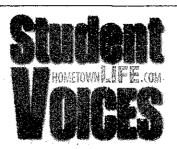


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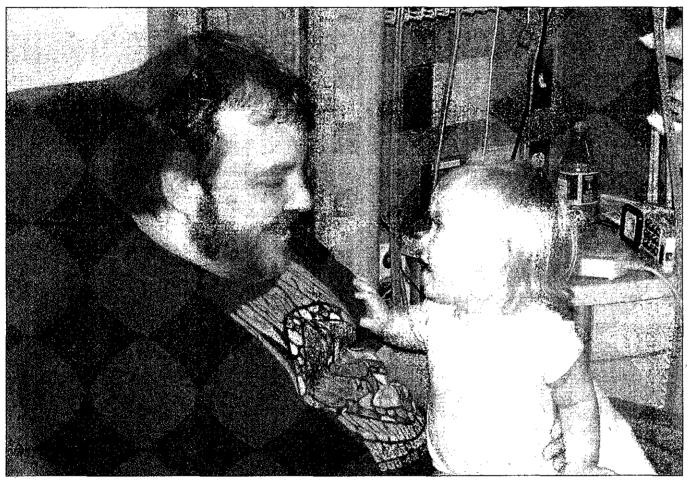
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Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Director Marc Whitlock with his daughter, Macaylah.

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Band chief quits to care for daughter

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Educational

Park Marching Band director Marc Whitlock told school officials and marching band parents this week he's resigning from the position to help care for his 18month-old daughter who

has leukemia. Macaylah Whitlock was born with transient leukemia, which sometimes occurs in children born with Down syndrome, which she also has.

"For the first couple of months of her life, after hospital treatments and transfusions, the transient leukemia went away," said Whitlock, 42. "Unfortunately, about two months ago, it kicked back in full speed and became more aggressive.

"In about 20 percent of the cases it comes back as leukemia, and she fell into that 20 percent," he said. "We are in a chemotherapy regiment until November, then we'll re-evaluate her

condition to see if the cancer goes into remission or we have to be more aggressive with treatment.

Whitlock said Macaylah exhibits the typical side effects — hair loss, mouth sores, lethargy and 'We are people of weakness.

"Yet, we brought her home from the hospital this week and she recognized our faith that we will where she was, smiled from ear-to-ear and was jumping around like a trampoline,"

Whitlock, and his wife, Kellie, 41, a minis-

ter at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, are leaning on their faith, in believing their daughter will beat leukemia.

"We are people of faith, and we have no doubts through our faith that we will get through this," said Whitlock. "She's a strong little girl, who has shown her body can take the treatments. We feel the prognosis is favorable to beat this cancer, and believe a year from now it will be in remission.

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Macaylah Whitlock, prior to a chemotherapy

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Corin Olsen (from left), Michelle Drennon, Brook Davis and Megan Holmes, who were members of the Canton High School National Honor Society, walked in last year's Relay for Life at Heritage Park.

Relay celebrating 10 years of touching lives

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

In between lacing up their sneakers, participants may want to grab a few tissues - the Relay for Life of Canton is back.

In its 10th year, the fundraising event for cancer research will take place May 17 and 18 at Heritage Park.

"It's just an amazing event," said Marcia Barker of Canton Public Library. "Some moments are joyful, fun and happy and then there are other moments, like the survivor walk, that tug at your heartstrings. Your emotions get a pretty good work out."

Barker, whose husband passed away from leukemia, said the relay has been a source of inspiration for those who have had their lives

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EXCERPTS FROM MEGAN'S ESSAY...

One of my earliest memories of my mom was when I was about 3 years old and my mom had just had a knee surgery. Even in crutches nothing stood in her way. She still supported our family. My mom cooked, cleaned and still did laundry." "My mom stands up for us and

watches over us. She's there for us when were insulted, no matter who insults us.

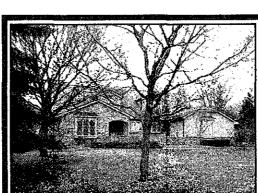
My mom raised us to be honest, fair, loving, caring, and to be a good friend:"

Megan Mckeehan, a fifth grader at Workman Elementary, wrote the winning essay about her mom for a contest sponsored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in honor of Mother's Day. She was one of numerous Canton elementary students to enter the contest, which asked why they thought their mom deserved to win a full day at the spa and a gift certificate to The Showroom of Elegance, a Canton jewelry store. These are some excerpts from her essay. By winning, Megan's mother, Barbara McKeehan, will get the royal treatment at the spa. Melissa Kirkpatrick Huetter, owner of Indigo Salon and Day Spa, and staff picked the winner. "This was a very hard task as all of the essays were so wonderfully written. All of the kids did a great job," she said.

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Cancer research team looking for 'super' volunteers

Ready to put an end to can-

If so, Marion Rozum would like to meet you.

Rozum, who has assembled a team of 13 "super volunteers," has spearheaded Canton's end of a new research study that will enroll participants during the 2008 Relay for Life of Canton on May 17 in Heritage Park.

Enrollment, which will take place near the Rotary Clock, will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon and will continue until 4 p.m.

Participation in the study,

which is promoted as a way to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through prevention and early detection, will span 20-30 years and is open to men and women ages 30-65 who have no personal history of cancer.

Enrollees will be asked to complete a mailed survey every two years.

American Cancer Society officials want to include 500,000 U.S. citizens in the

You do not have to live in Canton, or even the state, to sign up for the study. The one-day enrollment process is expected to last 30 minutes for each participant and will be confidential.

Rozum, who became passionate about cancer research after her mother-in-law died of lung cancer in 1999, has said ACS took notice of the township after more than 250,000 people participated in last year's Relay.

For more information on the study, log onto www.relayforlife.org and click on CPS-3 under the Society Links option.

- By Tiffany L. Parks



The Maytag Repairman, Clay Jackson, signs a photo and shares a laugh with Jill Gronau, of Belleville, during a stop at the Canton ABC Warehouse.

touched by cancer.

"I really think it's a wonderful opportunity to give back,' she said. "It's a great way to give help and give hope.

Last year's Relay raised more than \$250,000. According to it's Web site,

www.relayforlife.org, the Canton relay has already raised nearly \$70,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society

More than 60 teams with 630 people are signed up to participate in the event.

Canton resident June Waldbauer said she's proud to be participating in the Relay's 2008 Pillar Painting Contest. Waldbauer and her husband, Mark, have helped guide the event for a few years with the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, the Public Art Committee and D&M Art

"Cancer is one of those diseases that has touched every family," she said, adding that she enjoys interacting with those that have beaten the disease. "When you speak with the survivors, you realize that they are what it's all about

— the hope and support." Waldbauer said this year's Relay will feature 10 pillars that will be painted during the event. With sponsorship at \$100 per pillar, five sponsor-

ships are still available. "Aside from the Relay itself, the event has a fair atmosphere and the response to (the pillar painting) has been really positive," she said.

In addition to the survivor ceremony, the Relay will honor those that have died from can-Sponsors of this year's event

include the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Diamond Landscaping & Lawncare and Millennium Business Systems.

For more information or to join or donate to a team, log on to www.relayforlife.org or call Jamie Chapman at (248) 663-3419.

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Mr. Lonely: Maytag Man makes appearance at ABC Warehouse

Ol' Lonely made his way to Canton Thursday.

The Maytag Repairman, Clay Jackson of Richmond, VA., met with customers and signed autographs at ABC Warehouse, 41690 Ford Road.

"Maytag stands for dependability and I get people who tell me about the washing machine that their grandparents bought 30 years ago that still works today," said Jackson, who beat out 2,000 people to become the fourth Maytag Man more than a year ago.

Dressed in the traditional

uniform of a blue jacket, blue slacks and a red bow tie, Jackson's township appearance was in celebration of May is Maytag Month.

Maytag, which is based out. of its parent company's Benton Harbor headquarters, aired its first television commercial in 1954. The popular repairman character was played by Jesse White for 21 years and then filled by actor Gordon Jump for 15 years. Jackson took the reins from Hardy Rawls.

"I don't have to be anyone else when I put on this uni-

form," said Jackson, who was working as a Realtor before landing his Maytag gig. "I can just be myself and it comes natural."

With more than 150 store appearances every year, television commercials and charity events, Jackson joked that his schedule as a bored, unneeded repairman is fairly active.

"I'm pretty busy but going to work is easy because I know what I'm wearing," he laughed.

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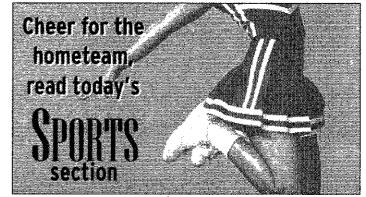
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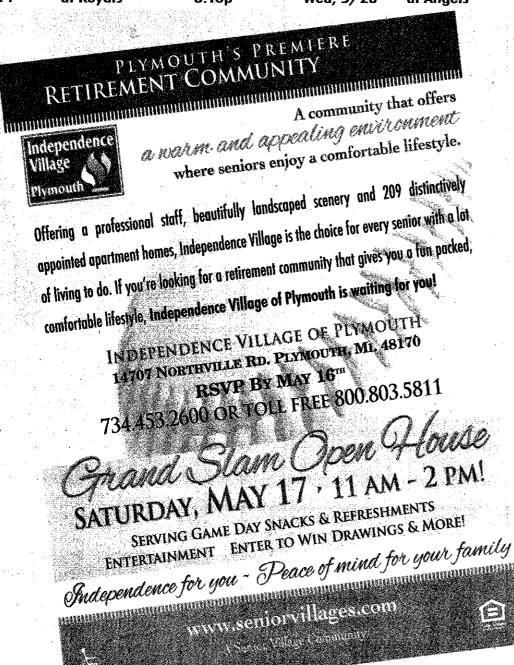
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'Lucky' woman thanks HVA paramedics

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth woman who feels lucky to be alive following an accident in which she was ejected from her SUV and then pinned underneath a Jeep took time last week to thank the paramedics that saved her life.

Carol Loesch, 45, said she was on her way to a fast-food restaurant shortly after 10 p.m. April 12 when she drove to the intersection of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

"I just remember approaching the intersection and seeing the Jeep," said Loesch, "and then waking up in the hospital with a tube down my throat."

In between, Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics Greg Hartig of Plymouth Township and Mark Watson of Canton Township did what they do routinely every day.

We were driving to our shift point, which is at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, and we drove right past the accident," said Hartig. "We whipped around and saw somebody was pinned underneath one of the vehicles. At first she was somewhat conscious and confused, but she went unconscious on us."

Watson radioed to HVA dispatch and began rescue procedures.

"I brought the equipment to immobilize her on the backboard, we did an assessment of her and the fire department was able to get the vehicle off in about 10 minutes," said Watson. "She had a head injury ... it was life threat-

Loesch suffered a broken knee cap



Carol Loesch poses for a photo with the guys who probably saved her life, HVA paramedics Mark Watson and Greg Hartig.

and head trauma, and still suffers from severe headaches and dizziness. But, that seems like a small inconvenience to her, now.

"I wanted to meet them for saving my life, because I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them," said Loesch, who was re-introduced to the two paramedics at the HVA regional office in Plymouth. "They were in the right place at the right time. God was watching out."

Loesch's husband, Don, 48, was equally grateful.

"I think they did a great job," said Don Loesch. "We're grateful for both

Paul Hood, HVA vice president for eastern operations, had praise for the paramedic team.

"I'm very proud of them," said Hood. "They did exactly what they are supposed to do and it was a great outcome."

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CANTON COP CALLS

Motorcycle stolen

A Canton man reported Thursday that his motorcycle was stolen from a residence on the 40000 block of

The man, who parked his bike at about 11 p.m. Wednesday said that when he prepared to leave the next morning, he discovered the bike's cover was left in the parking space but that the bike, a 2007 Yamaha R6S, was gone.

The man told police that he hasboth of the keys to the cycle and that he is up to date with its payments. The motorcycle is valued at \$10,000.

Man steal power bars

He went in for energy and left in

Canton police arrested and ticketed a man who attempted to steal 20 power bars from Holiday Market

A store employee told police that she saw the man enter the store, use its ATM and then leave shortly thereafter holding up a "large bulge" under his hooded sweatshirt.

When the man exited the building, the employee said she confronted him and he showed her the box of energy bars. She said he was then escorted back in the market and police were called.

Upon his arrest the man told officers that he wanted to purchase the items, which were valued at \$40, saying, "I can pay for them, I have money.

The man was given a court date of May 20.

Harassing letters

A Canton man has alerted police

to inappropriate letters that he and his wife have received at their

The man said that since the beginning of April, six letters have been sent to his home that refer to his young daughter in a sexual manner.

One of the letters featured a return address that turned out to be nonexistent. The man, who handed the letters over to Canton officers, said he is concerned about his daughter's safety.

Possible apartment break-in

Canton police were called to the 8400 block of Brookpark Wednesday after they received notification about a possible break in at an apartment.

When police arrived at the scene, they were told by the complex's maintenance workers that an unidentified witness said a man had stuck his head out of an apartment's rear bedroom window before disappearing back into the unit.

When the maintenance workers got the call, they monitored the building and then called police. Upon entering the unit, the officers noted that nothing appeared to be missing but that the screen to the bedroom window had been pried

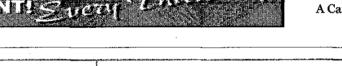
The man that lives in the apartment was notified of the situation and later told police that nothing was missing from his home.

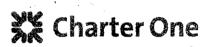
In the police report, officers noted that there was no evidence to confirm that the unit had been illegally entered.

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Canton Lions anniversary

Come and celebrate Canton Lions Club's 40th Anniversary at a dinner dance on Friday, June 6, at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Cady/Boyer barn behind the Bartlett Travis house at 500 N. Ridge Road.

The anniversary party will include a catered dinner, pop/coffee, raffles and 50s and 60s music by Canton's own Fairview featuring Ron and Albert Muniz on guitar and lead vocals, Chat Atwell on bass and Karl Zarbo on drums.

The Canton Lions Club is involved in many note-worthy local and world-wide community service projects such as: Liberty Fest and Relay for Life Pancake Breakfasts, August's Corn Roast, White Cane sale and collecting glasses for Third World Countries. All donations will be given back to the community and/or to the blind and hearing impaired.

To secure your reservation, please make checks payable to the Canton Lions for \$25 per person and mail to Nancy at 42764 Woodbridge Road, Canton, MI 48188 by May 15. For more information, please call (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

Canton Historical Society

The Canton Historical Society's next meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 7 p.m. at the former Cherry Hill School house at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Guest speaker for the evening will be Martin Brosnan, who will be discussing "You Ought To Have An Auto." This will be a humorous, nostalgic look back on the gradual replacement of the old reliable horse to the new, noisy autos on the village streets. Brosnan, a popular area speaker, is a retired educator and historian who has also worked at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village for 12 years. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

POW Museum tour

Get a first-hand look at the life of American prisoners of war in Nazi Germany as the mobile exhibit Behind Barbed Wire rolls into Canton on May 19.

Housed in a converted school bus, this rolling BUS-eum paints a picture of POW life as

captured soldiers experienced it. Using artifacts, photographs, documents, audio and DVD documentaries, it focuses on the experiences of Midwest prisoners of war, a group that represented a greater portion of POWs than any other region in the United States.

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The Canton Veteran's Memorial Association is sponsoring the BUS-eum's to visit Canton. Admission to the exhibit is free and visitors can also stop in the Canton Public Library for a reception and a special book sale featuring materials on the era. The BUS-eum will be stationed on Veteran's Way near the clock tower immediately west of the library, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19.

Chamber computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an "Intro to MS Publisher" course presented by Canton Computers on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, from 6-9 p.m. at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2008. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.
Registration deadline is Friday, May 16. All 2008 seminars and computer training courses are proudly sponsored by Telcom Credit Union.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber. com.

Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club will host a fund-raising dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m., June 2 at Summit on the Park. The event will feature a raffle with prizes, a full dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions, cash bar, and a chance to network with fellow business people and community citizens. Top prize in the raffle is a \$4,500 vacation plus \$1,500 in taxes paid

on your behalf; 2nd Prize is a weekend getaway to Las Vegas; and 3rd Prize is a weekend getaway to Toronto. In addition there will be at least 17 runner up prizes with a minimum value of \$200.

Cost for the event is \$150 for a ticket entitling you to all events of the evening. There will be a minimum of 20 winners, and a maximum of 120 tickets sold. For more information, contact Canton Rotary Club Directors Michelle Burger at (734) 812-2517 or Larry Oldford at (734) 905-7700.

Positive parenting seminar

The Canton Police
Department and Canton
Leisure Services are partnering together to present another
Positive Parenting Seminar on
Monday, May 19, from 6:30-8
p.m., at Canton's Summit on
the Park.

Parents are encouraged to attend this informative parenting seminar together with their kids age 9 and older. Community Relations Sgt. Deb Newsome will present safety information geared specifically toward kids on Web sites, messaging and chat rooms. MySpace and Facebook will be discussed as well.

Parents attending the presentation are welcome to bring their younger children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the following manner: Ages 3 & under will be supervised in the Kids Corner; ages 4-6 may swim as long as an older sibling is present (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 & older are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration. After the seminar, parents are invited to join their kids for some fun.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Plymouth-Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at 394-5460, by May 15 for reservations.

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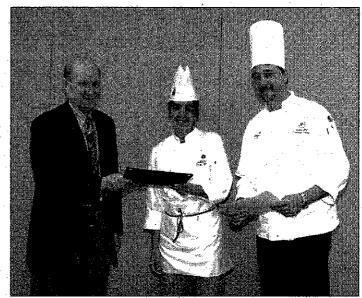
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The PCEP Choirs annual spring concert, Singsation, will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 20 in the Salem High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5



Healthy cooking

Susan Chagas of Canton accepts her second prize award after the "Top Healthy Chef" Cooking Competition that took place at Schoolcraft College on April 28. Presenting her the award is Robert Levine of the Oakland County Medical Society, which co-sponsored the event with Schoolcraft College. Chef Gabriel from Schoolcraft is also pictured. There were five culinary arts students who participated in this competition that required the aspiring chefs to prepare a three-course dinner for four that included a soup, salad or appetizer, a main course, and a dessert. They were required to adhere to "healthy" recipes that could have not more than 10 percent of fat calories from saturated fat; zero trans fat; 100 milligrams or less of cholesterol and 800 milligrams or less of sodium; total calories not exceeding 900 per person; and a maximum number of calories from fat not exceeding 200.

at the door or \$4 in advance through the choir office located in room 1603 at Salem or by calling (734) 416-7765. For more information visit www. pcepchoirs.org.

This year's Singsation concert will feature students performing challenging choral works by Moses Hogan, Arthur Sullivan, and John Rutter as well as popular music from the Broadway musicals Sweeney Todd, Rent, Hairspray, Grease, and Children of Eden. In addition, solos will be performed by graduating seniors in the choir program.

The combined PCEP choirs will also proudly present the world premiere of new choral work commissioned by the PCEP choirs this spring. Entitled "Song to Tradition," this new work has been crafted by renowned composer Ruth Elaine Schram with lyrics by Chicago area poet Dennis Neumann. This song will also be performed by the choirs at the high school spring commencement ceremonies.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its next networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m., May 14 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Guest speaker will be Dave Wieme, communication director of Palace Sports & Entertainment.

Cost of the lunch is \$20. Reservations are required by Friday, May 9, and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. The luncheon is being sponsored by TDS Metrocom and Schoolcraft College.

American music concert

The Plymouth Community
Band will present a concert
of American music at 8 p.m.,
May 16 at the Canton High
School auditorium located on
Canton Center Road just south
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feature J. Bennett, an exceptional teen pianist, performing
Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"
and Irv Feldman, resident
clarinet soloist, playing Artie
Shaw's clarinet concerto.

There is no cost for the concert. For more information, call (734) 306-7192.

Women wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW),

who promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will hold their next monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., May 12 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road- east of Canton Center Road). The guest speaker will be Laura Fawcett, adult services librarian at the Canton Public Library.

For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@ comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

St. Michael registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for the 2008-09 school year. There are openings in 3 and 4 year old preschool classes, as well as, young fives through sixth grade. Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers, and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting.

The school is located 7000 Sheldon Road inside St. Michael Lutheran Church. For more information, call (734)459-9720.

Learn to gain inner peace

University of Detroit Mercy professor Mike Whitty will lead a talk and workshop to empower people to gain more inner peace at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile Road.

He'll be the guest speaker at the Citizens for Peace regular monthly meeting.

All meetings are open to the public.

A builder of regional, community, and human unity, Whitty offers free talks on peace, spirituality, economics, politics, ecology and business.

He is the National Chancellor of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, and a member of Peace Action of Michigan and the Gray Panthers.

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For additional information, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

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Madonna University holds its 61st commencement

Madonna University held its 61st commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena, in Plymouth Township. Approximately 800 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks, with some 650 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon the late Mother Mary Cajetan Jankiewicz, CSSF, and Michigan Opera Theatre Founding General Director David DiChiera, Ph.D. The Distinguished Alumna award was given to Nancy (Rivers) Enright, '61.

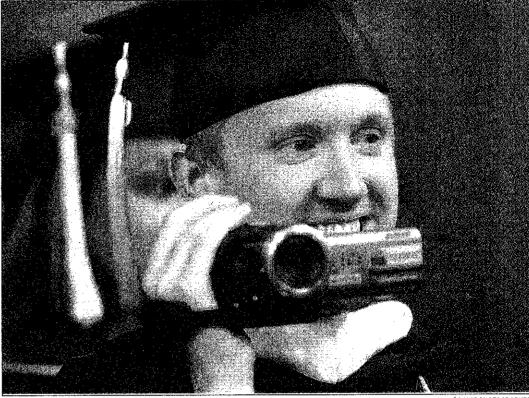
Presiding over the commencement ceremonies were Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.



who teaches in the graduate business program.

Lisa Mato holds a small fan designed for graduates, with the message "I DID IT." At far left, Shannon Paul receives her degree from Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Board of Trustees Chair David Walawender.

Graduate Abbey Hebel gets a big hug from her aunt, Dr. Betty Jean Hebel,



David Brown of Livonia earned a degree in television and video, so naturally recorded his own graduation.





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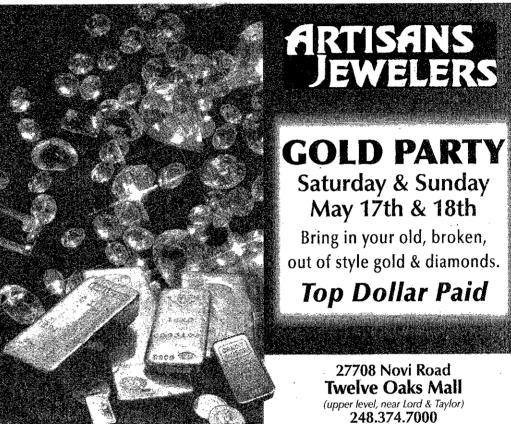
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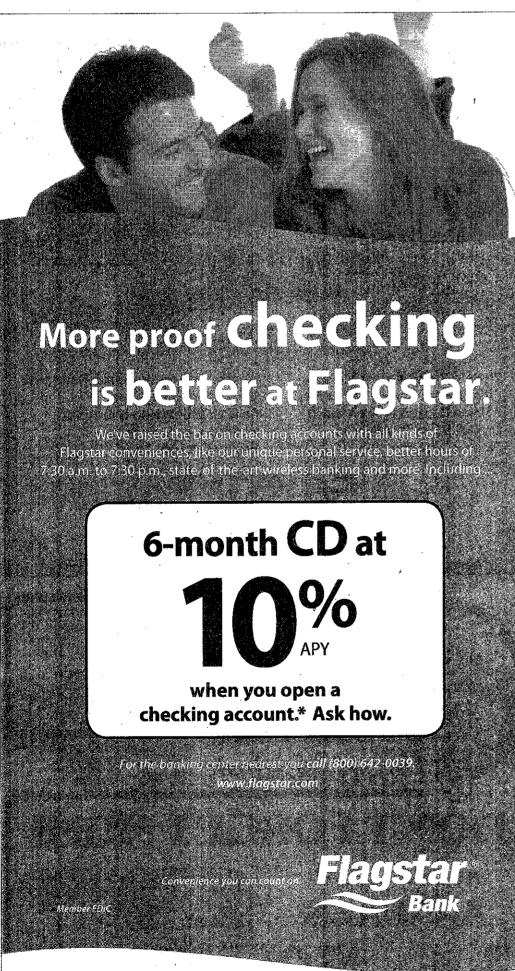
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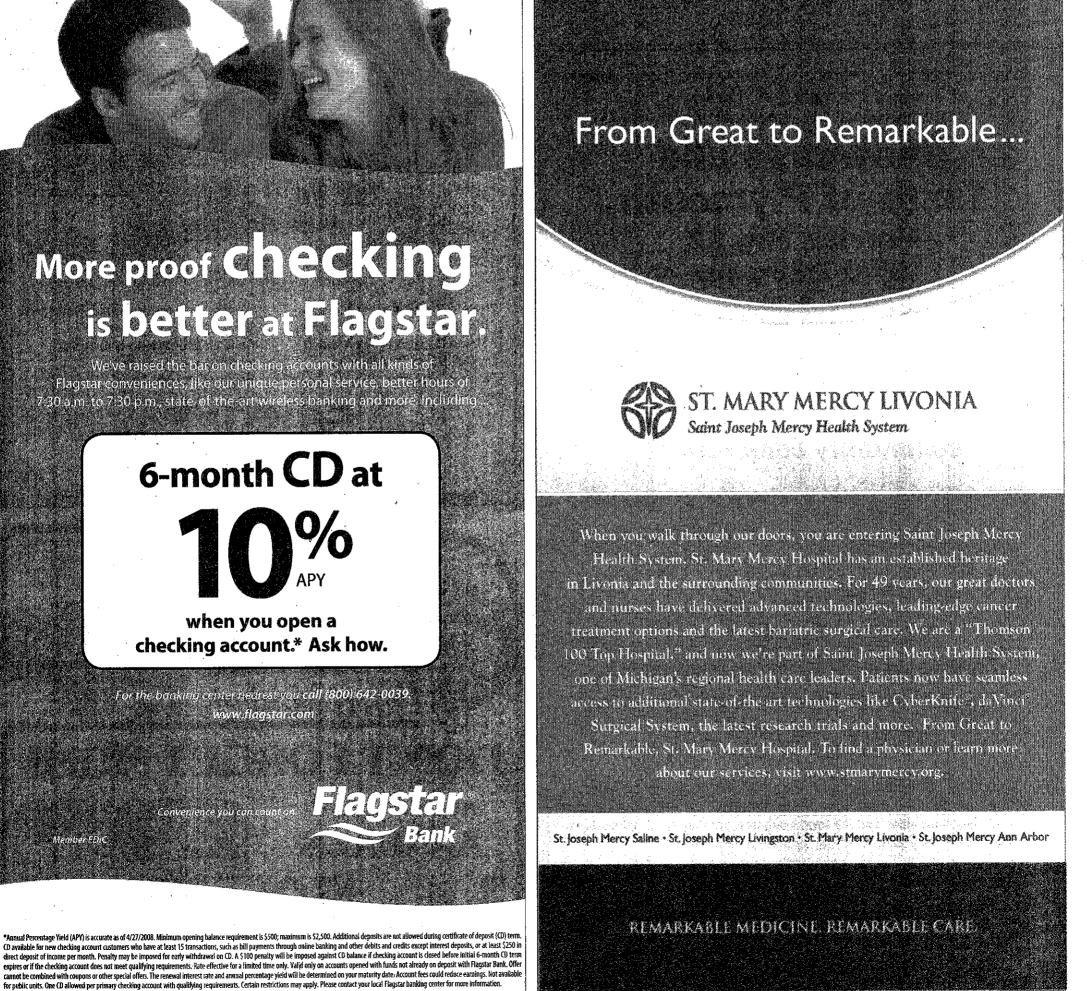
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Valedictorian tells grads to give back, cherish life

BY REBECCA JONES **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Beth Ann Dalrymple wanted to be valedictorian of her high school class.

But throughout her sophomore, junior and senior years at Thurston High School, a rare liver disease kept her out of class 20 to 40 days per

Still, she graduated with a 3.8 grade point average in

Dalrymple, who lives in Livonia, got to be valedictorian Saturday when she accepted her diploma from the University of Detroit Mercy.

She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, taking one class per semester, working full time at Ford Motor Co. and living with a liver disease that required a donor transplant.

The message she shared with her fellow graduates is about life and giving back, a topic Dalrymple knows well.

"She lives out many of the values and missions of the university" especially giving back to human kind, said Leo Hanifin, the dean of Engineering and Science.

Dalrymple volunteers her time with Gift of Life, asking people to sign the donor registry. As a member of the engineering honor society, she worked with high school students to get them interested in engineering.

"She has demonstrated herself to be an exceptional student," Hanifin said. "But more than that, she's exceptional at working with people."

Dalrymple was diagnosed at age 14 with a liver disease so rare it wasn't given a name until 1995, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis. Although fatigued, she managed to function well for many years.

She received a transplant in January, 2006.

"I can't even begin to tell you how good it feels to feel healthy," she said. "I'm 44. I

feel like I'm 20. She has been to Europe a



Livonia resident Beth Ann Dalrymple talks about her health and fabulous outlook on living after receiving a liver transplant in 2006. She was named valedictorian of her graduating class from the University of Detroit Mercy, where she earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

few times. She likes to drive her restored 1967 Mustangs on Hines Drive on Sunday afternoons and plays clarinet and saxophone. She enjoys the company of her dog, Hermione.

Everyone should make the most of life and cherish it, she said.

About two and a half years ago, Dalrymple had started planning her own funeral. She said she was just trying to be practical. She had been on the waitin st for more than six year, and recently had been bumped to the top.

But Dalrymple was too sick to keep a Saturday afternoon appointment with a funeral director.

The next night, the phone

The liver belonged to a 45year-old woman. Dalrymple doesn't know the circumstance of the donor's death, but she's written two letters of thanks to the family and will continue to send more.

"That's a difficult thank you," she said.

She encourages people to talk with their families about organ donation. It's too difficult a decision for survivors to make in a hospital.



LOCAL NEWS

Beth Ann Dalrymple has much more energy after receiving a liver transplant in 2006, which allows her to do more work on the Ford Mustangs she restores, such as this 1967 351 Mustang Fastback.

Dalrymple has worked at Ford since 1990 and began attending U-D in 1999, through a partnership the two entities had.

Professor Mark Schumack said she's the best student he ever worked with. Her work was impeccable, he said. She turned in calculations neatly typed and volunteered for a Saturday seminar, again with high schoolers.

He said she's probably "worth her weight in gold" at

Two years ago, she got a job in Ford's analytical department, working with the performance of engines.

It's a great job, she said, given her hobby of restoring Mustangs.

In the future, Dalrymple plans to work toward a master's degree in engineering and would like to take another trip abroad, to visit Rome and look at art.

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Couple faces 3-20 years prison time in prostitution case

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Westland couple faces three to 20 years in prison for operating a prostitution ring that included a 16-yearold girl who stayed at their Woodcrest Villa apartment on the city's north side.

"They should thank their lucky stars they're getting as little time as they're getting, especially since it involves a minor," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said last week.

Lanard Mack Henley, 24, started serving his time in April after pleading guilty to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution. His girlfriend, 26-year-old Davina Shirley Lloyd, faces sentencing May 22, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Ridener commended officers who conducted an investigation that led to their arrests in January, when an undercover officer arranged to meet an 18year-old prostitute at the Fairfield Inn in Canton. The couple advertised their clients on Craigslist, an online network that features advertising for jobs, housing, personals and other services.

Authorities learned of the prostitution ring after a 16year-old girl told her mother that she had worked for Henley and Lanard.

"Hopefully they won't have any future victims," Ridener said. "I think the sentence is lenient. They should be happy."

Officers from Westland and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, working in the Metro Street Enforcement Team, reportedly learned that as many as 12 young women had been involved in the prostitution

ring, according to Westland police Lt. Mark Engstrom.

One girl, who reportedly worked for the couple when she was 16, testified against the couple during a preliminary hearing Feb. 29, saying they posted her nude pictures on the Internet and drove her to meet customers who paid \$200 or more for sex.

"They asked me to lie about my age," the girl, now 17, said in court.

She accused Lloyd of slapping her and threatening her when she lied about being raped by a customer in hopes of getting time off

"Dàvina said I'd end up dead in an alley if I lied to her," the girl testified.

Henley and Lloyd faced multiple prostitution-related charges, some of which prosecutors dropped after the couple agreed to plead to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution. Henley also had a criminal history involving possession of cocaine and carrying a concealed weapon.

The girl who testified against the couple said in February that she met Lloyd and Henley three months earlier at a gas station in Detroit. She said she was attracted to Lloyd and that Henley gave her a business card and told her to call the number on it, saying she could make money.

According to the prosecutor's office, Henley has started serving his prison sentence and Lloyd is free on bond as she awaits her formal sentencing May 22 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

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Bankruptcy option one to consider; don't be embarrassed

Q: I lost my job, my house is going to be foreclosed and I'm having difficulties paying my charge cards. I've talked to a bankruptcy attorney who recommended that I file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. According to the attorney, I qualify to get rid of most of my debt. On the other hand, I've talked to a credit counselor who can work out a payment plan for my charge cards. I think bankruptev is the way to go, however, I am worried about the consequences. Any thoughts?

A: One of the great things about this country is that we give people a second chance. That is the reason that bankruptcy laws exist, to offer a



Money Matters Rick Bloom

many corporations file for bankruptcy and they certainly didn't worry about any stigma or negative implications by filing bankruptcy. Michigan is going through difficult times. Many people are finding they cannot afford to pay some of their bills. In those situations, you

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and have to

file bankrupt-

cy. After all,

we have seen

fresh start. I discuss debt situation with do not believe creditors to work out a payanyone should ment program. For example, people who have charge card debt can work with their because they charge card company to run into finanreduce or even eliminate the interest on the account. cial difficulty

> If, one can reasonably work out of a financial situation by following the above, then that is the course of action to initially pursue.

On the other hand, if there is no realistic solution to the debt then one should consider bankruptcy. Yes, bankruptcy does have a downside. It hurts your credit rating, makes it more difficult to obtain credit, and for some individuals it causes embarrassment.

However, if by wiping out debt, you can start fresh, as far as I am concerned, it outweighs any of the negatives.

Anyone who is considering bankruptcy should make sure that he/she deals with a bankruptcy attorney. Bankruptcy is a very specialized area of the law and most general practitioners are do not have the expertise needed. A qualified bankruptcy attorney is the essential.

Q: I read your column a few weeks ago about selling your life insurance policy. I have an old life insurance policy that I don't need. I have seen lots of ads about selling policies and I am somewhat leery. Can you

recommend someone I can discuss this with?

A: I have no problem with selling an old life insurance policy. Since you do not need the policy the question is how will more money end up in my pocket? One, by selling the policy or two, by canceling the policy and receiving the cash surrender value. If the answer is selling the policy, then that is the way to proceed.

It is a minefield out there when it comes to selling life insurance policies. As in every business and in every profession, there are good and bad people to deal with and in the case of selling life insurance policies, it's no different. The individual I have dealt

with and have confidence in with regards to the sale of life insurance polices is Mark Orechkin (248-356-8820).

I also recommend you get a referral from family or friends who've had experience in this area. I believe that knowledgeable referrals from people. who you trust and have confidence in is invaluable.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

RESA rescinds special education staffing proposals

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two proposals in a seven-point plan to change special education staffing in Wayne County were rescinded Thursday prior to a public meeting and in response to overwhelming negative public comment.

Mark Francis, director of special education and early intervention for the Wayne County Regional Education Services Agency, said RESA will not go forward with staffing changes as proposed for the severely multiple impaired and severely cognitively impaired programs that have generated so much response.

The proposal would have changed the teacher/student ratio for severely multiple impaired from 1 to 9 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 9 to 1 to 10 and changing the teacher ratio for severely cognitively impaired

The Detroit chapter of the

Zookeepers will host its 19th annual "Bowling for Rhinos"

bowlathon Saturday, May 31, at Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia. A

family-friendly event will be at 3 p.m., offering bowling, a tin can

raffle, cookie walk and coloring

with bowling, a silent auction and

50/50 raffle. Bowlers may register

two games, pizza and soft drinks).

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individually or form a team of four to five. Fee is \$5 (shoe rental

contest. The traditional bowlathon gets under way at 7 p.m.

American Association of

'Bowling for Rhinos' is May 31

from 1 to 12 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 12 to 1 to 10.

"I have already received over 100 letters, phone calls and emails and I have personally looked at each and every one. I am truly heartened by the show of support for special education that has been demonstrated the past couple of weeks and hope that it can continue to build and be heard by our legislature," said Francis.

Francis did not cancel the meeting because he said he wanted to

encourage parents to stay active. "We appreciated the responses and want to keep this moving forward," he said Thursday afternoon. "We are asking them to speak with their state and federal legislators. They are the ones who will have to deal with this."

Wayne RESA and Wayne County school districts face serious challenges in funding these very important programs. Costs to operate the center based spe-

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and a rhino beanbag animal.

received by May 24. Anyone unable to attend but who would cial education programs increase every year by at least 5 percent, yet reimbursement from the government is only 1-1/2 percent. Francis said the plan could have saved \$4

Wayne County has about 1,000 students in the severely multiple impaired and severely cognitively impaired programs.

Funding comes from the 3.368 mills, Act 18 millage that voters approved in 2002, the maximum allowed in Wayne County. Costs not covered by the Wayne RESA Act 18 Special Education Fund must be covered by local district funds. The 2001-2002 school year was the last time a charge back occurred amounting to \$28 million countywide.

"Obviously we put this out for public comment to get feedback from the community. There were some in favor of the changes but they were overwhelmingly

opposed," Francis said. "But we want to keep the momentum moving forward. Let legislators

know we need to do something." He said the programs have excellent teachers who need sup-

Jo Ann Johnson of Plymouth was one of those who was strongly opposed to the changes. She has a 12-year-old son who attends Old Village School in Northville.

She said Thursday afternoon that she would attend the Thursday evening meeting to oppose other proposals to cut staffing in the speech and language programs. She said she also wants make sure that any future proposals coming from RESA comply with state guidelines.

She and other parents have said they are concerned about the process for change that allows RESA to seek a waiver of state guidelines from the state superintendent of public instruction.

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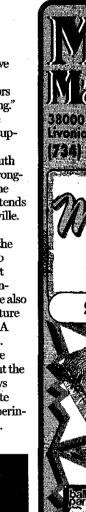
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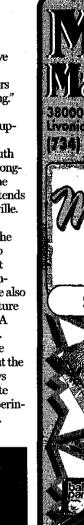
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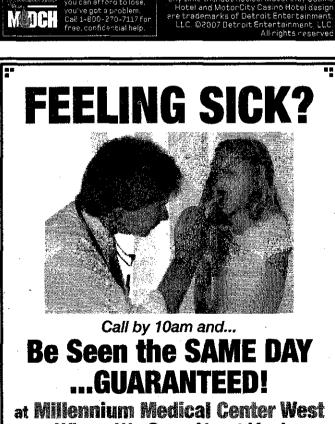
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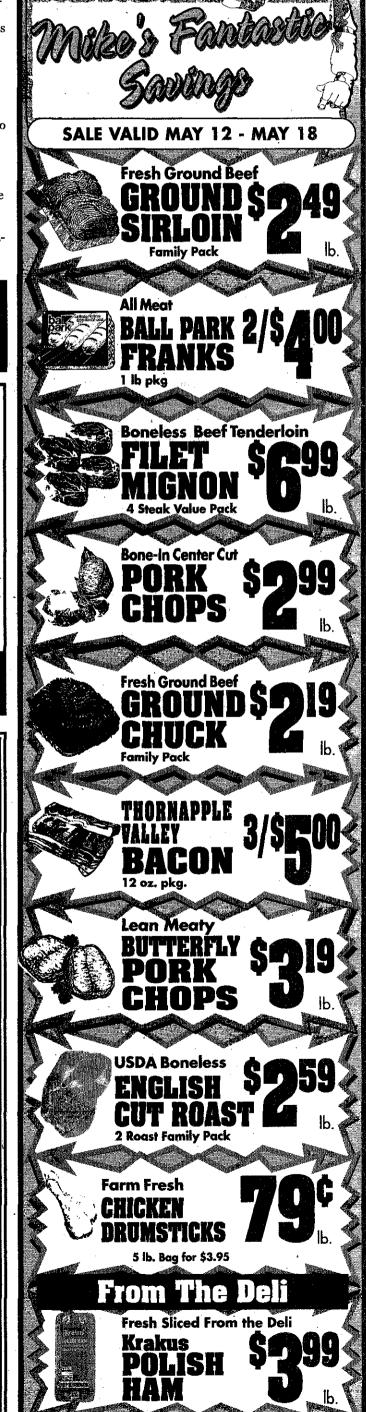
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Redford commissioner challenges county treasurer

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saying that inaction on a glut of property tax foreclosures has caused urban decay, Phil Cavanagh on Thursday announced his intention to run for Wayne County Treasurer.

Cavanagh, a Democrat who is in his fourth term on the county Board of Commissioners, will take on Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, an incumbent with 32 years in office, in the August Democratic primary.

There is no plan in Wayne County" to deal with taxforeclosed properties, said Cavanagh, who represents Redford Township. "There is no vision."



Cavanagh

Cavanagh said other county treasurers in Michigan have taken "innovative" steps to keep tax-foreclosed parcels from

becoming blighted, by bundling them to sell off for redevelopment, and by investing in housing rehabilitation, thus creating jobs, and putting the houses back on the market.

"He could be driving economic development," Cavanagh

Wojtowicz, who has filed for a re-election bid, could not be reached for a response. Cavanagh said the treasurer

Cavanagh. His commission district is made up of Redford, Garden City and Dearborn Heights. During his tenure on the commission, Cavanagh assisted with the joint county-town-

ship street-paving project;

helped obtain money, through

allows speculators to "cherry-

pick" prime foreclosed proper-

ties, but that others - current-

ly about 9,000 — are ignored.

He said Wojtowicz has raised

foreclosure auctions that could

attorney and the son of the late

former Detroit mayor Jerome

at least \$25 million through

be reinvested in other fore-

Cavanagh, 46, was first

elected to the county commission in 2000. He is an

closed properties.

the county's recreation millage, for the new Capitol Park splash pad and the repair of the Garden City community pool; and has worked to improve flood control in Dearborn Heights. Cavanagh is also known as advocate for improved mental health services and for abused and neglected children. Cavanagh said some people have been surprised at his willingness to give up another commission term in order to challenge Wojtowicz. But, he said, "This is going to be an exciting race."

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Cavanagh and wife Lily each have three children from previous marriages; the family lives

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Township Board of Trustees of Education

The board will meet at 7 p.m., May 13 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

■ Public hearings on 2008 CDBG program; the 2008 sidewalk repair program; and adoption of resolution no. 3 for the Marlowe Street road improvements, SAD 2006-2.

Appoint 35th district court magistrate.

■ Consider Oakwood Health Care Medical Campus Preliminary Planned Development district.

■ Rezoning for Canton Friendship Church.

■ Cherry hill Village Market Place minor PDD and site plan for Phase I parking improvement and modification to the site plan for the Biltmore building.

■ Consider approval of wastewater disposal agreement with Sauk Trail Development,

■ Authorize contract for fireworks display for the 2008 Liberty Fest.

Award several contracts for Liberty Fest.

Approve water and sewer

■ Consider elected officials' compensation.

Plymouth-Canton Board

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will get an update on a new telephone notification system that will alert parents about emergencies and other major events occurring in the district.

Trustees will also get an update on the arts program and a partnership with the University of Michigan.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

Wayne-Westland Board of Education

The school board will meet at 7 p.m., May 12 at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland. Agenda items include:

■ Appointment of Angela E. Black, CPA as Director/Alternate to the MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust.

Review and approval, Wayne County Regional **Education Service Agency** (RESA) General Fund Operating Budget for the 2008-2009 school year.

"We have great support from our church and band families who have been there for us, preparing dinners, baby sitting and anything else that we need," he said. "I'm blessed to work for this district, it's been supportive and understanding

and empathetic to our situation. The community has been very loving and giving."

Whitlock said he'll still teach instrumental band, but the extra-curricular duties for the nationally renowned **Plymouth-Canton Marching** Band — which finished seventh in the nation last year will have to be put on the back burner.

"My wife has been incredibly wonderful dealing with the medical treatments while I'm at work," said Whitlock. "She is an inspiration to me every day, and I need to be there for her and my daughter and participate fully in her recovery.

"I love the marching band with all my heart, but I know that between staff, the administration and the band boosters the kids are in great hands," he said. "But, I will be saddened not to be part of it this year."

Mark Stamper, the immediate past president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, said Whitlock is a "talented guy" and will be

missed. "Mark made an incredibly difficult decision to balance his personal life with his professional life," Stamper said. "This is bittersweet for him, but he doesn't want to impact

the kids or the program. "He did an incredible job of laying a good foundation, and has built a strong team," added Stamper. "Marc has made a big impression on the organiza-

tion." Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said the district is moving forward in filling Whitlock's position at the high school park, which includes both the teaching and march-

ing band positions. "Marc has applied for the instrumental band position at West Middle School, and if he's selected we'll post the instrumental position at the park and look for someone who also has interest in the marching band," said Bihun.

Whitlock said, like any parent, it's been difficult watching Macaylah suffer.

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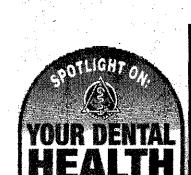
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By Elena Lombardi

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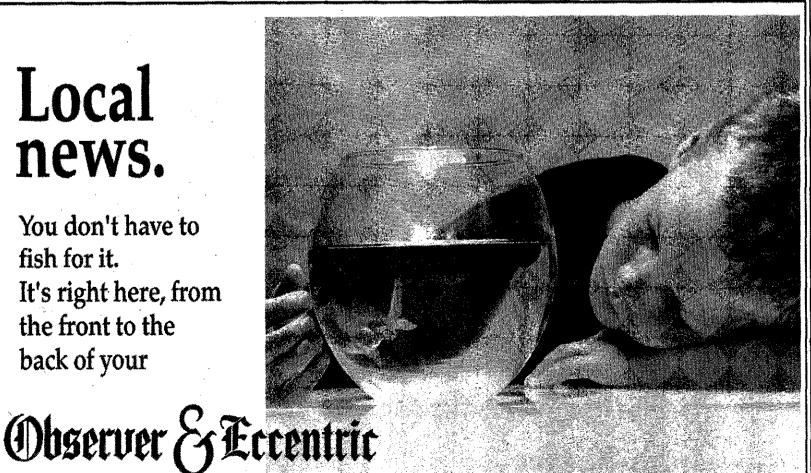
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Embrace all religions

I am writing in response to the May 1 letter by Robert Denstedt. I am sick to death of people using the words "this is America" in the same sentence as they espouse some bigoted viewpoint. In the case of Denstedt's letter, that there should not be religious free-

Denstedt said he can't believe "aliens" can just come here and build on American land any "temple or other religious building." Do you really want to do away with religious freedom? Isn't that one of the things that makes America great - our freedoms? Do you want it to be here like in some other countries, where the government tells you if and which religion to embrace? I don't think so.

America is an open society with religious freedom, and that means the freedom to choose which religion we want to profess, and also the freedom to not practice any faith. And furthermore, that freedom extends to all — those of us born here by chance and those who came here by choice.

The flip side of that freedom is that you, as an individual, may not always agree with how others choose to exercise their freedom. Well, we are free to worship, and so are all who choose to live in our country - even Canton.

I think the mosques and Hindu temples enrich our community, and I am always happy to see any further diversity of culture that graces our township.

Our freedom of religion is something to cherish and share, not something we hoard only for us Christians.

Terrili Samimy

Light needed at intersection

I am a resident of Cherry Hill Village and travel the Ford/Ridge intersection frequently. This is one area i avoid during rush nours. I definitely believe a traffic light is needed right at the intersection of Ford and Ridge.

Is it possible to have the Canton Charter Academy traffic enter and exit along a service drive that would flow onto Ridge rather than Ford Road? With this setup the light at the intersection would accommodate both situations.

I hope to see this very dangerous problem resolved as soon as possible.

Connie Mason

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Avoid intersection

I live on Ridge Road north of Ford. The Ford and Ridge intersection is very dangerous and has had a lot of accidents and fatalities. I believe there should be a light due to high volume of traffic especially, morning and afternoon shift time rush times. With the two nearby private schools it is only a matter of time before there are more fatal and/or serious injury accidents.

I currently avoid this intersection as much as possible using gravel roads to go Beck and Ford where there is a traffie light to cross Ford or turn east on Ford. I know some of my neighbors also do the same to avoid the Ford and Ridge intersection. This adds traffic to the Beck and Ford intersection that is one mile east of Ridge, which already has a lot of traffic.

David Brancheau

Canton

Intersection is danger-

My son totaled his Pontiac Firebird at the Ford/Ridge intersection. A car, traveling northbound on Ridge, pulled out in front of him as he approached the intersection traveling eastbound on his way home from Eastern Michigan University. It was dusk and the car never even stopped to see if my son was OK. He hit the pole at the corner of the Canton Charter Academy trying to avoid hitting the crossing vehicle. When the tow truck arrived, he asked if there were any survivors, since the pole sat in the middle of the hood of the car. The car was shattered into many pieces, but we were very lucky that my son had no serious injuries.

This is an extremely dangerous intersection and deserves a light ASAP. Others have not been so lucky.

'No' to teacher lavoffs

This is in regards to

"Plymouth-Canton Schools

Jacobs has proposed elimi-

nating 26 full-time teaching

positions." The Plymouth-

Canton school district has

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Jacobs wants to use the old

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Interim Superintendent Ken

Joanne Mikosz Canton

off teachers and sacrifice the quality of our children's education due to the recent budget cuts.

LETTERS

If Ken Jacobs and his administration had paid more attention to the day-today business activities of the district then certainly there could have been more effective methods to reduce costs.

We aren't talking about jobs going overseas, we are talking about are children's education. An education that is vital to prepare our students to compete in the "global job market."

Laying off 26 teachers will have too much of a negative impact on our educational system and the district is too far down the road to be proactive. I highly doubt if Ken Jacobs or the school board has approached any of our "big box retailers" such as IKEA, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Target, Kohl's, Meijer, etc., for financial assistance. As a suggestion, the school district could partner with any of the above and incorporate them into the classroom.

For example, the chemistry classes could get hands-on experience using the various methods for testing for lead in products. The business-oriented classes could do research projects, surveys, etc. The list goes on.

I think the best solution is to eliminate the superintendent and assistant superintendent position immediately. Share their workload between three elected principals. This would save six teaching positions. Eliminate the executive director of human resources and save another three teaching positions. Next eliminate all principals and have the assistant principals carry on the daily activities. It makes no sense to have an assistant principal do all the work while the principal takes all the credit. Decrease the salaries of the assistant principals by 15 percent. I'll bet I just saved well over \$3 million.

> Kurt Kachin Canton

Lions thank you

The Plymouth Lions Club would like to thank citizens of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and the surrounding communities for donations to our recent White Cane Drive (April 25-26).

Club members manned storefronts and major intersections throughout the community in their signature yellow jackets and hats collecting monies that will help fund

our many projects assisting the blind, handicapped and

underprivileged of the area. We were overwhelmed by the concerns for our safety, support of our work and the generosity of the residents in these uncertain economic times. All contributed to a near record collection. Of course, beautiful weather helped, too!

While most donors were familiar with what Lions "do," many were unfamiliar with our club and what projects we support. Answering those questions at a busy intersection was difficult at best. So I will try to list a few major ones here: Used eyeglasses, hearing aid and cell phone collection, College scholarships for community high school seniors, readers for the partially blind, Penrickton Center for the Blind and Handicapped, wheelchair ramps for the handicapped, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Beaumont Silent Children's Fund, Paws With a Cause, Shelters, benches and playground equipment at Lions Park, Benches in Kellogg Park, Shelter and rest room facilities at The Gathering and many, many

The "active" part of our campaign is now completed. However, you may still contribute by sending a check to the Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: White Cane Chairman.

Thank you.

Douglas Hincker

Plymouth Lions Club White Cane chairman

OUR VIEWS

Thank Mom for her love

"God couldn't be everywhere so He made mothers." There's truth to this saying often found on coffee mugs, plaques and other trinkets made as Mother's Day gifts.

The saying is based in part on the notion that mothers mirror God's unconditional love here on Earth.

Most mothers love their children regardless of what they have done or haven't done. They look past their children's imperfections and love them, even if at certain times or certain ages, their children don't show them love in return.

Mothers are the first ones to teach their children about love. They care for them as infants and meet their needs without expecting to get anything back. They continue to sacrifice their time and energy during their children's growing up years and even after their children become adults. Until they have children of their own, few people realize how deep and wide a mother's love is.

Most adults know how to love others because of the love they were first shown by their mothers.

No mother is perfect — some certainly wouldn't win any Mother of the Year awards.

But most do the best they know how, loving their children

the best they're able. This Mother's Day, if you're blessed enough to still have your mother, take the time to thank her for her unconditional love. She won't love you any less if you don't, but it'll certainly

make her day.

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Roeper blanked by state-ranked PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy's Jenna

Misch pursues a loose ball during the

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The way the Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team is playing these days, the Eagles can make average teams look bad and good teams

look, well, like Birmingham Roeper looked Thursday afternoon.

PCA, which entered the contest ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 4, humbled the Roughriders, 6-0, to improve to 10-2-1 overall.

The triumph also clinched a second-consecutive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title for the Eagles.

The Roughriders slipped to 7-3-1. Õverall, I

thought our strikers and mid-fielders played well

today," said PCA coach Nathan Yates. "The girls did a great job of communicating. I was really impressed with Allyson DeKruyter. She gave 110 percent effort out there.'

afternoon.

Yates said the Eagles' defensive strategy focused on containing Roeper junior forward Stephanie Holloman, the team's top player, in Yates' estimation

"She's a very good striker - a very good athlete - so we wanted to isolate her with man marking and then play zone with the rest of the defense," explained Yates. "We wanted to keep the ball in the middle of the field so they couldn't play it up to her and so that we could play the ball up to

our forwards.

The Roughriders, who trailed 3-0 at the half, were bolstered by a spectacular effort from freshman goal-keeper Alia Raheem, who prevented a mercy rule-shortened game with several point-blank saves.

"Alia did a lot of good things out there," said Roeper coach Mike Ruddy. "A couple of times she came out and challenged people when maybe she should have stayed back, but overall she did a great job, Eagles' 6-0 win over Roeper Thursday especially considering she's a freshman.

Brooke Williams was the offensive star for the Eagles as she registered three goals, including the winners' first (five minutes into the game) and final net-finder with approximately nine minutes to play.

Jenna Misch, Nette Somercik and Peggy Abraham also scored for PCA.

Senior keeper Sara Ross

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy forward Brooke Williams advances the ball up the field during Thursday's MIAC clash against Birmingham Roeper, Williams registered a hat trick in the Eagles' 6-0 triumph.

Search is on for new PCA AD after Johnson let

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chris Johnson, who served as the athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy since the summer of 2006, was relieved of his duties late last month after he failed to complete educational requirements that would have made him a certified AD, according to Dr. David Butler, the school's interim head of schools.

Johnson succeeded Doug Taylor, who left for a similar position in Virginia in June of 2006.

The upstate New York native was also forced to give up the reins of the Eagles' state-ranked girls soccer team, which he became head coach of prior to this season.

Assistant coach Nathan Yates was named head coach of the girls soccer team in late April, immediately after Johnson's departure.

"Chris is a very likeable guy and we're sad to see the parting of ways, but he simply waited too long to finish the certification process," said Butler. "He was hired with the knowledge that he would be on probation until he obtained the

certification and we didn't want to go into a third year with him on probation." Butler said the search for a new AD is

ongoing. Several current PCA staff members, including softball coach Dan Hammar. will handle the athletic department's administrative duties until a full-time AD is hired.

PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton, offers 10 varsity sports: boys and girls basketball; volleyball; baseball; softball; boys and girls track; boys and girls cross country; and boys golf.

Yates retained Bob Lorion as an assis-

tant coach following his promotion last month. Lorion served as the Eagles' head coach for four years before stepping

down following the 2007 campaign. "One day after practice a couple of weeks ago, Chris called the team together and let everybody know what was going on," said Yates. "We were all pretty shocked and surprised, but the girls have handled the transition well and there have been no speed bumps. I realized what had to be done and we've continued

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Members of Salem's softball team give catcher Emily Pitcole a group hug after she tagged out **Canton's Lauren** Leskovitz at home plate to end Thursday night's crosscampus showdown between the two teams at Massey Field. The Rocks won, 6-2.



Night vision: Rocks clip Chiefs, 6-2

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Thursday night's Canton-Salem softball showdown at Massey Field ended the way all highly anticipated rivalry games should end - with a bang-bang play at home plate.

When the dust had settled, it was the Rocks who got the most bang for their buck, surviving a late Chief rally to win 6-2.

With her team trailing 6-0 with two on and two out in the top of the seventh, Canton freshman Lauren Leskovitz laced a shot up the rightcenter field gap to bring home Sam

Partain and Nicole Rago. However, Leskovitz was nailed at the plate by a perfectly executed Lizzy McLoudto-Lizzy Mazorowicz-to-Emily Pitcole relay to end the game.

The victory improved surging Salem's record to 17-4 while Canton slipped to 8-10.

Freshman Briana Lee earned the win on the mound to improve her record to 15-2. Canton senior Hilary Payne suffered the loss in her first pitching appearance in close to a month due to an injury.

"I thought we came out prepared to play hard tonight, everybody was hitting the ball and Briana was on the money," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We have four freshmen infielders — we only have one player who's playing the same position she did last year - but the defense was outstanding."

It didn't take long for the Salem hitters to make their presence felt as they pushed across two first-inning runs on Kelli Janiczek's two-out, bases-loaded, seeing-eye single that dropped just beyond the infield.

Payne nearly escaped a basesloaded, no-outs jam in the first when she got Pitcole to hit into a

Please see SOFTBALL, B3

Suvoy passes away

Redford teenager Bobby Suvoy, who was featured in a March 27 Observer article that described how he was befriended by members of the Plymouth Whalers Ontario Hockey League organization, died Tuesday from the effects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. which is better known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

Suvoy was 16 years old and would have been a sophomore at Redford Thurston High School.

The popular, athletic teen was diagnosed with ALS in August.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Patrice; sisters Denise and Jacqueline; and grandmother Jayne Provenzano.

He was laid to rest Saturday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Whalers forward Chris Terry and Natalie Shaver, the team's marketing administrator, visited Suvoy at his home on March 15 when he became too ill to attend Plymouth's home game that night against Sarnia.

Shooters Golf Tour

Local golf enthusiasts are invited to participate in the summer-long Shooters Golf Tour, a development tour that offers six different competitive divisions and is played on several of the best public courses Michigan has to offer.

The SGT is also the only tour of its kind in the state that offers up-to-the-minute live scoring on the internet.

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Chiefs golf outing

The annual Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club golf outing will be held June 21 at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township.

The scramble-format event will tee off with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For more informa-

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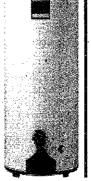
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Wildcats knock off **Howell in OT**

Chiefs, Lady Warriors also record key lacrosse victories

Plymouth's boys lacrosse team worked overtime for a thrilling victory over Howell Wednesday night.

The Wildcats edged the host Highlanders, 9-8, in overtime when Scott Darel picked up a loose ball, dodged a defender and fired a bounce shot past the Howell net-minder.

Darel was mobbed by joyous teammates following his pivotal play

"We do play exciting games, don't we?" said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We had great possession time in the first half, but just couldn't finish. Then we kind of lost it for a while in the third quarter and early in the fourth

"I should just tell the guys at the start of the game that we're down three," quipped Costello.

Howell gained an 8-5 advantage with 11:06 left in the fourth quarter. Less than a minute later, however, Pat Downey scored to pull the 'Cats finished with three goals.

to within 8-6.

Connor Martin then registered an unassisted goal to cut the deficit to one. Plymouth completed its comeback with five minutes left in regulation on Ryan Renault's man-up goal off an assist from Downey.

Plymouth net-minder Toufic Saati made a key save in the extra session before stellar ground work from Danny Norris and John Olevnik set up the game-winner.

"I am so happy right now," said Darel, following the game. "It feels great."

Costello gave props to a trio of freshmen: Ronny Lowe, Ben Burkman and Alex Miller.

"And our new guys - Blake Blaylock and Alex Turfe played well, too," he said. "We actually hit a few guys around

the cage. The contest was knotted at 3-all at the half.

Darel and Renault both



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Ryan Renault (18), pictured above during a game earlier this season, scored three goals in the Wildcats' 9-8 win over Howell.

PREP LACROSSE

Downey, Norris and Martin added one each while Downey (two), Pat Smiatacz, Norris, Tony McLaughlin and Chris Hoffman also recorded assists.

CANTON 6, NORTHVILLE 0: On Friday, the Chiefs blanked the Mustangs behind the strong play of All-State net-minder Justin Scott and the offensive exploits of Scott Wisniewski.

Canton improved to 9-4 with the victory.

"The defense put on a clinic tonight, shutting down the Northville attack," said Canton coach Kevin Riley.

The Chiefs held a precarious 1-0 advantage at the half thanks to a Wisniewski netfinder.

Meanwhile, Scott stoned a pair of point-blank Mustang efforts in the second quarter to keep Northville off the scoreboard.

The Chiefs doubled their lead to 2-0 early in the third quarter when Wisniewski stripped

the Northville goalie of the ball and promptly deposited the ball in the back of the net.

Canton ran away with the win after Joey Underwood tallied a pair of goals; and Matt Rodgers and Jake Underwood netted singles, Bryan Davison picked up an assist on Joey Underwood's goal.

PCS LADY WARRIORS 14, HARTLAND 10: On Thursday at Hartland, the Lady Warriors improved to 8-3 with the exciting victory.

PCS trailed 2-0 early, but

stormed back to seize a 5-2 halftime lead. The winners' largest lead was seven in the second half.

Kate Spangler sparked the Lady Warriors' offensive explosion with five goals. Also finding the net for the winners were Lauryn Ebersole (three), Morgan Franke (two), Chelsea Olson (two), Lauren Hahn and Megan Burke.

PCS coach Dave Medley credited Amanda Yang for setting up a lot of her teammates'

Oakland strikes early against PCA

ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

With a seasoned, veteran lineup, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian is living up to expectations this season as a quality baseball team.

The Lancers continued their best start since the early 1990s Thursday at home, scoring seven times during the first two innings to tame visiting Plymouth Christian 7-2 in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division

"We are off to a very good start," said Oakland Christian third-year coach Mike Tison. "We're been running the bases well, playing good baseball. We're hitting the ball at the right time. We're doing the right things to win baseball

The Lancers plated four runs in the first inning and added three more in the second before cooling off against Plymouth Christian right-hander Trevor Zinn, who pitched six innings and suffered the loss.

Zinn gave up eight hits, two walks and hit three batters, but didn't get much help as the Eagles committed four errors.

Oakland Christian's Josh Hartman laced a two-run single with the bases loaded and Robert Saunders added a two-run single later in the first inning, as the Lancers took the lead for

In the bottom of the second, Alex Loeffler plated a run when he reached base on a throwing error and Derek Zwier, who walked, scored on a pick-off play, easily beating the throw home.

Hartman added an RBI infield single to extend the lead to 7-1.

"We're doing a good job. We've kind of had to battle through a lot of adversity with injuries," said Tison. "Some of our pitchers have been out. One of our seniors, TJ Lutz, hurt his arm before the season and this was only his second game pitching. Our other top pitcher, Kramer Everett, hurt his wrist and it's in his cast. He can still pitch, because it's on his non-throwing hand. But he got hurt at the same time as TJ came



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy pitcher Trevor Zinn fires a pitch during Thursday's MIAC game against Oakland Christian.

"But we're playing through the injuries and we've played well," added Tison. "We lost three games this season and two of them we probably should have won."

Plymouth Christian scored once in the first and once in the third, but never mounted much of an offensive threat.

Brent Zinn had an RBI single in the first and knocked home the other run in the third on a fielder's choice.

Oakland Christian right-hander TJ Lutz got the win by going the distance, striking out six against five hits and three walks.

"We shut them down after the first two innings," said Plymouth Christian coach Joe Bottoff, whose team slipped to 8-6 overall and 3-5 in league play. "Our outfield has been solid all year and that showed up again today. Our infield, they've had their good games and they've had their bad games. We had a couple of guys make some errors.

"Our usual shortstop was pitching today, so that might have had something to do with it," added Bottoff. "That was a tough position for us. Most of the problems came (on the left side) of

Juniors lead Rocks to win over Knights

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's baseball team celebrated "Juniors Achievement Day" at Walled Lake Northern Friday afternoon.

Led by a contingent of 11thgraders, the Rocks secured their spot atop the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with an impressive 8-2 victory over the Knights.

Salem improved to 13-7 overall and 6-2 in the division while Northern slipped to 10-8 and 5-3, respectively.

Two other teams — Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill share second place in the Lakes with the Knights with 5-3

Juniors sparkled on the mound and at the plate for the Rocks. Dave Hales upped his record to 3-1 by scattering seven hits over six innings. Hales whifted five without allowing a walk.

Junior Joe Posler pitched a onehit, two-strikeout seventh for the winners.

The Rocks' four most productive hitters Friday were all juniors: Heath Parling (2-for-4, two runs, two steals), Sam Ott (1for-3, two runs, RBI, steal), Posler (1-for-4, two RBI) and Drew Grabowski (2-for-4, three RBI).

Junior right-hander Andy Tinkey suffered the loss on the mound for Northern to fall to 5-1. Tinkey was ejected from the game during the Rocks' four-run fifth for arguing a call.

CANTON 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: On Friday at Canton, senior Matt Barylski delivered the gamewinning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning to make a winner of Will Tidwell, who threw his third straight complete game to

DISTRICT #32 TOURNEY BRACKETS

Following is the schedule for the District #32 baseball tournament at

Salem High School May 27 and 31:

Tuesday, May 27: Game I (pre-District) — Livonia Churchill vs... Plymouth, 4 p.m.

■ Saturday, May 31: Game 2 - Canton vs. Game I winner, 10 a.m.; Game 3 - Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson, approximately 12:30;

■ Championship game: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, approximately 3 p.m.

PREP BASEBALL

improve to 4-1.

NORTHVILLE 10, PLYMOUTH 0: On Friday at Plymouth, the Mustangs improved to 23-1 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA's Western Division with a six-inning, mercy rule-shortened victory over the Wildcats.

The setback dropped Plymouth to 13-7 overall and 5-3 in the divi-

When you play a team as talented as Northville is this year, you need to play mistake-free baseball," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Unfortunately for

us, we just didn't do that today." Northville starter Michael Collins spun a four-hitter over five innings before Kevin Uetz closed the win with a scoreless sixth.

Cliff Buttermore suffered the mound loss for Plymouth, lasting 3.2 innings before giving way to Kyle Sanders, who worked the final 2.1 frames. Northville banged out 14 hits — two each by Matt Deacon, Joe Mitchell and Steve Anderson. Mustang senior left fielder Damarii Saunderson was 1-for-3 with three RBI.

Garrett Rebain, Matt Priebe, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton all registered hits for the Wildcats.

PLYMOUTH 13, FRANKLIN 2:

On Thursday at Franklin, the Wildcats mercied the Patriots in six innings as Michael Rose went 3-for-3 and David Harvey jacked a two-run home run, his third of the season.

Junior right-hander Brad Lineberry picked up the win for the 'Cats, giving up six hits and three walks in five innings. Kyle Sanders pitched a perfect sixth

Plymouth scored three runs in the first, three in the third, four in the fourth and three in the sixth. The Pats' lone runs came in the second. Plymouth outhit Franklin, 14-6. The Wildcats committed no errors.

"We were able to jump out to an early lead today and never looked back," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Mike Rose gave us a lift offensively with his aggressive base-running and hot bat. This was one of our best overall games of the year. We played well in every facet of the game today."

Other key offensive contributors for the Wildcats were Luke Merandi (1-for-2, three RBI), Garrett Rebain (2-for-4), Lineberry (2-for-4, RBI), Matt Skubik (2-for-4, RBI), Ronnie Goble (1-for-4, two runs, two RBI) and Kyle Traver (1-for-3, two RBI).

The Wildcats stole eight bases.



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Crush cruise

The Canton Crush 1999 hockey team claimed first place at the Fourth Annual Tim Horton's Spring Tournament earlier this month when they shook off a first-game loss and won four in a row. The Crush ousted Farmington Hills, 3-0, in the title game. Pictured are (front row) James Kinville, (second row from left) Kaiden Scott, Anthony Crews. Shawn Weldon, Brendan Kacic, Kayla Goleniak, Nic Azarovitz, (third row from left) Jacob Saunders, Zach Gallaher, Tanner Kendall, Nolan Turi, Justin Renzi, Steven Cope, Jack Balch, Graham Sudduth, Colin Finn, (back row from left) coaches Paul Goleniak, Joe Kacic, Nick Renzi, Tim Gallaher and Andy Balch.

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Canton improves vs. Franklin

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton senior Chris McGinnis has been money in the "vault" all season, but never more so than during the latter stages of Thursday's dual meet against Livonia Franklin.

McGinnis cleared a height of 13 feet during the latter stages of the meet to finish first and clinch the Chiefs' 73-64 triumph over the Patriots.

"Before Chris cleared 13, we only had 68 points and you need 69 to win, so all the boys ran down there and cheered him on," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "And Chris came through, like he usually does.

Richardson credited the win to his team's long-distance runners, a sweep in the 400 and Eric Piwowar's first-place efforts in the 100- and 200meters

"Our distance crew went one-two in the 1.600; one-two in the 3,200 and we won the 3.200-meter relay, so they really stepped up," he said.

The victory improved Canton's record to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, one game ahead of division champ Northville.

CANTON 73 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 64

THURSDAY AT FRANKLIN
Shot put: 1. David Fortin (LF), 44 feet, 4:5 inches; 2. Nate Coleman (LF), 43-0; 3. Rob Moores (C), 39-0.5.

Discus: 1, Jason Foster (C), 127-5; 2, Nate Coleman (LF), 115-9; 3, Lane (LF), 109-0. Long jump: 1. Ocie Lewis (C), 20-4; 2, Isaac Cadet (LF), 19-8; 3, Baumgardner (LF),

High jump: 1. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-10; 2. (tie) Keith Zech (C) and Tony Lawson (LF),

Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-0; 2. Kevin Beadle (LF), 12-6; 3. Nick Fenner (LF),

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Chris Jahoda, Brandon Tolinski, Josh Hurst, Keith Zech), 9:01.0; 2. Franklin, 9:42.8. 110 high hurdles: 1. Stuart Gregory (LF), 15.9; 2.Cameron Włudyka (LF) 16.2; 3. Tím

100 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.4; 2. Paul Voegele (ŁF), 11.6; 3. Isaac Cadet (LF), 11.6. **800 relay:** 1. Franklin, 1:33.3; 2. Canton

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK LEADERS

(THRU MAY 9)

Ed Merhi (Salem), 47-10.5 Dana Baltazar (Salem), 47-1.5

Mark Tucker (Thurston), 45-1

Sam Richards (Plymouth), 44-1

Adam Love (Garden City), 43-9

Nick Habbert (Garden City), 43-5

Cory Gomoll (Plymouth), 43-2

Rob Moores (Canton), 40-11.5 BISCUS

Mark Tucker (Thurston), 134-9

Cortney Frazier (Salem), 130-8

Dana Baltazar (Salem), 129-2

Jason Foster (Canton), 127-5

Nick Habbert (Garden City), 127-2

Adam Love (Garden City), 124-7 Keith Choma (Plymouth), 113-7

Cory Gomoll (Plymouth, 109-0

Rob Moores (Canton), 105-3 LONG JUMP

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 21-1

Jace Bearden (Salem), 20-8

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 20-5

Dominique Williams (Salem), 20-3.5

Adam Somers (Canton), 19-2 Brandon Roberts (Plymouth), 19-0 Michael Hines (Thurston), 19-0

Adam Payne (Canton), 18-11

Xavier Long (Garden City), 18-3

Jace Bearden (Salem), 6-4

Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-2

Keith Zech (Canton), 6-0

Cortney Frazier (Salem), 5-8 Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 5-8

Michael Hines (Thurston), 5-8

Paul Classen (Salem), 5-6

Adam Payne (Canton), 5-6

Pawon Daliwahl (Plymouth), 5-6

Leonard Wernette-Leff (RU), 5-6

Michael Nordby (Garden City), 5-6 Kyle Biega (Canton), 5-6

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 14-0 Chris McGinnis (Canton), 13-6

Ben Ambrose (Plymouth), 13-6

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 13-0

Joe Massel (Canton), 12-0

Eddie Koelzer (Canton), 11-6

John Krutty (Salem), 11-6

Derek Draplin (Salem), 11-0

Gage Hermann (Canton), 11-0

Phil Snyder (Garden City), 10-0

100-METER DASH

POLE VAULT

HIGH JOMP

Ocie Lewis (Canton) 21-0

(Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Eric Piwowar), 1:34.4. 1,600 run: 1. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:44.3;

2. Greg Reed (C), 4:48.2; 3. Taylor (LF), 4:52.6. 400 relay: 1. Franklin, 44.1; 2. Canton

(Ryan Randal), Ocie Lewis, Adam Somers, Nick Austin), 46.5.

400 dash: 1. Chris Jahoda (C), 53.2;
2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.6; 3. Davion Stackhouse (C), 54.2.

300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 40.7; 2. Shori Hassaign (C), 417; 3. Shart Fregory

Sherif Hassanien (C), 41.7: 3. Stuart Gregory

800 run: 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 2:02.6; 2. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 2:04.0; 3. Josh Hurst

200 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.2; 2. Darell Myree (LF), 23.6; 3. Paul Voegele (LF),

3,200 run: 1. Duncan Spitz (C), 10:11.4; 2.
 Kyie Clinton (C), 10:30.6; 3. Cole (LF), 10:43.6.
 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Sherif Hassanien, Davion Stackhouse, Jordan Wisniewski, Tim Betcher), 3:39.6; 2. Franklin, 3:44.9.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 6-2 overall: 4-1 in the WLAA Western Division

Rocks' balance prevails

Salem relied on personalbest efforts from a number of performers to rout Walled Lake Northern, 93-44, Thursday afternoon in a WLAA Lakes Division dual meet held at the PCEP varsity stadium.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 3-2 in the division.

"Overall, we hope that as individuals and as a team we're able to carry these successes into the 'big' meets at the season's end and send some hopefuls to the state meet in Rockford," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer.

Metever noted the performances of sophomore sprinter/long jumper Dominique Williams, long-distance runner Dan Martin, sprinter Anthony Mullins and long-distance standouts Craig Cowing, Matt Devey and Mike Charara.

SALEM 93 W.L. NORTHERN 44

THURSDAY AT SALEM **Shot put:** 1. Dana.Baltazar (S), 45 feet, 2 inches; 2. Ed Merhi (S), 43-10; 3. Anthony Davis (S), 41-3.5.

Discus: 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 129-2; 2. Curtis (WLN), 127-9; 3. Cortney Frazier (S),

Long jump: 1. Dominique Williams (S) 20-3.5; 2. Jace Bearden (S), 19-7; 3. Derek

Lindstrom (S), 18-0.25. **High jump:** 1. Zack Gaskell (S), 5-8; 2.

Jace Bearden (S), 5-8; 3. Gavin Sheridan (S).

BOYS TRACK LEADERS

Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11.0

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11.2

Anthony Mullins (Salem), 11.3

Demetrius Wilson (RII) 114

Rico Tyus (Plymouth), 11.5

Devaunta Baker (Garden City), 11.5 Antoine Mitchell (RU), 11.5

Ocie Lewis (Canton), 11.6

Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.6

Michael Hines (Thurston), 11.8

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 22.8

Eric Piwowar (Canton), 23.0

Devaunta Baker (Garden City), 23.5

Ryan Randall (Canton), 23.6

Pat Patin (Salem), 23.7

Anthony Mullins (Salem), 23.9 Dominique Williams (Salem), 23.9

Malik Rich (Plymouth), 23.11

Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 23.9 Ocie Lewis (Canton), 24.0

Jeremy Quillico (Canton), 24.1

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 51.3

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 52.3

Mike Hanchett (Plymouth), 52.6

Stephen Telenko (Salem), 52.9 John Stoddart (Garden City), 53.1

Chris Jahoda (Canton), 53.2

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 53.3

Davion Stackhouse (Canton), 53.4

Ken Lomski (Plymouth), 53.9

Kevin Stephens (RU), 54.3

Davon Mullins (Salem), 54.4 800-METER RUN

Kyle Wallath (Plymouth), 2:02.9

Ron Berger (Garden City), 2:04

Brian Chambers (Garden City), 2:04

Kevin deBear (Salem), 2:05.5 Keith Zech (Canton), 2:05.8

Scott Zech (Canton), 2:06.2

Justin Huey (Plymouth), 2:06.4

Craig Cowing (Salem), 2:06.6 Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:06.7

Paul Rakovitis (Canton), 2:07.3

Kevi deBear (Salem), 4:33.0

Derek Hoerman (Canton), 4:36.9

Josh Hurst (Canton), 4:39.7

Craig Cowing (Salem), 4:39.9

Mike Charara (Salem), 4:40.5

Matt Devey (Salem), 4:41.7

Duncan Spitz (Canton), 4:42.2

Dan Martin (Salem), 4:43.8

Jason Smith (Salem), 4:45.4

Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 4:47.3

3.260-METER RUN Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:58.7

1,600-METER RUN

400-METER DASH

200-METER DASH

Pole vault: 1. John Krutty (S), 11-0; 2.

Derek Draplin (S), 10-6; 3. Philip Hernandez

(S), 10-0. **3,200-meter relay:** 1, Salem (Justin

110 high hurdles: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), .6; 2. Mike Giles (S), 15..8; 3. Scott O'Connor

100 dash: 1. Alex Erebor, (WLN), 11.2; 2. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.3; 3. Michael Ankoviak (WLN), 11.5.

800 relay: 1. Northern, 1:34.3. 1,600 run: 1. Cory Sheena (WLN), 4:37.8; 2. Dan Martin (S), 4:43.8; 3. Austin Nell (WLN), 400 relay: 1. Salem (Pat Patin, Cortney

400 dash: 1. Thomas Ropek (WLN), 51.6; 2. Stephan Telenko (S), 53.8; 3. Shawn Quinn

300 hurdles: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 40.6; 2. Scott O'Connor (S), 40.8; 3. Mike Giles (S),

800 run: 1. Justin Kane (S), 2:08.1; 2. Kevi deBear (S), 2:09.3; 3. James Middleditch (S),

200 dash: 1. Carsten Walker (WLN), 23.4; 2. Michael Ankoviak (WLN), 23.4; 3. Pat Patin

3,200 run: 1. Matt Devey (S), 10:04.4; 2. Craig Cowing (S), 10:06.0; 3. Mike Charara (S), 10:07.0.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Dan Martin, Dan dsit, Shawn Quinn, Zach Basanese), 3:46.5. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 4-2

MORTHVILLE 89.5 PLYMOUTH 47.5

THURSDAY AT PLYMOUTH **Shot put:** 1. Gorley (N), 42-3; 2. Sam Richards (P), 42-1.25; 3. Cory Gomoll (P),

Discus: 1. Gorley (N), 140-0; 2. Pat Choma (P), 126-0; 3. Cory Gomolf (P), 109-2. **Long jump:** 1. Franchesi (N), 19-8.5; 2. Hrastu (N), 18-7.5; 3. Brandon Roberts (P)

High jump: 1. Franchesi (N), 5-11; 2. Brown . 5-11: 3. (tie) Mike Hanchett (P) and Reid

Pole vault: 1. Franchesi (N), 12-6; 2. Dane N, 17-6; 3. Mantay (N), 11-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor McKinney, Mike Hanchett, Warren Buzzard, Kyle Wallath), 8:51.53; 2. Northville, 9:20.32.

110 high hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 14.31; 2. Gerish (N), 14.98; 3. Piligian (P), 16.68.
100 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 11.11; 2. Gibson (N), Reid (N), 11.95. **800 relay:** 1. Northville, 1:35.44; 2. Plymouth, 1:44.99

1,600 run: 1. Zurek (N); 2. Justin Huey (P); 3. Warren Buzzard (P). **400 refay:** 1. Northville, 58.36: 2.

Plymouth.

400 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 51.27;
2. Mike Hanchett (P), 52.01; 3. Chew (N), 53.03.

300 hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 39.39; 2.

Arasto (N), 39.4; 3. Gerish (N), 42.16.

800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:01.75; 2.

Peterson (N), 2:02.39; 3. Matt Lewandowsky

200 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 22.84; 2. Mike Hanchett (P), 23.32; 3. Gerish (N), 3,200 run: 1. Zurek (N), 10:05.96; 2.

Griffiths (N), 10:18.75; 3. Justin Huey (P),

Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:03.1

Matt Devey (Salem), 10:04.4

Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:06.0 Mike Charara (Salem), 10:07.0

Jason Smith (Salem), 10:13.9

Kyle Clinton (Canton), 10:20.3

Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 10:27.1

Derek Hoerman (Canton), 10:31.0

Michael Nordby (Garden City), 10:57

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14.6

Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 14.6

Mike Giles (Salem), 15.5

Scott O'Connor (Salem), 16,0

Tim Belcher (Canton), 16.2

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 16.8

Quentin Peterson (RU), 17.8

Shawn Calvey (Garden City), 18.0

Jordan Norton (Canton), 18.1

Brandon Piligian (Plymouth), 18.9

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 39.9

Tim Belcher (Canton), 40.1

Scott O'Connor (Salem), 40.8

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 42.1

Mike Giles (Salem), 42.8

Kyle Breitmeyer (Canton), 43.0 Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 44.0

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 45.0

MacKenzie Barrett (RU), 45.1

Jordan Norton (Canton), 45.6 400-METER RELAY

Plymouth, 43.1 Canton, 44.6

Salem, 45.5

Thurston, 45.7

Redford Union, 46.3

Garden City, 46.9 800-METER RELAY

Canton, 1:32.9

Plymouth, 1:33.5

Salem, 1:35.3

Redford Union, 1:36.0

1,600-METER RELAY

Plymouth, 3:31.9 Canton, 3:34.0

Salem, 3:35.2

Thurston, 3:42.6

Garden City, 3:49.0

Canton, 8:18.5

Garden City, 8:29.7

Plymouth, 8:33 5

Salem, 8:43.4

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updates to Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor. Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

3,200-METER RELAY

300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:29.24; 2 Plymouth, 3:29.29.



Salem catcher Emily Pitcole tags out Lauren Leskovitz during the top of the seventh inning of Thursday's annual under-the-lights game at Massey Field. The Rocks won, 6-2.

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shortstop-to-catcher force play before striking out the next batter, but Janiczek delivered in the clutch.

The Rocks padded their lead to 3-0 in the third when Mary Cox led off with a scorching double to left-center,

advanced to third on a Pitcole single and scored on Lee's sacrifice flv.

Salem added a pair of runs in the fourth on RBI singles from Christina Parsons and Cox; and one in the sixth when Pitcole's two-out single plated Parsons.

Salem's 2-3-4 hitters Parsons, Cox and Pitcole, respectively - reached base in 11 of 12 plate appearances to spark the winners' 10-hit

attack.

Parsons was 3-for-4 with three runs and an RBI: Cox was 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI; and Pitcole was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a walk.

Leskovitz spearheaded the Chiefs' offense with her tworun triple and a third-inning single. Freshman third baseman Heidi Lucke also had a productive night at the plate, going 2-for-3.

Lee stranded six Canton runners in the first three

innings. She finished with four strikeouts and one walk.

Payne struck out seven Rocks in a complete-game performance.

Both teams made their share of big defensive plays. Salem freshman third baseman Heidi Schmidt speared a missile off the bat of Amy Dunleavy in the fifth.

Canton's most-electrifying defensive effort came in the second when right-fielder Nicole Rago threw out a Salem base-runner at first on what initially appeared to be a hard single to right.

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Salem one win from Lakes Division title

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Salem's softball team is so close to its first WLAA Lakes Division title in four years that

it can almost touch it. That's more than opposing batters can say about Rock freshman hurler Briana Lee's

pitches. Lee was nearly untouchable during the first four innings of Friday's five-inning 10-0 triumph over visiting Walled Lake Northern. She yielded iust three hits before giving way to fellow freshman Heidi Schmidt, who pitched the final

With the win, Salem improved to 18-4 overall and 7-1 in the division. A victory Monday over Walled Lake Central would give the Rocks their first division title since

"It would be really nice to win the division this year, especially with this being the last year of the Western Lakes," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We are PREP SOFTBALL

playing very well right now, but we know the toughest games are ahead of us and next week gets even tougher with four games in four days.

"There's no time to practice we just have to get out there and play our game and do what we know how to do."

Following Friday's lop-sided affair, it was hard to believe that the Knights had handed the Rocks their lone divisional setback two weeks earlier.

"We sure wish we had that first game back against Northern because today it looked pretty easy," said Southerland.

Pacing the Rocks' offense were Mary Cox (3-for-4, RBI), Schmidt (2-for-4, two-run double) and Christina Parsons (2-for-3).

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN **0:** On Thursday, a lead-off homer by Erin Rodes and a two-run shot in the first by Amanda Burnard carried the host Wildcats (12-7, 4-3) to

the WLAA-Western Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (14-6, 3-4).Winning pitcher Lauren

Smith allowed nine hits over seven innings. She struck out three and did not allow a walk as Plymouth played errorless ball.

· Losing pitcher Natalie Sanborn (10-2) gave up five hits, walked two and struck out three. One run was unearned.

Brittany Taylor went 2-for-4 for the Patriots.

SALEM 4, CHURCHILL 1: On Tuesday, the Rocks rode a brilliant mound performance from freshman Briana Lee, who struck out 14 while yielding just three hits and zero walks.

Players with multiple hits for Salem were Christina Parsons, Mary Cox and Emily Meade. Emily Pitcole contributed an RBI double.

The Chargers' lone run came in the sixth when Paul Guzik singled and Jordan Kerr doubled.

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GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 151. LIVONIA STEVENSON 157 FRIDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

(ST. MATTHEW COURSE) SALEM SCORERS: Tyler Jelenieiewski and Aaron Thompson, 37 each; Adam Powers, 38; Joel Cheesman, 39; Patrick Doty, 45; Alex

STEVENSON SCORERS: Drew Mossoian 38; Christian Debay, 39; Dan Dufour and Adam Giordano, 40 each; Jordan Rayburn, STEVENSON'S DUAL-MATCH RECORD:

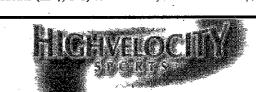
> **CANTON 155** W.L. CENTRAL 169

FHURSDAY AT HILLTOP G.C. **CANTON'S SCORERS:** Jeremy Lindlbauer, 38 (co-medalist), Aaron Blase, 38 (co-medalist), Zach Conrad, 39; Andrew

Rickerman, 40; Brendan Muir, 41; Clark Albers, 45.
W.L. CENTRAL SCORERS: Shawn Catto,

40; Chris Dodge, 41; Brett Abraham, 44; Armin Von Czarnowski, 44; Evan Smith, 49; Ben Baumgarten, 54.

DUAL-MATCH RECORDS: Canton, 5-1;



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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

NORTHVILLE 77 PLYMOUTH 60

THURSDAY AT PLYMOUTH Shot put: 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 30-0; 2.
 D. McLeay (P), 29-2.5; 3. O'Brien (N), 24-7.5.
 Discas: 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 95-7; 2. D. McLeay (P), 83-8; 3. Sklut (N), 83-7. **Long jump:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-4.5; 2. Jill Morton (P), 15-9.5; 3. Ciampa (N),

High jump: 1. Jenkins (N), 5-2; 2. Roach (N), 5-0; 3. Jurumbore (N), 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Renolds (N), 10-0; 2. Beah

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 8

LIVONIA FRANKLIN O

THURSDAY AT SALEM No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Anjelica Woods, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Alli Carpenter (S) def. Emily Wisniewski, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3:

Liz McKinley (S) def. Ewia Stack, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Michele Thompson-Linda Colin, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Angela Tomassini-Rebecca Fenner, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Emman VanHoof-Emily Hayter def. Stephanie Belcher-Lauren

Penniman, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Alex Lamb-Jaclyn Hoover def. Crystal Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger, 6-1, 6-3. SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 8-2-1.

Knisely (P), 8-6; 3. Murphy (N), 8-0. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth, 10:17.40; 2. Northyile. 100 high hurdles: 1. Konopka (N), 15.93; Ciampa (N), 17.20; 3. Mandy McManus

100 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12:18; 2. Cheaney (N), 13:37; 3. Wajker (P), 13:70. 800 relay: 1. Northville, 1:50.74; 2. 1,600 run: 1. Hagan (N), 5:11.58; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:39; 3. Murphy (N), 5:43.96. 400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Morton, Walker, McManus, Okolo), 51.81; 2. Northville.

400 dash: 1. Roach (N), 1:00.46; 2. Drury (N), 1:03.25; 3. Dehne (N), 1:05.48. **300 hurdles:** 1. Konopka (N), 48.74; 2. Ciampa (N), 50:01. 3. Johnson (N), 50:47. **800 run:** 1. Hagan (N), 2:22.83; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:24.74; 3. Dickinson (N), 2:26.75

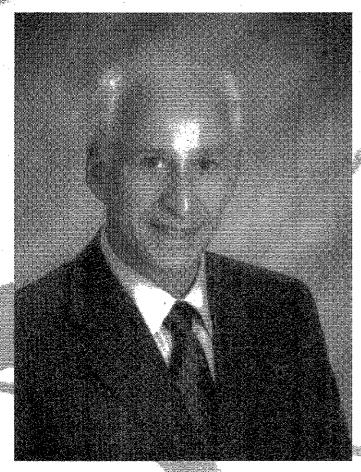
200 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 25.85; 2. Jenkins (N), 26.78; 3. Drury (N), 28.18. 3,200 run: 1. Molly Slavens (P), 11:50.53; 2. Murphy (N), 12:15.18; 3. Hardenburg (N), **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville, 4:12.90; 2. Plymouth, 4:30.64.

Need some mom time away from the kids?









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Jazz concert to raise money for cancer patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Elaine Greenberg hasn't let her diagnosis of ovarian cancer eight years ago put a damper on her love of music and dedication to helping people. On Sunday, May 18, she holds another jazz benefit to raise funds for Living for Music, a nonprofit which uses music to ease the suffering of cancer patients by brightening their day.

The 3 p.m. concert features saxophonist George Benson and The Cliff Monear Trio, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Prior to the concert there will be a brief presentation to educate women about ovarian cancer. Greenberg says, people are still being diagnosed too

Tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 age 15 and under. Call (248) 661-6344 or send e-mail to jazzconcert08@gmail.com.

Since Greenberg founded Living for Music five years ago, she has provided iPods for patients getting chemotherapy, and CD players for the music therapy program at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"We're very particular about to who we give," said Greenberg of Farmington Hills. "The money cannot go to a general fund but directly to people. This time we're giving about 40 insulated bags to Providence for patients to bring food to chemotherapy. Inside will be a Teddy bear, bottles of water and bars

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Volunteers sought for new study

The American Cancer Society is looking to Metro-Detroit residents to play a role in improving the lives of future generations by participating in a new study. The Society will be signing up volunteers for its Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) at Relay For Life of Canton noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Heritage Park.

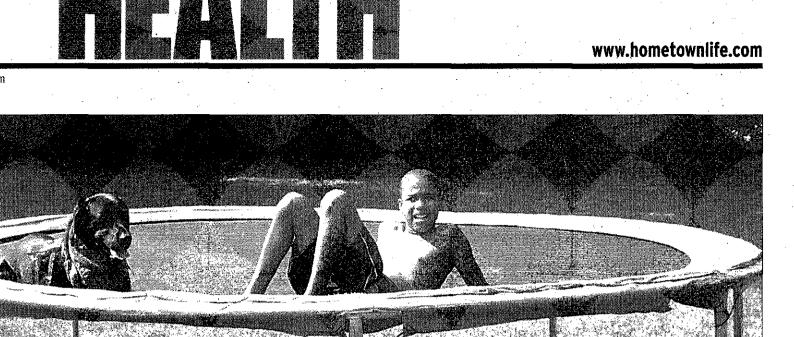
The study, which will enroll a diverse population of half a million people across the U.S., will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Participants must be between the ages of 30 and 65, must never have been diagnosed with cancer and must be willing to make a long-term commitment to the study. They will be asked to complete a brief written survey, provide a waist measurement and give a small blood sample at the enrollment site. After that, follow-up surveys will be sent to participants' homes on a regular basis over the next few decades to update health behavior

Researchers will use the data from CPS-3 to build on evidence from a series of American Cancer Society studies that began in the 1950s and involved hundreds of thousands of volunteer participants. The Hammond-Horn Study and previous Cancer Prevention Studies (CPS-I, and CPS-II) have played a major role in understanding cancer prevention and risk, and have contributed significantly to the scientific literature and to the development of public health guidelines and recommendations. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, showed that obesity increases the risk of several cancers and linked aspirin use to a lower death rate from colon cancer. The current study, CPS-II, began in 1982 and is still ongoing. But changes in lifestyle and in the understanding of cancer in the more than two decades since its launch make it important to begin a new study.

The Canton Relay For Life event is one of 64 sites around the country where individuals can enroll in the new study this year, and will be the only time CPS-3 will be enrolling in Canton. Initial enrollment takes 20 to 30 minutes.

For information or to learn how to become involved, visit www.cancer. org/cps3, send e-mail to cps3@cancer org, or call toll free 1-888-604-5888.



Genesis, an autism assistance dog, keeps a sharp eye on Daniel Williams in the backyard of their home. The 14-year old boy has been known to wander off due to the disorder.

Autism assistance dogs help meet special needs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Pam Williams was joking when she first mentioned getting a dog to pull son Daniel off the fence when he tries escaping the back yard. She knew about the different tasks Leader Dogs perform to keep blind and visually impaired people safe so why not autistic children. Williams went to the Web and found 4 Paws for Ability in Ohio. The nonprofit agency trains service animals to meet the special needs of people with disabilities.

For the past year Genesis, an autism assistance dog, has kept Daniel out of danger. Just last week the 14-year-old ran out of the car before Williams had a chance to grab his hand. Genesis chased after Daniel and blocked him from going any further until Williams could

Diagnosed with autism at age 2 1/2, Daniel is nonverbal. He is currently a student in the Birmingham Public Schools' autistic program.

"Daniel has no sense of danger and is hyperactive. She knows his running means danger," said Williams as she pulled out the red harness Genesis wears when they go out. A regular leash is hooked onto Daniel's belt tethering them together.

"In public we strap Daniel to Genesis and he can walk independently. It allows us to take him to more places. She is an awesome support. We stopped taking him to the grocery store because of his behavior. Now we are able to take him with us. We do a lot of walking. It really has empowered him to be independent and she's a companion for him."

Until Genesis, children in general avoided Daniel because they didn't understand the disorder. Ken



Daniel Williams

Williams, Daniel's father, sees her ability to attract children as the dog's greatest gift to the family.

"They said she would be a child magnet for him. For the first time last summer children would come to the door and ask is Daniel home. We would explain to them about autism," said Ken Williams, academic dean on the Dearborn campus of Davenport University. "It helped him in his socialization. He sits there as if he's part of the conversation. He sits there

like a teenager with a bunch of boys." Although the 3-year-old dog has been trained to disrupt repetitive behaviors such as crying spells by touching the child with her paw and to give comfort by nuzzling, Genesis' most valuable quality as far as Pam is concerned is the ability to search and rescue. To demonstrate Daniel and Ken leave the house to find a hiding place outdoors. Pam takes out the special black collar and leash used

only for tracking. Within minutes Genesis and Pam have found the two. Pam spent 10 days with Ken and Daniel at 4 Paws for Ability learning to handle Genesis.

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"If she had no other quality it is her ability to track and find him. You have heard about autistic who have drowned. If only they had a dog trained in search and rescue," said Pam. "She's been a real blessing in our lives."

The Williamses and 4 Paws have rescued Genesis as well. The black lab was in a shelter in Kentucky when Karen Shirk brought her into the autism assistance training pro-

The agency's executive director knows first hand the importance of service dogs. Shirk suffers with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disorder causing muscle weakness. At one point Shirk needed the help of a ventilator just to breathe.

After being turned down for a service dog, Shirk trained a puppy she named Ben to assist with everyday tasks. It was a short walk from there to founding 4 Paws for Ability. So far the agency has placed more than 299 dogs since 1999, 80 percent of those dogs with autistic children.

Seventy-percent of the dogs come from shelters and rescue groups. They learn basic obedience from inmates as part of three prison programs. The dogs then go through 500 plus hours of advanced training for tasks such as behavior disruption and tethering at the 4 Paws facility. While in prison the dogs leave for periods of time to work on socialization skills since they'll be going into stores and businesses as part of the daily routine of their families.

"They're groomed from the time they're babies to service autistic so they'll be tolerant of an autistic child," said Shirk. "We rarely take in dogs over a year old. The older a dog gets the harder to assimilate strange

We do see a great improvement in communication skills in the child which comes from giving commands to the dogs. The dog doesn't have any expectations so they feel more comfortable with their dogs, talk to their dogs. For those learning to be verbal, they're giving commands and it teaches them cause and effect. It teaches them to communicate something and have a result. They're not going to get the dog to roll over by throwing a tantrum."

For more information about autism assistance dogs, visit www.4pawsforability.org; call (937) 374-0385, or send e-mail to karen-4paws@aol.com.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Volunteers needed For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443. Fibromyalgia lectures

Speakers on diagnosing, treating and understanding the disorder, yoga demonstration, chair massages 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost \$10. Pre-registration encouraged. Call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. Presented by H.O.P.E. educational support group.

Skin cancer screening Free 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Suite 410, Livonia. Call (734) 462-9499. By appointment

To benefit the Arbor Hospice Foundation Thursday, May 15, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center,

Plymouth. An evening of wine, food, auction items, and fun, For tickets, call (734) 794-5152.

Asthma walk

American Lung Association of Michigan Asthma Walk will be held 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 17, at the Detroit International Riverfront. The walk will raise funds for lung health education, advocacy, asthma treatments and research. Registration is free. Families, children, individuals, and teams are welcome to participate. For details and to register, visit www.AsthmaWalk. org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Hearing loss event

Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday, May 21, chartered bus leaves Tel/Twelve Mail (cost \$30), participants meet with their state representative and senator, and attend a session of the Senate and House, hearing access provided the entire event. For a registration form, call (586) 247-4053 or send e-mail to ngibben1@hfhs.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box

4808, Trov. MI 48099. Race for the cure

17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute - 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park, Detroit. Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team. For information on sponsoring the race, call (248) 351-1862. Online team registration runs to May 13, individual registration through May 29, at www. karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit. Cost is \$12\$40. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or Race day beginning at 7 a.m. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, The free event offers entertainment, merchandise, pink ribbons to honor loved ones and other surprises. Visit www.karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS.

Nutrition for Life

Led by St. Mary Mercy's Tamara Lark, RD. 7-8 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Early registration required (\$15) per class). Call (734) 655-8950. The next topic is Carbohydrates: 101 Wednesday, May 21.

UPCOMING

Lupus loops bike ride

Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community outreach, programs, awareness and research. Registration fees \$18 before June 1, \$25 after. For information or to register, call (800) 705-6677 or visit www.milupus.org. A pancake breakfast will be served for all riders at the VFW Hall in Bruce Township.

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

Recovery, Inc. The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield, Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life, Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and landbased exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis selfmanagement, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

notched the shutout for the Eagles. The Roughriders were short-handed when they arrived at PCA with just 11 players and their situation worsened a few minutes after the opening kick when one of their players became ill and had to sit out the remainder of the game.

"When you don't have a lot of depth like our team today and you're playing a very, very good team like Plymouth Christian, you just hope you can sneak in a goal or two, play good defense and pull out a surprise win, but that didn't happen today," said Ruddy.

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Yates said his team's potential is limitless if it continues to play like it has the past month.

"At the beginning of the season, the girls' goal was to win the conference," he said. "Now, I think bigger things are within their grasp if they keep working hard."



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Close call for Rocks

Salem's Rachel Gizicki (left), pictured above during a game earlier this season, and her teammates dropped an agonizing 1-0 decision to Walled Lake Northern Wednesday night to drop their record to 6-6-3 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. The lone goal was scored with just over 25 minutes left in the game on a counter. attack. Salem nearly tied the game, but a Taylor Burgoon shot rang off the post.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton Chiefs baseball camp

The annual Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 16-19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, at the team's complex just east of the PCEP varsity stadium.

The \$120 registration fee includes a T-shirt and daily

The player-to-coach ratio is 5-to-1. Ex-Chicago Cub Brent

Sachs will be working with the young hitters. Space is limited, so early

registration is encouraged. For more information, contact Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255 or visit: www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefsbaseballclub.

Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through Community Education:

■ A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.

A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will be held at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through sixth grade in the fall of 2008.

■ A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall of

For more information on these camps, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

Girls track times

All Observerland girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their athletes' best times and distances in all events to ewright@hometownlife.com so that Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright can compile a girls track leaders standings.

The deadline to appear in next Thursday's leaders is Tuesday, May 13, at 9 p.m.

Salem grid camps

The Salem High School football program will be offering a pair of camps this summer - one aimed at youths and the other at women who want to learn more about the finer points of the sport.

The Salem Women's Football Academy, which is set for May 31 at Salem High School, will teach the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football women only.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds will to go the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's "First Step" program.

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$40 per girls under 13. Registration begins at

7:59 a.m. and the camp runs through 3 p.m.

The annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp will be held Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the PCEP varsity football

The registration for participants who pay before July 7 is \$10; the cost is \$20 after July 7.

Participants will receive hands-on instruction in the fundamental strategies and techniques necessary to become a successful football program.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents between the ages of 7 and 13, regardless of where they will attend high school.

For more information on the camps, visit www.football.salemrocks.com or send an e-mail to psstoo@com-

Salem football meeting

A meeting for all incoming freshman Salem football players is set for May 12 at 6:59 p.m. at Canton High School's "Little Theatre." All incoming freshmen players and their parents are encouraged to attend.

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Is senioritis limited to seniors?

As defined in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, senioritis is "an ebbing of motivation and effort by school seniors as evidenced by tardiness, absences and lower

But lately, this term has not been exclu-

High schoolers of all grades have been displaying more laziness and lack of care for their studies.

Father Gabriel Richard

High School sophomore

Katherine Swan agrees.

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bridges

In addition, students could be taking a demanding curriculum filled with honors

Andrea McIntosh, a Greenhills School sophomore, says, "(We're) tired of working

'Everyone just wants school to end and summer to get here. They don't really care (about school work) because they have worked well all year long." KATHERINE SWAN

and tired of staying up until midnight and waking back up at 6 but we're going to keep working until the end."

On top of a possibly demanding curriculum, students can be involved with other extracurricular activities, whether it be sports, drama, or even preparing for summer school.

One high school junior said. "It seems that spring sports are the most demanding. So as they becomes more time-consuming, school starts to fall lower on my priority

A possible explanation to this lack of care for school is peer pressure, said Clare Miller, a Father Gabriel Richard High School junior.

"Everyone else becomes lazy because they are influenced by their peers," she said.

Chances are, teens whose friends are hanging out on a school night instead of doing homework are more than likely to join in on the action.

Another explanation could be the warm

McIntosh said, "Winter seemed so long this year, so when the warm weather comes back, we get excited." Whether the reasons are legitimate or not, it seems to be a recurring problem for teenagers that when the school year draws to an end, so does their attention span.

"(When) summer is in sight," one teen said. "I want school to be over."

Ryan Bridges is a junior at Father Gabriel Richard High School.



Plymouth High School sophomore Lindsey Cerilli.

An angel among us

Remembering Lindsey

BY JILLIAN HATTIE **OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST**

Everyone knows about the large population at PCEP. People often talk about its "campus-like" atmosphere.



jillian hattie

But it can also be like a small town and when we lose one of own, word spreads and everyone comes together

quickly.

That's what hapch 24. when we had to say farewell to Plymouth High School

sophomore Lindsey Cerilli. Lindsey was 15. When she was entering fourth grade, Lindsey, a Canton resident, was diagnosed with leukemia.

She experienced remission and reoccurrences and fought it for a majority of her life, but Lindsey never let her disease define her.

Brave, kind, strong, confident, loving, optimistic - these are words that come to mind when one thinks of Lindsey.

Lindsey was one of the people who actually cared about the answer when she asked how you were doing. She had the special ability

It's hard to come by but

to brighten up your whole day, just by stopping by to say hello and her infectious belly laugh could always coax a smile.

Even though Lindsey was young, she had a lot of wisdom and taught many different people many different things without even knowing it. A friend since middle

school, Chris Sweet says, "Lindsey taught me two things over the years that I knew her. She taught me that you should be thankful for what you have and that vou should love everyone around you. She did these things every day of her life.

Emma Williams, Lindsey's best friend, says, "I will always remember her as my best friend and always being there for me. I will remember her deep laugh and when she watched TV, she would never stare at it; she would watch TV from the corners of her eyes. I will remember her personality and never forget my best friend."

Of course the people affected most by Lindsey were her family.

She is survived by her parents, Joseph and Lori Cerilli, and her sisters, Annie and

When asked, Annie, a junior at Plymouth High School, said, "Of course I love everything about my sister, but I would have to

say her courage meant the most to me. I can honestly say that I speak for myself and most likely many others when I say that there is no way I could go through what she went through. It takes a true fighter to fight a battle with cancer for 7 years. The courage she had changed my life and many others. Before she died I made her one promise and that was that I would change people's lives, and that's the one thing I

hope to do for her." Annie went on to add. "She showed me it's all right : to be different and never to be ashamed of the way you look, think or act. She showed me that life can be rough but just keep smiling because the worst things only make you that much stronger. She showed me the meaning on friendship, sisterhood, and love."

Some people feel it's a tragedy when someone dies at such a young age. But others believe that

they passed because their work on earth was complete and if Lindsey's job was to set an example of how to live life to the fullest, to take what is given with grace and to love those around you the best you possibly can - mission accomplished.

Thanks for the lessons, Lindsey. We'll take it from here.

Jillian Hattie is a sophomore at

Salem High School.

Standing

How teens can leave a positive handprint on the world

> MOLLY FESSLER **OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST**

In Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay 'Self Reliance,' he discusses an issue that has plagued humans through the ages: Conformity.

. Emerson may have been alive a while ago, but teens



Spektor?

especially can still learn from what he observed long ago and take it as an opportunity to revisit ourselves. The first

molly fessler question, is really to ask

what conformity is in today's society and what is non-conformity? Is it not wearing Hollister? Is it listening to Regina

Is it doing drugs? Is it eating tofu?

We discussed 'Self Reliance' in my English class recently and it surprised me that a great many of my classmates felt they were the true rebels.

I don't think any of us can claim to be non-conformists.

As long as we brush our teeth, wear shoes and take out our garbage every week, we follow the silent (yet harsh if broken) rules society sets for us.

Perhaps the only thing we can really accomplish in the fight for individuality is to look at the little things.

Some efforts to upstage our ordered world are silly or downright stupid (like drug use) but some have the potential to change the world.

We can examine our bias, misconceptions, and stereotypes that stem from conformity.

Emerson argues, and so do I, that anyone who ever did anything worthwhile, had to swim against the tide. Maybe we can stick up for the kid who's being picked on. We could defend what we believe, even if everyone else thinks it's stupid. We could (GASP!) try the tofu.

For those of us who truly believe in being uniquely ourselves, we can take comfort and courage. Emerson said, "To be great, is to be misunderstood."

Just like Emerson, we know in our hearts we're something different. We'll leave some positive handprint on this world.

Molly Fessier is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

The coffee conundrum

Independent coffee shops offer choice

BY MOLLY FESSLER OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

When teens — and really anyone else - choose Starbucks for their caffeine fix, inde-

pendent coffee

shops are often

pendent haven is the Plymouth

Coffee Bean.

pushed to the way-

One such inde-

The Bean, as it



molly fessier

is known to regulars, serves as a gallery for local artists, a stage for up and coming bands and a forum for slamming poets.

space for every kind of person," says Amanda Igrisan, a barista at the shop. "In one morning I can meet an average Joe, an artist and a middle school kid. Tucked in the corner of down-

"It's a one of a kind meeting

town Plymouth, the Bean is filled with mismatched furniture, potted plants and a ceiling painted with

While a favorite among loyal customers, some fear the business is in danger.

"I go to the Coffee Bean because the coffee just tastes better but I worry people who like all that stuff in their drinks will go to Starbucks," says Angella Tritten, a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

Since Starbucks, the titan of the coffee world, opened a location on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, many espresso junkies have flocked to the familiar name.

Conscious Coffee Bean patrons, like Tritten, are afraid that a

Starbucks take over would result in an end to consumer choice and the loss of a counter-culture community center

Igrisan though, says she has no worries.

"We really don't worry about Starbucks," she said. "It's so impersonal. People go there, get their coffee and leave. I can understand that fear people have though."

Many say the Coffee Bean offers a safe, cozy atmosphere, and a great latte and that's why they want to protect it.

"Here, we want you to come in and stay a while," says Igrisan, while her co-worker, Julie Patterson, added. "We're really friendly. We care about Plymouth (and) we care about

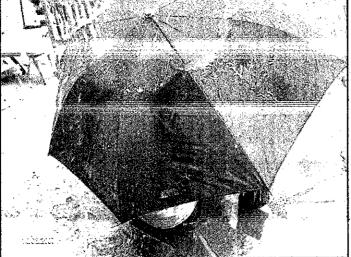
Molly Fessier is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.



Amanda Igrisan, barista for the Plymouth Coffee Bean.



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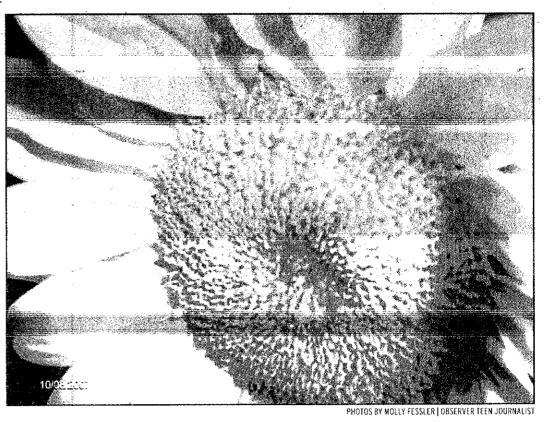
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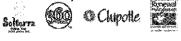




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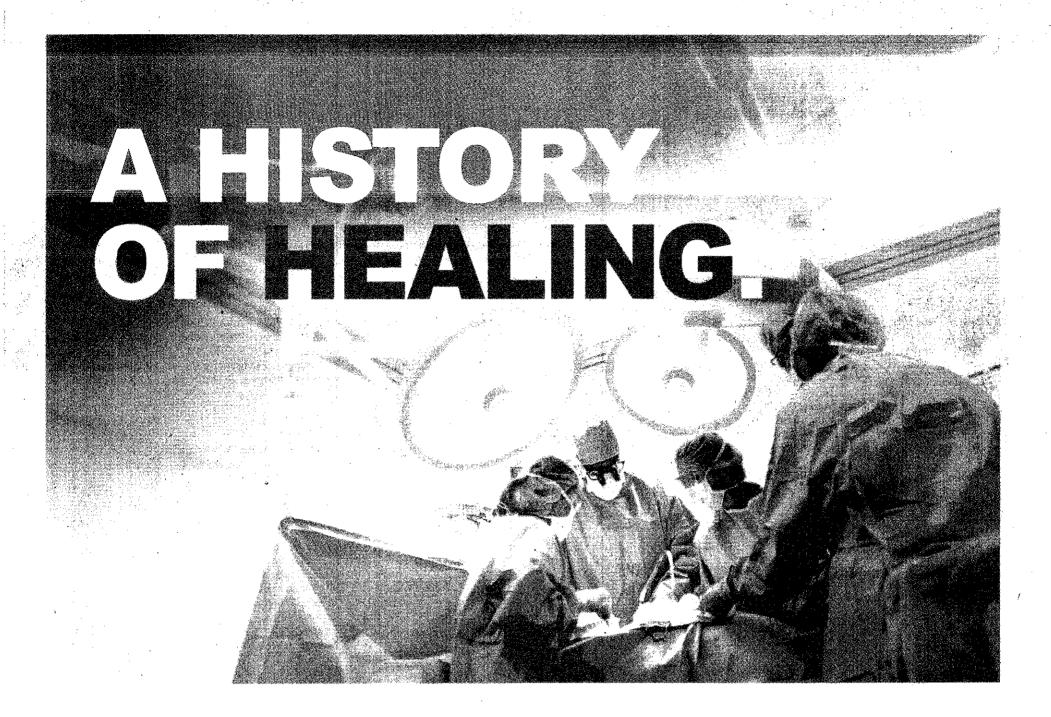
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Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates, please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

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An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

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Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 3489443, Shirley.peters@villageford. net may be contacted for further information

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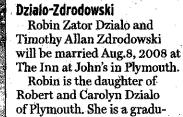
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ENGAGEMENTS



ate of Plymouth-Salem High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy. Robin is practicing law at Polce & Szuba, PLLC of Plymouth. 😹

Tim is the son of Watson and Barb Zdrodowski of Canton. He is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan. He is currently teaching biology at Salem High



School and is working toward his master's degree in instructional technology from Wayne State University.

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii and make their home in Canton.

Tony and Cindy Pascaretta of Oakland Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Pascaretta, to Jordan Schaefer, son of Gary and Susan Schaefer of Plymouth.

Pascaretta-Schaefer

Katie graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a bachelor's degree in April. In the fall, she will be attending the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Michigan,

Jordan received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In the fall, he will be attending the medical school at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University.

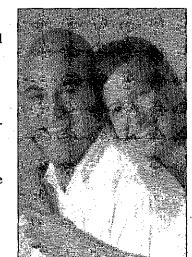
A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned for Rochester Hills.



Rebecca Pauline Wiener and Ian Michael Katz are engaged to be married.

Rebecca is the daughter of Laura Wallace of Plymouth and David Wiener of West Bloomfield. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is an area manager for The Buckle, a casual apparel and denim retailer.

Ian is the son of Randy Katz of Ottawa Hills, Ohio, and Nancy Katz of Sylvania, Ohio. He is a 1995 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School and graduated from Ohio State University in 2000. He received a law degree in 2003 from Syracuse University College of Law. He works as



an executive and corporate counsel at his family's Midas Auto Service Experts franchise organization.

An Aug. 31, 2008, wedding is planned for Toledo, Ohio.



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DENNIS ROBERT CARLSON, JR.

May 6, 2008. Age 62. Lifelong resident of Birmingham. Beloved father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle. His generosity and kindness will be remembered by too many to name. He loved and was loved deeply. Founder of Trutron Corporation in Troy. Past Board Director of Birmingham Country Club where he was a member for 20 years. Loving father of Samantha Stolz (Tom), Gretchen Dykema (Richard) and Dennis III (Stephenie). Adoring grandfather of Bailey, Blake, Noah, Jonah, Luke, Cassidy, Sweden, Jesse and Nicholas. Beloved son of Christabel Carlson. Brother of Ingrid DeMarco (Frank) and Eric (Gail). Preceded in death by his father, Dennis, Sr. Former husband of Sue Burnett, Lisa Kingsley and Sylvia Kempl. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel 2515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 5-8pm and Monday 2-8pm. Funeral Service Tuesday 11am at lighland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd., Southfield, Visitation begins at church at 10am. Memorial tributes to Grace Centers of Hope, 35 E. Huron St., Pontiac, MI 48342. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EDSEL J. Carlson

Age 80, Livonia, MI, passed away May 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

RUTH H. CARR

April 14, 2008, age 99. Honored as a creator and co-founder of BASCC Wife of the late Jack Carr. Dear aunt of William J. McAfee ,(Joan), Elizabeth Andrews and Jean Harris. Memorial service Tuesday, May 13 th., 2:00 pm at Canterbury On The Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford. Memorial tributes to Hospice of Michigan. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JAMES ARTHUR DIAMOND

36, of Livonia, Michigan, died May 6, 2008, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He was born in Wayne County, son of Arthur and Maude Diamond. Survived by brother, Ted Diamond; niece, Lynne Azzopardi and husband, Joe; nephew, Stephen Diamond and great niece, Maegan Azzopardi. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

JUNE TALBOT HILBORN

Born June 29, 1919, passed away April 29, 2008, at the age of 88, of Birmingham. Loving mother of Roger Jill), Thomas (Eileen) and Heidi (Chuck) Wilkinson, Dear grandmother of 8. A memorial service will be neld on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 12:30pm, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. We will miss you forever, although, we know you are with our father and your beloved husband, Anson. The family suggests donations to The Salvation Army or First Presbyterian Church -Playground Fund. Please sign June's online guestbook at;

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William Jesse Ray was laid to rest in the Garden of Love and Devotion under the statue of Pieta at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Westland, MI

MARIANA TOWER RITTER

Born on December 14, 1914 and went home to the Lord on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the age of 93. Granddaughter of two Civil War veterans: faithful wife of Leonard Ritter. a decorated career serviceman; moth er of Donald Ritter, who served his country honorably in the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam war. Her other son, Gene Ritter, preceded her in death just 4 years Mariana is survived by her four grandchildren, Kacey, Michelle, Jeff, and Tasha., two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Joey LeAnne, two daughters-in-law, and countless friends who loved her dearly. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile in Livonia, Michigan. (734) 261-5050.



KENNETH S. STOPA, SR.

Age 60, of Canton, passed away on May 6, 2008. He was born on August 19, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley and Sylvia (Urban) Štopa. Ken entered the United States Army in 1968 during the Vietnam War; he proudly served his country until 1970. He was united in marriage to Karen L. Woodruff on July 13, 1973 and spent 35 loving years together. Ken had a Master of Science in Hospital Administration from Concordia Master College. He was Senior Respiratory Therapist for Children's Hospital in Detroit. He was known as one of the best therapists mainly because he got along with everyone. Ken also was a professor at Wayne County Community College and was well respected by all of his students. A significant aspect of Ken's life was his music. He was the front man for the well known Motown group the Silvertones. Ken was not only the lead singer for the Silvertones, but he also played the guitar, saxophone, flute, and harmonica. He submitted a song to Hitsville USA. They played many weddings and special events and they are still remembered today. He is survived by his beloved wife Karen; his mother Sylvia Stopa; his children, Kelly L. Gregory, John W. Gregory, and Kenneth S. Stopa, Jr.; his sister Geraldine (Bud) Hillard; his brothers, Donald (Paula) Stopa and Duane (Billie) Stopa; and his grandchildren, Brett Gregory and Ashley Gregory. He was preceded in death by his father. A funeral service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Rev. Scott Crosstek with the First United Methodist Church of Brighton offici-

ated the service. Mr. Stopa was laid to

rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in

Livonia. Memorial contributions

would be appreciated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute - Hospice, 4100 John

R, Detroit, MI 48201-9945

EDWARD B. WROSCH

Age 90, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away May 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



YOUNG THOMAS JOHN YOUNG

Was born on December 19, 1928 in Montreal, Quebec. He went to high school at Lower Canada College and received his bachelor's degree from McGill University. John went on to receive his master's degree at the University of Toronto. A well respect executive with Ford Motor Company, John headed up Global Paint Engineering where he was regarded as a world renowned expert in his field. John was a devoted hus band, loving father and grandfather He was an avid fisherman and loved to play golf - his highlight was getting a hole in one at the Greenbrier Golf Club in North Carolina on May 7, 2008 in Bonita Spring Florida, surrounded by his wife and children, after fighting a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Michael (Lucy), Tim (Lisa), Susan Grunewald (Bob), Jill Spiegal (Peter) and Heather Eller (Bruce). "TJ" was also the proud grandfather of 16 grandchildren. Brother of Katherine Waters. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btw 13-14 Mile) Sunday 5-7pm. Funeral Mass Monday 11am at St. Owen Catholic Church, 6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memoria tributes to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780. View obituary and share memories at:



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Medley-Wingereid

Mr. and Mrs. David Medley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jeanne Medley, to William R. Wingereid, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wingereid Jr. of LeMont, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ohio State University and is currently employed as an account executive with Bridge Worldwide in Cincinnati.

The future groom is a gradute of Ohio State University and is currently employed as a manager at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Cincinnati.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 4, 2008, in Cincinnati.

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Kneip-Smith

Kore Lynn Kneip and Ryan Stanley Smith are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the

daughter of Paulette Kneip of Westland and Roger Kneip of Canton. She is a 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

She earned her first bachelor's degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids in 2000. In 2007 she earned a bachelor's degree in English and her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed as a substitute teacher and part-time bartender.

The future groom is the son of Christine Smith of Canton. He is a 1996 gradu-

Our Story. "We do have some

survivors' stories, some infor-

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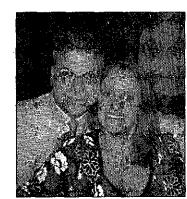
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Barr. "A women's church group



ate of Plymouth Salem High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technical University He is currently the program manager for Production Services Management In.

An October, 2008, wedding is planned with ceremony and reception at Lyon Oaks.

WEDDING



Webber-Hall

Dusty Hall and Jillian Webber were married Dec. 8, 2007, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Robert Miller (Jillian's grandfather) and the Rev. Dorian McGlannan officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Webber of Livonia and Janice Webber of Livonia. She is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a degree in psychology.

The groom is the son of Harvey and Linda Hall of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and will graduate in May 2008 from Wayne State University with a degree in kinesiology.

The bride was attended by Kelly Evanoff, maid of honor, Erin Webber, Karen Hall, Kacie Parm, Misty Butcher, Alexis Gay, Jennifer Schack

and Elizabeth Raley. The groom was attended by Brandon McCullough, best man, Bob Webber, Tommy Hall, Harvey Hall, Nick Evanoff, Danny Wright, John Diponio and Andy Wright. Tommy Miles was the usher.

A reception was held at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Florida.

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Annual art show kicks off outdoor festivals in area

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The fifth annual spring show, Fine Art at the Village, will feature ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multimedia, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry and more. An outside panel of experts juried the entries and invited artists with the highest scores to participate in the show.

Judges also will assess the artwork during the festival and award outstanding entries.

"We believe the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the Village of Rochester Hills is the perfect setting to view art work of this caliber and meet the artists," stated Donna Beaubien of Troy, the festival's executive director.

"Along with enjoying the exciting fine art and fine crafts, patrons can stroll the tree-lined streets and visit the over 50 intriguing shops and restaurants. Children can enjoy the playground and participate in the free arts and crafts activities."

Costumed characters from the Michigan Renaissance Festival will interact with youngsters while supervis-



Janet Schenk of Troy will exhibit her photography at Fine Art at the Village, in Rochester Hills.

ing their art projects in the children's art area.

Other entertainment will include Toppermost, a Beatles tribute band; the Blackberry Creek Dancers; cool jazz by Russell Donnellon; and Super Stilt Walker.

Local artists include: ■ Ceramics — Wayne Andrews of Rochester, Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills, and Jan Robb of Troy

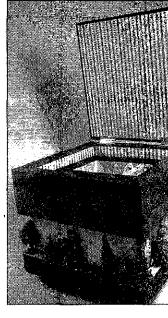
■ Fiber — Veronika Tobey of Rochester Hills, Judy Sledge of Troy and Barbara Scraggs of Troy

■ Jewelry — Charlotte Lodico of Oakland and Michael MacManus of

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■ Multi-media — Ruth Heginbottom of Troy

Painting — Lucia Lucas of Bloomfield, Barbara Markham of Rochester, Kathy Boltz Phillips of West Bloomfield, and Harry Villalonga of Oakland Township



A one-of-a-kind mixed media art box by Ruth Heginbottom of Troy.

■ Photography — Janet Schenk of Troy

 \blacksquare Sculpture — Rusty Voorheis of West Bloomfield

■ Wood — Bob Daily of Rochester Hills

A nonprofit art group, Creative Arts Council, sponsors the show.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and noon-6 p.m.,

Sunday.
The Village of Rochester Hills is located at the northeast corner of Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills.

Teen film fest focuses on environment

Teens with an interest in short films and an opinion on the environment, still have time to submit their works to the East Michigan **Environmental Action** Council's (EMEAC) second annual Youth Environmental Film Festival.

"This is a great opportunity for students statewide to learn about environmental problems using technology in a fun atmosphere as part of a team effort among their peers," stated Lottie V. Spady, EMEAC's director of education.

Entries are limited to five minutes and can feature live action, animation, claymation, still photography, or several other techniques. The contest is open to students, ages 13-18, and youth organizations. Films must be suitable for viewing by all ages. All films must be labeled with its title, and the filmmaker's email address and phone number. Material may be submitted in a Mini DV, Quick Time Movie File or on a DVD.

Participants must complete an application form located on EMEAC's Web site at www.emeac.org.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m., May 15, at Green Screen Film Festival, 3901 Margaret Street, Detroit, MI 48221.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$200 prize, go on location with a local director and have their film submitted nationally.

The youth film festival is slated for 9 p.m., June 2, at the Main Arts Theatre, located on Main street, just north of 11 Mile, in Royal Oak.

For more information call (313) 505-3325.

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pain to return, particularly because the time you must stop the drug is at least 2 weeks and may equire 4-6 weeks if you are to be sure about the relationship between the medicine and the rash However, no alternative exists as putting you on another medicine during that trial period could prove nothing if you happen to be allergic to the substitute medication also.

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Hills musical couple present 'An Afternoon of Song' Livonia Arts Commission

Adat Shalom Synagogue presents "An Afternoon of Song" at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18.

The concert will feature Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo and Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, and joined by the Zamir Chorale, the Adat Shalom Choir, and the Adat Shalom Ruach Youth Choir.

Musical selections include opera, classical music, Israeli songs, musical theater favorites, and songs celebrating the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Advance tickets are on sale at the synagogue during business hours or may be reserved by calling Caren Harwood at (248) 851-5100. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

General admission is \$10. **Noteworthy Contributors** (\$36 per person) and Virtuoso Sponsors (\$54 per person) are invited to a "pre-glow" reception at 2:30 p.m. and will have special seating.

Cantor Lanzkron-



Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo

of Adat Shalom Synagogue since June 2007. Prior to joining the Adat Shalom family, he served as cantor at Beth Hillel-Congregation B'nai Emunah in Wilmette, Ill., and as cantor and education director at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim in Cranford,

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo graduated from The Jewish Theological Seminary with a master of sacred music as well as a diploma of Hazzan. He stud-Tamarazo has been the cantor ied philosophy at St. Johns



Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo

College in Annapolis, Md., and majored in opera studies at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo has performed in recitals and concerts in New York, Illinois, Maryland and New Jersey, where he was a member of the New Jersey Cantors' Concert Ensemble. Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo resides in Farmington Hills with his wife, Lisa, and their three

Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo has been a musician from as

early as she can remember. After teaching herself to read music at age 4, she studied piano and violin and eventually went to the Manhattan School of Music as a violin major. During her time at Manhattan, she discovered her singing voice and, after changing her major to vocal studies, graduated with a bachelor of music in vocal performance.

She has performed in concerts and recitals in various venues, including the Donnell Public Library in New York City and the Tanglewood Music Center, where she performed in the U.S. premiere of Alexander Goehr's Sing, Ariel with soprano Lucy Shelton, under the direction of conductor and composer Oliver Knussen.

Lanzkron-Tamarazo homeschools the couple's three children, Max, Doris and Nicoletta.

Adat Shalom is located at 29901 Middlebelt Road, in information, call (248) 851-

TAIL-WAGGER TWO STEP WALK

What: The 15th annual walk raises

When: 9 a.m.:1 p.m., Sunday, May 18

Where: Twin Chimneys picnic site

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Farmington Hills. For further

in search of exhibitors Commission is still looking

for exhibitors for Art From the Heart, its annual arts and crafts festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, in front of Livonia City Hall at 33000 Civic Center Drive.

The Livonia Arts

Mediums include ceramics,

glass, pottery, fiber, wood, jewelry, metal, weaving, leather, photography, mixed media (2-D and 3-D), drawing, sculpture, painting, and more. Awards will be presented for Best of Show and First, Second and Third Place.

For more information, call (734) 466 - 2540.

Young musicians wanted

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding new member placement auditions on Saturday, May 17, at Stevenson High School in Livonia. If you have at least six months of music background, come join one of LYPM's six concert groups. The youth orchestras have openings in novice, intermediate and advanced groups plus a Flute Choir and a Saxophone Choir. To schedule an audition, call (734) 464-8704.

Three Cities to show art

Three Cities Art Club holds its annual spring Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale from noon Thursday, May 15, through 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18, during regular hours at the Canton Township Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

An opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, with live music and refresh-

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a prize, one of three gift certificates from local merchants.

In addition to fine works of art for sale, there will be art supplies, note cards, prints, and more. The event is sponsored by D & M Art Studios and Martin Miller Artist Supplies.

For more information about the event or the club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@

Christ Our Savior to hold prayer vigil

In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will be opening its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, for a Prayer

People are welcome to come anytime, stay as long as you

wish. It's a wonderful and moving experience to come into God's house and open your heart to God, silently praying for as long as you feel moved to. Everyone is welcome. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96. For more information. visit www.christoursavior.org.

Couple makes Tail-Wagger walk an annual family tradition

BY SHARON DARGAY ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Karen and Doug Doyle will start their morning early, Sunday, May 18, making about 40 pizzas at their Hungry Howie's store in Clarkston.

After they deliver the pies to the 15th Annual Tail-Wagger Two Step at Independence Oaks County Park, they'll walk their dogs along the park's picturesque trails.

The routine is an annual tradition for the Madison Heights couple. They walked in the first Tail-Wagger, a fund-raiser for the Michigan Animal Rescue League, (MARL) 15 years ago and hasn't missed one since. And for 14 of those years, they've baked and supplied the pizzas for the event, which is expected to draw about 250 MARL supporters.

"We are honored to do so," Karen Doyle said. "Anything we can do to help them get revenue, we'll do. I know all of the animal shelters need help right now."

But Doyle holds a special place overwhelmed." in her heart for MARL, located at 790 Featherstone, in Pontiac.

"I have been aware of this shelter for over 20 years. I've gotten four dogs from the rescue league. I can't say enough about the crew there. It takes so much time to work with these animals. Once they bring them in they need to socialize them and make them adoptable.

"Shelter dogs make the best dogs and that's due to the employees and volunteers."

The couple adopted a sixvear-old Lab mix, Abby, and a Rottweiller mix, Ivy, 11/2.

Doyle was so impressed by shelter manager Kayla Allen, that she named one of her first adopted dogs, a German Shepherd mix, after the woman. Another previous adoption from MARL, Shep, also was a Shepherd mix.

"People should look in shelters when they are going to adopt a pet. In this time of economic difficulty, all of the shelters are

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Doyle's sister-in-law will watch Ivy and Abby while the couple make pizza the morning of the walk. Then they'll all participate in the event.

MARL supplies soda pop and hot dogs, in addition to the pizza at an after-walk picnic lunch. The organization also runs contests for most obedient dog, best dressed canine and best trick. There's also an owner-dog look alike contest.

"It's a fun day," Doyle said. "It's a beautiful park. There are dirt trails but they are well-groomed. There's a lake there with several trails going around it.

"It's very pleasant to walk." Participants ask friends or family members to sponsor them in the walk. They bring donations to the event and also may mail them to MARL by June 30.

To learn more about Michigan Animal Rescue League, visit www.michigananimairescueleague.org.

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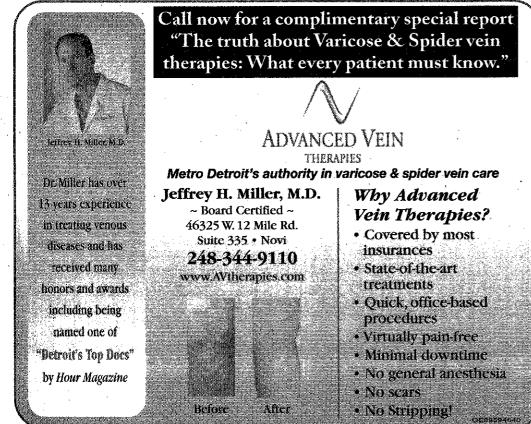
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EMERGING TRENDS IN PLACEMENT: THE WORKING RETIRED



Mildred L.

challenge for many would-be working retireds. Like people in other age groups, they're at a loss to

 what specifically they can do at this point in their careers;

– how they can earn money doing it;

 who can help them; and where they should go to find that help. They're looking for answers. PROJECTS

Jamie Pennington, of Atlanta's Flexible Executives, has been placing people in a variety of project-based work consulting from management and marketing to IT, sales, finance, advertising and PR/Communications, since early 2006. People who are 55 and older comprise more than half of her firm's database, which spans 28 states. Most of them work at home after corporate or entrepreneurial careers.

"There's an anxiousness to give back," she comments. "A lot of executives have been very successful in their own right. It's much more about contributing and helping younger companies succeed. A sense of accomplishment gets people up every day. I didn't think there'd be as much interest in

Linda Stewart, president, CEO and founder of Epoch Partners L.L.C., beadquartered in Boston, fills assignments for about 600 individuals in this category for three to six months, occasionally longer, in financial services. Some of her placements are also project-based. She points out that these workers "have made their mistakes on someone else. They have no political agenda and can collaborate.* Predicting that the knowledge transfer -- "mentoring" -portion of her business will eventually reach 40 percent, she says that this group is "redefining the way they work." She maintains that the average life cycle of a new product or service, from concept to launch, used to be five years. That's been squeezed to fewer than 18 months. For this reason, seasoned guidance in meeting this sped-up cycle will be essential. She further observes that "accomplished professionals and executives in unprecedented numbers are looking for alternatives to employment. They still want to contribute. A lot want to be consultants but don't know how to market themselves."

getting out there and doing project-based work.

ON YOUR OWN How can you find companies like these? Stewart advises you to consider M Squared Consulting Inc., Executive Smarts L.L.C., Business Talent Group L.L.C., and Gerson-Lehrman Group. "Look for specific disciplines," she suggests, "such as accounting, IT and general management." However, the search might be difficult. Pennington indicates that areas underserved by companies like hers are public relations,

advertising and business strategy. Stewart considers "most underserved because of the newness of the concept. Pennington advises you to look for honesty -- watch out for the Web -- and speak with five or six executives using a service with which you might affiliate.

If you have relationships with executive recruiters, this isn't the time to overlook them, according to Joseph Daniel McCool, author of the industry study "Deciding Who Leads: How Executive Recruiters Drive, Direct & Disrupt the Global Search for Leadership Talent" (Davies-Black, \$27.95). "I think they'll be forced, over time, to give older, retired executives more opportunities to come back into the workforce, perhaps on a flexible schedule . . . Retired workers usually aren't in recruiters' networks, but they would be wise to reconnect, because executive recruiters can be especially influential when it comes to reintroducing their know-how into the workforce."

Finally, look around you, close to home. Publicist Cher Murphy of Cher Murphy PR in Vienna, Va., owns a young firm after years in other companies. Her mother, Lana Atwell, fit the bill as business development director. "She is more than qualified after working more than 38 years for the government," says Murphy, "the past five of them in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She is a great negotiator, committed and loyal to the end. It's great working with someone with the same work ethic and, even better, the one person that you know will never let you down."

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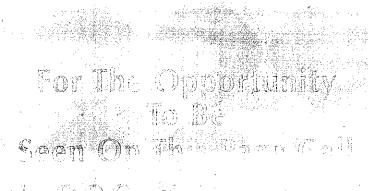
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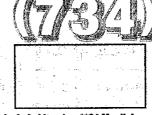
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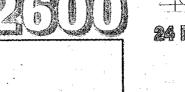


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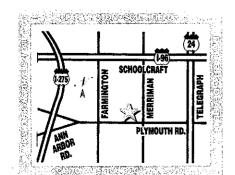
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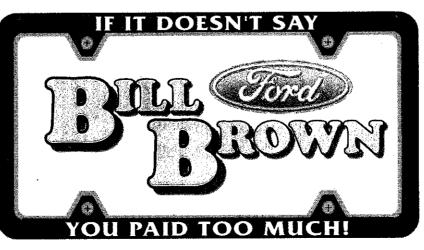
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Shingles, stone work, and a metal roof prepare the Pioneer (407-39) for any kind of weather. This 2,052square-foot home contrasts a rustic cabin quality with that of a contemporary structure built to last. The unfinished, skylight attic area over the two-car garage offers options as an art studio, an office, or guest area. The entrance to the Pioneer has the ranch effect with a covered porch and railings

The entry has coat closets on both sides, while directly ahead, below the staircase banister, are built-in bookshelves adjoining the raised hearth on the left. The entire left portion of the Pioneer is dedicated to the living room and parlor. Between the rooms, in the space directly opposite the massive rock fireplace, bay windows offer a view and extra light.

In the rear, a covered deck with steps into the backvard is accessed through a patio door in the living room. The main bathroom is located between the living room and dining area, adjacent to the stairs to the second floor. The area underneath the stairs has been used as a pantry. The kitchen has been conveniently arranged with the sink and dishwasher on the counter end near the dining room. The range and oven are on an island and the refrigerator is at the end of the counter near the island. The area has the appearance of open space and easy accessibility.

Near the kitchen, between the entry and the garage, a large utility room provides

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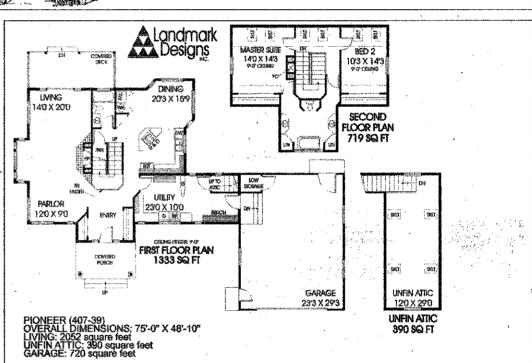
space for laundry facilities, including an ironing board, folding counters, and cabinet space. Just inside the door from the garage is a bench with hooks above, ideal for coming in, hanging up a wet coat, and changing soggy

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates. Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call; when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court. Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. Training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry **Association of Southeastern** Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the ninth annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on

Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or AAM members, nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part time staff. Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or **Building Industry Association** members and \$65 for guests. For registration information,

call (248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway

in Farmington Hills. The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title. Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in

Farmington Hills. **Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt** Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. The training is \$50 per person, or free if you join Green Built within 30 days. For registration infor-

mation, call (248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of **Builder Professional Services** Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower ener-

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better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

™ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations. Chuck Breidenstein. **CAPS of Builders Professional** Services Group, will teach management skills that give industry leaders a solid foundation in the best business practices for planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling smaller businesses. Case studies and sample forms will be used to provide practical and applicable tools

for management success. Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, June 11, from 9-10:30 a.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. This training will

focus on building operations and global impact. The training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR **Professional Remodelers** Council will hold a "Barbecue Blender" industry networking event on Wednesday, June 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

Attendees will enjoy networking, food and drinks with remodeling professionals. Registration is free for those involved in the remodeling industry. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "A/C Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The course provides a basic understanding of air conditioning components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative maintenance for professional

maintenance staff. Registration fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-

■ Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present Economic Forecast and Legislative Update for the Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begins at 11 a.m.

Join AAM for its first annual Economic Forecast and Legislative Update Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry. **Economic** Forecast speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners. Legislative Update speaker is Jack Schick of Karoub Associates

Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Association membership

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors, was recently accepted as a member of the National Association of Residential Property Managers (NARPM), joining more than 1,500 residential property managers throughout the United States.

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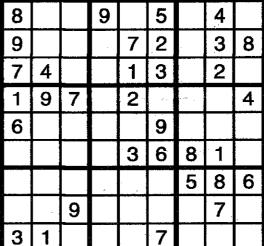
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WORTH A LOOK
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Mustang Shelby GT500 Coupe muscling into enthusiasts' hearts **Advertising Feature**

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With gas prices hovering between \$3 and \$4 in most places, I'm not sure how much of a market there is for muscle cars, but Ford Motor Co. is betting that at least some drivers are chomping at the bit to get behind the wheel of a classic muscle car brought back to life.

For the first time since 1970, Ford has put the Shelby name on a Mustang Cobra by giving us the 2007 Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 coupe.

Also available as a convertible, it's a true muscle car, complete with a powerful engine, six-speed transmission, beefy audio system and your very own gas guzzler tax to boot.

The Shelby GT500 looks tough and seems like it's ready to

growl at you if you look at it the wrong way. The front end features wide upper and lower fascia opening with a functional air splitter. The upper intake has the Cobra logo mounted offcenter, and the hood features heat extractors that protrude near the leading edge.

The Le Mans-style front-to-rear racing stripes add to the

The Le Mans-style front-to-rear racing stripes add to the performance-car feel and 18-inch aluminum wheels are standard, as are a rear deck spoiler, dual stainless-steel exhaust, and fog lamps. You'll be tempted to stop at the test track on your way to work every morning.

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You could handle the test track pretty well with this package.
The GT500 is called that for one reason - the supercharged
5.4-liter, 32-valve V8 engine that outputs 500 horses and 480 foot pounds of torque.

To dissipate the heat from all this power, Ford has given the Shelby GT500 a high-capacity radiator, an intercooler mounted below the blower, a loop-style power-steering cooler, and an oil-to-water stacked-dish engine oil cooler, in addition to the heat extractors on the hood. This engine is EPA rated at 15/21 mpg (hence the gas guzzler tax) and requires premium fuel

This powerplant is mated with a six-speed manual transmission, and I'm not exactly taken with it. The clutch feels heavy and requires a lot of foot pressure to push, and it can be difficult to quickly find the proper gear with the shifter. With everyday use you might find it easy to get used to, but I'd like something that's a little less work. Stop-and-go traffic in this car really gives your left leg a workout.

That aside, the GT500 can be fin to drive because it rides and handles well for a muscle car. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut independent system with reverse L lower control arms and a 34 mm tubular stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a solid-axle, three-link system with coil springs, 24 mm solid stabilizer bar and a Panhard rod for axle control.

lid stabilizer bar and a Panhard rod for axle control. You feel in control of the GT500 all the time, even on



New Ford coupe is first to carry Shelby name in 37 years.

winding curves, and rough roads don't toss you around the cabin like some "performance" cars seem to.

Rack-and-pinion power steering is standard and provides

good road feel. The brakes are excellent.

Inside, the GT500 has a look to match its exterior. The steering wheel cap and the leather seats feature the Cobra logo. The power front seats are six-way adjustable, and though there are rear seats, I wouldn't advise using them; things are pretty tight back there. Up front, though, there's plenty of room for the driver and passenger, and it's easy to find a comfortable driving position.

The instrument panel is complete, including a reminder light to let you know when to upshift. The tach is on the right side of the cluster, though, while the reminder light is under the speedometer. At first, this doesn't seem to make sense, but when you consider it, if you're looking the tach for shift widness, you don't need the light anyway.

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The center console includes a storage area and there are two cupholders and two auxiliary power outlets, as well. The trunk is surprisingly roomy; you can fit a week's worth of groceries in

Air conditioning is standard, as are power windows and

locks, and remote keyless entry.

The standard audio system is a Shaker 500 AM/FM/six-disc CD system with an auxiliary jack for your mp3 player, and eight speakers, rated at 500 watts of power. The standard system is very good, with thumping bass response and clean highs, but you can upgrade to a Shaker 1000, which – like its name implies – gives you 1,000 watts of power, plus 10 speakers. You can add satellite radio to either system.

This car could be a tempting target for thieves, but Ford has included a passive anti-theft system, separate alarm sounder,

an interior motion sensor and an anti-tow sensor.

The perimeter sensors detect the opening of the hood, doors or trunk while the system is armed.

The key is a transponder key, which sends a code to the ignition system to allow the vehicle to be started. Don't lose the keys; transponder keys can cost hundreds of dollars to replace.

The GT500 comes with dual-stage front airbags capable of deploying at full or partial power, seat-belt pretensioners and seat-deployed side airbags.

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The Ford Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 (that's a mouthful) starts at around \$41,000. Add the gas guzzler tax – which is not optional, by the way – satellite radio and the premiere trim package, which includes a wrapped a stiched instrument panel brow and center console with upgraded door armrest and aluminum pedal covers, and you're at about \$43K.

Make no mistake; this car is going to cost you, in its initial purchase price and at the pumps. But if you can get past that, the GT500 just might give you more muscle than anybody in your neighborhood.

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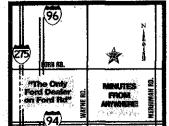
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