morning to walk on the trails and I saw the class on the lawn. I started talking to them and thought, 'Oh, what a wonderful thing to do.'"

Manzi is among approximately a dozen yoga practitioners who spread their mats and blankets on the lawn near the Spicer House every Wednesday morning in the park, which is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

The City of Farmington Hills offers the class through the summer, along with yoga sessions in the Costick Center and Longacre House.

Dawn Priebe of Milford instructs all sessions. She also teaches private lessons, as well as classes in Farmington and Milford.

"Any age can do it. I've got people in their 80s and 90s doing it and they are awesome," said Priebe, who has taught yoga for 20 years. "There are so many ways to do yoga. You can do yoga in a chair. You can do the vigorous, strengthening yoga, fast-moving yoga. Unlike other exercises where you're trying to keep up with everyone else, this is getting in and getting to connect with yourself. Everyone works at their own pace all the time."

Priebe said one of the advantages of practicing yoga outdoors is a "connection to the earth" that imparts a "calm-



Yoga students stretch while taking in the sound of birds and scent of the grass in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.



Teacher Dawn Priebe says yoga students can feel "connected" to the earth while practicing their poses outdoors. That connection, in turn "has a natural calming effect."

ing effect."

"Go outdoors, take off your shoes and walk barefoot in the grass. It's one of the best things you can do with your body," she said.

Priebe said her yoga students occasionally see deer while practicing their stretches in the park. Bird sounds fill the air and insects are rarely a problem.

On rainy days the group can head indoors, although Priebe said students sometimes opt to stay outside during mist or drizzle.

"I love it," said yoga student Arlene Pheny of Farmington Hills. "I love nature ... the beautiful environment."

The Farmington Hills class continues from 8-9 a.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 28, at the park, 24915 Farmington Road. Drop in for \$10 each session. Questions? Call 248-477-1135.

More outdoor yoga

The Yoga Room in Plymouth leads a free outdoor yoga session every month

through the summer.

Drop in at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21 and Sept. 25, at the hourlong session in Kellogg Park, located in downtown Plymouth.

"Anyone can come. You just show up," said Kelli Mans, who works the front desk at Yoga Room. "Last month, we had 120 people."

Check out meetup.com for other outdoor yoga sessions, including a free event that will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Westwood-Ross Park, 3100 Westwood, Dearborn.

Or try a combination of outdoor yoga and hiking through the Ann Arbor Yoga Hikes Meetup. A yoga instructor leads the group, which meets at the Geddes Road entrance to Nichols Arboretum. During the hike the group stops for rests and yoga practice.

AcroYoga also meets outdoors in Ann Arbor. Its next session is 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at West Park, 215 Chapin. Suggested donation is \$10. Join the group at meetup.com



Arlene Pheny (left) and Lynn Manzi, both of Farmington Hills, say they enjoy practicing their yoga skills outdoors.

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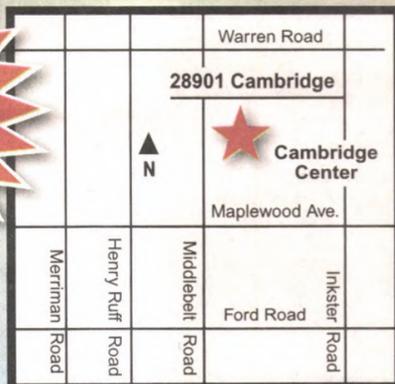
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Garden Party ... reminiscing with old friends

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

While the Fifth Annual Garden Party Fine Food and Wine, Classic Cars and Charity event was held at Meadow Brook Hall in June, the party continued through July 17. It was at the new Shinola Detroit retail store that Garden Party Foundation philanthropists and owners of Great Lakes Wine and Spirits, Sydney and Elizabeth Ross of Bloomfield Hills, presented checks to their three charity recipients this year. The Garden Party Foundation awarded \$50,000 each to the Children's Leukemia Foundation and Oakland Community College Culinary Institute and \$25,000 to the Children's Tumor Foundation.

The annual Garden Party event was founded and is run by the J. Lewis Cooper family and the Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross Foundation in an effort to support local Michigan charities. The rain held out for the Garden Party fundraiser which drew more than 700 guests who enjoyed a strolling lunch of Michigan's best eateries and sampling of more than 100 fine wines.

Save the date: next year's Garden Party will be held on June 8, 2014. www.thegardenpartymichigan.org.



Farmington Hills residents Debbie and Tom Hirzel.



Plymouth residents Rodney and Sana Clark.

Camp teaches comic book character design

Creativity, fun the workshop focus

Teens can learn to create their own CD cover, calendar page, jigsaw puzzle, trading card image, character design and more in an upcoming art camp, Anime Cartooning and Comic Book Art, offered by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, (VAAL).

The five-day workshop is aimed at ages 12-18 and will run 10 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16, at the VAAL classroom, 37653 Five Mile Road, at Newburgh, Livonia.

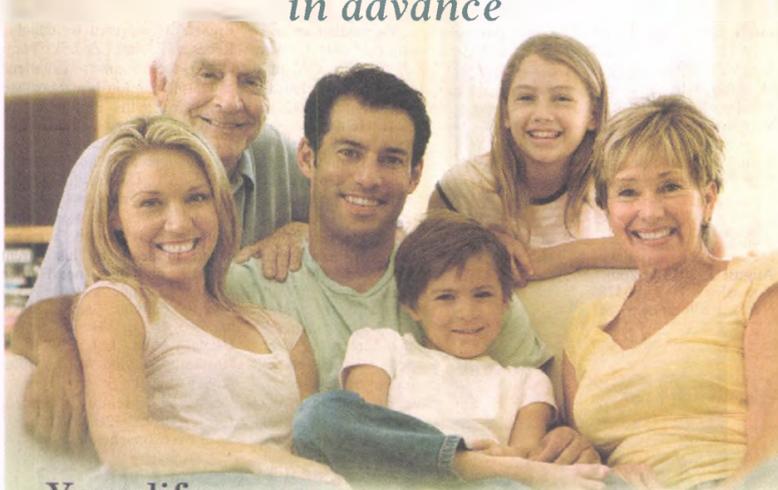
Michael Boursaw, a freelance wildlife, fantasy and science fiction and comic illustrator, will teach the course. He has been an airbrush instructor for adult and community education at Delta College and for GM's enrichment program. Boursaw has self-published comics, created short story books and multifaceted games. He's a member of the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists and owner of his own custom art business A2Z Custom-worx in Oak Park.

His class will emphasize drawing skills, coloring techniques, character creation, storytelling, project planning and design, lettering, inking, and marker rendering.

The tuition for camp normally is \$105, but VAAL has been able to lower the cost to \$55 per student because it received a grant from the Livonia Community Foundation. All materials will be provided at no additional cost.

For more information about the class and registration call 734-838-1204 or check out the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org.

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Porch party

The Farmington Garden Club plans a porch party 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Warner Mansion, 33805 Grand River Ave., Farmington. The event, which will benefit the mansion, is aimed at all ages and will include make-it-yourself sundaes, treats, games and tours of the garden. Cost is an \$8 donation. Children under 8 are admitted at no charge. Call 248-476-0113 for more information.

Succulent gardening

Learn all about succulents at a free class, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 10, at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, at Gotfredson Road, Plymouth Township. Questions? Call 734-453-5500.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden, is open sunrise to sunset from spring-fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education, and for social and community gatherings. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden,

along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Ahm docent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email ravstev@cbahm.org. Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. www.wollbiblegarden.org.

English Gardens

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

» Get tips on creating a beautiful shade garden, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, at a free presentation.

» Learn basic information on how to can, freeze and dry produce, such as fruits, vegetables and herbs, at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 17.

» Enjoy shopping, inspirations, food, wine and music in a garden-like setting, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the West Bloomfield store. Pre-registration is required.

» Learn how to use plants for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

» Find out which plants provide year-round color and learn to create interest in your garden every season, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. The presentation is free.

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

Kids and nature

Free summer nature programs are designed

for kids of all ages through Aug. 23 at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills.

Programs include a nature movie, 2 p.m. Monday; story and a craft, 2 p.m. Tuesday; a scavenger hunt, 2 p.m. Wednesday; nature hike, 2 p.m. Thursday; and family campfire, 7-9 p.m. Friday.

In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hike is 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. The hike will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register at recreg.fhgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also offers a campfire from 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

Master gardener

Interested in becoming a master gardener? Classes will run 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Dec. 3, at the Wayne RESA Auditorium, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost for the training is \$300. To register, visit msue.anr.msu.edu and click on events to navigate to the master gardener program.

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 50 years

Bill and Judy (An-gove) Igo of Hartland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10. The couple married August 10, 1963 at First Congregational Church in Wayne. They lived in the Wayne/Westland area for many years.

Bill and Judy are the parents of Mark Igo of Westland and Jeff (Indu) Igo of Farmington Hills, and are the grandparents of Kristi Igo of Dearborn.

Bill worked for Ford Motor Company for 35 years and retired in 1997. He works summers at Majestic Golf Course in Hartland. Judy worked for the



Bill and Judy Igo of Hartland, formerly of the Wayne-Westland area

Wayne-Westland Public Schools for almost 10 years and retired in 1997. She volunteers at the Hartland Public Library.

Bill and Judy enjoy spending time with family, working in their yard and birding area, and are active members of Hardy United Methodist Church in Howell.

WEDDING

Lehmer-McCart

Holly Suzanne Lehmer and David Paul McCart Jr. were married June 21, 2013.

The bride is the daughter of Kim and David Lehmer of Canton and the groom is the son of David and Brenda McCart of Shreveport, La.

The ceremony was held at Northville United Methodist Church in Northville, with the Rev. Monica William officiating at the ceremony. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attended by Rachel Helsen as maid of honor, Myra Bouquet Broussard as matron of honor, and Stacey Askew and Lindsay Wiecezorek as bridesmaids.

The best man was father of the groom, David McCart Sr. Groomsmen were Tim Broussard and Matt Zemaitaitis. Alana



Lehmer-McCart

McCart, sister of the groom, served as a bridesmaid and brother of the bride, David Lehmer, served as an usher.

The bride graduated from Louisiana State University Health Science Center-Shreveport and holds a master's degree in communication disorders. The groom is production director at Townsquare Media and an on air talent in Shreveport, La.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Universal Studios Orlando and Walt Disney World. The newlyweds reside in Shreveport, La.

ENGAGEMENT

Kelly-Galeana

Kathryn Rachel Kelly and Carl Jacob Galeana, both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dr. James and Dawn Kelly of Northville, graduated in 2004 from Plymouth Christian Academy. She attended Eastern Michigan, earning a bachelor's degree in interior design. She is employed at Toll Brothers, a luxury home builder in Northville.

Her fiancé, son of Carl Galeana and Cindy Forton, both of Northville, graduated in 2004 from Northville High



Kelly-Galeana

School. He attended Eastern Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution. He is employed at Galeana's Van Dyke Dodge, his family's business, in Warren.

A February 2014 wedding is planned at The Henry Ford, in Dearborn.

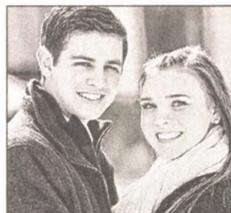
ENGAGEMENT

Knochel-DiDomenico

Dana and Bethany Knochel of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Lauren, to Joseph David DiDomenico, son of Joe and Lisa DiDomenico of Livonia.

Brooke graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in communication sciences & disorders and a certificate in American Sign Language.

Joseph graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a de-



Knochel-DiDomenico

gree in neuroscience. He will attend Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill., beginning this fall.

A November 2013 wedding is planned in Detroit.

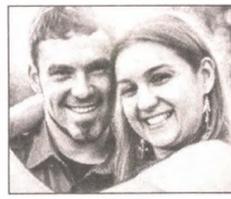
ENGAGEMENT

Uzelac-Miller

Ashley Anne Uzelac and Kevin Michael Miller announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Maria Uzelac of Wixom, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Swistak Levine, P.C.

Her fiancé, son of Kristine Miller of Farmington Hills and Marvin Miller of White Lake, graduated from



Uzelac-Miller

Walsh College and is employed by EMC Corporation.

An October 2014 wedding is planned at the Holly Hotel in Holly.

BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at khay@reinhardrealtors.com or Dianna (Basnav) McDaniel at djmcdaniel45@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to BellevilleMi1973.40@comcast.net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delsh at 734-485-2744 or Sterling at 734-265-6132.

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

A 50th reunion dinner is planned 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph, Dearborn. Advance tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, contact Chris Baldwin at cbaldwin@wow-way.com or 313-706-3266.

DEARBORN FORDSON CLASS OF 1954

A 59-year reunion luncheon will be held noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232, Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

40-year reunion is set for 7 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 248-451-9653. Tickets are \$75 pre-sale only. Includes dinner, dancing, good times. Get tickets from http://www.73fhs40.reunionmanager.com. Join the reunion Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714. Reunion contact is Sande East-erwood Rouke

GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1958

A 55-year reunion is set for Aug. 10 at Mama Mia's on Plymouth Road in Livonia. For more information call or e-mail: Ellen (Baumgartner) Dorman, emdorman@juno.com, 734-218-1655; or Eldon Dillon, 248-207-2942; or Jane(Faries) Hopper, joh58@aol.com, 248-474-3728.

CLASS OF 1966

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. E-mail to Kathy Sinton Shinn at theshinns2@aatt.net.

CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at 269-327-0657 or e-mail to mick-ey55@chartermi.net for ticket information.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN CLASS OF 1966

A golf outing and/or lunch is planned for Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Golf scramble starts at 8 a.m., with lunch at 2 p.m. Contact Lruzas187264mi@com-cast.net or call 810-599-3509 for reservations.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com or call J. Quinte at 734-776-2561.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 10 with dinner at Fox Hills Country Club. Other reunion activities will include a mixer on Friday, Aug. 9 at Bennigan's, a tour of the "old school" followed by lunch at a popular "uptown" bar on Saturday, and a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Plymouth Township Park. For more information, call Nancy Richard Earle at 734-634-8974 or e-mail to nancyearle@com-cast.net.

CLASS OF 1968

A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at skjoh-nson4@comcast.net.

REDFORD UNION CLASS OF 1963

50th class reunion is set for Oct. 19. Looking for former classmates. For more information

contact Jamie (Stafanson) Fraley at fraleymj66@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Burton Manor Banquet Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For reserva-

tions visit www.ruhsc-lasof1973.com. Or contact Debi Cutshall at debi.k.cut-shall@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 2003

10-year class reunion is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 21 in Livonia. Current

addresses for 2003 alumni are needed in order to send out invitations. Email your name and current mailing address to ruhs2003@gmail.com ASAP. You can obtain more information about the reunion by emailing.

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ARMSTRONG, JOHN (JACK) HALL JR.

Passed away at the age of 83, at home in Holly, Michigan on Aug. 1, 2013. Jack loved his family, his Tennessee roots, and the adventure of discovering new friends.

Born to John Hall and Hessie Armstrong in Bradyville, Tennessee on July 20, 1930, Jack traveled with his family by rail to job opportunities in Michigan when he was 14. At 17 he joined the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Panama and returned to Michigan to marry Doreen Wilcox in 1951. Jack and Doreen traveled the world together to Texas, Florida, Illinois, and Germany before returning to Michigan where Jack completed his Doctorate in education at Wayne State University. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Jack served the community of Wayne as a counselor and tennis coach at the High School and lectured at Eastern Michigan University. Jack is survived by his beloved wife Doreen, his children, Judy Gail Armstrong (Bob) Hall, Jackie (Gary Levinson) Armstrong, and John Hall Armstrong III; his grandchildren Jackie Ann (Keith) Gerard, Jennifer (Mike) Dimitrie, Elana (Chris) Aldrich, Jacob Levinson, Benjamin Levinson, and Abigail Hall and his great-granddaughter Scarlett Gerard, as well as brothers (James and Buford), sisters (Clara and Janet) nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, brother Glen, sister Ruth and his grandson Bob Ziegler. Jack is remembered for his irrepressible optimism and his sincere interest in every person he met, whether lifelong friend or the waitress or gas station attendant. Jack found people fascinating whether they were at the top or the bottom of the social and economic ladder and his friends enriched his life. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Sat. Aug. 3, 2013 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial and military honors will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 3-9 PM Friday. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Township Library or Special Olympics, PO Box 795 Mount Pleasant, MI 48804-0795

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BENSON, ED

Age 77, of Walloon Lake (formerly Birmingham) died Friday, July 12, 2013 surrounded by his wife of 57 years Betty and family. After a life long career with Pontiac, Ed and Betty retired to Walloon in 1995. They lived happily up north making many friends and enjoying visits from their daughters; Cindy (Gary) Rawlings, Kelly (Jerry) Davis and 6 grandchildren; Peter, Benjamin, Eliza, Halee, Zachary, and Devon. A memorial will be held August 3, 2013 at 2pm. Melrose Township Hall, 04289 M-75 North, Walloon Lake, MI

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BOEGEHOLD, SANDRA L. (nee Hinaus) 3/11/40-7/18/13

Wife of David, Loving sister of Jackie, mother of Lenise & Lezlee, grandmother of Melody, Justin, Billi, Brandon, Lynzee, Stephanie, Aaron & Austin, great grandmother of Jarid, Jaidin, Elizabeth & Jais. A Celebration of Life Event will be held on Sunday 8/11/13, 2-5pm @ the AmVet Hall 1217 Merriman Rd, Westland. In Lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Assoc. would be appreciated.

MANVEL, DORIS (BANCROFT)

Doris Manvel, age 98, died peacefully July 25, 2013, after a long, fulfilling life. She is survived by her loving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She grew up in Connecticut but had made Birmingham, Michigan her home for the last 58 years - where she lived life to its fullest. Her many friends and family will cherish the memory of a woman with a strong, distinctive personality who loved a cocktail party - whether giving one or attending one. To honor her fun-loving spirit, and in accordance with her wishes, the family will hold a private celebration of her life. No donations, please. Instead, simply raise a glass and toast this remarkable woman for a life well led.



HUTCHESON, KELLY (CAROL LEE)

A long-time resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield, Kelly passed away July 30, 2013 at age 72. Loving mother of Laurie Tennent, David Hirsch and Melissa Steckel. Grandmother of Sarah, Ben, Emily, Tatum, Max and Scarlet. Kelly lived life to the fullest and left us too soon. She loved music and the arts, painting, gardening, traveling, cooking, singing in the choir and spending time with her extraordinary friends. She will be deeply missed by those she touched including the compassionate staff at Arden Courts of Bingham Farms. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to The Kelly Fund, providing undergraduate scholarships for art supplies to students at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Contact Gilda Hauser at: ghauser@collegeforcreativestudies.edu or call 313-664-7472

REUTER, RONALD DAVID

Age 77, of Murray, KY, died Sat., July 27, 2013. Graveside service Thurs., Aug. 1, at the Hicks Cemetery 10am in Murray. Celebration of Life to follow at the First Presbyterian Church in Murray at 11am. Visitation Wed., July 31, 2013 from 4-7pm at the JH Churchill Funeral Home. Online condolences: thejchurchillfuneralhome.com

STECKER, WALTER G., JR.

Age 93 of Grand Rapids, MI formerly of Sarasota, FL and Birmingham, MI passed away Monday, July 22, 2013. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Long Cain and his wife and love, Margery F. Stecker. He is survived by his children, Walter III (Kris) Stecker, Ross (Nancy) Stecker, Rick (fiance Paula) Pioch) Stecker, Marion (Dan) Gauthier; brother-in-law, Ross Fife; grandchildren, Lauren (Joe) Huestek, Walter Stecker IV, Christian Stecker, William Stecker, Brittany (Josh) Mason, Chad Stecker and Shawn Gauthier; several nieces and nephews. Walter graduated from Cranbrook Prep School in Bloomfield Hills, MI and also attended the Cranbrook Art Academy. He studied art and industrial design at Art Center College in Los Angeles, CA, and began his career as a technical production illustrator in 1942 at Douglas Aircraft. He then served in the Navy's Overall Logistic Plans Group in Washington, DC where he illustrated top-secret projects. Afterwards, he continued his career in sales and packaging design for Stecker Paper Box in Detroit, MI, retiring in 1977. Utterly devoted to his wife Muffy and his family, Walt loved nothing more than being in the company of those he cherished, including numerous dear friends. Honest as they come, loving, genuine, loyal, dapper, an eternal gentleman and an inveterate "club" man. A member of many clubs throughout his years he died a member of the Detroit Athletic Club and Cascade Hills Country Club. Funeral services will be Thursday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. at Cook Valley Estates, 1049 E. Paris Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to your local chapter of the Veteran's Association or Hospice of Michigan. Arrangements by O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Home, Grand Rapids, MI (616) 949-7350 www.gerstfuneralhomes.com



VALENTINE, RICHARD HARDEN

Age 94, passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 27, 2013. He was born on January 3, 1919 in Stoutsville Ohio to the late Floyd and Bess Valentine. He is a former resident of Soutsville Ohio, Circleville Ohio, Sandusky Ohio, Elyria Ohio, Parma Heights, Ohio and Canton Michigan. Richard was valedictorian for his 1936 Clearcreek Twp High School graduating class. He earned a Bachelor's degree in music from Capital University in 1941 where he was a member of the Chapel Choir under the direction of Ellis Snyder. He also earned a Master's degree in Education in 1952 from The Ohio State University. Mr. Valentine was a WWII Army veteran serving his country from 1941 through 1945, spending 2 years in the south pacific theater on Tongareva Atoll. After his honorable discharge in from the army in 1945, he started his 30 year teaching career in Walnut Twp Pickaway County Ohio Schools as a music instructor. He also taught music in Erie County Ohio Schools, and Elyria Ohio Public Schools. He taught elementary education in Columbia Stations Ohio Schools, Avon Ohio Schools, and Avon Lake Ohio Schools. Richard merited the Martha Holden Jennings Scholar Award while teaching in Avon Lake, an award he cherished very much. He was married to Marvine Stuckey for 40 years from August 2, 1947 until her death in 1987 and married to Lucy Brunotts for 5 years from November 11, 1993 until her death in 1998. Richard loved music, composing several songs, musicals and directing choirs. He was choir director for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sandusky, Ohio and Emanuel Lutheran Church Elyria, Ohio. He was music director for the American Theater Chorus in Elyria Ohio and for PTA MG Productions in Avon Lake Ohio. He also loved entertaining people by playing the piano. He especially enjoyed playing for fellow seniors at the Greenbriar Parma Ohio and Waltonwood - Carriage Park, Canton Michigan. Richard was a life member of the Lorain County Retired Teachers Association and VFW Post 1079 Elyria Ohio. Richard is survived by daughter Rebecca (John) Zadnik (Parma Ohio, son Stephen (Sharlene) Valentine Canton Michigan, step daughter Phyllis Phillips Lorain Ohio, sister Mary Caroline (Robert) Bieber Columbus Ohio, granddaughter Elaine Zadnik, grandson Daniel Valentine, many nieces, nephews and step grandchildren. Besides wives Marvine and Lucy he was preceded in death by his Parents Floyd L. and Bess (nee Harden) Valentine and sister Phyllis (Carl) Younklin. Arrangements handled by the Busch Funeral Home, Avon Lake, Ohio. A Graveside service will be Saturday, August 3 at 1pm at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon. 440-933-3202

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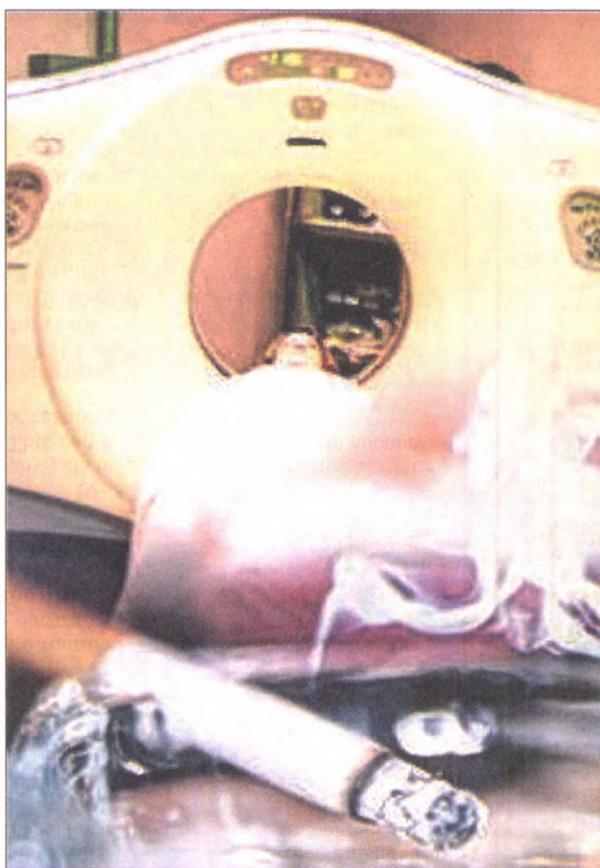
Ex-smokers also included in effort

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center has launched a Lung Cancer Screening Program for adults with a history of smoking — both current and former smokers. The program is designed to help detect lung cancer early with the help of low-dose CT (computed tomography) scans.

The National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), a study of more than 50,000 current or former heavy smokers conducted by the National Institutes of Health, showed that screening using three annual CT scans can reduce the number of deaths from lung cancer. Studies show that, among high-risk adults, early detection of lung cancer through screening with a CT scan rather than a chest X-ray can reduce cancer death by 20 percent and overall death rate by 7 percent.

"The findings from this national study are significant, which is why we want to provide this lung cancer screening here at Karmanos," said Shirish Gadgeel, M.D., leader of the thoracic multidisciplinary team at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Karmanos is able to offer the lung cancer screening for the reduced cost of \$100, thanks to support from the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation which is partially underwriting the expense. Founded in 2004, the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation is dedicated to increasing lung cancer awareness and supporting research that will lead to early detection and



better treatment options. The foundation has raised more than \$70,000 for the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Research Fund at Karmanos and has also provided monetary support to numerous families who are in financial need, due to the impact of lung cancer.

"We are very grateful for the incredible support of the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation and the fund created at Karmanos to help put

an end to this disease" Gadgeel said. "This screening test is an opportunity to dramatically change the lung cancer mortality rate for those who have a long history of smoking."

Requirements

Men and women ages 55-75 who are current or former smokers and who've smoked at least one pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years are eligible

for the program. The NLST found that individuals in this age range with a history of smoking were most likely to benefit from the screening.

The screening involves three consecutive annual CT scans of the chest. The screening scans are available at the Karmanos Cancer Center Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center in Farmington Hills.

Karmanos will offer the initial lung cancer screening test for \$100. The remaining two scans would cost \$100 each if not covered by insurance.

To participate in Karmanos' Lung Cancer Screening Program, call 855-527-LUNG (855-527-5864) or e-mail lungcancerscreening@karmanos.org.

For those who want a screening, but don't meet the eligibility criteria or cannot commit financially to complete the program, the INHALE Study could be an option. INHALE (Inflammation, Health and Lung Epidemiology), sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and coordinated by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, is a study that includes a chest CT scan. INHALE is aimed at identifying genetic and environmental determinants of lung disease — gaining understanding about why some people develop lung health problems and others don't. Karmanos and Wayne State University received the national grant to conduct the study with 4,000 participants.

The INHALE Study may identify cancer in its early stage when it's most treatable. For more information or to enroll in the INHALE Study, call 866-828-2339.

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BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Participants will receive a free ice cream bar for donating. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcross-blood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. For information, visit www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program offers free classes on ways to slow down the progression of joint pain without surgery. Classes run 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 22 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi.

DIABETES WORKSHOP
The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan offers a free health workshop Aug. 5 through Sept. 16 to help individuals with diabetes improve their health and manage their symptoms. The Diabetes Personal Action Toward Health (Diabetes PATH) class will meet 2-4 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The workshop provides information to adults with type 2 diabetes so they are better equipped to face the daily challenges of living. Workshops are conducted by two trained leaders — one or both of whom have diabetes — who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Register by calling Judy at 734-655-8950. To learn more about Diabetes PATH, or find other Diabetes PATH classes held by the NKFM in Michigan, visit www.nkfm.org/diabetes-path or call the NKFM at 800-482-1455.

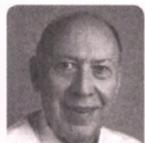
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Getting a Good Night's Sleep ...is so important for children

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Morrison
Sleep Medicine

Nothing beats a restful night's sleep, but for children, it's actually quite critical. Making sure your child gets good, sound sleep ensures he or she will have a solid foundation for proper health and development. Dr. John Morrison, an expert in sleep at the Garden City Hospital Center for Sleep Disorders, explains why sleep is essential to a child's growth and what to do if sleep doesn't come easily.

Q: As a first time parent of a seven month old boy, I have read numerous books and articles about babies requiring at least 12 to 14 hours of sleep a day. I'm concerned because my little guy fights going to sleep. Between two naps and his sleep at night, he's only getting around 11 hours of sleep each day. What can I do?

A: First, it's important to know you are not alone. Sleep, or lack of it, is probably the most-discussed aspect of child care. Secondly, everyone requires different amounts of sleep. Below are the recommended hours of sleep (including naps) for children up to 12 years of age:

AGE	HOURS OF SLEEP
0 to 2 months	10.5 to 18
2 to 12 months	14 to 15
1 to 3 years	12 to 14
3 to 5 years	11 to 13
5 to 12 years	10 to 11

Children need to develop a routine for good sleeping habits. Make sure you're putting him down for naps and bed at the same time every night. Try keeping the sleeping environment the same. If noise is an issue, try using a white noise device. Avoid over stimulation prior to bedtime. Television and loud music can make it difficult for children to get ready to sleep.

Finally, pay attention to your child and put them to sleep when they are tired. When a baby gets over tired, it may become harder for them to fall asleep. This can result in him waking up sooner, creating a vicious cycle of restlessness.

Q: My 7 and 9 year old are living proof that no two children are alike. They are both great kids, but I worry my 7 year old is becoming an insomniac. Can children have sleep disorders?

A: The simple answer is yes! Children are every bit as susceptible to sleep problems as adults, with almost 70% of children under the age of 10 experiencing some type of sleep issue. Children can suffer everything from insomnia, restless leg syndrome, and sleepwalking to sleep talking, night terrors and even, sleep apnea. I would suggest you speak to your family doctor or pediatrician if your child is suffering from any of these concerns. Also consider seeking a sleep medicine physician, as we specialize in nothing but treating sleep issues. The most important thing is to identify the problem and take steps to correct it, so your child can get the sleep they need.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Back to School Health 101: What Parents Need to Know", is August 10.

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Unemployed? Here's how to nab an interview

Alan Carniol, founder of
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If you're out of work, looking for a new job can be challenging, especially if you've been unemployed for an extended period of time. Here are some expert tips for staying on track and nabbing an interview:

Convey confidence

"Remember to be enthusiastic and interested throughout the interview, regardless of how frustrated you may be with your search," says Lynne Sarikas, director of Northeastern University's MBA Career Center.

Yes, being unemployed isn't fun. Getting turned down from previous interviews can make the feeling even worse. Still, if you bring those feelings into your next interview, you might jeopardize your chances.

The antidote for this negativity? Focus on how you can still produce results on the job. "You are competing with current workers, so you have to show that you are still capable, knowledgeable and that you add value to the company in this position," Sarikas says.

Show you aren't rusty

Employers want workers who are up to date on their knowledge and skills. If you want to impress employers, review all the tools you used in past jobs, and make sure you're familiar with all the relevant industry

language.

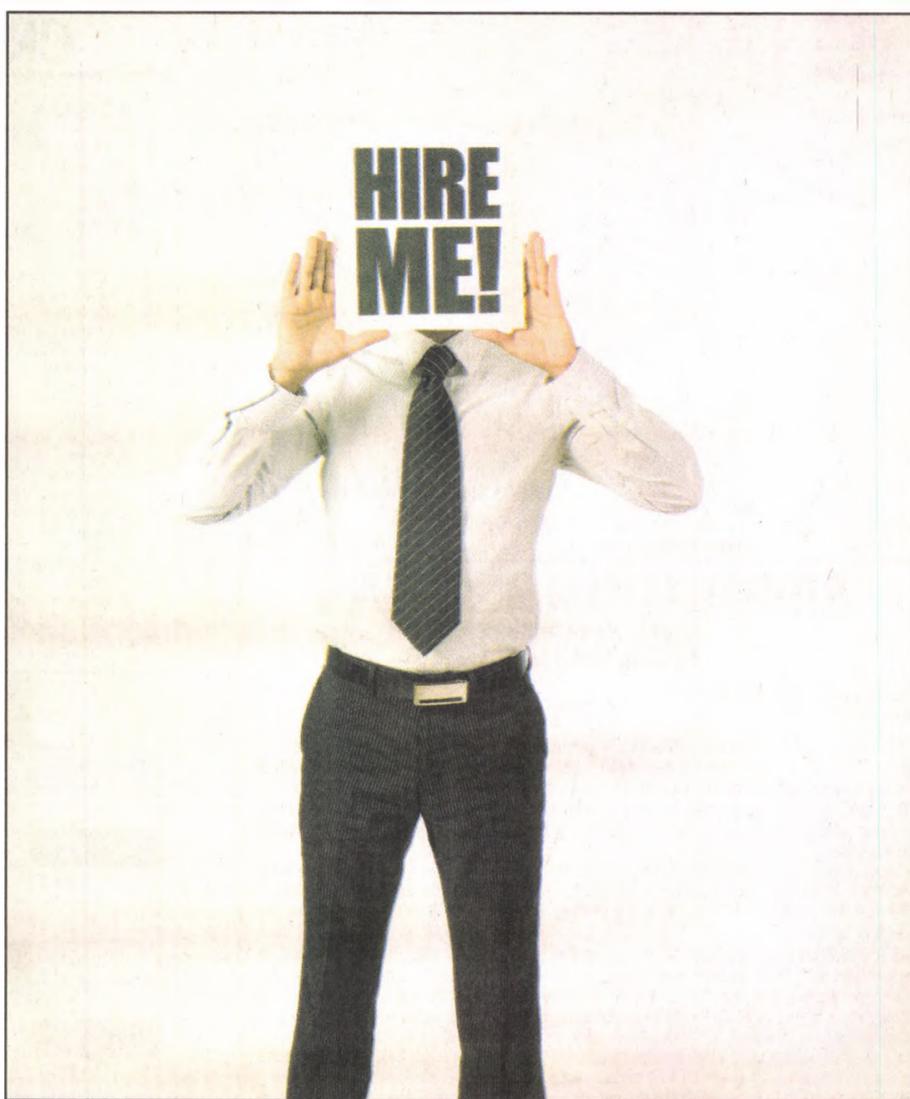
"Know the software you used in each role you've worked," says Sarah Connors, staffing manager in the human resources contracts division at Winter-Wyman. "Software is becoming a bigger item to help get you in the door, and those names should roll off your tongue like you used them yesterday. [Saying] 'Um' ... because you can't remember a name makes it seem like you don't remember the software, and if you don't remember the software, then it's not a value-add you're bringing to the next company."

Another way to prove value? "Use your network: Connect with former co-workers and managers on LinkedIn to get a great referral that shows what a capable, valuable employee you can be," Connors says.

Prove your fit

"Fit is the most critical determination in hiring for both the hiring manager and the candidate," Sarikas says. "For the hiring manager, there are typically multiple candidates with the skills to do the job. The challenge is finding the best person for the job based on how they fit with the team and the culture of the organization."

So how do you communicate fit? Be yourself, says Kevin Ricklefs, senior vice president of talent management at CHG Healthcare. "Don't just answer the question; add some per-



sonality and passion into each response," Ricklefs says. "Your personality comes through when you convey enthusiasm for certain topics, you tell stories that explain your 'whys,' and you ask questions of the interviewer in areas that interest you."

Explain any long-term unemployment

If you have not worked for a

while, you may be asked about it in your interviews. Invest the time in creating a strong answer to this question.

"Being honest is always the best option," Connors says. "If there's something you feel is too personal to share, you'll want to talk to a recruiter, mentor or trusted friend about how to discuss it. Highlight any volunteer work, contract positions or classes you have taken that

show you've been active and keeping your skills fresh. It's too competitive a market to not give yourself every advantage."

Alan Carniol is the founder of Interview Success Formula, a job program that helps job seekers to deliver powerful answers that prove why they are the right person for the job. Follow Alan and Interview Success Formula on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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22 Ordered around
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50 — grip!
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9 Upper limb
10 Cheerleader's need
11 Distress call
16 Firmed up, as muscles

20 — de plume
23 Picket-line crosser
24 Mark's successor
25 Intense
26 Jedi ally
27 Kind of series
28 Hoof-on-pavement sound
29 Brief engagement
32 Stinging insects
33 Pave over
35 August kid, maybe
36 Raises, as sheep
38 Implore
39 Generously
42 Edible seaweed
43 Turkey's neighbor
44 NFL broadcaster
45 Police dept. rank
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47 Pass near Pikes Peak
49 Kiwi's extinct cousin

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GM, Ford going one way; will Chrysler diverge?



By Dale Buss

only Chrysler could keep up with them on all those fronts.

On the same day in late July that GM posted second-quarter profits that beat analysts' estimates, the company achieved something else that ultimately could be much more significant. For the first time in 20 years, influential Consumer Reports named a domestic sedan as the best sedan it tested this year — and the winner was the seemingly unlikely Chevrolet Impala.

"It performs so well in so many different ways," Jake Fisher, director of automotive testing for the magazine, told the Detroit Free Press. "It really fires on all cylinders."

That the bible of automotive evaluation selected Impala for this honor is one of the most remarkable developments in a remarkable new run for the Detroit Three automakers. The previous Impala was essentially an afterthought for GM, a mundane nameplate that the company mostly kept around to sell to commercial-fleet buyers for whom its very plainness and utility could be an asset. Besides, the large-sedan segment in the U.S. has been moribund for a while.

But last year, GM began promising that the new Impala would surprise people. First, the company planned to make more of a retail model out of it, actually at-

tempting to appeal to rank-and-file consumers with a completely overhauled, full-size nameplate even at a time of high gasoline prices. Second, GM clearly made the new Impala worthy of the hype, scoring highly with the public for its smooth ride, handling, spacious cabin and trunk, advanced electronic safety features, braking quietness and "very short" stopping distances.

And while they were at it, Chevy designers even scored a coup with the styling of the new Impala, lending it a pleasing and worthy shape without excess adornment that has plagued the segment in the past and relegated full-size cars to the oldest segment of consumers. Impala also sports available high-end features including excellent voice recognition for navigation and hands-free phone calls, autonomous brakes to help avoid accidents, ten air bags and radar cruise control that applies the brakes and accelerator automatically to stay a safe distance from the next car.

Even more remarkably, while confident that Impala would prove worthy, it wasn't supposed to be anywhere near the most exciting product launch by Chevrolet this year. Just introduced is a new version of the Chevrolet Silverado in the hot pickup truck segment, and the new Corvette



The award-winning 2014 Chevrolet Impala.

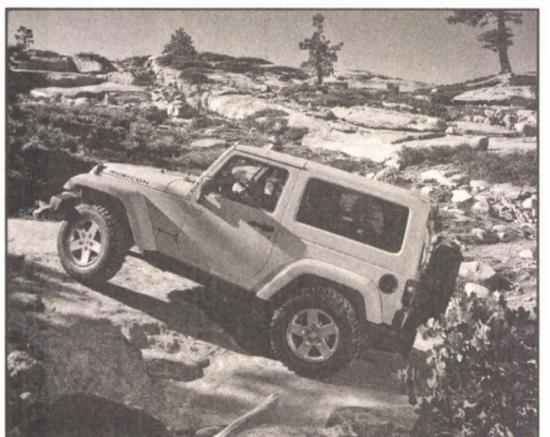
Stingray is coming along this fall. All told, there will be 18 new or refreshed GM vehicles arriving in U.S. showrooms this year, transforming its lineup from one of the oldest in the industry to one of the newest.

Meanwhile, Ford boosted its outlook for the full year as it posted a second-quarter profit that trounced expectations on stronger demand in the U.S., China and elsewhere, and a smaller-than-anticipated loss in Europe. It became especially more bullish about overseas operations.

Fundamentally, Ford's success is based on new products as well, including within the last couple of years the new C-Max Hybrid as well as significantly overhauled versions of the Focus, Fusion and Escape, in the heart of Ford's lineup. The big kahuna, a new Ford F-150 pickup truck, isn't due until next year.

GM also received four model-level awards and Ford nabbed three in the new annual J.D. Power APEAL (Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout) study, an industry benchmark for tracking new-vehicle appeal based on a large range of criteria. (Volkswagen Group's four brands received five overall model-level awards.)

However, this rush of good news for the Detroit Three didn't come without its soft underbelly. Notably, Chrysler is reported to plan extending the production lives



Jeep will keep making slightly updated versions of this 2013 Wrangler for a while.

of three key models in a lineup that still needs huge turnover. Dodge Avenger, Dodge Grand Caravan and Jeep Wrangler will hang on two to three years longer than previously planned, according to the Detroit News.

Chrysler didn't immediately comment on the report. It might be that product planners genuinely believe that the three nameplates, each of which still sells well, can comfortably continue to do so. Or it may be that a cash crunch at Chrysler's parent, Fiat, brought on by the dismal state of the European auto market, is forcing cutbacks in Chrysler's product plans. The new report comes on the heels of Fiat-Chrysler's stretching out of launch plans for Chrysler over the next few years, which was reported several months ago.

Either way, it's not good for Chrysler to be trying to make do with what it's got when its biggest rivals are moving on with confidence — and exciting new product lineups.

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