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Exchange club celebrates anniversary

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

In its five years of existence, the Canton Exchange Club has doled out \$28,000 for child abuse prevention, set up three Freedom Shrines and made blue ribbons commonplace.

The club, which promotes Americanism and community service, celebrated its anniversary Thursday.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack presented the club with a proclamation from the Township Board and applauded the organization's members for their work in the community.

"It's hard to energize people to be selfless," he said. "The mission, I believe, is about changing America."

During the celebration, club secretary David Loveland, one of the founding members of the Canton chapter, recognized businesses that have partnered with the group. He awarded plaques to a Cara Caudill of Pizza Hut, Don Fraser of the Real Life Farm and Eric Cleveland of Kroger.

Fraser, along with his wife, MaryAnn, donates \$2,000 a year to the organization's blue ribbon campaign.

"It touches our hearts to work



Eddie Sayed (left) and his uncle, Nick Sayed, opened Parthenon, a new coney island at Ford and Lotz Road.

Going to the (coney) dogs

After years working for others,

PARTHENON CONEY ISLAND AND

Canton man, 2 others critical

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Michigan State Police are still investigating a four-vehicle crash that has left a Canton man in critical condition.

Hiram Duff, 61, of Ypsilanti was traveling south on I-275 Wednesday when he lost control of his van, entered the center median and went airborne before striking two vehicles that were traveling northbound.

Duff, who was released from the hospital after being treated for minor injuries, offered a quick update on his status Friday afternoon but referred all other questions to his attorney, Tom Peters.

"I'm doing OK," he uttered in a near whisper. Duff was just south of Joy Road when his van collided with a Lincoln Town Car driven by township resident William Roden, 30, and then struck a Dodge Ram truck driven by 48-year-old Bandy Bzetelny of

with kids," Fraser said, adding that a chance encounter with Loveland led to their participation with the organization. "I found out about the Exchange Club when I went to go get a prescription at Sam's."

Fraser said he spotted Loveland wearing one of the club's lapel pins and asked him about it's significance.

"He said "child abuse (prevention) and from there we were off and running," he said. "It's all because of him wearing that pin."

Tom Karnes, Michigan District Exchange president, encouraged all of the club's members to wear their pins daily.

"Think about how (this organization) has changed your life," said Karnes, Lincoln Park police chief. "Don't be greedy with Exchange, share it, give it to other people."

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, the Exchange Club claims five U.S. Presidents as members and places its focus on youth activities and child abuse prevention.

The Canton club, which meets twice a month, honors high school students with its youth of the month award, has raised \$11,000 in scholarships and has passed out nearly 10,000 American flags.

The group, which is governed by a six-member board, also participates in Canton's Liberty Fest.

For more information on the club, call (734) 207-8943.

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manager opens own eatery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

After he climbed an area restaurant's totem pole, Nick Sayed had an epiphany.

"I started as a dishwasher then I became a cook and then I became a manager," he recalled. "I told myself that if I could do this for other people, I could do it for myself."

Soon afterward, Sayed of Dearborn Heights opened a coney island restaurant with his brothers in Redford.

"From day one they were with me, it's like we are one hand," he says of his siblings.

That was in 1992. Fast forward to 2007.

Sayed, 36, and his 25-year-old nephew, Eddie, recently opened Parthenon Coney Island and Family Restaurant on the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz. "Business is good and we've been pretty busy so far," said Eddie Sayed of Dearborn. "We can't complain."

The 4,000-square-foot restaurant is decorated in various shades of light brown and features modern lights that dangle from the ceiling, granite counter tops and five flat screen-televisions.

"This one is the model for all our future restaurants," Nick Sayed said and then added, "And there are more coming."

Eddie, who has a degree in business management from the University of Michigan, said his family has high hopes for their future. "Oh, yeah, we want a franchise," he said with a grin.

The Sayeds own other coney islands in Dearborn, Warren and Southfield.

"One family member always has to be at every restaurant so that we can make sure that customer satisfaction is 100 percent," said Nick Sayed, adding that

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in addition to Eddie, his other nieces and nephews are now involved in the business. "Working with my family is the easiest thing on earth. We've never had any problems."

The Canton Parthenon, which employs 27 people, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu, of which gyros are a popular item, includes wraps, pitas, quesadillas, omelettes and, of course, coney dogs.

"We heard a lot about Canton so we are happy to be here," Nick Sayed said. "It's a nice community."

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48-year-old Randy Rzetelny of South Lyon. Roden and Rzetelny were both airlifted for medical care

both airlifted for medical care. Roden is listed in critical condition at U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor and Rzetelny is in stable condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. The passengers in Roden's vehicle, Shamarr Hodges, 21, of Detroit and Cameron McMillian, 26, of Inkster are also listed in critical condition. Rzetelny's passenger was treated and released from St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

According to their preliminary findings, MSP officials have said that neither excessive speed or alcohol were a factor in the collision. In the moments after the crash, Wayne County trucks blocked the northbound entrances of the highway and southbound traffic was backed up to nearly I-96.

Peters was unavailable for comment.

Supermoms introduced on MichiganMoms.com

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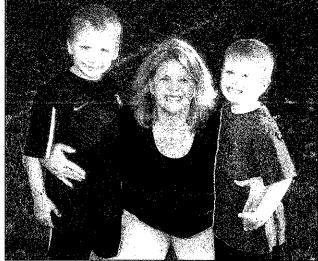
It takes a virtual village to raise a child, and that's what MichiganMoms. com is all about. The online community is a place where moms can go to get advice, support and perspective from other moms throughout metro Detroit and across the state.

Last month, the Observer & Eccentric put out a call for local mothers to step up as Supermoms and agree to post their expert advice to MichiganMoms.com on a regular basis. The response was overwhelming. We got hundreds of phone calls and e-mails from potential Supermoms, all hungry for just the kind of community MichiganMoms.com provides.

It was difficult to choose, every applicant had unique talents and expertise all her own. In fact, there were so many great moms, we plan to rotate Supermoms throughout the year. For now, we settled on five Supermoms representing diverse cities and situations. They will start posting regularly today.

Here are the O&E Supermoms:

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Super Mom Beth Hurley, of Canton, with sons Aiden, 8, and Liam, 5.

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Board seeks input District takes steps to prevent staph on new leader

The Plymouth-Canton **Community Schools Board of** Education is asking for input from the community this week as it begins its search for the district's eighteenth superintendent. Residents are being asked to attend one of two open forums with the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., to tell them what characteristics they want in their next superintendent.

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The forums are scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 24, and Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem High School cafeteria.

Individuals attending the community forums are asked to complete a leadership profile



assessment form and bring it to the meeting. Those who are unable to attend also can share their thoughts with the Board by completing the form. The leadership profile assessment forms are available on the district's Web site at www.pccs. k12.mi.us.

In addition to the open forums, the Board of Education also has identified more than 25 community and internal groups that have been invited to forums with the search firm this month. The list includes students, teachers, parents, administrators, community leaders and a variety of other groups from the Plymouth and Canton area.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials are checking the strength of the cleaning products used to clean locker rooms and other well-traveled areas after several districts in metro Detroit reported cases of a potentially deadly strain of an antibiotic-resistant staph infection.

Assistant Superintendent

of Administrative Services Ken Jacobs said he's been in contact with his staff since the middle of the week, when schools in Rochester and Troy reported cases of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, which can range from mild skin irritations to more severe infections that can become deadly.

'We clean bathrooms, locker rooms and the pools on a daily basis, and I put out

the directive I want to make sure they are going beyond their normal routines," Jacobs said. "I want to make sure the products we are using are correct, the applications are correct and I'm doing some investigating with our environmental company to look at what other kinds of measures we can take to be as proactive as we can, rather than reactive.

"We're not just waiting here

for something to happen," he said. "We're looking at the measures we've employed and see how we can enhance our effort.'

Frank Ruggirello, director of communications, said the district "has not had any reports" of the bacterial strain in any of the district's schools.

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Macy's, local libraries team to promote arts

In a first-of-its-kind partnership in Greater Detroit, Macy's, Detroit regional public libraries (through the Library of Michigan Foundation) and the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan announced "The Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's."

The program, set to launch Thursday, is a partnership between 162 metro area libraries - including the Plymouth District Library and the Canton Public Library - and 25 local arts and cultural organizations, and provides Detroit regional public library card holders free passes to local museums, cultural centers and historical sites.

"Macy's ran this program with great success last year in Minnesota," said Plymouth District Library spokesperson

Susan Stoney. "It's a wonderful program that will jointly promote libraries and the many fine cultural offerings in the region."

The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials, and to provide access to arts and cultural organizations.

The Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's is a truly innovative approach to education that Macy's is thrilled to support," said Frank Guzzetta, chairman and CEO of Macy's North. "Our hope is that people who may not have access to the wonderful local arts and cultural scene will use this program as a learning tool for themselves and their families, and realize their local libraries are a great place to learn about something new."

Beginning Thursday, the "Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's" will be available at all 162 public libraries located in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. (A complete list of participating libraries can be found at www.detroitadventurepass.org.) Detroit regional public library card holders can receive up to two or four complimentary admissions to 25 of Southeast Michigan's world-class arts and cultural institutions.

Each library branch, as well as bookmobiles, will have five passes for check-out for each of the participating organizations. Library card holders who check out a Museum Adventure Pass will receive a comprehensive brochure about the program, and can go on-line to www.detroitadventurepass.org

(available October 23) to find a list of suggested readings, tapes and DVDs to complement their museum experience.

'The Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan along with the Detroit regional public libraries share the objective of fostering lifelong learning," said Maud Lyon, founding director of the Cultural Alliance. "The Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's provides a great canvas for exploring the rich cultural resources of our region. For example, families or individuals can check out a book about cars and then visit the Automotive Hall of Fame. This is a wonderful collaboration among community organizations and a great way for people to discover new cultural attractions that they may not have known about or had the resources to gain access to."

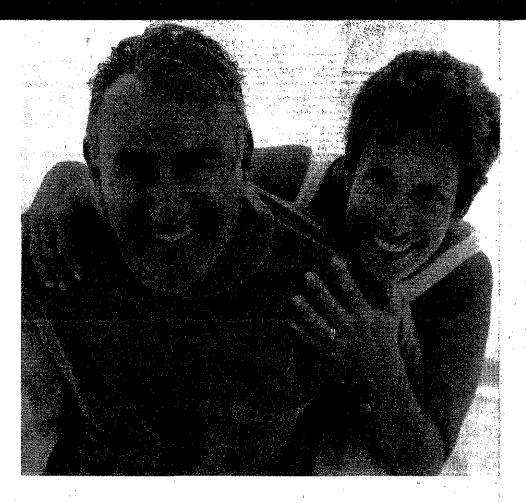


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Cancer awareness benefit

Indigo Salon and Day Spa (50545 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 300-400 in Canton) is partnering with St. Mary Hospital and St. Mary Image Recovery. Center to hold its first Cancer Awareness Benefit from 1-5 p.m., Oct. 28,

The event will feature \$1 raffle tickets with a chance to win tickets to many different major sporting events, a full day at the spa, and various product baskets valued at \$300 each.

There will also be mini seminars: 'Ask the Doctor,' featuring Cynthia Aks, DO, breast specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; 'Ask the Dietitian,' featuring Judy Swancutt, RD, CDE, dietician, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and 'Feel Good Inside & Out,' featuring Trish Tyl, cosmetologist and clinical specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Also learn how to do a self breast exam.

For more information, visit www.indigosalonanddayspa. com or contact the salon at (734) 961-3245.

Holiday travel tips/ hotspots

The public is invited to a discussion on Holiday Travel Tips and 2008 Travel Hotspots as the Canton Newcomers hosts AAA Travel of Canton at its monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center -- set back off the road.

In addition, enjoy refreshments from the newest Cherry Hill Village-based business ,Honey, What's for Dinner?, and Back Home Bakery, learn about the 20-plus monthly activities the group hosts, and enter a raffle to benefit a local charity.

For a complimentary November newsletter of this 2006 Community Supporter award-winning club, visit cantonnewcomers.org or call Donna at (734) 398-6487 before the meeting. Just a reminder, you don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

All day Anime

The Canton Public Library and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill invite you to spend a whole day watching Anime on the big screen on Sunday, Oct. 21. A wristband will let you select which episodes/films you would like to watch or you can even stick around and watch them all from 1:30-9 p.m. A dinner break is scheduled from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and concessions will be available in the lobby during the screening. Prizes will also be raffled off throughout the event.

Although Anime can be described as a style of animation developed in Japan, characterized by stylized colorful art that often includes adult themes, the films in this showing have a PG or PG-13 rating. All day wristbands are \$15 or \$10 if you present your Canton Public Library card when purchasing tickets. This day of Anime is brought to you by the Canton Public Library, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and Canton Leisure Services.

The Oct. 21, Anime schedule includes:

■ 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Bleach (Episodes 1-3)

■ 2:35-4:15 p.m.: Inuyasha Movie: Affections Touching

Across Time ■ 4:20-5:20 p.m.: Prince of Tennis (Episodes 1-3)

■ 5:20-6:30 p.m.: Dinner Break

■ 6:35-7:15 p.m.: *Full Moon O* Sagashite (Episodes 1-2) 7:20-8:55 p.m.: Naruto the

Movie: Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow

For more information and to order tickets for this special screening at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, visit www.canton-mi.org/ villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460.

Adult flu vaccinations

Oakwood Healthcare System is hosting several flu vaccination clinics through the month of October. The clinic dates, times and locations are as follows:

■ Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huron Township Seniors,

28245 Mineral Springs, Waltz Road, in Huron Township.

Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon, Independent Village, 14707 Northville Road, in Plymouth. • Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1

p.m., Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, in Belleville. Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton, 7300 Canton Center

Road, in Canton. ■ Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis Avenue, in Wayne (in the lobby). The vaccines are intended for adults 18 and older who want to be protected from the flu or pneumonia. The cost of the shot is \$25 and \$40 for the pneu-

monia vaccinations. Both are a covered benefit for those who have Medicare Part B and bring their card to the clinic. For more information on the clinics, visit www.oakwood.org or call (313) 586-5492.

A Toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting to benefit the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank, First Step and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and nonalcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Canton to salute local

soldiers

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Canton will host a "Salute to Service" ceremony at the Village Theater, located 50400 Cherry Hill Road, from 2-4 p.m., which will recognize area residents currently in active duty. Photos of these Canton resi-

dents who are currently serving in our Armed Forces will be on display. Residents are encouraged to submit 8 x 10 scanned copies of photos (no originals photos please). Be sure to label the back of each photo with the name of the service person, the branch of his or her service, and contact information. Copies of these photos can either be mailed to Pat VanDusen at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 or e-mailed to pvandusen@canton-mi.org. The public is welcome to

attend this free event. For more information on the Salute to Service ceremony scheduled for

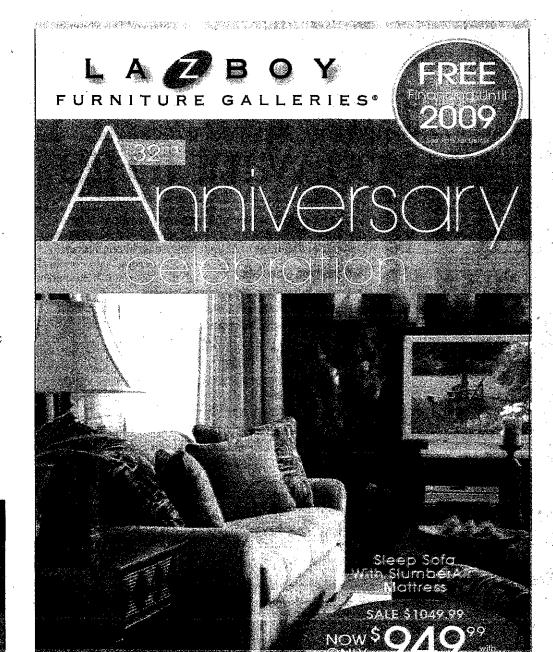


All-American honors

Erik Washington, Michael Wells and Ryan Fleisher of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have been selected to be members of the inaugural U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, an honor celebrating the values and strengths these standouts share with Army Strong Soldiers. Washington, Wells and Fleisher will join a group of elite marching musicians selected to perform in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Halftime show Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 91 high school senior marching musicians from across the country and showcases.

the Village Theater, please call

Sunday, Nov. 11 from 2-4 p.m. at (7340 394-5193 or visit www. canton-mi.org.





Historical marker dedicated at former county hospital

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Betty Zimmerman, 80, wiped tears from her eyes Tuesday when she returned home to Eloise, a oncesprawling, pioneering medical complex that served as a poorhouse, an infirmary, an asylum and a general hospital.

Zimmerman, a Redford Township woman, was born and raised at Eloise, where her father worked as a psychiatrist during peak years when the site had 10,000 patients, 2,000 workers and its own farm, cannery, bakery, cemetery, police and fire departments, train station and 16 kitchens that served 30,000 meals a day.

"It was wonderful," Zimmerman said. "We were like a city."

She attended school off-site, but otherwise

Zimmerman lived at Eloise from 1926 until 1951, when she married her husband, Bob. The couple and their daughter, Ann Heinicke of Westland, joined scores of former Eloise residents, employees and patients, along with officials and historians, for Tuesday's unveiling of a state historical marker.

Wayne County bought the old Black Horse Tavern in 1839 for use as a poorhouse, but Eloise, on Michigan Avenue east of Merriman, grew into a 902-acre, 75building complex where patients received treatment as late as 1984. Only five buildings remain, and only two are in use, a county office and a homeless shelter.

Dan Stoner, a 54-yearold Garden City resident, came to Eloise on Tuesday in honor of a late aunt who spent time there.

"She had a nervous breakdown," he said. "She also had cancer and passed away here. I came here in her honor. Maybe her spirit is still floating around here." Some ghost-hunters do consider the Eloise site haunted. More than 7,100 patients are buried in the

Eloise became one of the largest public health care facilities in the nation, using the most advanced medical and psychiatric treatments. Doctors there pioneered the use of X-rays for diagnostic purposes, radium to treat cancer, and "open air treatment" for tuberculosis.

Psychiatric patients received electroshock and insulin shock therapy, as well as music, recreational and television therapy. Mental health care ended



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Historian Jo Johnson pulls off the plastic to unveil a historic marker at the old Eloise site. Looking on is Kay Beard, the longest-serving Wayne County Commission member, and Kevin Kelley, a county official who works on behalf of senior citizen services and veterans affairs.

at Eloise in 1979, and the county's general hospital closed in 1984.

A volunteer group, the Friends of Eloise, worked two years and spent more than \$3,000 to bring the state marker to the site. It was unveiled Tuesday just west of the Kay Beard Building, named after the longest-serving Wayne County Commission mem-

ber, who represents a southern part of Livonia.

"I'm thrilled," Beard said, "because I know how hard the Friends of Eloise have worked to make this a reality. This was such a big part of Wayne County for so many years."

With most of Eloise's buildings and its oncefamiliar smokestack now gone, local historians like Jo Johnson wonder what will become of the property in years to come.

"We don't know what the future for the Eloise site holds or how many buildings will remain," she said Tuesday.

But, with the state marker in place, Johnson said, Eloise will not be forgotten.

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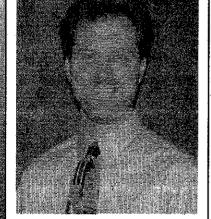
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Woman admits vandalizing resident's car MOMS

A Livonia woman reported to Canton police Tuesday that a 24-year-old township woman had admitted to license plate had been run vandalizing her 2006 Honda Accord.

The woman, 20, said her vehicle was parked in the area of Saratoga and Lilley and "Semper Fi this" had been scrawled on her hood with a key. There was also damage to her doors and trunk.

The police report listed the Canton woman as an acquaintance of the Livonia woman, who did not wish to press charges against her. The cost to repaint the

entire car is valued at \$1,000.

What are friends for?

A Canton man has been accused of stealing a friend's vehicle without permission. A Woodhaven woman called police Wednesday to report that the man, 45, took the vehicle she bought for her daughter's use on Oct. 12 and hasn't been seen since.

The woman, 54, told police that her daughter, 34, has primary use of the 2001 Pontiac Trans Am and when she spent the night at the man's apartment last Friday, she woke up to find him and the car missing.

The two wanted to give the man a chance to return before involving authorities.

The man, who hasn't answered his cell phone or been in contact with his family members, has previously driven the car with permission.

When Canton police did a check of the vehicle, they discovered that the car's

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Door theft

Township police were called to mobile home community on the 51000 block of Mott Tuesday after the park manager reported that someone had broken into a trailer and stole its bathroom door.

The manager told officers that the thief gained access to the park-owned trailer by damaging its back door.

The officer was then approached by another woman who said she had spoken with a 27-year-old woman that lives in the trailer park. The woman had asked her questions about the vacant mobile home and ended up telling her that she and some friends wanted to break into it and steal its toilet. The woman later told her that she wasn't going to go through with the plan since someone was scheduled to move into the residence.

When the officer arrived at the trailer, he noted the damage to the back door but spoke with a maintenance representative who admitted that the bathroom door might have already been missing at the time of the break in.

The bathroom door was valued at \$25. Attempts to contact the woman who spoke of breaking into the trailer were unsuccessful.

Water problem

A bottle of water has been

■ Judy Davids of Royal Oak is a taken into police evidence working mom with two after a 56-year-old Westland

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later to find that his water posts on dealing with shy children, and decorating More than a dozen workers children's bedrooms. were inside the warehouse Beth Hurley of Canton

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is raising two boys, ages 5 and 8¹/₂. Technically a stayat-home mom, the happily married Hurley is always busy volunteering at school, organizing mom-to-mom sales and serving on her homeowner's board. A selfproclaimed "news junkie" Hurley is the one friends call for recommendations on places to eat, shop or offer advice.

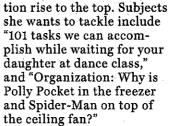
Sandi Martin of Plymouth is working mom to four girls ranging from ages 2-10. Martin's sense of humor made her applica-

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Kimberly Mortson of Westland is mom to two children, ages 5 and 8, and works for the City of Ann Arbor. Mortson hopes to blog about issues facing working moms, raising creative kids and traveling with children.

Julie Rogalski of Rochester Hills is a stayat-home mom with a $2^{1/2}$ year-old. She is interested in fashion, exercise, sports and music, and hopes to discuss organic lifestyles, books, making the switch from working to stay-athome-mom and early potty training.

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Living a dream

Writer-comedian doing things he loves the best

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Darrin Brege still shakes his head in amazement — he gets paid to do what he loves.

Brege, who started doodling at age 3, is a senior design illustrator for ePrize, a Pleasant Ridge-based interactive promotion company, he has a weekly spot on a sports radio channel and he partners with his wife, Karen, on an illustrated book series named after their 11-year-old son.

"I get to do crazy voices and draw for a living and get paid," said Brege, 39. "I'm very grateful because, although there's nothing wrong with it, I'd hate to be laying bricks and doing my voices for a crew." The 1986 Plymouth

Canton High School graduate can sketch SpongeBob SquarePants, Homer Simpson and Stewie from Family Guy in a matter of seconds and he cranks out impersonations of Shrek, Archie Bunker and Scooby Doo as if it's second nature.

He met his wife of 12 years while the two were doing improvisational theatre. In addition to the couple's book series, Mick Morris Myth Solver, the two

have inked a four-book deal with Mackinac Island Press.

Brege, who lives in Brighton, illustrates the work while his bride pens the stories.

"She's the love of my life," he said. "I feel so blessed and fortunate to do what I do. I've had to draw all day but I could still go home and draw tonight. When you do what you love, it doesn't feel like work."

Brege, who created a gang of comic book characters at age 13 called the "Freakies," recently had a book signing at Borders to highlight the fourth installment of the Mick Morris series, *Grudge*

of the Gremlins. His son, Mick, and his

wife were also on hand for the signing. "I can't say that I love one thing more than the other," he said.

"It all ties together. It all works on the right side of the brain."

Brege, who moved to California to study animation in the early '90s, said his son also has a knack for drawing and writing.

"He's really good," he beamed. "He's better than I was at that age but he takes it all in stride."

With his comedic imper-

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Darrin Brege shows off a poster of his Mick Morris series.

sonations airing at 8:05 a.m. every Friday on Sports Talk AM 1130 WDFN and his career at ePrize moving along, Brege said there's a chance that one of the Mick Morris books could be turned into a motion picture. "My wife and I are huge movie buffs so this is really exciting for us," he said. "All I can say to anyone is follow your dreams. I feel like I'm walking on air."

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OUR VIEWS

More to do, but vote yes on WCCC renewal

Seven years ago, when the Wayne County Community College received approval of a 10-year 1.5-mill tax levy, officials made a commitment to make a few changes. They called their futureshaping program "Pathways to the Future."

The plan included a lot of "re-inventing," like its urban and suburban education strategy and relationships — in the case of the suburbs, by revitalizing programs and services. It also included a new mission statement which has set a goal of the college being "recognized as an institution that has achieved national and international recognition for enduring excellence as a comprehensive multi-campus community college district" by 2011.

In the six years since the millage was approved, WCCCD has made improvements. It's retooled its curriculum to handle the educational needs of today's students. It has improved its facilities and now offers classes both in a traditional classroom and online. It has developed partnerships with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn to benefit students pursuing four-year degrees.

Even though the college has another four years until the millage expires, it is asking voters in the November general election for another 10-year renewal, effective when the current levy expires in 2011. The tax represents 40 percent of WCCCD's annual revenue, and in looking at what college officials said they would do in 2001 and what they have done, we believe voters should vote yes for the renewal.

It is not a new tax. It is not an increase. It is one that residents in the college's 32 communities — including Redford and portions of Westland and Canton Township — are already paying. For owners of homes with a taxable value of \$70,000, the millage translates to \$105 a year.

But our endorsement comes with a call for the college to do even more. Yes, it has improved its buildings and programs and expanded its curriculum, but we believe it has yet to connect with much of its suburban areas. WCCCD isn't on the radar screen of college-bound students in Westland and Redford who are choosing Schoolcraft College, even if it means paying out-of-district rates.

Part of the problem may be the size of the district, another the location of its campuses. WCCCD has three campuses in the city of Detroit, the others are in Taylor and Van Buren Township. Schoolcraft's Livonia Campus and its satellite facility in Garden City and Henry Ford in Dearborn in most cases are closer than WCCCD's suburban campuses.

The college district needs to do more to market the district to the suburbs. It needs to blow its own horn and let people know what it's doing. It needs to focus its promotional efforts on those areas where it faces stiff competition from colleges like Schoolcraft and Henry Ford.

We urge residents to vote YES on the Wayne County Community College District's request for 1.5-mill renewal in the Nov. 6 election, but we also urge college officials to look closely at how they can better serve its suburban population, even if it means redistricting. More needs to be done so it can achieve its visions by 2011.

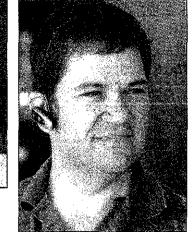
Should hunting be banned in Canton?



"As long as people aren't running around with shotguns and safety issues are first, it's fine." Linda Chadderdon, of Canton



"I don't think it should be banned but I can hear the gunfire from my house. I'd hate to take that right away from (hunters), but maybe there should be more restrictions." Debbie Salinas, of Canton



"It's not hurting anybody. I'm fine with it." Allan Fisher, 39, of Canton

"Yes." Dawn Garrison, 39, of Canton

Bad contract

Can anyone provide me an explanation, that makes a lick of sense, how the Plymouth-Canton Education Association obtained its most recent contract?

In a state that is reeling from a severe loss of anything resembling a tax base in years past, a raise is approved!!!

Get real. At a minimum, in my opinion, wages and benefits should have been "frozen" for one year until the state gets its bouge in order.

> Roger L. Kehrier Plymouth

Worth the savings?

The backers of the move to change school board elections to presidential election years are too strident and too sure. Their mantra "it's a no-brainer" shows disrespect for others holding different views. The only way this is a "no-brainer" is if you choose not to use your brain and blindly follow slogans.

If we are going to make such a change, we owe it to ourselves and our community to be honest about what we are doing.

Two main arguments are put forth by supporters of the elec-

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tion date change: It will save money (an estimated \$50,000 per year) and more people will vote for school board. Both these statements are true but they are not the whole story.

Regarding the savings, \$50,000 is a nice sum but it will have little impact on the annual district budget. Obviously savings are desirable; but at what price? What can we expect to happen if school board elections are on the presidential ballot instead of on a special election ballot? Is the change worth the savings?

Voter turnout (while abysmally low overall) is highest at the presidential elections; so, one thing that will happen is more people will vote for school board. But, change won't stop there. The entire nature of the school board election and, ultimately, how we choose to run our schools will change as well.

I have run and observed numerous school board campaigns in this community. The current system rewards candidates with local support. Neighbor-to-neighbor campaigns, community networking, and booster club support can impact the results of a school board election now. While it is possible to win a school board seat without the endorsement of the local teachers union, it is very difficult. The teachers' endorsement is a big factor in the current system. Campaign costs vary but a successful campaign can be waged for \$1,000 to \$3,000 and some school board seats were won for less than that.

Moving school board elections to presidential years erases all that. Here is what a school board candidate can expect under the proposed change.

Local support won't matter. The effect of neighbors, community groups, booster clubs and teachers union is overwhelmed by the size of the electorate. The effects of party-line voting will be greater than local support. The effect of people randomly picking names or voting for a particular gender or a name that catches their eye will overwhelm local support.

We will elect our school boards the same way we elect our judges; as an afterthought at the end of the presidential ballot.

Campaign costs will soar. To get a message out to the general public and gain any

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kind of name recognition in a presidential election year will cost a lot of money. The most likely source of that monay and the exposure it burs will be the political parties. The corrupting influences of campaign finance, now foreign to our school board elections, will seep into the fabric of a campaign.

Local issues will be trumped by partisan litmus tests. A candidate's position on abortion, sex education and the teaching of creationism will be more important than their local roots if they wish to get support and funding. School board elections will be as partisan as the "nonpartisan" judicial races. A different kind of candidate will emerge. Currently, most school board candidates are local volunteers involved with the schools. Some have higher political ambition, but most do not. The rigors of campaigning in a presidential election year will deter volunteers but attract politicians. This change in the type of candidate will lead to changes in the school board itself.

Are these changes something we want? Is the \$50,000 savings really such a good deal? Or, asked another way, is our

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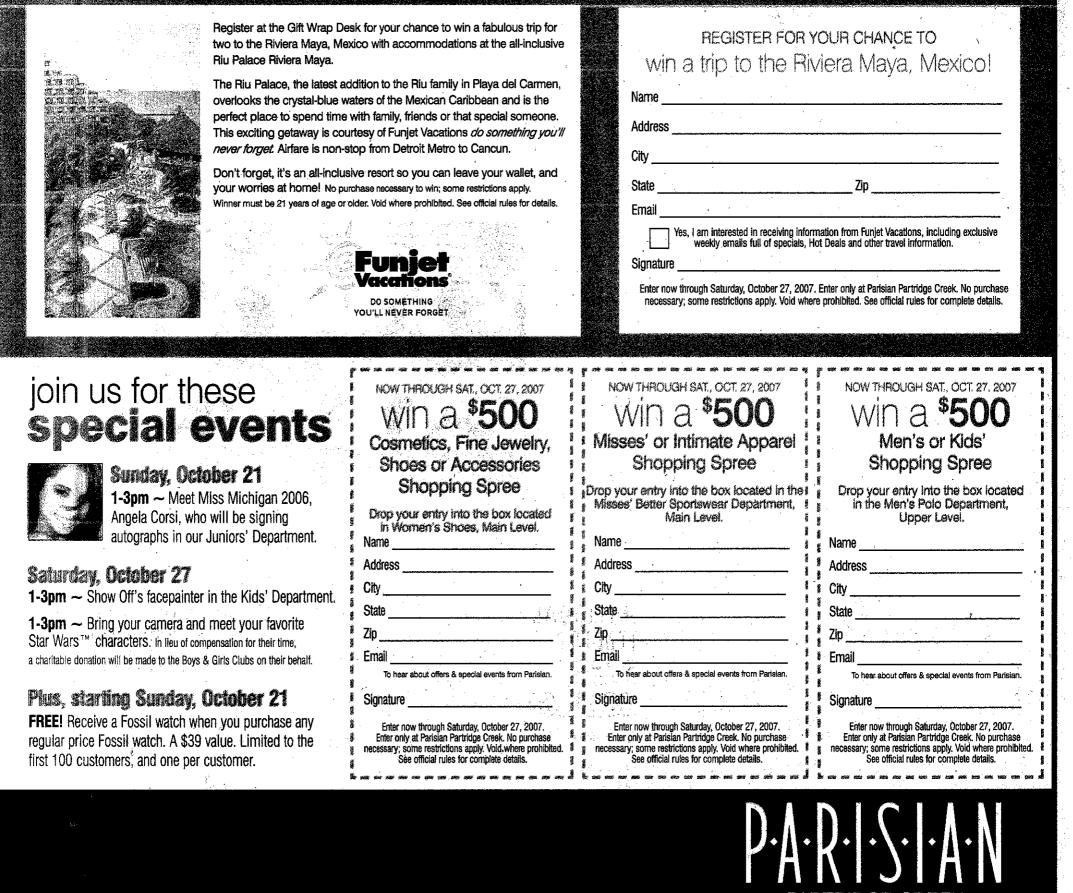
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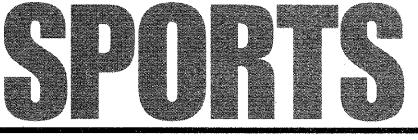
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Chiefs upend Salem, await playoff fate

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Every season since 2000, Canton's football team has relied on its punishing offense and unyielding defense to lead it into the Division 1 state playoffs.

This year, the Chiefs are relying on nothing short of a miracle.

Canton closed out its regular season on Friday night with a convincing 34-

13 triumph over Salem to improve its record to 5-4. The Rocks dropped to 1-8.

Since only teams with at least six victories are assured post-season spots, Canton is hoping the difficulty of its schedule makes it one of the few 5-4 squads whose name will be announced during Sunday night's "Selection Show," which will air live at 6:30 p.m. on FoxSportsNet.

"I think we may finish near the top

(of the teams with 5-4 records), but it's going to be so close as to whether we make it in," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I have no idea what's going to happen because there are so many things that can happen. Nobody knows.

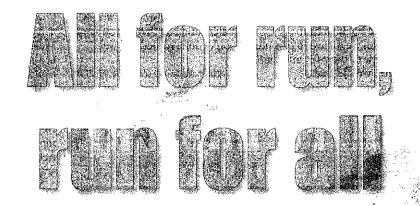
"We didn't take care of business when we needed to this season, but the kids fought their hearts out all year." The atmosphere around the Chiefs' practice field was strange last week, Baechler said.

"It was like a morgue around here on Monday," said Baechler. "It really was different. It got better on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and we had some fun.

"During the game tonight it was tough because we weren't playing to go 9-0 or for a No. 1 seed. It was like, 'Let's just win and hope."

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Local women find early-morning training rewarding BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Running through a "wall" is a lot easier when you're surrounded by supportive friends.

That's just one of the valuable lessons learned by the newest members of the Canton-based running club "Dirt Road Divas," a group of close to 100 area women (and a few men) who run several miles together several mornings each week rain or shine; 80 degrees or eight degrees — before the buzzers on most people's alarm clocks rock them awake.

The tangible results of the 5:30 a.m. training runs for many of the members include the medals they earn after completing half or full marathons, which in most cases require busting through the proverbial "wall" — the point around the 20-mile mark when your legs feel like they're running in quick sand and your mind tries to convince you to take the rest of the afternoon off. But it's the intangibles — long-lasting friendships and healthier lifestyles, to name two — that are most important to Christine Hughes, who formed the club almost four years ago.

ALL ABOUT THE 'DIVAS'

What: Dirt Road Divas running club; Who: Approximately 100 area women who train for distance-running events; Where: The group meets in Canton most mornings for multi-mile training runs; When: The groups meets nearly every morning at 5:30 a.m.; members also organize social functions for the group; Why: To prepare for long-distance races and to make long-lasting friendships. How to find out more: Visit www.dirtroaddivas.com.

"I'm inspired every day by these ladies who carve out time early in the morning to train."

Back on track

Thirty-six-year-old Canton resident Tina Sarafian hadn't run in close to 17 years before friends persuaded her to start training with the Divas in August of 2006. Thirteen months later, she completed the Akron Marathon on Sept. 28 along with nine other Divas. "The support I get from the other ladies is crucial in my training," emphasized Sarafian. "When I first started running with them last summer, I could barely get a mile in before I'd be out of breath. But the repetition of going out two to three times a week paid off. I started to get my



Washington nets split at state meet

Salem senior tennis player Lawrence Washington advanced to the second round of the No. 1 singles flight at the Division 1 state tennis tournament before getting ousted by Mount Pleasant's Christian Roehmer. Washington won his opening match, 6-2, 6-4, over Livonia Stevenson's Gino McCathney before falling in his next match, 6-4, 6-0.

Girls puck tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem high school girls ice hockey team has recently welcomed Lori Callahan as the coach for the upcoming 2007-08 season. Shawn Rowley will return as assistant coach.

If you are interested — or if you know of someone who may be interested in playing ice hockey this season, send an e-mail to llcallahan@comast.net or call Callahan at (734)

455-5159. No ice hockey experience is necessary because it is a nocut team. The team includes freshmen. sophomores, juniors and seniors. Grid fund-raiser The Plymouth-Canton Steelers and Canton Lions will be asking all spectators to the two teams' intercity clash on Oct. 27 at the P-CEP varsity stadium to donate canned goods and other foods. The teams will play four games against one another starting with the 2 p.m. junior freshmen contest. The freshmen game will follow in front of the junior-varsity and varsity clashes. It is not mandatory to make a donation at the games.

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Seven members of the Canton-based running group "Dirtroad Divaş" recently completed marathons. Pictured are (standing from left) Sarah Badger, Julie Scordino, Tina Sarafian, Mary Lesko, (sitting from left) Christina Gozdor, Liliana Ontko and Diane Sterling.

"This is a very supportive, loving group — it isn't just a running club," said Hughes.

Please see DIVAS, B4

Playoff-bound Wildcats thump Romulus, 54-13

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Plymouth's offense has shifted into high gear on the eve of the Division 1 football playoffs.

Led by the running of senior tailback Myron Puryear and the aerial attack of quarterbacks Matt Skubik and C.J. Gregory, the Wildcats became playoff-eligible Friday night with a 54-13 thumping of Romulus visiting Romulus. Last week, the Wildcats churned out 55 points against Salem.

Friday's game was played on the P-CEP junior varsity football, a venue where the 'Cats have enjoyed loads of success in the past. Plymouth improved to 6-3 with the win and will find out its first-round playoff opponent Sunday at 6:30 p.m. when FoxSportsNet broadcasts its "Selection Sunday" show.

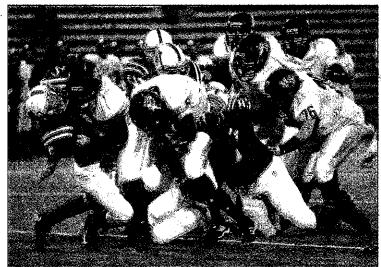
The setback left Romulus with an 0-9 ledger. Plymouth scored just about every which way you can against the Eagles. It received three rushing touchdowns from Puryear; a pair of throwing scores — one from Gregory to Mike Hanchett and the other from Skubik to Alex Minch; two defensive scores -- scoop-and-score fumble returns by Spencer Tobin and Kyle Wallath; and a 75-yard kickoff return on the opening kickoff by Jernarian Caldwell.

"Obviously, with this being my first year as the head coach, I couldn't expect anything more," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk, when asked about the significance of making the playoffs in his initial year at the helm. "Like I've said all along, the success we have is a tribute to how hard the kids and the coaching staff works during the season and during the off-season. I just try to surround my self with quality coaches who are committed to making these kids not just good football players, but outstanding young men."

Along with his frequent trips to the end zone, Puryear also racked up 102 yards on the ground. Defensively, Andy Price had an interception and Connor Martin forced a pair of fumbles.

"Terrance Guthridge is becoming a force on defense, too," said Sawchuk. "He started at corner tonight and did an outstanding job. He's a hitter."

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Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik is pictured plowing ahead for extra yardage during the Wildcats' victory over Salem last week. Plymouth won 54-13 over winless Romulus on Friday to qualify for the Division 1 playoffs.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Louis Blank took advantage of the Indian Summer we've been experiencing to register a hole-in-one at The Woodlands #5 Golf Course on Sept. 25. Blank used a nine iron to record the ace on the 108-yard hole. The 65-year-old Blank fired a round of 94.



Spartans crush Salem's soccer hopes

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

In a set of brackets one coach jokingly referred to as "The District of Death" because of its abundance of state-ranked soccer teams, Livonia Stevenson is not only surviving, it's thriving.

The defending Division 1 state runner-up Spartans outlasted Salem in Wednesday night's District #7 semifinal game, 2-0, at Northville to advance to Saturday's final against the host Mustangs. The championship tilt is set to kick off at noon.

Stevenson (18-1) defeated the Rocks (7-6-10) for the third time this season — but just barely.

Following nearly 50 minutes of even-steven action, Stevenson's Adrian Fylonenko settled a pass from Nate Sergison just inside the 18-yard box and ripped home an icebreaking goal with 30:24 left in the contest. Moments prior to Fylonenko's net-finder, the Rocks had applied some serious pressure at the other end, but were turned back by the Spartans' bend-but-don't-break

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defense.

Almost four minutes after Fylonenko's goal, Stevenson's David Simor turned a deep giveaway by a Salem defender into another goal to make it 2-0.

Stevenson coach Lars Richters credited his team's second-half revival to an attitude adjustment more than a strategic one.

"I felt Salem thoroughly outplayed us in the first half," said Richters. "At halftime, I felt we needed more of an energy jolt than we did strategic adjustments. Before the game, we spoke about the important of giving extra effort and being focused on each play, and we didn't do any of those in the first half."

A few moments after his team's disheartening seasonending loss, Salem coach Ed McCarthy was upbeat about his team's performance.

"I could not have been more happy with how we played the first 50 minutes," McCarthy said. "We knew to beat Stevenson we'd have to play our best game of the year, and for 50 minutes we did that.

"We made two mistakes on defense and Stevenson did a terrific job, a perfect job, a championship job of finishing them and making us pay for it. Up to that point, I thought we defended well, did a great job of creating chances and we probably deserved more than the 0-0 tie."

Both goalies — Stevenson's Conner Burton and Salem's Sasa Miskovic — turned in spectacular efforts. Burton's finest moments came in the fourminute span before Fylonenko's goal when he turned away two Salem opportunities from the door step.

Miskovic's best save came with 9:53 left in the first half when he elevated to tip away a hard, bending rocket off the foot of Stevenson's Brian Klemczak. Richters said his team still has

its work cut out for it. "This is certainly one of the

toughest Districts in the state, if not the toughest. If you can survive going through Canton, Salem and Northville, you know you've done something well."

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neters) Other Churchill finishers: 6, Sara Kroll, 19:23: 8. Amanda Southwell, 19:32; 13. Alyssa Mira, 19:48; 22. Hannah Otto, 20:24; 29. Michelle Verellen, 20:46; 41. Kim Verellen, 21:15. Plymouth finishers: 5, Kelly Hahn, 19:23: 11 olly Slavens, 19:43; 14. Beth Heldmeyer, 19:52; 24. Lauren Ahearn, 20:26: 26. Julie Forster. 20:43; 46. Paula Green, 21:30; 57. Brianna Hessler, 21:51.

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Canton finisher: 9. Sarah Thomas, 19:35; 12. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:47; 16. Bianca Kubicki, 20:02; 23. Chelsea Smith, 20:24; 34. Katherine Rymond, 20:59; 36. Katherine Galm, 21:11; 62.

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METRO CONFERENCE MEET Oct. 19 at Spencer Park (Rochester Hills) BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 27 points; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 62; 3. Lutheran High Westland, 72; 4. Clawson, 77; 5. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 141.

Individual winner: Daniel Suber (Cranbrook), 16 minutes, 16 seconds (5,000 meters). Lutheran Westland finishers: 4. Spencer Lyle, 16:31; 10. Josh Rice, 17:43; 18, Alex Kemp, 19:27; 19. Ross Pursifull, 19:41: 21. Cameron Banks, 19:47; 24. Paul Bealafeld, 20:26; 28. Zachariah Robinson, 21:41. GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran North,

21; 2. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 70; 3. Lutheran Westland, 80; 4. Clawson, 90; 5. Lutheran Northwest, 104.

Individual winner: Shannon Moreshouse Lutheran Westland finishers: 12. Hannah

Mielke, 22:01; 15. Miriam Pranschke, 23:12; 20. Megan Fisher, 24:05; 21. Megan Kohtz, 24:10; 22. Danielle Voetberg, 24:19; 24. Amber Pniewski, 25:14; 26. Ashley Pniewski, 25:18.

Plymouth 2nd in WLAA girls cross-country meet

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's Rachel McFarlane is hitting her stride at a critical part of the girls cross country season.

The senior All-Stater led the way Friday afternoon at windwhipped Willow Metropark in New Boston as the Chargers repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association champion with a team total of 50 points.

McFarlane covered the challenging 5,000-meter course in a season-best 18 minutes, 38 seconds to finish ahead of Livonia Stevenson's Courtney Calka, who was the only other among 82 competitors to crack the 19-minute barrier in 18:48.

Plymouth, meanwhile, earned its best WLAA finish in its brief school history by edging Northville for second place, 80-82. It was the first time ever Plymouth had finished ahead of its WLAA-Western Division foe. Canton was also in the mix, scoring 94 to place fourth in the 12school field.

McFarlane, who succeeds graduated teammate Megan Maceratini as WLAA champion, clocked a season best 18:42 in the second Lakes Division Jamboree eight days earlier, five seconds behind Calka.

"It was phenomenal to see Rachel win because she works hard in practice and she's been

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coming on," said Tatro, who guided Churchill to a runner-up finish in last year's Division 1 state meet. "I knew she pop a good one soon. "The weather conditions did not let it interfere with her race strategy. She knew what she wanted to

do and her game plan worked to a "T.' I'm very proud of her." McFarlane had concerns prior

to the race as wind gusts reached 35 MPH.

"During the warmup I was a little worried," McFarlane said. 'I just wanted to tuck in behind Courtney, see how the race goes and see how fast she was after the first mile. We were together going until the second hill. I knew had to keep pushing. Most of the time the wind was behind us, especially on the downhill. I could hear people saying I was 10 meters ahead, then 50, but I knew she always has a massive kick so I had to be in front of her. I didn't think I would be a season P.R. (personal best) for me in this weather, but I did."

Churchill, capturing its fifth WLAA crown under Tatro since 2000, also received strong finishes from sophomores Sara Kroll (sixth) and Amanda Southwell (eight); and juniors Alyssa Mira (13th) and Hannah Otto (22nd).

"I knew Amanda (Southwell) would pop a good one sooner or later," the Churchill coach said. "She's a gutsy little runner. The

conditions were windy, but the girls were not concerned. With our junior and senior leadership, they came out and did not let it affect them. I thought Sara (Kroll), Alyssa (Mira), Hannah (Otto) all ran gutsy races today despite the weather conditions."

The Chargers, meanwhile, appear to be in good position to repeat this Saturday as regional champion at Schoolcraft College.

Plymouth also will be gunning for its first-ever state team berth.

The Wildcats were led by sophomore Kelly Hahn, who took fifth in 19:23. Juniors Molly Slavens and Beth Heldmeyer were 11th and 14th, respectively. Laura Ahearn added a 24th, while Julie Forster took 26th.

We just have a bunch of fast girls who work hard," Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin said. "You can be the best coach of the world, but you have to have the horses. I'm proud of all of them. They put in a supreme effort today and we hope to keep it rolling into next week.

"Molly (Slavens) had a stress fracture and missed the first five week. We brought her back slowly and today she runs 19:42. We had three in the 19s and two others in the 20s, so you can't complain."

Canton's top finisher, meanwhile, was junior Sarah Thomas in ninth.

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Salem's deBear outruns the competition at WLAA meet Whalers split with Spits

"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." -Satchel Paige

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem cross country runner Kevin deBear took Satchel's advice to heart Friday afternoon during the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet at Willow Metro Park in New Boston.

The senior charged to an early lead and kept his eyes on the trail ahead on the way to capturing the individual title with a time of 16:18.

deBear broke the tape three seconds ahead of runner-up Kyle Roche of Walled Lake Central.

Northville won the team championship with 55 points after placing three runners in the top 10. Canton was second with 75 points, just ahead of the Rocks (90).

"I never look back when I'm running because it slows me down," said deBear, who placed 13th in last year's WLAA race. "There were a lot of leaves and dirt kicking off my shoes, so I thought some of the guys were closing in on me, but I just kept going.'

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deBear credited his and the Rocks' fine performance to the team's off-season work regimen. "We trained harder than ever

this summer." he said. "We'd have 20 guys show up for the workouts every weekday from Monday to Friday."

The Mustangs took the top spot thanks to the stellar efforts of Jonathan Zurek, Erik Peterson and Nicholas Kolbow, who placed fourth, fifth and eighth, respectively.

All the runners were hampered at times by a strong, gusting wind that came out of the northwest at 25 to 35 miles per hour.

"When you're running into the wind like that, you just have to think positive thoughts and keep going," deBear said.

A pair of juniors - Duncan Spitz and Kyle Clinton - sparked Canton's runner-up finish.

Spitz was third in 16:34 while Clinton wasn't far behind, crossing in seventh place in 16:42.

Senior Derek Hoerman provided some much-needed depth to the Chiefs' effort with a 16th place showing in 17 minutes flat.

The top five places were filled out by Livonia Churchill, which racked up 93 points and Walled

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Lake Western, which finished with 131.

"I figured going in we be somewhere between first and fourth." said Churchill coach John McGreevy. "It would have been difficult to finish first, but I thought we had a shot.

"I was a little disappointed because I felt we could have run better as a group. We had a couple nice individual performances, but as a team, we didn't step up like we needed to .

McGreevy said there were no major surprises at the top of the standings.

"Northville's been tough all vear, so that wasn't unexpected," he said. "Canton seems to be peaking at the right time. Salem is probably a little disappointed like we are."

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WLAA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CONFERENCE MEET

FRIDAY ÅT WILLOW METRO FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 55; 2. Canton, 75; 3. Salem, 90; 4. Livonia Churchill, 93; 5. W.L. Western, 131; 6. W.L. Central, 141; 7. Livonia Franklin, 169; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 190; 9. Plymouth, 229; 10. W.L. Northern, 278; 11. Westland John Glenn, 316; 12. Wayne Memorial, 333

NORTHVILLE (55): 5. Jonathan Zurek, 16:39;
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 CANTON (75): 3. Duncan Spitz, 16:34; 7. Kyle

Clinton, 16:42; 16. Derek Hoerman, 17:00; 21. Zack Spreitzer, 17:08; 28. Gregory Reed, 17:25; 52. Joshua Osinski, 18:12; 60. Jonathan Peck, 18:36. SALEM (90): 1. Kevin deBear, 16:18, 15. Rob Curtis, 16:53: 20. Craig Cowing, 17:04: 23. Mike Charara, 17:14; 31. Justin Kane, 5:39; 32. Jason Smith, 17:32; 35. Eric Volstromer, 17:38.

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77. Curtis Baugher, 19:47. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (316): 53. Tim Boes, 18:13; 61. Michael Gardner, 18:40; 63. Daniel McCahill, 18:44; 64. Eric Mlynar, 18:45; 75. Jeffrey Adkins, 19:22; 78. Ryan Lockhart, 21:00; 80. Gary Lawrence, 21:49. WAYNE MEMORIAL (333): 37. Jacob

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Taylor Hall's penalty shot goal in the second period stood as the game-winner as the Windsor Spitfires built a 2-0 lead and went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 4-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth and Windsor split a home-and-home series over a 24-hour period, with the Whalers winning, 2-1, in a shootout

Thursday night at Windsor Arena. Windsor is now 9-1-0-2;

Plymouth is 5-4-0-1. Besides Hall, Brad Snetsinger

scored twice for Windsor and now has eight goals on the season. Elgin Reid opened the scoring for Windsor with his fourth goal of the season to give the Spits a 1-0 lead after one period. Andrew Fournier scored the lone Plymouth goal, his team-leading ninth of the season.

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 50-22. Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 46-of-50 shots; 24 of the saves came in the hectic

second quarter when Windsor outshot the Whalers. 26-6.

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Hall was awarded a penalty shot at 3:57 of the second period by referees Brad Beer and Dave Lewis even though he got a shot on Neuvirth on a breakaway. On the penalty shot, Hall moved to the hashmarks, cut across the Plymouth crease area left to right and scored on Neuvirth's five-hole.

Fournier scored the lone Whalers goal at 10:44 of the second period when he beat Windsor goaltender Andrew Engleage with a backhand shot from the right doorstep. Snetsinger scored his first two on the evening at 16:48 of the second period when he batted home a loose puck in the Plymouth crease after Blake Parlett's shot from the right point was knocked down in front of the Plymouth goal.

Snetsinger finished the scoring at 18:38 of the third period on the empty net after Neuwirth was pulled for an extra attacker.

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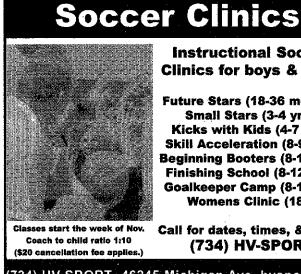
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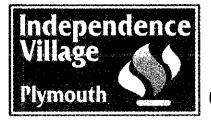
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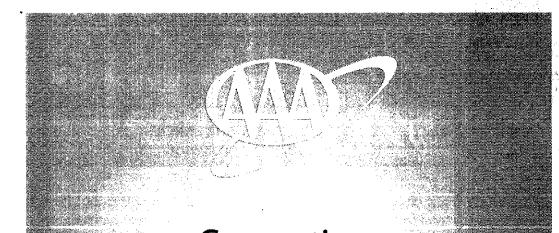
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FROM PAGE B1

Salem was playing for pride and to take some good feelings into the off-season after dropping seven of its first eight games. The Rocks never quit, scoring two fourthquarter TDs against the Chiefs' second-string defense after falling into a 34-0 pit during the game's first three quarters.

The Chiefs found pay dirt on their first drive of the half, their final drive of the half and two in between to secure a 28-0 advantage at the break.

Senior Mike Chaperon bulldozed in from the 1 with 7:16 left in the first quarter to make it 6-0. Daniel Stoney's first of four extra points on the night upped the lead to 7-0.

A little less than five minutes later, Canton senior fullback Jordan Raiford found a seam in the Rocks' defensive line then rumbled 32 yards to the end zone to make it 14-0. Sophomore Ron Gaudi

scored from eight yards out

with 9:02 remaining in the half and senior running back Tim Klott rammed in from the 1 19 seconds before intermission to pad the lead to 28-0.

Gaudi's score was set up two plays earlier when Canton quarterback Adam Powers connected with senior tight end Will Tidwell on a 28-yard strike that moved the ball to the Salem 16.

The Rocks' defense turned in a pair of big first-half plays when Shawn Lyons picked off a pass in the end zone with 6:20 left in the first half.

Four minutes later, linebacker Justin Bader registered an interception.

Raiford tallied the Chiefs' final points of the night 1:32 into the second half when he powered through the Salem defense for a 48-yard TD run. Stoney's extra point dinged off the left upright, preventing the game from shifting to a running clock.

Salem averted the shutout with 6:17 left when Mullins scored from 53 yards out. The Rocks capped their scoring with a 1-yard sneak by backup quarterback Justin Bashi

"I found that running with the group was addictive. It flows so easily when we're running together because we're having conversations and laughing. It's awesome. Some mornings, we're done training and it's hard to believe we've been out there three hours."

Challenge met

Scordino, who did much more "just finishing" last month's

fied me for next year's Boston Marathon," she said. "My husband didn't know what to say at first. Then he said, 'You amaze me.'

training with the Divas had prepared 37-year-old Canton resident Diane Sterling to

with 10 ticks remaining on the clock.

Canton outgained Salem, 402-291 in total yards and 20-10 in first downs.

Raiford enjoyed an extraordinary night, rushing for 148 yards on just nine attempts. Gaudi was the next most productive ballcarrier for Canton, picking up 96 yards on 12 carries. Klott churned out 43 yards on seven attempts while Nicole Douglas — the lone female on either team's roster chalked up 18 yards on her lone carry.

Mullins dialed up some big numbers: 225 yards on 24 carries for a 9.4 yards-perrush average.

Powers was 2-for-5 through the air for 36 yards while Salem signal-caller Heath Parling was 7-for-14 for 62 yards.

Cam Phelps led both teams in tackles with 6.5. Senior linebacker Dan Wanshon capped his career in a big way with six tackles and a sack.

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run last month's Akron Half-Marathon, a 13.1-mile race ran in conjunction with the 26.2 miler. But a few days before she car-pooled down to Akron with several other Divas, Sterling altered her plans.

"On the Sunday before we went down there, I realized that I was the only one not running the full marathon," Sterling explained. "Even though I had only trained to do the half, I realized I didn't want to have to wait around for two hours for everybody else to finish, so I decided to run the full marathon. It was a last-minute deal and I had only really trained to run the half, but I ended up finishing. I finished a half-hour slower than most of the others, but I figured that I hadn't trained to run a full so I was ahead of the game."

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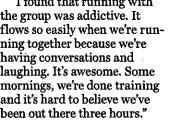
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breathing down and my distances started to increase. The other members of the group educated me on how to do it the right way. Now, I've finished two half marathons and one marathon."

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Julie Scordino, 28, of Canton, decided to start running regularly after a fun challenge from her marathonrunning husband. A short time after her training started, she crossed paths at Lifetime Fitness with Hughes, who invited her join the Divas.

"My incentive for running came from my husband, who joked with me that I couldn't run a marathon in under four hours," Scordino explained, smiling. "When I met Christine, she said, 'Since you're training anyway, you might as well come run with us.' 1011



The training paid off for than meet her initial goal of Akron Marathon.

"I ran it in 3:33, which quali-

"I never would have been able to do it without the group. On the days I really wasn't in the mood to run, they'd call and say, 'Oh, come on, you have to be there."

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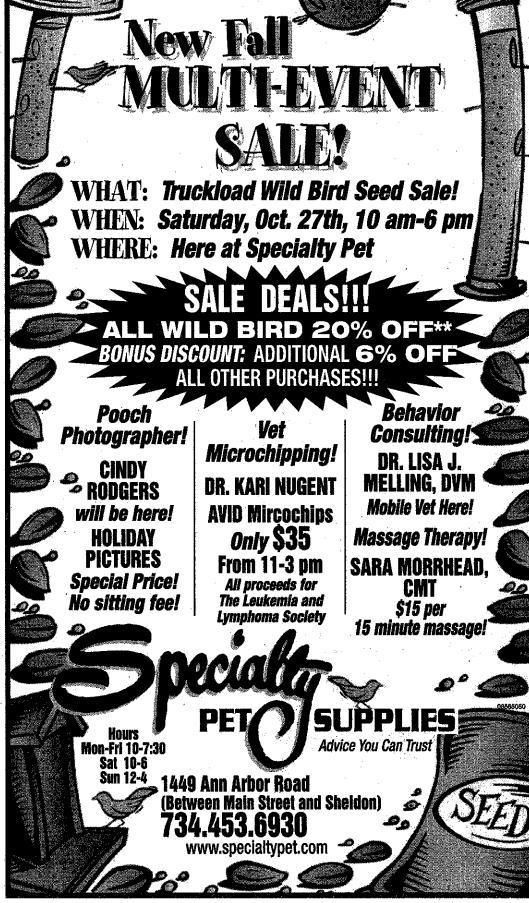
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Grandparenting requires grace

these columns in the last several years I have never shared any thoughts on grandparenting. Until it began to take on a personal meaning.

Grandparenting is just around the corner. I will join an increasing number of adults who, ready or not, are entering this next phase of life. Grandparenting today is perhaps even more complex than in previous generations. Grandparents in



the community will be right there for the child. Stepgrandparents create new numbers of older persons who have a bond with the new baby or young children. Many grandparents

live at a distance from

their grandchild or

grandchildren; they

Paul Melrose

have the challenge of being involved less frequently with their newest family members.

When one looks at family systems one can view the influences, traditions, behaviors, patterns, religious or spiritual values which are passed down through the family. And grandchildren will receive those realities. Grandchildren grow up as the next generation of the family. What part they play in that and how they receive their heritage has as much to do with their grandparents as their parents.

A recent Supreme Court decision affirmed the rights of parents over grandparents so that grandparents cannot interfere with the raising of the grandchildren so long as the child is adequately cared for. The saddest situation is when the grandchild or grandchildren somehow find themselves as pawns in a battle either between feuding parents, where the grandparents get dragged in, or in a dispute between parents and their parents over time and influence which the grandparents seek with their grandchildren. In all of this the wisdom of spiritual and religious teaching may be lost. Such teachings often provide, if nothing else, time tested and proven guidelines for this very special and wonderful relationship.

Anne Morse summarizes several religious traditions and their views toward grandparents for us. In Judaism espect for elders is taught. Jewish parents are expected to teach respect for the grandparents. But in cases of conflict it is their responsibility to raise the children in accordance with their faith. That responsibility supersedes the rights of grandparents. Christianity understands that grandparents play an important part in the raising of grandchildren. Christian parents have a duty to have their children benefit from the experience and wisdom of the elders. Grace is to be mediated in relationship disputes such that as much as possible, in conflicts of all kinds – even faith differences, the relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren should continue. In Islam it is assumed that grandchildren and their grandparents have a relationship independent from the parents. Only in cases of harm to the grandchildren would that be changed. In Buddhism a less direct idea is that grandparents can be considered teachers for their grandchildren. The point to be raised is that grandparents, too, have an important role to play in the care of the next generation. It is affirmed by history. But it requires care, grace, and even creativity to adapt it for each generation. Enjoy this next stage in life. Some of us will see our grandchildren only occasionally. Others of us are involved day to day in many ways. All of us have much to give these special people, as well as much to learn from them.

New cancer center offers treatment close to home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The opening of the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia has made the dream of centralized cancer care a reality — without driving long distances.

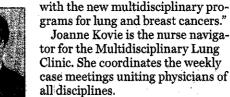
On Sept. 24, the community hospital opened the doors to the 16,000square-foot facility which cost \$14 million to build.

Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center brings physicians to the patients instead of vice versa in a model program for breast and lung cancers. But that's just the beginning. In addition to offering advanced diagnostics and treatments including the precision of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy and the Hearts of Livonia Infusion Center for chemotherapy and blood transfusion, the center is participating in clinical research trials for the first time. The accomplishment debunks the notion that a community hospital is unable to provide the newest therapies available at major cancer centers.

"Whatever we were hoping and desiring came true," said Dr. Harmesh Naik, medical director of the hospital's oncology program. "The first presentation was with a hand drawn version of the center. From the time in 2001 when we received approval from the (American College of Surgeons) Cancer Commission we had a very systematic approach. Ten years ago people in our own communities didn't recognize we had a cancer treatment program here. The new structure remains faithful to needs of patients and provides as many services as possible once they enter the

Reason for hope

The infusion center in the new Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



"It's one stop for patients to have all these great minds in the room," said Kovie of Westland. Kovie is a registered nurse who is oncology- and chemotherapy-certified. "Ahead of time doctors give me cases to present or discuss. Afterwards I coordinate their care. I arrange for all treatments. My job is to take away the burden of setting up the appointments and ease their running around so patients can get their treatment quicker.

"They don't seem to get lost in the system. They have me to turn to. I've received a lot of positive feedback. We have a lot of elderly patients. Sometimes rides are issues. I coordinate anything from transportation to PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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spread to his bones. Schaap comes to the center once a week for one hour for chemotherapy.

Previously Schaap participated in motorcycle rides for charity with the Farmington Hills Gold Wing Road Riders. He's no longer able to ride because of the risk of injuring his bones.

WORDS OF PRAISE

"The new cancer center is very beautiful, functional, much more kind to the patient," said Schaap. "As far as physical comfort (in the infusion center), you have a nice chair with a good view. You're not in a small room where you're a good distance from where you came in, and Dr. Naik is right next door rather than in another building."

Naik is fond of saying that the new center brings doctors to patients instead of patients to doctors.

"We have a procedure room for physicians with privileges at St. Mary so they can see patients on site. The whole concept is different in that everything is in one place, and because we are small we can move the patients through more quickly from diagnosis through treatment," said Naik. "For me as a physician

Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or through (248) 474-4701.

south entrance."

A 2,700-square-foot cancer center originally opened in the hospital in 2002, but lacked space for services such as the Image Recovery Center which provides complementary therapies such as medical massage, counseling, wigs, corrective makeup, and prostheses.

WORKING TOGETHER

Hospital with Dr. Harmesh Naik.

"We did not just transfer all of the old center to here," said Naik. "We've started new initiatives. There's a conference room where every Friday physicians in multiple disciplines meet for consultations. We've received calls from other hospitals to learn about what St. Mary's is doing

Cancer patient Sanford Schaap talks about

the new cancer center at St. Mary Mercy

a clinical date."

Sanford Schaap is one of the patients celebrating the new cancer center and the innovative programming. The 60-year-old Northville man was president and CEO of Computer Troubleshooters in Livonia when diagnosed in January 2006 with kidney cancer which

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Dogs, their owners wanted to spread cheer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Blue lifts his big black nose to greet the stranger. As a therapy dog, the golden retriever is as sweet as they come, but then it's his job to make patients smile when working with his handler, Terry Seraceno, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Seraceno founded the Dr. Paws' Pet Assisted Therapy Dogs program to brighten the days of patients not only at Botsford Hospital, but St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and about 60 different facilities in the area including nursing homes. Blue's visits to schools and day camps have cheered chil-

DR. PAWS OPEN HOUSE

What: An informational session for those interested in participating in pet therapy with their dogs

When: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, includes an 11 a.m. testing demonstration to show what's required of dog and handler Where: 3 West Conference Room on the third floor of Botsford

Hospital in Farmington Hills

Details: For more information, visit www.drpaws.org or call the 24-hour Hot Line at (248) 888-7488.

dren of all ages.

Seraceno wishes she had more dogs like Blue in the program. She encourages anyone interested in participating in pet therapy with their dog to attend an open house Saturday, Nov. 3, at Botsford Hospital.

At 11 a.m., applicants can watch an actual testing session each dog and handler must past before being registered through Therapy Dogs Inc., an organization founded in 1990 by Jack and Ann Butrick in Wyoming. Staff from the organization recently flew in from Cheyenne to give a seminar for testers like Seraceno who regularly receives phone calls from dog owners curious about pet therapy. Seraceno has been contacted by West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills schools about students doing community service with their dogs.

"I've been getting calls from all over Michigan, from Cheboygan and Grand Rapids. You wouldn't believe how many people want to do this," said Seraceno of Farmington Hills. Seraceno began doing pet therapy work 13 years ago.

"When people call me and want to do pet therapy with their dog I refer them to the Web site www.drpaws. org for information but sometimes invite them to

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Terry Seraceno (left), Blue and Kevin Lapinski demonstrate the right way for a therapy dog to interact with patients as a Botsford Hospital social worker Marita Smith looks on.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Sue Cromwell never knew her great-great grandfather's brother invented the intubation tubes used on patients at the New York Foundling's Hospital until she began digging up the family tree. But it was no mystery to the medical community. The discovery was even mentioned in an episode of the television series Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman.

Most people have no idea of the history they'll uncover when researching their relatives. Two upcoming genealogy seminars relay the latest methods of investigating ancestors - Become a Genealogy Detective Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, and Snooze You Looze 3 Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Farmington Community Library. Attend one or both sessions. The first seminar is presented by the Livonia Civic Center Library and the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society, the second by the Farmington Genealogical Society in cooperation with the Farmington Community Library.

The Livonia seminar's guest speaker is Pamela Boyer Porter who'll cover topics ranging from computerizing your records to searching for clues.

GENEALOGY SEMINARS

Become a Genealogy Detective: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$35 plus \$7 for lunch. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 27. Call (248) 477-5846.

Snooze You Looze 3: 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Byron Bailey's 2-5 p.m. presentation is free. The following mostaccioli dinner and presentations cost \$20 paid in advance. Deadline for payment is Nov. 3. Cost at the door is \$25 and does not include dinner. Call (248) 477-5846.

Boyer Porter is co-author of Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet, and Research in Missouri.

"She'll have information for every level of genealogy experience," said Sue Cromwell, seminar chairman and a Farmington Hills resident. "One session is about maps. Families migrated from one place to another. The session Using a Personal Computer helps attendees with word programs to be able to create their family history with photos. Getting to Know You is about sending away for military records. There's a lot of information in those records, immigration record clues to where they were from. Also important are artifacts you have, antiques, the tatting my grandmother showed me

how to do. You put stories to that. My grandfather's chest he made in Pennsylvania. You put flesh on bone to tell a story."

Cromwell first took an interest in genealogy in 1978 while leading a Girl Scout troop.

"A Civil War teacher from North Farmington High came and told the girls what to ask," said Cromwell. "I got hooked. It was for a Family Heritage Badge. They learned not just where and when but what it was like to grow up then, what conveniences they had. Probably 7 of 10 families had ancestors in the Civil War if they lived here at that time."

In addition to the sessions, attendees will be able to purchase genealogy T-shirts, books, and charts from vendors.

"The seminars give us a chance

to bring in prominent or national speakers versus monthly meetings where we have local speakers," said Cromwell. "The Western Wayne County group meets the third evening of every month and begins with an early bird session at 6:30 p.m., the regular meeting at 7:30."

Snooze You Looze 3 earned its name from the first year it was held because of the late hours.

"We had to wait till after the library closed on Saturday and went from about 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.," said Cromwell. "We called it Snooze You Looze because if you're not going to stay awake and attend you're going to lose out on our information. Don't be afraid to come even if you're a beginner. People from both societies are willing to help you get started."

The seminar opens with a 2-5 p.m. presentation by Byron Bailey, a member of the Farmington Genealogical Society and is free. Bailey gives a hands-on demonstration of different databases including Genealogybank. com. The rest of evening, including dinner, costs \$20. Ceil Jensen, a certified genealogical records specialist, offers information on search engines and books to find your family, and Stephen Morse's Ellis Island Search Engine. "Ceil will talk about Castle Garden, an immigration port before Ellis Island was built. Then from 8:30 to 10 everybody can go downstairs to the computers to start to look for things we talked about. There will be people there to help them if needed.

"The rule of thumb is you start with yourself and work backwards, birth certificate, marriage certificate, then find parents birth and marriage certificates, death certificates if it applies. Sometimes information is on baptismal certificates that isn't on other certificates. You look at aunts and uncles of each generations, birth, marriage, death, cemetery records, land records, immigration, military and then look for previous generations. You always want to have a source as to where you found something not just Aunt Nellie told me. Verify all information with a document or some sort of a source."

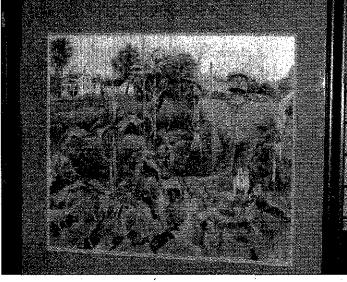
The Farmington Genealogical Society meets the third Tuesday of every month at the downtown Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. Pre-meeting starts at 5:45 p.m., regular meeting at 7 p.m. For information on either genealogical group, call Cromwell at (248) 477-5846.

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Daria Fileta of Novi took first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia exhibit for her watercolor, Tea Party.



Dawn Johnson of Livonia won second place for this mixed media work title A Good Harvest.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) continues its Fall Art Exhibit through Friday, Oct. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. Viewing hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday-Saturday.

This year's fall art show was not be juried, but judged by portrait artist Claudia Shepard of Wayne State University. All eligible members were invited to display their work. Artworks in all media are being shown.

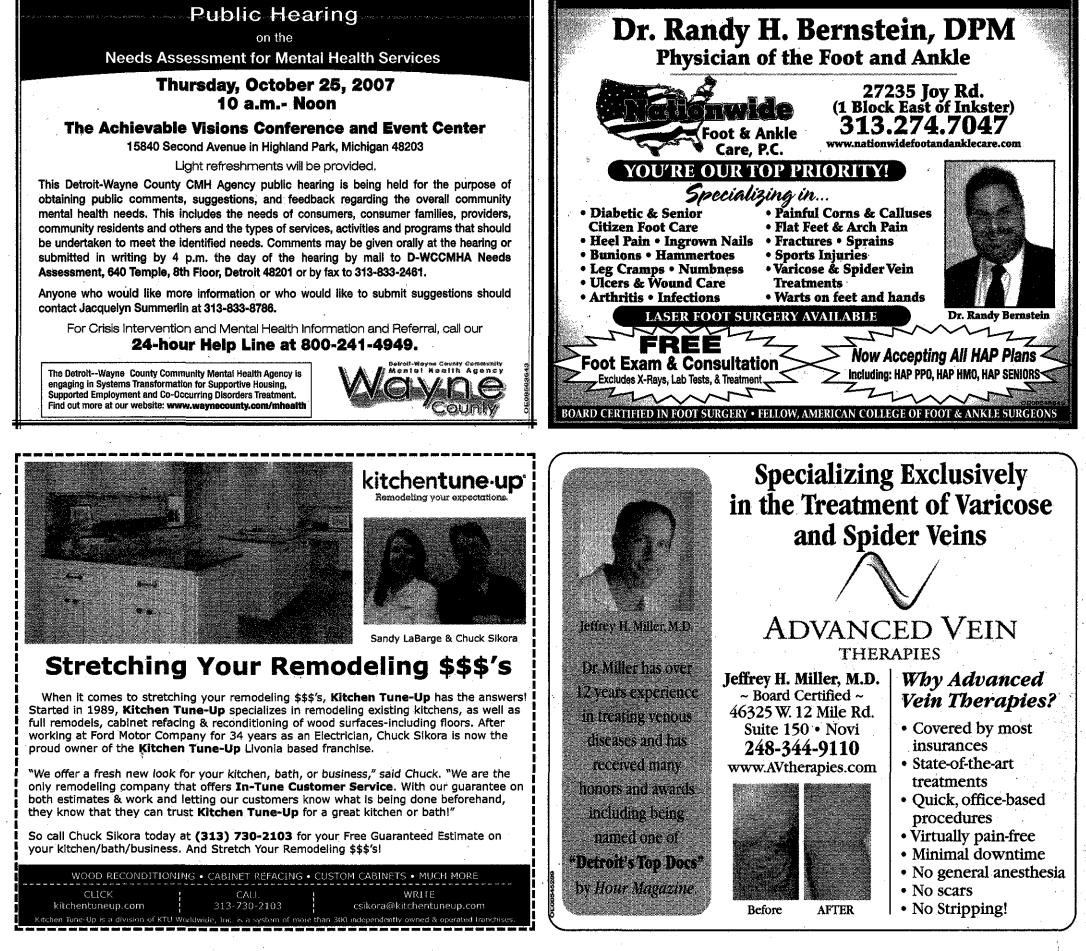
Shepard presented awards at a reception on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the center. First place went to Daria Fileta of Novi for "Tea Party," second place to Dawn Johnson of Livonia for "A Good Harvest," and third place to Regina Dunne of Livonia for a "Big Catch."

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Debate to raise awareness DOGS about ovarian cancer survivors' experiences

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Carolyn Benivegna never thought her bloated abdomen and severe constipation could be caused by ovarian cancer. Then in 1998 the former Southfield resident was diagnosed with the deadly disease.

"I had a hysterectomy and didn't have any ovaries," said Carolyn Benivegna. "I went to a gastroenterologist and was misdiagnosed repeatedly. They kept telling me I had irritable bowel syndrome. Eventually they did a CAT scan that showed fluid in my abdomen. They drained it and there were cancer cells in it. Every female is at risk for ovarian cancer. One year old babies are getting this. No matter your age or ethnic background you are at risk because you're female."

Benivegna went through surgery and chemotherapy treatments, and was in remission for five years until the cancer returned in 2005 and again in 2007.

"The chances are it will keep coming back until it kills me. I just finished chemo treatment. number 10," said Benivegna whose worked continuously to raise awareness about the disease.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, she and another ovarian cancer survivor, Sandi Pniauskas, debate the points of early detection, survival rates, awareness, and access to care for ovarian cancer patients. While there is no charge to attend, participants are asked to pre-register.

'We're doing this to raise awareness, to stir the pot, create some controversy. We want to expedite the process for more and better research, more and better education," said Benivegna. "The second debate is in Canada a week later. We're trying to show this is not a disease that respects borders. This is an interna-We've already been invited to

OVARIAN CANCER SURVIVORS

When: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Where: In the St. Clair Room at the Sheraton Detroit/Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty

Details: To register, send e-mail to sandipn@sympatico.ca. A second debate is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Metropolitan Hotel in Toronto. For information about either debate, visit http://ovariancancerdebate.blogspot.com.

Benivegna considers herself an ovarian cancer activist. She founded the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida-Gulf Coast to increase awareness of the disease. She road a bike 868 miles across Kansas in 8 days to raise money for ovarian cancer research, and at age 65 is currently involved with a survivors teaching students program initiated to educate medical students about their experiences. The program is in more than 50 medical schools nationwide including Wayne State and Michigan State.

"It's so when women come into their office they won't be told you're menopausal or have irritable bowel," said Benivegna. "If found in early stage it's 90-percent curable. Unfortunately over 80 percent are found at late stage. The survival rate goes down dramatically. For late stage at five years, 20 percent are still alive. You can go from stage one to stage three in a couple of months. If you don't like what you're hearing get a second opinion, see a gynecological oncologist. If you do have ovarian cancer or gynecologic cancer insist on a consultation with a gynecological oncologist before any surgery is done. Women need to take control of their health

For more information on ovarian cancer, visit www. ovariancancerflorida.org, ovarian.org, or www.thegcf.

an open house without their dog. There's a lot of paperwork involved. They can download forms off of the Web site and even fill them out before they come, but a veterinarian must sign it before they walk in with their dog to make sure the animals are up to date on their vaccinations and passed a fecal exam (for parasites)."

In order to become a registered therapy dog, the fourfooted animal and their owner must pass an exam. Once the paperwork is completed, a Dr. Paws tester must record their observations of the pet therapy team as they make three visits to Botsford, St. Mary or Kingswood Hospital in Ferndale. Dogs must be on a 4-foot leash or shorter, and at least 1 year old. Although Seraceno has bred golden retrievers for many years, therapy dogs need not be pure bred and need not complete a

course for pet therapy. "We're watching how you and your dog do, if the dog obeys basic obedience commands. Dogs should not be pulling you into the hospital," said Seraceno. "A good therapy dog is not a timid dog and one that gets along with other dogs. I've been around dogs 30 years. If a dog is timid they shouldn't give up. Socialize them by walking around downtown Farmington if it doesn't work the first time. I had a beagle one time that I tested that howled anytime it set paw in the hospital, the owner and dog went through an obedience course and came back to pass the test."

Seraceno says she can tell from first meeting the dog whether or not the animal

would do well at therapy work. For those dogs who go on to become registered, a \$25 membership fee for Therapy Dogs Inc. provides the owner with liability insurance. Dr. Paws, an affiliate of Therapy Dogs Inc., then places the team.

"Last night I visited a 6-year-old in pediatrics at Botsford Hospital. The mom asked if he wanted a visit from a furry, four-footed person. He was so excited the mom said he forgot what he's here for," said Seraceno. "I can't explain the satisfaction you get from doing this. You know that you're helping that person.'

Seraceno's sons, Kevin Lapinski, 14, and Christopher Lapinski, 12, have been accompanying Seraceno on visits since both were in strollers.

"Pet therapy opened the door up to volunteering for these kids," said Seraceno, whose husband Joe Lapinski is a volunteer for Make-a-Wish. Joe designed the Dr. Paws logo for the nonprofit's T-shirts for handlers and bandanas for dogs.

"Young people can do this but they have to be age 16 and over with their parents permission. We do different things, parades, a day camp for autistic children. For autistic kids it helps them focus. Dementia patients might not remember anything else but a dog they had in childhood. For the dog owners the benefits include lowering blood pressure and reducing stress. We don't get paid for it. It's a lot of work but it gives satisfaction."

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Looking for a good scare

Do you know of a home that scares the life out of passersby? The Observer Newspapers wants to hear about Halloween decorations of all kinds. Don't delay, send e-mail today with address and daytime phone number to lchomin@hometownlife.com. On Sunday, Oct. 28, we will feature Halloween decorations in our communities in the HometownLife section.



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with the medical record system I have instant access to reports. I'm connected to CAT scans. My time to care for the patients is preserved. I just saw a patient on the fourth floor being discharged. I'll see them in one week. All I have to do is transfer the medical records to myself instead of going to pick them up. Medical records can be printed out immediately."

One of the online benefit for patients is the Cancer Resource Education area where patients and their families are able to access cancer literature including the latest clinical trials on the Internet.

"The cancer center is a major step forward," said Naik. "Clinical trials provide access to experimental drugs. We also started radio ablation treatment using radio waves to kill cancer cells instead of surgery. Surgery is harsh on certain patients. Radio ablation requires only an overnight stay or even as an outpatient.



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Harmesh Naik talks about the new cancer center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

It's not radiation. A needle is inserted and blasted with radio waves to destroy the tumor."

For more information about Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, call (734) 655-8800.

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A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Bloomfield Hills Andover Class of 1997

- A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield, For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at. (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@ sbcglobal.net.

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CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core. com

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264. **Detroit Central High School** Class of 1952

A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma

Cohen at (248)541-7864. **Detroit Cooley** Class of 1947

A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughn at (248)380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhaus at (248) 851-4682.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.



Wlosinski -Wong

Brian Wlosinski and Angela Wong were married July 14, 2007, at the Community House in Birmingham, with the Rev. Paul Chateau officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gordon and Patricia M. Wong of Plymouth. She graduated from Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a firstgrade teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The groom is the son of Robert and Kathy Wlosinski of Brooklyn, Mich. He graduated from Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed at the University of Michigan.

The bride was attended by Patricia Martin, her sister and matron of honor; her cousin, Lindsay Newman, sister-in-law Jill Wlosinski and close friends Elizabeth O'Keefe and Amy Hayes.

The groom was attended by best man Brian Grube and groomsmen Thomas Sicilia, Patrick Brady, Kenneth Wlosinski and Bryan Riffle and ushers Matthew Wong and Daniel Wong, brothers of the bride.

A reception was held at the Community House. The couple honeymooned in Italy. They will make their home in Dearborn.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith-Bruner

Laura Ellen Keith and Justin L. Bruner were wed Dec. 19, 2006, at Ardverikie Castle in Kinlochklaggen, Scotland with the Rev. Alan MacArthur officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert A. and Cindy Keith of Canton. She is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University in elementary education. She is a graduate student at the University of Michigan and is working as a teaching assistant.

The groom is the son of Leslie and Deborah Bruner of Plymouth. He is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School. He received business degree in 2004 from Michigan State University and an education degree from MSU in 2006. He is employed by Best Buy.

The bride was attended by her mother, Cindy Keith. The

Bennett-LeBlanc

John and Sandy Bennett of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leah Bennett, to Darryl Joseph LeBlanc, son of James and Carol LeBlanc of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern Michigan University. She currently teaches at Plymouth High School.

The future groom is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is currently employed at H.D. Supply in Livonia.

Baj-Dailey

Ron and Kathy Baj of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Baj, to Ron Dailey, son of Gary and Lola Dailey of Ypsilanti. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2004 from Eastern Michigan University. She is second/third grade teacher at Trillium Academy in Taylor.

The future groom attended Ypsilanti High School and Washtenaw Community College. He is employed as a



groom was attended by his sister, Meghan Bruner.

A reception was held at Gallovie House on Ardverikie Estate. The couple honeymooned in Scotland and London, England.

They are making their home in Ann Arbor.



A September 2008 wedding is planned.



A September, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

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MARION R. BLAMY

Formerly of Troy, died October 17, 2007 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late John F. Blamy, Jr., Mother of John F. Blamy, III (Delinda) and the late Gail Blamy Lucas (Donald). Grandmother of Michael Lucas (Rita), isa Lucas May (David) Loci Lucas (Rita), Lisa Lucas May (David), Lori Lucas Smith (Christian), Matthew Blamy, Christopher Blamy (Tami), David Blamy (Jennifer). Great-grandmother of 14. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 4-8pm. Funeral Service Monday 10am First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial Hospice & Life Care Center, 1406 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC 28401 or Donor's Choice. View obituary and share memories at:

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JOHN EARL COBB

Born December 18, 1924 in Well Springs, TN. He entered the Army in 1940 and served until 1948. He married Eva

Eschenweck) in Germany on March 11, 1948. They had two chil-dren, Heidi Ann (Dave) Kinsvater and Bruce Cobb. He is preceded in death by Heidi. While living in Westland for the last 18 years, he served on the Commission on Aging for several years. He is survived by his wife Eva

MARGARET ANNE FRIES "Maggie"

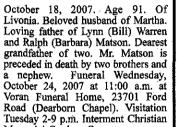
of Berkley, Oct. 19, 2007, Age 49. Beloved mother of Kathleen Marie "Kalyn" and Bryan Matthew Fries. Formerly married to Robert J. Fries. Dearest daughter of Thomas and Rose Marie Burke. Sister of James (Gina) Burke, Martha (Rob) Frank, Patricia (Dennis) Hall, Mary (John) VerKuilen, Kathryn Gregory and the late Kathleen Burke. Dear friend of Betty and Dale Drenning. Loving aunt of Christa, Bradley, Elizabeth, Shaun, Megan, Lisa, Shannon and Erica and also three great nieces. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (between Maple and Big Beaver), Sunday 3-8 pm. Prayer Service Sunday evening. Funeral Mass Monday, 10 am at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 am. View obituary and share memories at: www. DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT R. KERWIN

Age 85. Beloved husband of the late Ruth. Loving father of Jan (Ed) Moore and James (JoElien). Grandfather of Joe, Kristin, Dan and Brian. Visitation was Thursday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Service was Friday, at St. 15089 Edith Catholic Church, Newburg Road, Livonia. Entombment St. Hedwig Cemetery.

SHIRLEY GAYLE KINE

Born August 11, 1925, was welcomed into the arms of her savior on October 17, 2007. She was a faithful believer in God and like her parents before, raised her voice with song to herald his prais-es. She is survived by her devoted hus-band of 61 years, Robert C. Kine. Her children Sheryl (Mark) Irving, Debra Kine, Dale (Carol) Kine, Jon (Wendy) Kine. Loving grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 5. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Monday October 22, 2007 at 10:00am. Visitation Saturday 2-4 and 6-8pm and Sunday 12-4 and 6-8pm. Shirley will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth alongside her parents , Fern and Wilbert Thompson, her sister Seneth Baltes and in spirit her daugh-ter Paula G. Kine. In lieu of flowers a donation in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100 Southfield, MI 48076.



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DORIS L. MOSHER

ge 83. October 17, 2007. Loving wife of George for 56 years. Dear mother of George (Joan) and Doyle (Cindi). Proud grandmother of Matt, ndsay, Mike and Jodi. Great-grandmother of Julian, Aiden and Ash. Sister of Doyle (Joan). Lifetime member of American Association of University Women (AAUW). A founder of Birmingham Area Senior Citizens Council (BASCC) and the Birmingham Women's Club. on Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board for over 25 years. Instrumental in the founding of Oakland Community College (OCC) and Chairman Emeritus of the OCC Foundation. A memorial celebration is planned for Wednesday, November 21 2007 at 11A.M. in F-Building,

WILLIAM R. MATSON

Cobb, son Bruce Cobb, granddaugh-ters Kirstin Eva (Sean) Eye and Piper Lee Kinsvater and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation was held at Zromck Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd, at Joy, Livonia, on Saturday, October 20, 2007.

KAREN L. DODDS

Washington, DC, age 52, died Friday, August 24, 2007. She was piloting a private plane, a Socata Trinidad, on a proposed flight from Mackinac Island to Bad Axe to visit relatives. Her finacé, H. Brooke Stauffer, 55, also died when the plane crashed into the Straits of Mackinac near Bois Blanc Island. Both Ms. Dodds and Mr. Stauffer were residents of Washington, DC. Karen was raised in the Plymouth-Westland area and graduated from Churchill High School in 1973. She attended Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and then moved to Washington DC to continue her career. She had her own company, Dodds Design, in Washington, a graphic web design and marketing company. She was a member of the Art Directors Club of Metropolitan Washington and, for many years, an active member of its Board. She was also a member of the Octopus Flying Club in the Washington area. Karen is survived by her mother, Kathleen Bloxsom Wagner, and step-father, Charles Wagner of Montague. She is also survived by her sister, Kelcey Dodds Seefeldt of Maryland, step-sisters Lynn Wagner Neighbors (Gary) of Virginia and Carol Dyer Small of Chicago; step-brothers Kurt J. Wagner (Marianna) of Chicago, and John Dyer of Sarasota; by her step-mother Gerry Dodds McNinch (Cy) of Virginia Beach; brother-in-law Paul D. Seefeldt of Maryland; uncles Willis Bloxsom (Doranne) of New Hudson, and Thomas Bloxsom (Doris) of Bellaire; neice Lakelyn Seefeldt and nephew Drew Seefeldt of Maryland; and many cousins. She was buried in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. There will be a Memorial Service for Karen and Brooke at Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall, on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at 12:00 PM, Noon. A second Memorial Service will be held at Reformation Lutheran Church in Washington DC in the near future. MEMORIAL DONATIONS: For Karen Dodds: Endowment Fund of Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall, MI 49461 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. S, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016. For Brooke Stauffer: Boy Scouts of America, National Capitol Area Council, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3897 or Conservation International, 2001 Crystal Dr., Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202. CLOCK Funeral Home, Whitehall, MI, 888-507-8012



CORA M. MARONTATE

Age 96, of Farmington, passed away the 17th of October, 2007 at Providence Hospital in Southfield, MI. She was a retired employee of General Motors and a member of St. Catholic Church Gerald Farmington. Cora was born in Rome, Ohio, a daughter of the late Anthony and Louemma Hardin Miller. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, William Pass; her second husband, Ralph Marontate; six sisters, Hattie Brown, Polly Newman, Savannah Weir, Pearl Kinney, Ella Hodge, and Louise Cooper; four brothers, Arthur, Rev. Ireland (Curly), Everett, and Darrell Miller; stepdaughter, Nancy Black; and a great-grandson, Rick Bowyer. Surviving are two stepdaughters, Lois Blake and Sharon (George) Bodin, and stepson, Joe (Carol) Marontate, many grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Friends may call Monday, October 22nd, from 11am until the 7pm Funeral Service at the Funeral Home Deacon Joe Lennon and Patricia Ernst, will officiate. Private interment will follow on Tuesday in East Tawas, MI. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions for Masses to be said for her at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. heeney-sundquist.com

WALLY E. MASTERSON Age 59, of Novi, passed away Oct. 18,

2007. Visitation Sun. 2-8pm. Funeral Mon. 11am, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., South Lyon 248-446-1171

Auburn Hills Campus, Oakland Community College. Contributions for scholarships can be made to: Doris & George Mosher Endowment, Oakland Community College Foundation, 2480 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

VIVIAN M. ROWE

October 16, 2007, age 75, Livonia, MI, Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, MI

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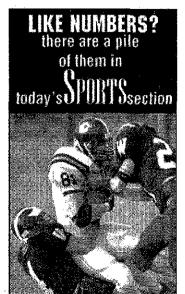
Horn-Bland

Jacob Horn and Jamie Bland will be married in February 2008 at the Hilton Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Jacob is the son of Robert and Christine Horn of Canton. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed as a computer engineer with Chrysler LLC.

Jamie is the daughter of Vicki Richards of Monroe. She is a graduate of Florida Community College in Jacksonville, and is employed as a branch manager with Cornerstone Community Financial FCU.

The couple, along with Jamie's son Garrett, will make their home in Allen Park after honeymooning in Antigua.



managing partner of Gabriels in Westland.

Craft show needs exhibitors

Just in time for the holiday season, Schoolcraft College's annual fall craft show takes place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, on the campus at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. This well-attended community event will be held in the Physical Education Building.

Last year approximately 150 crafters and artisans displayed handmade decorative and personal items.

"This year we hope to involve even more vendors," said Marjorie Lynch, special events coordinator for the college. "While our customers and guests appreciate the variety and quality of items they find at our craft show each year, we know they are also always looking for new and creative

items as well."

Hours of the craft show are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Parking is free. Booth sizes range from 8foot by 9-foot to 12-foot by 12foot and fees from \$55-\$100. Electricity is available for an extra \$15.

Admission is \$2 for adults and children age 12 and older, 50 cents for children ages 5-12. Children under five are admitted free. Proceeds from the show benefit the Schoolcraft. College Foundation's scholarship fund. For more information or to reserve a booth call (734) 462-4518 or visit schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events and click on the Fall Craft Show event brochure.

Rent Halloween costume at The Parade Company

Some of your favorite costumes from America's Thanksgiving Parade are available for rent from now until Monday, Oct. 29, through The Parade Company. Hundreds of adult-sized costumes are available for Halloween during the month of October and include a creative line-up of everything from pirates to toy soldiers to princesses.

Rental prices range from \$35-\$65.00, adult sizes only. All proceeds benefit The Parade Company.

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Families fighting flu

Father encourages parents to vaccinate their children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Alana Yaksich had a slight fever but was running around playing with her brothers when their parents left for the evening. By the time they returned her fever had risen to 106 degrees. Within less than 24 hours of arriving at the emergency room, the 5-yearold West Bloomfield girl was dead from flu-related complications.

Influenza kills and the Yaksich family is doing everything they can to make sure another child doesn't die from the virus. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, they've asked the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan to vaccinate all ages at a clinic in the Bloomfield Schools' Dovle Center in Bloomfield Hills. The family received their shots at the VNA's Boo the Flu immunization clinic last Sunday at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills. The Yaksichs started holding an annual clinic at the church after Alana died in February 2003. In the summer of 2005 they increased their efforts to raise awareness about the importance of vaccinations by helping to establish Families Fighting Flu (www.familiesfightingflu.org). The nonprofit organization is comprised of families and pediatricians whose children have died or suffered complications from the flu.

BETTER TO BE SAFE

"We're asking people to come out," said Zachary Yaksich Sr. who in the last couple of weeks has distributed fliers and posters with his daughter's photograph and story to Bloomfield schools to

months or older. We encourage them to get vaccinated and eliminate anymore pediatric deaths. We had no idea that the flu could kill until it happened to our families.

"And don't be shy or apprehensive to take your child to the doctor. The flu is a very dangerous respiratory disease. If they're sick, have a fever. It's better to be safe than sorry."

The VNA of Southeast Michigan never vaccinated children under age 14 until Zachary Yaksich convinced them to offer flu shots to ages 6 months and up. The federal government's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has re-emphasized the recommendation that children ages 6 months to 8 years receive two doses if not vaccinated previously.

"Small children especially through three

years have a high hospitalization rate leading to complications from the flu," said Kay Renny, manager of VNA community programs. "The No. 1 way to prevent the flu is to get your vaccination, but to prevent spread of viruses wash your hands adequately with soap, generate a lather, sing the happy birthday

song twice,

and cough or



Zachary Yachsich, Sr. receives a flu shot as son Zachary, Jr. looks on. The Yachsich family took part in the Boo the Flu vaccination clinic at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Control and Prevention is predicting more than 35,000 people will die this year from the flu during the season that runs from October through February although sometimes into March. Symptoms can include a fever, headache (sudden onset that can be severe), muscle aches, extreme exhaustion, a dry cough, sore throat, and nasal congestion.

"It's the sudden onset that distinguishes the flu from some of the other viral diseases," said Renny of Rochester. "It affects your lungs. Stomach flu is not the same thing. The shot is to protect you from influenza, the lung disease."

GETTING MESSAGE OUT

Dr. Sandro Cinti always encourages his patients to get their flu shot but fears not as many of the general public will this year.

"I always worry with a flu season that was not bad last year they won't get vaccinated," said Cinti, an infectious disease expert and assistant professor at the University of Michigan.

clinics that run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The vaccinations are available at all eight locations of Michigan Urgent Care including Canton. While Arsiwala, a health care worker in a high risk category, has received a flu shot, his 9and 12-year old children have not.

"They have the ability to wash their hands (unlike younger children). Unvaccinated children get some kind of immunity with growth," said Arsiwala. "The target groups for vaccination include people at high risk, all persons more than age 50, all women who will be pregnant during the flu season, people with asthma, cardiovascular, hypertension, renal disease, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorder including diabetes, all those with immuno suppression caused by medication or HIV, cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorder or pulmonary disorder that can compromise respiratory function, also residents of nursing homes, and people who live with people at high risk."

Weight training important as we age

Robert from Romulus e-mails saying he is 70 years old and wonders how important it is for him to lift weights



at his age? Robert, that is a great question. The answer is that it is critical to build up your muscle mass. It will help you fight off disease and prevent falls. It

is so important

the American

Peter Nielsen

Principles

College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association is updating its physical activity guidelines. They recommend adults 65 and older strength train 2 to 3 times a week. When strength training they advise adults perform 8 to 12 reps for each part of the body. Unless you work your muscles, you lose about 5 to 7 pounds of muscle tissue each decade. Strength training can add to bone density and potentially prevent osteoporosis.

Melissa from Sylvan Lake e-mails concerned about her 6-year-old watching television. She keeps hearing all these stories about it being bad, just how bad is it?

A new study found young children who watch a lot of television face an increased risk of attention problems. Researchers studied more than 1,000 children from ages 5 to 15. They found those who watched more than two hours of television a day had a 40 percent increase in attention problems. Experts believe the rapid changes on television may over stimulate the developing brain of a young child, so slower paced mundane tasks such as school work seem boring. Your best bet still is to limit the amount of television.

encourage vaccination. "One day we would like to see the children come to the schools and get their shots. People are so busy most don't take the time to go to the doctor. Everybody should get vaccinated from the flu, anybody 6

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Alana Yachsich was 5 years old when she died from flu-

everybody's touching the door, the phone, remote, computer keyboard."

Renny, a registered nurse, says the Centers for Disease

Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala and the staff at the Livonia Urgent Care have already given about 600 flu shots during

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If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers**, e-mail Peter through his Web site www. peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Flu clinics offered throughout the area

For those who haven't received a flu shot this year, there's still plenty of time to build up antibodies against the highly contagious virus which can be deadly. Clinics are being offered throughout the Observer & Eccentric communities to make it convenient to protect yourself this flu season.

MASS FLU CLINICS

The Oakland County Health Division's mass flu clinics take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen; Summit Place Mail, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford; Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake Rd.; Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes; Lake Orion High School, 495 Scripps; James Glesler Middle School, 46720 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, and Older Person's Commission, 650 Letica Dr., Rochester (no walk-ins, pre-register only) Cost is \$7. Only cash, Medicare/and or Medicaid will be accepted for walk-in clients who did not preregister online before deadline. For information, visit www.oakgov.com/health.

FLU SHOT CLINICS 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but it is covered for those with Medicare.

FIND A FLU CLINIC

The American Lung Association's Flu Clinic Locater Site, www.flucliniclocator.org. allows visitors to plug in their zip code for a list of nearby locations.

FLU BUSTERS

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan Flu-Busters flu shot hotline (800) 296-8660. To schedule a clinic for your business, church or organization, call (248) 967-8755. For more information and a list of flu clinics, visit www. vna.org. Flu shots are also available at the Oak Park office, 25900 Greenfield Road, Ste. 600, Oak Park, MI 48237. The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday for individuals 9 years of age and older. If you are homebound, the VNA Flu-Busters can come to you. A service fee which is not covered by Medicare or insurance does apply. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 967-8752. Flu

shots \$25, pneumonia shots \$40.

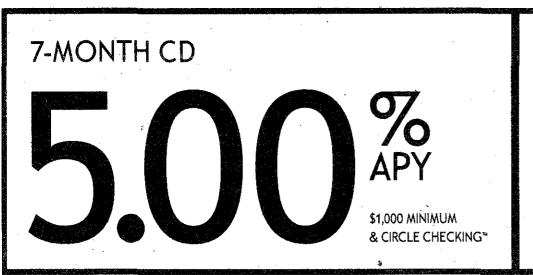
KROGER FLU CLINICS

Flu vaccines will be available to individuals 14 years and older during Kroger pharmacy hours which are typically 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Pneumonia vaccines will be administered to adults 18 years of age and older. Kroger will also offer flu shot clinics at stores that do not include pharmacies.

Clinic times and dates will be announced in Kroger's weekly circulars and on www.kroger.com. Kroger pharmacists will screen each person to ensure there are no health-related factors or allergy-related reasons as to why the individual should not have a flu shot. Flu shots cost \$24.99. Kroger invites individuals interested in scheduling flu clinics for their businesses or other groups to call 1-888-898-3542. Flu shots will be available at Kroger pharmacies through the holidays or until supply is depleted. For a nearby location, visit www. kroger.com.

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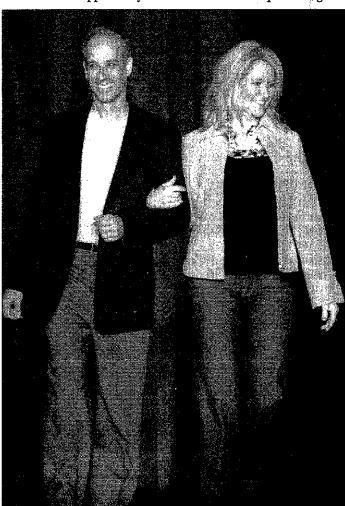
HOMETOWNLIFE

Celebrity models light up runway of benefit fashion show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The celebrity models were having as much fun as the audience at the Redford Suburban League's 34th annual Fall Festival of Fashion Show on Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's proceeds went to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City so it was all for a good cause. About 450 tickets were sold, according to Cynthia Jamieson, a Redford resident who's served as show chairwoman for at least 17 years.

"I thought it was great, said Cynthia Jamieson who went home to collapse after the show. "All the feedback we had is that it was a wonderful show. The clothes from Dress Barn were awesome and the Men's Wearhouse did their usual amazing job. The way the models hammed it up on the runway, the audience just eats that up. Colleen Burcar and George Young, her dress looked like a flapper. They did



Participants watch as local celebrities walk the runway during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.

a little Charleston."

Models included Ron Savage of WJBK Fox 2; Paul Gross, WDIV Channel 4; author Colleen Burcar; Chef Larry Janes; Erin Nicole, WXYZ TV-7; Tracy Gary, 100.3 WNIC radio; Nancy McCauley, Ford Motor Broadcast News; Audrey Sommers, Catholic Television Network, and entertainer George Young of Southfield in addition to several other celebrities. Burger School models strutting their stuff were Stan Bialach, Jim Boogren. Todd Sukuda, and Joe Valdivia. Representing

the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers were Linda Ann Chomin, health and community life reporter, and Wensdy Von Buskirk, Pink fashion editor.

Bialach added a musical note to the show by playing his trumpet as he moved down the runway. Glenda Lewis of WXYZ TV-7 and Rich Fisher were co-hosts of the show.

"We meet a week from Monday to discuss the show and how to get the ball rolling for next year," said Jamieson. "The Redford Suburban League's Ways and Means Committee did a terrific job of putting the show on. There's over 20 women on the committee and everyone did their job wonderfully. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The models always tell us they like to come because our show

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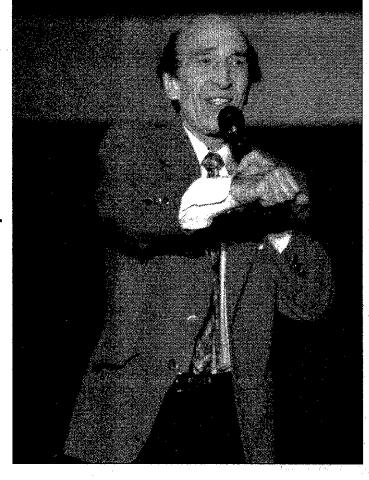


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Participants filled Burton Manor in Livonia for the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion to benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism. Below, George Young of George Young and The Youngsters performs during the show.

is the only event that is a mixture of all the stations. They get to chat with people they wouldn't usually see because they're working."

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WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, left, pairs up with Tracy Gary of WNIC.

Audrey Sommers of the Catholic Television Network walks the runway with actor Robert Paul during the show.

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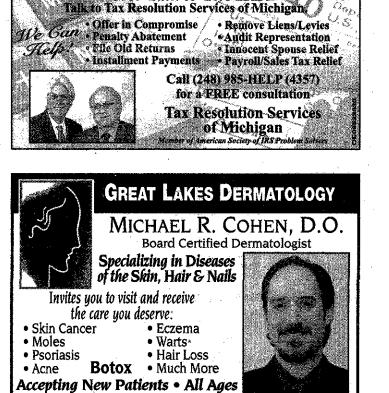
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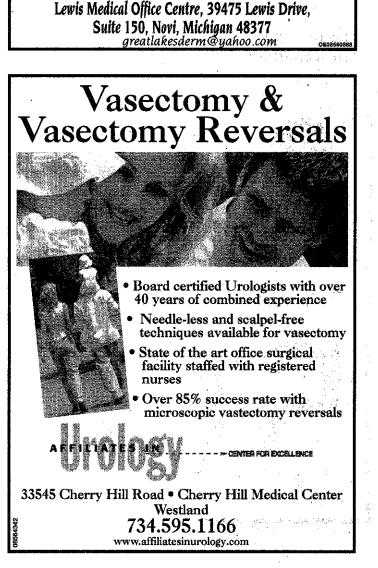
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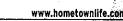
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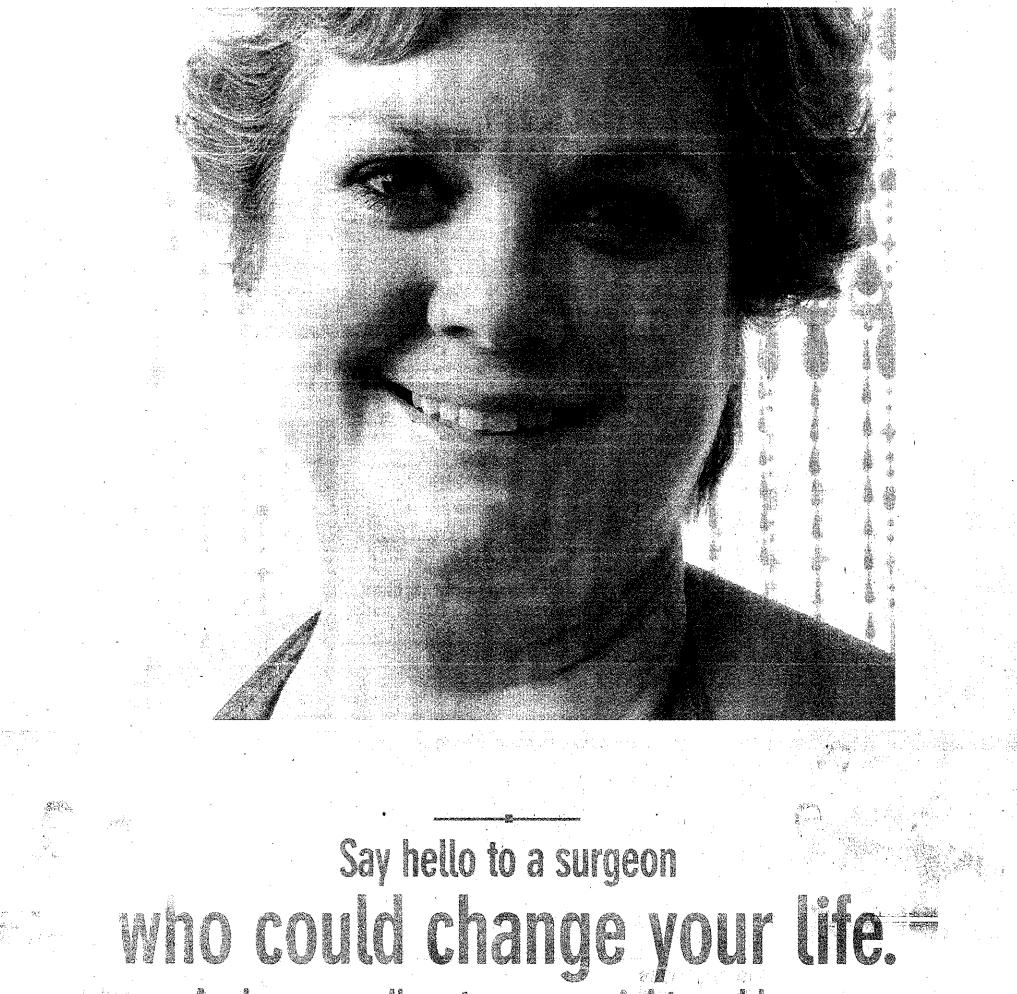
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Lead the way: Good boss needs to be fair, lend listening ear

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

National Boss Day may have passed you by this past Oct. 16, but chances are you have some thoughts on what it takes to be a good boss.

The folks at a recent Westland Rotary Club meeting thought a bit about that, and had some good answers. "Somebody that listens and is fair," said Margaret Harlow of Wayne, who's co-owner of a family business, Harlow Tire in Westland.

Harlow added of a good boss he or she "isn't above, will do any job they expect their employees to do." She doesn't like to see a "mightier than thou" attitude among bosses.

Jeff Juenemann of Northville Township owns a Westland insurance agency, Juenemann Insurance, and tries to be a good boss and have honesty and integrity in his work. "Listening skills," said Juenemann, who works to keep respect of employees. "Respectful, empathetic," he said. "I think it's somebody that reflects and mirrors the

goals of the organization." Dentist Joe Tseng, who practices in Westland and lives in Farmington Hills, said he's a good boss "sometimes. Sometimes I have trouble making the tough decisions." He wasn't aware of National Boss Day on the fall calendar, but noted "I'll remind my staff."

"Somebody with foresight, somebody that's tough but fair," is Tseng's description of a good manager in the workplace. "And of course you've got to be a good leader."

Lawyer Mark McConnell of Westland's an assistant city attorney of that community, working for the Angelo Plakas firm. "Someone who is clear in what they want you to do," McConnell said, noting he's found that as an employee and tries to provide it to other staffers.

"Try to look at things from their perspective as well," McConnell added.

In addition to the Rotarians, bartender Diane Higgins of Westland had some thoughts. She works at the Joy Manor banquet facility in Westland.

Higgins likes a kind word for a job done well. "Lets you be informed about what's going on," she said of a good boss.

Higgins, like many of us, likes to feel appreciated. "When you have a good

employee, appreciate it," she concluded.

According to hallmark.com, National Boss Day:

Began in 1958 when Patricia Bays Haroski, then an employee at State Farm Insurance Company in Deerfield, Ill., registered the holiday with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Haroski chose Oct. 16, her father's birthday, as the date for National Boss Day because she felt he was an exemplary



boss.

National Boss Day has become an international celebration in recent years and now is observed in countries such a England, Australia and South Africa.

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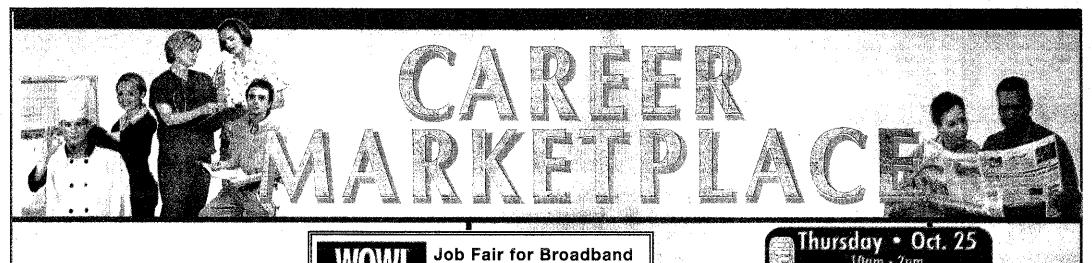
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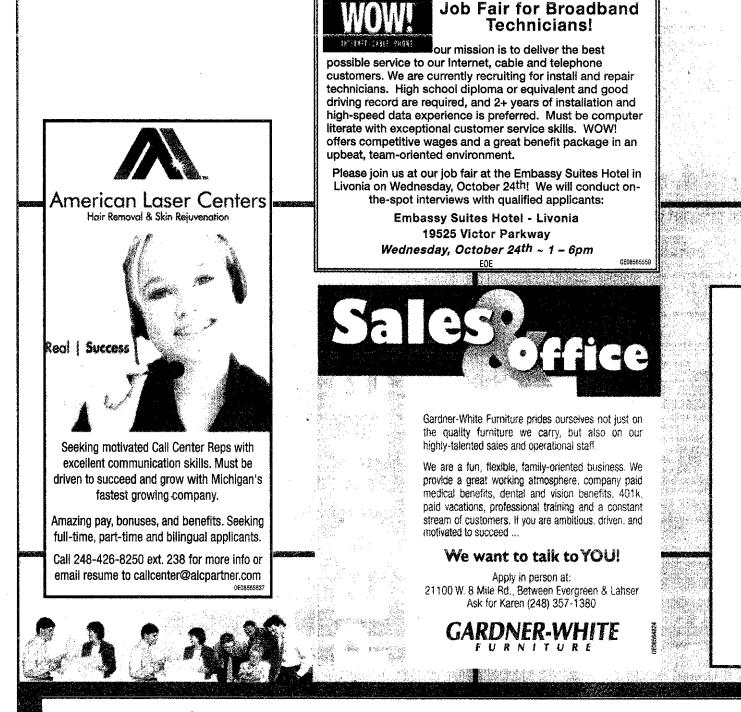
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Relax and enjoy traditional corn maze, cider and more at Three Cedars Farm

By. John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

If you think the days of visiting grandpa on the farm are over, you haven't seen Three Cedars Farm in Salem Township. Only a quiet country drive from South Lyon, Novi, Plymouth and Northville, it features all the charm of an old fashioned farm with a twist of fun. The farm itself resembles a Norman Rockwell painting with colorful landscaping and folk art accenting, well tended buildings and picket fences. This time of the year, it's surrounded by piles of pumpkins and colorful mums. Not only are the grounds attractive, Three Cedars is a fully functioning farmharvesting their corn and pumpkins as well as providing entertainment. Owner Gary Whittakers notes the ideas just evolved. "We bought the farm 12 years ago and decided to plant pumpkins and it's just taken off from there." Eventually they opened the farm for the public to enjoy. They now feature activities for all ages with 12 acres of u-pick pumpkins and a goat farm for the entire family to enjoy. There are group bonfires and an amazing corn maze-a great hit with all ages. The corn maze covers 7 acres and is professionally designed by a company in Missouri. "A lot of people who come through the corn maze during the day like to come back with a flashlight at night," observed Whittakers' wife, Sherry. Every size of pumpkin is available for purchase including the designer white as well as squash. Visitors can also find ready-pick pumpkins, and fall décor



7897 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Phone (248) 437-8200 porch with a wrap-around outdoor seating area, fully stocked with wooden rocking chairs. Whittakers wanted to give his customers a place to sit and enjoy the fresh donuts and award-winning apple cider.

AWARD-WINNING CIDER "We didn't want to make our own cider here so we did the next best thing and brought in cider made by Hill Brothers Orchards of Grand Rapids." The apple cider won the 2006 Best-Tasting Cider in Michigan award from The Michigan Apple Committee. Next year, Whittakers plans to add a large outdoor play area for children. Right now, children can enjoy the special wooden train designed and constructed by George Smith of Marshall, Michigan. including children Jamie, Carrie and Travis and their spouses. This family spirit is one that Gary Whittakers is very proud of and it shows. "We have created a clean, happy atmosphere of life on a farm for the family," he said.

SANTALAND

Speaking of families, many of them enjoy bringing their children to the special Santaland display in the hig harn every Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are there to greet the young, (and old), and there are many decorations to see and holiday-themed crafts to buy. There is no admission fee to Santaland, but any donations are gladaccepted and all proceeds are donated to the Active Faith organization in South Lyon. Christmas trees are available, too. Whittakers, who is vice president of Industrial Packaging in Detroit, said his weekends at Three Cedars Farm are very busy. "Business has been phenomenal," he added. Located at 7897 Six Mile Road. visiting hours are 10 a.m. until dusk Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday to Sunday. For more information and for group rentals. call (248) 909-3200 or visit http://

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including corn stalks and bales of straw. "It's fun to have people come out year after year to bring their families out and enjoy it." says Gary Whittakers.

Whittakers' wife, Sherry, is the mastermind behind the general store on the premises. "It sort of resembles a neighborhood shop in Mayberry," says Whittakers. Young and old can enjoy looking through the old fashioned candy and assorted goods-- like the galvanized tub filled with vintage small bottles of Coke. The milk house area of the barn contains an oldfashioned barber shop, a tribute to Sherry's grandfather, a former barber. "I've always loved the Andy Griffith Show, so I wanted to make this into an old fashioned barber shop," says Whittakers.

This year, he has added a screened-in

SPECIAL EVENTS

Some of the many events planned each year are educational school tours, group and business meetings in the spacious barn or out in one of the seven bonfire areas, and wedding receptions in the barn, too.

This year there is a special event centered on the popular corn maze and involves finding three wooden cedar trees within the maze. Visitors who find the trees have their names entered into a contest to win an iPod at the end of the season.

On one busy weekend this Fall, Whittakers said the Three Cedars Farm hosted a 160person wedding reception while visitors walked the grounds and visited the country store. Fortunately, there is a lot of free parking right on the property.

FAMILY BUSINESS

The Whittakers family all work at the farm

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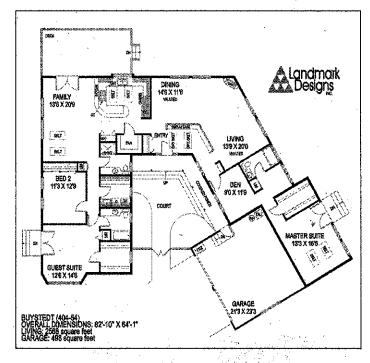




Buystedt courtyard provides a winning look

The Buystedt (404-54) is unique in design as it has large courtyard in the front enclosed by a fence that matches the home. As you face this 2,568 square foot home, the twocar garage is on the left and the extra bedrooms are on the right. The porch area is covered and runs along the courtyard. The look is slightly Spanish and yet maintains a contemporary look also. Once inside the entryway, you face a display case designed to hold the family treasures. Overhead are two medium sized skylights that allow sunlight to bath the entryway. Behind the case is a long "L" shaped room that has a formal vaulted dining room on the left and a formal

vaulted living room on the



right. At the corner is a gas fireplace that can be shared by both rooms.

The master suite is located behind the garage and has amenities not normally found in master suites. It contains French doors that open to the outside, two skylights for the natural look, a huge walkin closet and a master bath. Between the main part of the suite and bathroom is an area for a sitting room with a linen closet. It has two windows that look out onto the back yard. Also connected to this area is a den that can be used as an office or a library or even Dad's hideaway.

The kitchen is located at the rear of the home and is a great size. It has all the fixtures conveniently located in a semi-circle with a very large eating bar. There are also two skylights located in this area to bring in the sunlight and brighten the morning. A large walk-in pantry is available for storing surplus food. There is also a small storage cabinet next to the pantry that houses the water heater and room for small appliances. The family room is next to

the kitchen with French doors

to the deck out back, two large windows, and two skylights. This home, with all the skylights, should be bathed in natural.

Bedroom 2 and a guest suite are located to the front of the home. The guest suite also has French doors that open to the yard area. It has its own bath with a tub, full walk-in closet, and large windows. The second bedroom has a bath across the hall with a shower. Both rooms have linen closets near them and the utility room is across the hail between both bathrooms.

For a study plan of the BUYSTEDT (404-54), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans. com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.

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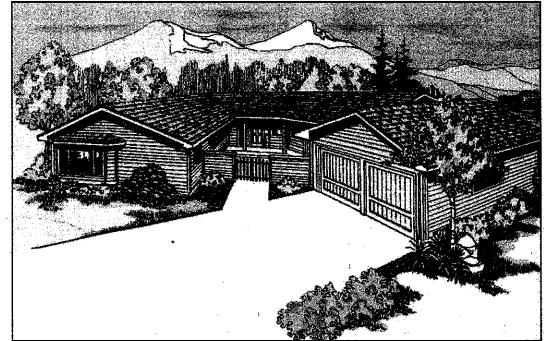
BRIEFS

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market, Part II" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Conference Rooms C & D. Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council present an Off-Site Project Management seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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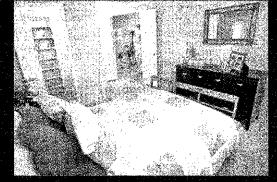
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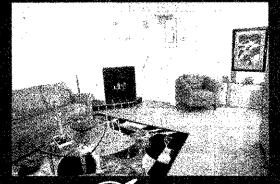
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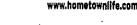
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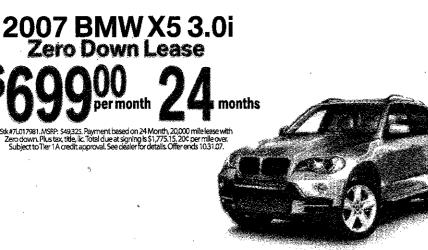




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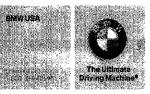


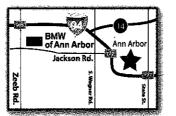
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