



Taylor Joseph, 15, of Canton talks about her book 'The Crossing,' which is set for a national release this October.

Teen author follows dream to write, publish her own novel

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TAYLOR JOSEPH

Age: 15 School: Sophomore, Salem High School

Of note: Canton resident is author of novel, 'The Crossing' (Four Star Publishing), which will be on sale at book stores Oct. 1 (it can currently be purchased on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com)

Judges at odds over next jurist

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Political agendas have once again surfaced in Plymouth's 35th District Court as two of the three judges have endorsed candidates in the Nov. 4 elec-

MacDonald

Gerou

tion, despite a court policy that encourages sitting judges to remain neutral. Judge John

MacDonald is endorsing Jim Plakas of Northville Township for the seat being vacated by

MacDonald in January. MacDonald also endorsed Plakas two years ago

against Judge Ron Lowe - who beat Plakas for re-election to a six-year term - as the two became adversaries while serving on the 35th District Court bench.

Meanwhile, Judge Mike

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sion in the community that because one judge is speaking out backing a candidate that the other judges agree or didn't care, neither of which is true.

"I will gladly work with whomever wins, but that's not to say that I don't think there's one candidate that's better or more qualified," he added. "I think Joe's the best candidate for the position; he's very respectful, prepared and involved in the community."

Gerou, who admits to voting for Barone in the August primary, said Barone didn't ask for the endorsement and it's not a negative against Plakas.

Lowe said the policy for court employees put in place in February prohibits campaigning on court time or using court equipment. And while the Canons of Judicial Conduct allow judges to endorse judicial candidates, Lowe sought the assurance of MacDonald and Gerou to return to the past practice of judges remaining neutral in the election. "Of which John refused," Lowe said. "I had hoped John had learned from two years ago. A majority of people who approached me during that campaign told me that was wrong. "This is precisely wrong from John to get involved, ' it's not in the best interest of the court," Lowe added. "You

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

Many of today's 15-year-olds with literary talent use the powers of a Internet blog to be heard. Taylor Joseph decided to skip that route and instead found a book publisher.

The Canton girl's first novel, The Crossing, will be out on bookstore shelves beginning Oct. 1. The book, published by the Canton-based Four Star Publishing, is based on the struggle of a 12-year-old Mexican girl and is already for sale on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com.

The idea for the novel was

natched two years ago when Taylor, a Salem High School sophomore, caught a news report on illegal immigration.

"A lot of my friends are amazed that I actually wrote a book," she grinned. "I have always wanted to be an author and when I told my dad, he told me to go for it and follow my dreams."

Taylor's father, Lawrence, helped her complete the book and is overseeing Taylor's budding career. He spends many days going over paperwork, making phone calls, sending e-mails and corresponding with his daughter's marketing team.

'I knew the book had a lot of potential and after reading it, I had a feeling about it but I never knew it would take off like this," he said.

Lawrence said the novel has gotten a good response from those that have read its 199

pages. "We have a couple friends who would not hesitate to hurt our feelings if they thought it was bad," he said.

Taylor, who wrote her first book when she was 8, said she never had any doubts about introducing The Crossing to the world.

"I told myself that if I wrote this, I wanted it out for the

public," she said. As she leafs through the pages of The Crossing, Taylor, who loves basketball and being with her friends, smiles when discussing her future and says she wouldn't mind staying in the literary world or becoming a nurse or a screenplay writer or a voice over for films.

"Everyone has been so supportive," the teen says. "And I'm having a lot of fun."

Gerou – who remained neutral in the race two years ago - has come out in favor of judicial candidate Joe Barone of Plymouth Township.

"I had abided by Judge Lowe's policy where we were trying to keep the court out of this, which was strictly a voluntary policy because people do have their constitutional rights to free speech," Gerou said. "One of the judges

(MacDonald) didn't, and it's my perception that created an unfair playing field and created a false impres-

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Calling all pooches New trail will be site of event geared

toward pets and their owners

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

The first ever Heart & Bark will kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 13) at the Lower Rouge **River Recreation Trail, located** at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue. The event, which will last until 2 p.m., is sponsored by Canton Township and the Humane Society of Huron Valley in Ann Arbor and will offer a variety of health information for dogs, as well as pet owners.

"This will be a combination

of fun and information," said Marina Harvey, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services, noting that a Humane Society volunteer approached township officials with the idea of the event.

The day's activities will include free and discounted services, such as 200, firstcome, first-serve rabies vaccinations from noon to 2 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$5 and a micro chip clinic that will cost \$25 per dog. Harvey said cats can also be chipped but they must be held in a carrier.

HEART & BARK

Scheduled activities: 10:15 a.m. - K-9/Agility Demonstration 11 a.m. – Dog Hike 11:45 a.m. - Pet/Owner Look-A-Like Contest (costume-based)

In addition to pet store vendors and a veterinarian that will be available to answer questions, the event will offer those in attendance free blood pressure and glucose screenings by Oakwood Healthcare System. "This event is geared toward pet owners and their best friends," Harvey said, adding that she believes the two scheduled contests, pet/owner look-alike and funniest pet trick, will add humor to the festivities.

"I think they are both going

12:30 p.m. – K-9/Agility
Demonstration
1 p.m. – Funniest Pet Trick
Contest
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Humane
Society of Huron Valley Wheel of
Fortune
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Kids Crafts

to be pretty silly," she laughed, adding that the look-alike contest is costume-based. Both events require a \$5 entry fee and the winner will be chosen by audience reaction.

"We just want people to come on out," Harvey said, adding that the all dogs must be leashed and under the control of their owner. "We're asking that people use their best judgment."

No registration is necessary and for more information on the event, call (734) 394-5460.



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Jazz Festival

Shahida Nurullah of the Doug Cassens Quintet opens the Village Jazz Festival in Canton's Cherry Hill Village. The weekend-long event, sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, features local and national artists. Nurullah was accompanied by Doug Cassens on sax, Dan Valeen on bass guitar, Rory Dewey on keyboard, and Mike Murphy on drums.



Three Cities Art Club

The Three Cities Art Club will hold a free pen and ink workshop taught by Al Weber on Sept. 8 at the Canton Administrative Building. Everyone attending will have an opportunity to learn about and try their hand at pen and ink. Supplies will be furnished but attendees can bring their own. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (248) 557-3800 or (734) 397-2348, or via e-mail threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

New police officers



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Henry Ford Community College and was formerly a police officer in Ypsilanti, and Shea Wall, 24, who earned his bachelor of science degree from Madonna

degree from



University in 2006, have joined the department. Candidates for the Canton Police Department go through a vigorous test-

ing process that includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about employment opportunities in Canton visit www.canton-mi.org.

Sheldon Center public meeting

A public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18 to discuss the widening and reconstruction of Canton Center Road, Sheldon Center Road and Sheldon Road. The meeting is being hosted by The Wayne County Department of Public Services in cooperation with Canton Township in the PDC Room at Canton's Summit September networking lun-

on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

AROUND CANTON

Construction on this project is set to begin in the summer of 2009 and will include widening Canton Center Road to, five lanes from Warren Road north to where Canton Center Road splits and turns to the northwest, reconstruction and widening Sheldon Road to five lanes from Canton Center Road to Joy Road and reconstruction and widening the Sheldon Road connector to three lanes from Sheldon Road to Sheldon Center Road. At the meeting, residents will receive a project overview with preliminary plans as well as a road grading, drainage, and sidewalk improvement overview.

The meeting is open to the public and is an excellent opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns. For more information please call Canton's Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its cheon at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 10, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

September's luncheon will feature guest speaker Ron Meloni, Local 4 business editor. He will speak about Michigan's economic situation, its difficulties and the bright spots that will bring the state back to its former prominence. 'We are thrilled to have Mr.

Meloni speak at our chamber luncheon", said Chamber President Dianne Cojei.

Seating for the luncheon, which is being sponsored by Admiral Cruise & Tour Center and Xuereb Snow PC, is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

POW/MIA service

There will be a POW/MIA service at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept 19 at the Canton Veterans Memorial west of the Canton Township Administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. For more information, contact John Spencer at (734) 397-8975 or johnscott44@yahoo.com. Leisure Services focus

groups

Canton Leisure Services is currently looking for interested individuals who would like to participate in focus groups that will address seniors and teens needs in Canton.

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Junior artist

Samantha Massolia of Canton holds her art achievement certificate from the D & M Art Studio's summer art camp program. She is standing in front of the mural children in the program painted at the studio, which is located at 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton. D & M is now enrolling for fall classes, which are available for artists ages 3 up to and including adults in drawing, cartooning, painting, watercolor, oils, acrylic, working with pottery's and much more. They also have classes designed just for the special artists that are home schooled. For more information, call (734) 453-3710 or visit the Web site www.dmartstudio.com.

Residents can help identify the recreation desires and needs of these population segments. The focus groups will meet on Monday, Sept. 8 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

The senior meeting will be held at 6 p.m. and the teen meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. A second round of focus groups will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, with the senior group meeting at 6 p.m. and the teen meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

For those interested in participating, reserve a spot by contacting Patty Dunn at (734) 394-5479 or pdunn@cantonmi.org, or Marianne Stewart at (734) 394-5462 or mstewart@ canton-mi.org.

For more information visit www.canton-mi.org or call Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz at (734) 394-5464.

YMCA Mom to Mom

The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom to Mom sale from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Schoolcraft and Lyndon. Proceeds to benefit the YMCA's Strong Kids program. Admission is \$1; strollers allowed after 4 p.m. Bake sale, hot dogs and nachos for purchase.





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Business fixes auto dings, dents, scratches at your home or work BY KURT KUBAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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At one time or another most drivers have gotten into a little fender bender, backed into a fence post or had something else occur that did body damage to their automobile. Getting the ding, dent or scratch repaired can sometimes be an inconvenience, because the car must be dropped off at a body shop and can sometimes take days to get back.

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"Instead of having your car in a body shop for four or five days, we'll come out and be done in 3-4 hours," said Jeff Olle, a former Canton resident, who is a regional operations director with the company. "We do footballsize dents or smaller, and we can fix 2-3 panels of a car at one time."

The company also replaces mirrors, fenders, and headlights, but they don't do any repairs on hoods or roofs.





Lennie Rutkowski, who grew up in Garden City, works on the bumper of a Saturn under one of the inflatable garages that Collision on Wheels takes on the road.

The Perfect Present for every

Jeff Olle, a 1988 Salem High graduate and former Canton resident, is regional operations director for Collision on Wheels.

Louis Mancina and John Maio founded the Warrenbased company in 1987. Since then it has grown dramatically and there are now 45 franchise locations spread throughout 29 states, including one that services western Wayne County, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, and is managed by Rob White. He can be contacted at (866) 402-DENT.

According to Olle, another advantage of using Collision on Wheels is that they can also come to your business, and do the repair work while you work.

"That's so they don't have to take a day off work - the boss appreciates that," said Olle, who is a 1988 Salem High graduate. "We're not necessarily cheaper than a body shop. But our biggest advantage is time, no doubt about it. And you don't need to get a rental car.'

Olle says poor weather or paint over spray are never problems because the company brings out an inflatable garage and does all the work under its protective surroundings.

According to Lennie Rutkowski, a technical manager, the company also specializes in doing work

on lease vehicles that need to be turned in, and might have the kind of blemishes that the car companies will charge for.

We know what the lease companies are looking for - what you can get away with, what you can't get away with," said Rutkowski, who grew up in Garden City and formerly owned Lenny's Body Shop in Redford for 23

years. All work performed by Collision on Wheels has a lifetime warranty. For more information about the company, visit www.collisiononwheels.com or call (866) 402-DENT.





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Threatening phone calls

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A township woman reported to Canton police that she believes the man who bought



some credibility to the notion that motherhood robs women of their teeth. According to analysis of data Involving 2,635 women in the United States aged 18 to 64 years, women who gave birth to more children tended to lose more teeth. This was found to be true reaardless of socioeconomic status. A probable cause for the increase in tooth loss among others is the gingivitis that women are more prone to during pregnancy. If left untreated, this buildup in bacteria between the teeth and gums can lead to more serious gum disease and, eventually, tooth loss. Moreover, women may be less likely to visit the dentist while pregnant.

Keeping up with regular dental checkups will give your dentist the opportunity to keep an eye on any possible areas of developing gum disease. And if you follow conscientiously vour dentist's recommendations for athome care, you will be more likely to have fewer potential gun problems.

When was your last dental visit? Now would be a good time to schedule your next exam. If you don't have a family dentist, we are accepting new patients and we welcome your call at 734-453-9413. We're located at 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth.

P.S. Pregnancy brings hormonal changes that are linked to an increase in the plaque on teeth, which, if not removed with flossing and brushing, can lead to gun disease OE0861930

her former home is harassing her. The woman, 53, said she sold her Southfield home to a 30-year-old man two years ago after her husband died. A few weeks later, the man contacted her and accused her of ripping him off saying that the property had a broken window and leaking roof. The woman told the man not to call her again.

On Aug. 28, the woman said she got a call from an unknown number and the person on the other end asked if she was still ripping people off and had she killed anyone lately. The woman then hung up the phone.

The next day, the person called again asking the same questions. When the woman responded that the caller had the wrong number, they answered, "No, I don't. I know who this is." The person then said her husband's name and accused her of killing him.

The woman says she was then told to "watch her back." Afraid for her safety, the

woman told police that the caller

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CANTON COP CALLS didn't provide an identity but doesn't believe it could be anyone pit bull in a metal crate was else besides the man who bought her previous residence.

Golf course vandalized

The area surrounding the No. 8 hole at Pheasant Run Golf Course was reported vandalized Tuesday. Employees of the Canton-owned golf course told Canton police that a granite sign, valued at \$1,000, had been taken from the area, which is near Heritage Road, and that other items, such as flags and yardage markers, had been strewn about the property. In addition, a portable toilet was tipped over. There are no suspects.

Neglected pets

After getting an anonymous tip of possible animal neglect, township police visited a residence on the 51000 block of Mott Road to check on the welfare of two pit bulls. When officers arrived at the

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scene, no one was home but a visible through a window. The officer who spotted the dog said the animal stood up when he noticed him and the officer noted that the dog was so thin that his ribs were fully visible.

The officers then left the home but returned later and spoke with a 17-year-old boy who said he had only been living at the residence for a short time. He told police that the household was going through difficult financial times and that money for dog food would run out before the end of the month. He then gave what was left of the remaining dog food to the animals. The officer later spoke with a 31-year-old woman on the telephone who said the dogs were thin because they had worms. The woman said the animals had been treated for the condition on Monday.

Purse snatched at Wal-Mart

A 28-year-old Ontario

woman reported that her purse sold alcohol to a minor while. had been stolen out of her shopping cart while she was in Wal-Mart on Monday.

The woman said she was browsing at children's clothing when she turned from the cart. After a few moments, she realized her purse had been taken. She reported having \$50 in U.S. cash and \$15 in Canadian money in her bag, along with her license and keys.

Upon contacting store officials, township police were informed that the building's security cameras didn't capture hol sales to under age persons the theft.

llegal sales to a minor

The Canton Police **Department's Special** Enforcement Unit nabbed three township establishments for selling alcohol or tobacco to a minor in August. Fourteen other businesses were checked but refused to sell to a decov minor.

Ginger Cuisine, 8465 N. Lilley, and Mobile Lounge, 45851 Michigan Avenue,

Vintners, Country Deli, 4 Friends Bar & Grill, Palermo's and Rite Aid refused the sale.

BP Gas, 41345 Ford Road, sold tobacco to a minor while Valero Gas, Pinetree Party Store, Mirage,

Mobile Gas, En-Joy Party Store, Oakview Party Store, Rite Aid and two 7-11 stores refused the sale.

The police department has been performing the compliance checks for several years.

Under local ordinance, alcoas the result of an undercover operation result in a civil infraction ticket being issued to the server or salesperson with a fine of not more than \$100.

The establishment is also cited for a Liquor Control Commission violation.

Sales of tobacco products to persons under age 18 result in a misdemeanor ticket being issued to the sales person with a fine of up to \$50.00.

Tiffany L. Parks

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Deadline is Monday to fill Wayne-Westland board seat

Time is running out for people interested in serving on the Wayne-Westland school board. So far, three residents have expressed an interest in filling

a vacancy on the seven-member board in advance of the 4 p.m. Monday deadline. The school board is accepting letters of interest, resumés and

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any other pertinent information at its offices at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh in Westland.

The board is filing a vacancy created when Trustee Frederick Weaver resigned last month after taking a job in Midland and changing his primary residence and voter registration, making him ineligible to serve on the Board of Education.

The six remaining six school board members will interview candidates at a special board meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, and then vote to select a new trustee. The candidate appointed to fill the vacancy will be sworn in in time to participate in the Sept. 22 school board meeting. He or she will serve until the term expires on June 30, 2009.

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LOCAL NEWS

Canton Planning Commission

The planning commission will meet at 7 p.m., Sept. 8 on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items Avenue, east of Lilley Road. on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ Bloch future land use amendment: Consider amendment to the future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan from Medium-High Density Residential to Officeof Joy Road.

located at the southwest corner of Lillev and Ford Roads. Indian Motorcycle Of Detroit: Refer review of spe-

cial land use to staff. Property is located south of Michigan

SITE PLANS

Gas/convenience store addition: Property is located at the southeast corner of Ford and Haggerty roads.

■ Jarbou Retail: Consider site plan approval for re-devel-



Amend Westland Car Care towing contract.

Increase purchase order for fuel.

Authorize the payment to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for building rental.

18 amendments to the sexually

of Education

at 7 p.m., Sept. 9 at the E. J. McClendon Education Center in 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

Van Buren Board of

The school board will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 8 at the Belleville Ĥigh School Food Service Center. Agenda items include:

Field trip cost recommendation Boys & Girls Club field trip

■ Interim superintendent

Vehicle purchase for the

Alternative Education

can create a division in the court that will be permanent, and it's not in the best interest of the court to even risk creating those differences that never heal."

MacDonald said he endorsed Plakas publicly to answer the constant questions he was asked from people who wanted his opinion on who would make a better

judge come January.

"A lot of people would ask me who is the best candidate, and rather than just do word of mouth I felt I had to come out, and I had a right to come out,"

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MacDonald said. "Obviously, being on the bench. I'm close to the situation, and I wanted to leave it to somebody I thought would do the best job."

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ON THE AGENDA

Award contract for Human Education Services Center renovations.

First reading of Chapter

EDUCATION



looks for a heartbeat and breath sounds on the SimMan with the help of nursing instructor Patricia Pawlik during the grand opening of the new Biomedical Technology Center at Schoolcraft College.

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Schoolcraft's Biomed Center elevates science education

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Architects for Schoolcraft College's new Biomedical Technology Center were asked to think about collaboration, flexibility and cutting-edge technol-

ogy. This is the direction higher education is going and Schoolcraft is determined to take the lead.

Richard Weinkauf, assistant dean of science at Schoolcraft, said the new facility will be a catalyst for engaging students in science, math and technology to the fullest extent, at a time when there is pressure to get the United States back in the game as a science leader.

"It's a recognition across the country, not just in Michigan where it is being pushed, that science, technology, engineering and math is a place the U.S. has fallen behind in," he said. "We always enjoyed a lead. These areas of endeavor hold the most promise for the U.S., as much as the state."

The building was introduced to the public at an open house Friday. It will serve to advance the STEM and GRIN curriculum. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information systems and nanotechnology.

The \$13 million, 48,000square-foot Biomedical Technology Center brings together the science, math and medical classes with state-of-the art laboratories, a high-tech lecture theater and

but to anticipate the needs the state will have and business and industry will have. We've taken

the long view," he said.

COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

Bruce Sweet, associated dean of business technology, said faculty and staff were brought into the planning process from day one. He said administrators and facilities people provided the big picture and then others were brought in to address specific points.

"One of the things we were trying to accomplish was to create an environment," he said. "We learned from VisTaTech that where you have mobile furniture, less rigidity in the structure allowed them to be more creative in their teaching. It was important to build a collaborative process."

A central idea was to integrate the various science disciplines through shared facilities and shared conversations.

"As you go through the facility, 20-30 percent of the building is dedicated to collaborative environments, student learning environments that facilitate students working as a team," Sweet said.

Bill Zaske of the SHWGroup architecture firm said a "visioning process" was the first step in working with the college staff, who had been developing an idea of what they want for years.

"From the get go, they talked about collaboration and interdisciplinary curriculum, combining science, math, technology in one uilding, Zaske said Sweet said the new building

architect was able to articulate

concepts into concrete space,"

Sweet said. "Almost invariably

you'll get surprises. We haven't used the building yet, so we don't know what they will be. But we have accomplished what we envisioned."

Zaske said in addition to formal classrooms, the building includes breakout areas where students can mingle and work with students from different disciplines. The George W. Auch Co. of Pontiac was the construction manager for the building.

The building has an imaging and analysis lab, anatomy and physiology lab, cellular and molecular biology lab and biomedical engineering technology lab. Weinkauf said the labs are equal to those at Pfizer and Parke Davis, where he worked before coming to Schoolcraft last year.

He said in the physiology lab they will have a male and a female plastinated cadaver (a preserved, and predissected human cased in plastic, showing the body structure and organs) from the University of Michigan which will provide "consistency" in teaching human anatomy. In addition individual organs will be available for study. High definition television in the Living Theater will allow more precise views of muscle fibers.

"We are in the process of installing an electronic scanning microscope by Zeiss which will be an awesome extension to what we teach," Weinkauf said.

The mircroscope is the cutting edge in image enhancement.

Jeffress said reports show that the need for students in STEM disciplines will double by 2015



Schoolcraft College Assistant Dean of Science Richard Weinkauf demonstrates the schools electron scanning

microscope in the imaging laboratory of the school's new Biomedical Technology Center Friday afternoon.

GOING GREEN

In addition to providing flexibility and technology, the new building will also include several "green" features.

Zaske said the college decided not to receive certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design because of

the expense. "But the building has been designed to reach 29 LEED credits," Zaske said.

Notable green features include two rain gardens that utilize water runoff from the roof to water the gardens; use of recycled concrete blocks; windows on the east, north and west rather than on the south to save energy; and good insulation.

Zaske said the building uses very little steel. He said the door lintels are made of granite instead of steel.

Sweet said this is a building

designed for the future.

"We are trying to be as versatile as we could," he said. "Many of the professions we will be training people for in the future don't even exist."

The next project for Schoolcraft is a new facility for their public safety program to train police and fire personnel. Jeffress said the college is planning to build in Northville Township but nothing has been finalized.



designed for flexibility.

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, said the building will contribute to an increased sophistication in the college's curriculum.

"This college has positioned itself not just to meet the needs of Michigan and local supporters

and there will be an expected has formal and informal spaces. shortfall of 280,000 math and He said faculty share the same science teachers nationally by office space and tools as part of 2015.the collaborative effort.

"It's been trending that way for a decade and we've been watching "I'm very impressed by how the it, looking at it and preparing for it." he said.

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Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Chairman Greg Stempien cuts the ribbon during the grand opening celebration of the school's new Biomedical Technology Center.



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Ribbon cutting launches high-tech future

A chorus line of Schoolcraft College trustees and staff and local politicians gathered together to jointly cut the ribbon for the new Biomedical Technology Center.

"This building was done on time and on budget and that's the way we like it," said Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress to the applause of dozens attending a grand opening for the \$13 million facility Friday. Schoolcraft Board chair

Greg Stempien was the master of ceremonies and lead ribbon cutter for the event. The festivities included

demonstrations at the stateof-the-art laboratories, guided tours of the 48.000square-foot facility and food from the school's acclaimed culinary arts department.

Jeffress said the building is situated between the Applied Science and Forum buildings to create an anchor for a three-building complex dedicated to math, science and medical education. He said in designing the building the college has to ask what kind of training would the school be providing for the jobs of the future.

"We've watched as jobs needing math and science skills have grown and we've watched jobs not needing those skills shrink," he said.

He said the building is flexible and connects with other buildings on campus and globally. Behind him were three high-definition screens for television communication.

State Rep. John Pastor (R-Livonia) was joined by state Reps. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) and Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) in presenting a resolution from the state House on the opening of the building and its use of green construction technology.

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In your situation you should purchase the car.

In buying vs. leasing there are a number of issues. The first and the most important one is how long you plan to own the car. When you factor in how leases work, repair and maintenance required, leasing is only viable if you plan to keep the car four years or less.

When you keep the car for five years and factor in the required repairs and maintenance, leasing paying cash for the car.

is not economically viable. The one exception is every so often in order to push sales, car manufacturers will give extraordinary deals on leasing a car. In those situations it may pay to lease the car and at the end of the lease buy the car.

In light of what has recently happened with leases, incentive deals are going to be few and far between.

Another issue that factors into the equation is how many miles you drive the car per year. If you drive over 15,000 or 16,000 miles a year, leasing is not a viable option.

Since you plan to drive the car 8-10,000 miles a year and hold it at least five-10 years, purchasing is the way to go.

The next issue to consider is do you finance the car or do you pay cash. It is a matter of interest rates. If you can obtain a loan at a low rate -2-3 percent - then it makes sense to finance the car. On the other hand, if you were going to pay 5-6 percent and considering that the interest is not tax-deductible, I recommend paying cash for the car. Don't forget to shop around for financing. Talk to the car dealer, do online research and, if you belong to a credit union, check out the rates.

Decide whether to buy or lease the car before you visit a dealership. This will help narrow your decision process, allowing you to focus on which is the best automobile to obtain.

Dear Rick: Our daughter just started Michigan State University as a freshman and I tapped into our Michigan Education Savings Plan for tuition and other costs. It was easy to get the money from our account. My question is what documentation, if any, do I need to file with the IRS when I do my 2008 tax return?

Congratulations on your daughter going to Michigan State. It is my alma mater and I have no doubt that she will enjoy herself and receive a great education.

You do not need to report the MESP money to the Internal Revenue Service nor do you need to file anything with your tax return. You do, however, need to keep documentation as to how you spent the money. Canceled checks and receipts are generally all that is needed. This documentation should be kept in your tax file and will serve as documentation if you are audited.

• The beauty of the MESP is that money can be withdrawn for any qualified education expense which includes room and board, tuition and required fees.

For example, at MSU, incoming freshmen are required to have a computer. Money from a child's MESP can be withdrawn tax-free and used to purchase the computer.

The cost of college is continuing to rise. The sooner you start saving the easier the burden will be for your child.

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.

Program is registering young naturalists

The Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is accepting registration for its 2008-2009 Young Naturalist Program, a four-season study of the natural world for children ages 9-12.

Program sessions, which are held once a month September through June, give participants a chance to combine experiences in the outdoor classroom with indoor laboratory investigations using microscopes and other scientific tools.

Each participant will receive a field pack with a journal, hand lens, bug box and field guides to use during the program. Participants will spend most of the program outdoors exploring the campus's Natural Areas with trained UM-Dearborn student naturalists.

The cost of the program is \$70. The last day to register for the program is Sept. 25. For more information, or to register, call 313-583-6371.





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What do you think of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's resignation?





"I think this should have gone through the legal process. The media frenzy should have backed off." John Spencer, Canton

'(His resignation) is good because he was making the state look bad. The power went to his head." Julio Cervantes, Canton



"This is a good thing." Sandra Martin, Sumpter Township



"I feel this is fair. He is no different than anyone else." Shelly Walton, Canton



"I think his resignation needed to happen so that the region and state can focus on the future and move beyond this." Eva Davis, Plymouth Township



"I think he got caught up in a bad situation (but) people bounce back. Look at Marion Barry." Brian Cranford, Canton









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The presidents of nearly 130 colleges and universities, including Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan and nearby Ohio State University, have joined an initiative that asks elected officials to consider lowering the drinking age nationwide.

They maintain that 21 is not working because it encourages dangerous binge drinking.

They argue that young people ages 18-20 can enter into legal contracts, serve as jurors and join the military, but are told they aren't mature enough to drink.

The Amethyst Initiative, as it is called, encourages elected officials to engage in a public debate about the drinking age and the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, which in 1984 imposed a penalty of 10 percent of a state's federal highway appropriation on any state setting its drinking age lower than 21. By 1988, all states had adopted the new minimum drinking age.

We oppose lowering the drinking age from 21, as do Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the majority of voters surveyed and the National Transportation Safety Board, which released a statement last month.

According to MADD, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act has saved an estimated 25,000 lives since it was passed 24 years ago.

Since the early 1980s, the number of young people killed annually in crashes involving drunken drivers under 21 has been cut in half, from more than 5,000 in the early 1980s to nearly 2,000 in 2005.

Also, research indicates that when the minimum legal drinking age is 21, people under age 21 drink less overall and continue to do so through their early 20s.

According to a survey released last month by Nationwide Insurance, 78 percent of adults support 21 as the minimum drinking age and 72 percent think alcohol would be more accessible to kids if it were lowered.

We suspect the real reason university officials support a lower drinking age is that they want to get out from under the responsibility of policing alcohol use on their campuses.

Instead of supporting the misguided Amethyst Initiative, they should be helping to find real solutions to the dangerous problem of binge drinking.

We encourage our readers to write their elected officials and urge them to keep the drinking age intact at a a tradit of the second s 21.

Bird wanders from darkness into 'Ace Ventura' moment

'm not sure who I felt worse for while driving Up North late last Friday night: My 7year-old son, who was startled out of a deep sleep by the sound of his dad yelling, "I JUST HIT A (BLEEPING) OSTRICH!" or

the (bleeping)

ostrich. There I was, minding my own business,

two hands on the steering wheel (OK, four fingers of one hand, one

thumb of the other - vou

U.S. 27 near Alma. We were a little over an hour from our destination - Houghton Lake - and the speed limit had just shifted from 55 to 70, so life was good.

That is, until I drove straight into an episode of the Twilight Zone.

In the blink of an eye, I spotted it as it strolled from the darkness of the passing

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lane into the brightness of my headlights: A long-necked, long-legged, feathery creature I swore was either Big Bird from Sesame Street, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych or something with ties to the ostrich family.

With no time to swerve and barely enough time to swear (and you know this was a bad scene because I rarely swear), my car's bumper and the creature became one. I'll spare you the grisly

details, but let's just say enough feathers filled the dark, mid-Michigan sky to stuff a decentsized pillow. The good news was there

were feathers and they were brown, so I wasn't going down in history as the man who killed Big Bird or, thank goodness, Mark Fidrych. With a racing heart and eyes the size of ostrich eggs, I pulled the car into a nearby rest area.

I didn't know if I should call 9-1-1 or the producers of Animal Planet – so I called my dad, who was waiting for us in Houghton Lake.

"It was probably just a wild turkey," he assured me.

If that massive thing was a wild turkey, I thought to myself, the DNR (or the FDA) had better find its medicine cabinet and confiscate the steroids it was popping before his young turks get their claws on them.

As I talked to my dad, my wife Laura, who had a frontrow passenger seat to the entire incident, walked to the front of our car to assess the damage. Judging by the look on her face, I knew the damage wasn't just bad - it was "How much is our deductible?" bad.

Later that night, when my dad saw the crumpled bumper that was still plastered with feathers, he confirmed my theory: "That wasn't a wild turkey.'

Then what was it? To make a long-legged story short, I called the Gratiot County Sheriff's Department the next day and described the entire incident to a deputy. Once he stopped chuckling

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Visiting municipal officials weigh in on Kilpatrick plea

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Joe Shumway knows the road to healing a city is a tough one.

Shumway was the mayor of Laramie, Wyo., in 1998, when the town of 27,000 residents made national and international headlines following the brutal hate crime beating death of a 21year-old gay college student, Matthew Shepard.

Shumway said he dealt with the fire storm of media coverage in a deliberate way, noting Detroit city officials should do the same this week, as Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges.

"We were up front that there was a problem and that we were going to get through it," said Shumway, who is visiting the Detroit area with a group from the National League of Cities Public Safety Crime Prevention Committee, hosted in Farmington Hills by Councilman Ken Massey. "It was a black day in the city of Laramie, Wyoming, but we got through it."

Shumway, and 28 other public offi-

cials from around the nation, paid close attention to Thursday's developments concerning Kilpatrick's guilty pleas and resignation.

"They've all asked about it," said Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis. "All we could do was tell them what we know. Obviously, this is a waste of a very talented person. There's nothing to feel good about, but at least now, the City of Detroit can move forward and this cannot adversely affect us any more."

Steve Larson, who is mayor of New Brighton, Minn., has been following

the Kilpatrick situation for awhile. He knows what the city is going through. He served on the council in Washington, D.C., when then-Mayor Marion Barry was convicted on drug . charges and sentenced to six months in jail in 1990.

Larson said politicians "will always get caught" when they "think they have too much power that they'll get away with it.

"They're human, and they make mistakes, but they're not above the law," said Larson.

He doesn't think the Detroit area is being cast in a poor light because of Kilpatrick's actions.

"It's the individual who made a bad mistake, it's not the area," he said.

Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller, a council member in Thornton, Colo., said it's a sad situation.

"It makes us all look bad (as public officials)," she said. "It puts doubt in all citizens' minds, and makes them think we are all corrupt."

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Above, Canton sophomore running back Davion Stackhouse chalked up more than 100 total yards during the Chiefs' 24-14 victory over White Lake Lakeland Friday night. At right, Canton junior running back Adam Payter plunges into the end zone to give the Chiefs a 14-6 lead mid-way through the second quarter. Payter registered his second consecutive 100yard performance.

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Canton's young offense sparks comeback, 24-14

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The largest player (6-foot-3, 225) on the field with the biggest number (99) on his back made the longest play (a 91-yard TD reception) in Canton's huge showdown against visiting White Lake Lakeland Friday night at the PCEP varsity stadium.

Mid-way through the second quarter junior tight end Dakota Dark-Bird shifted his large frame into high gear after snaring a pass in the right flat from junior QBKevin Delapaz and sprinted 91 yards to the opposite end zone to draw the Chiefs even with the Eagles, 6-6. Dan Stoney's ensuing extra point made it 7-6 and the Chiefs never trailed again.

Lakeland scored first with 1:17 left in the first quarter when quarterback Blake Heiman connected with Clint Penokie on a 74-yard bomb.

The victory improved coach Tim Baechler's warriors to 2-0 while Lakeland slipped to 1-1. The game was a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over contest.

'We finally got guys stepping up and making some plays tonight," said Baechler, when asked why his team was so productive Friday night. "We put the ball on the ground a few times and we had a few mistakes, but we made up for it with big plays and great defense.

"That's a great offense Lakeland has over there and our guys did a great job of keeping them in check."

Canton held Lakeland to 278 total yards and picked off three Eagle passes. Two of the picks - by Donnie Barlow and Arron Boudreaux - came on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter when the score was knotted at 14.

The Chiefs scored the eventual game-winning touchdown a few minutes after Boudreaux's pick when Adam Payter rumbled for an 18-yard TD run to make it 21-14.

Senior kicker Dan Stoney tacked on an insurance field goal from 29 yards out with 4:51 left in the game. Alex Dixon added a late interception to cue the fat lady to sing.

If there was a player that rivaled the productive night of Dark-Bird it was junior fullback Adam Payter, who happens to be the team's smallest player at 5-9, 160.





Dillon honored

Plymouth High School graduate Sean Dillon, currently a member of the Adrian College soccer team, was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association co-player of the week recently along with Kalamazoo College's Steve Hagerman.

Dillon, a junior froward, scored two goals in the Bulldogs' 3-1 victory over Anderson (Ind.) University. Dillon lettered in three sports at Plymouth: soccer, cross country and track and field.

Skubik update

Plymouth Township resident Bill Skubik, who was featured in a story that appeared in the Aug. 28 Observer, completed his firstever full triathlon last Sunday in Plymouth, Mass. in 14 hours, 21 minutes and 18 seconds.

Skubik, 46, completed the 2.3-mile swim in 1 hour and 4 minutes, the 112-mile bike ride in 6 hours and 12 minutes and the 26.2mile marathon in 6 hours and 44 minutes.

"The feeling of finishing was exhilarataid Skubik, whi

Plymouth senior running back Terrance Guthride galloped for 142 yards and three TDs during Friday night's 28-7 victory over Brighton.



'Cats outrun 'Dogs, 28-7

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It was splendor on the grass for Plymouth's football team Friday night.

The Wildcats returned to the site of some of their most memorable triumphs - the junior varsity grass field that sits just southwest of their school - and the beat went on, 28-7, over Brighton.

The Bulldogs' memories of the stadium are anything but memorable as they went down to defeat on the field for the second time in two weeks to drop to 0-2.

"The keys for us tonight were our speed and ball possession," said Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk, whose team improved to 2-0. "Our first drive took up about 11 minutes, so the first quarter couldn't have gone any better."

Senior running back Terrance Guthridge was the main man for Plymouth as he churned out 142 yards on 28 carries and three TDs. Guthridge accounted for both the

Wildcats' first-half touchdowns with a three-yard burst to paydirt followed by a four-yard scoring jaunt.

Brighton sliced its half-time deficit to 14-7 just before the half when they converted a 55-yard screen pass.

Guthridge stretched the Wildcats' advantage back to 14 during the closing stages of the third quarter when he ripped off a 45-yard scoring run.

Senior quarterback Matt Skubik's 67-yard TD strike to Connor McKinney in the fourth quarter capped the scoring.

Skubik finished 10-of-19 for 150 yards and one TD.

He threw zero interceptions and

ran twice for 26 vards.

McKinney finished with 120 vards on four catches while Alex Minch and Zach Hamed both snared two passes each for 22 and 10 yards, respectively.

The Wildcats' defensive effort was led by Connor Martin, who piled up 16 tackles. Ronnie Goble chipped in with 10 stops and Jamie Emminger added eight.

Kelly Waite and Craig Czajkowski recorded interceptions for the winners

Brighton managed just 163 total yards compared to Plymouth's 318 (168 on the ground and 150 in the air).

Plymouth returns to action Friday when it takes on cross-campus rival Canton in a 7 p.m. showdown at the PCEP varsity football stadium.

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will run the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. in October.

O&E Men's aolf

The 2008 Observer & Eccentric Men's Open 36-hole medal play event will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21. at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) with a maximum handicap of 20.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Entries will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

(Starting times and pairings will be available after noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.) For more informa-

tion, call (248) 476-4493.

Feet don't fail him now Canton runner is two-thirds of the way to remarkable long-distance feat

BY ED WRIGHT

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Canton resident Tim Collins sets long-distance running goals, he doesn't mess around.

The same can be said for how he attacks those goals once he sets them.

In 2001, while training for the Chicago Marathon, Collins formulated a list of three things he wanted to achieve before he hung up his size 11 ASICS for the last time.

The list was as challenging as some of the hills he encounters while competing in 100mile adventure runs in the Rockies.

"My ultimate goal back then was to qualify for the Boston Marathon," said Collins, a 34year-old math teacher at Trillium Academy charter school in Taylor. "I PR'ed in the Chicago race, but I was still close to 20 minutes off the time I needed for Boston, so I

thought I'd better not leave that as my only goal because I may never reach it.

"So, I added two new goals: completing 100 marathons and running a marathon in all 50

Daunting? Yes.

Impossible? Hardly - at least for someone with a passion to run like Collins.

Missions accomplished

Within the past year, Collins has achieved two of his three goals, which, as the saying goes, ain't bad.

In October of 2007, he was clocked in a personal-best time of 3:12.30 at the Grand Rapids Marathon. Although it was two seconds slower than what he needed to make the Boston cut for a 33-year-old, he slipped in thanks to a loophole the race's organizers offer.

"There is a window of about 18 months where you can use a time for a future

Boston Marathon for another age group," he explained. "So, since the time I ran was good enough for the 35-and-older division, I can use it next year because I'll be 35. So I'm in."

Ultra-competitive

Collins met his second record last month when he completed his 100th marathon — the Howl At The Moon 8-Hour Run in Danville, Ill.

Actually, half of the long-distance races the native of Taylor has competed in have been ultra-marathons, which are races that exceed the standard marathon distance of 26.2 miles.

Although the ultras are insanely long and are often run in less-than-comfortable weather conditions, Collins prefers them to typical marathons.

"When you run a regular marathon, you're

Please see MARATHON, B2



Tim Collins completed his 50th marathon last month. The 34-year-old math teacher has also finished 50 ultra-marathons, which are races that exceed 26.2 miles.

LOCAL SPORTS



Sox with sock

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(CP)

The 9U Red Sox captured their division in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this past summer by registering an 8-1 record. Pictured (front row from left) Joey Robb, Shane Rusinek, Shane Prevo, Garrett Barkume, Zachary McVicker, Mitchell Rusinek, Spencer Albin, (back from left) coach Rob Brooks, Matt Brooks, Jake Snyder, Alex White, Joshua Rubis, Matt Lessel, Vinny Convertino, Robert Barnes and coach Steve Barnes. Not pictured is Jake Genyk.

Chiefs can overcome inexperience with talent

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton's girls cross country team may be short on seniors, but the Chiefs are long on talent.

Second-year head coach Eric Pahl has just one 12th-grader among his top six runners, however, that lone senior - Sarah Thomas - is a three-year state qualifier.

The Chiefs' No. 2 and 3 runners - sophomores Bianca Kubicki and Rachel Rohrbach - are talented enough to push Thomas on any given day and the next three runners have displayed a large amount of potential as well.

'I'm cautiously optimistic about this season,' said Pahl. "We have 32 girls, which is the most we've had since I've been here (four years). We gained a lot of sophomores."

Thomas is one of the top returners in the area following a 38th-place showing at last year's state meet.

"I can't put into words how much she means to this team," said Pahl. "She a great runner, leader, student and person."

Kubicki and Rohrbach give the Chiefs a potent 1-2-3 punch.

"Bianca's looking strong; she worked hard all summer," Pahl said. "I expect a good year out of her. And Rachel learned a lot last year. She runs so effortlessly."

Providing depth for Canton will be freshman Emily Southern, junior Melanie Kulczycki and junior Rachel Brunk.

SALEM

The Rocks' 2008 contingent isn't bigger num-



Slavens

Other key contributors Gerlach will be counting on include seniors Kelley Determan, Linda Ling and Jessica Rocheleau; sophomores Victoria Tripp, Kara Booms, Phoebe VanHoof and Shannon Griffiths; and freshmen Kelly Kerwin and Autumn Burin.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats return three state-qualifying runners from last year's unit that placed a school-best second in the final year of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

'We have six of our top seven runners returning, so I'm cautiously optimistic," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "We beat two teams last year - Livonia Stevenson and Northville - that we hadn't beaten before, so we're heading in the right direction."

Last fall, the Wildcats were the only team in Division 1 to qualify three runners for the state meet without qualifying as a team.

A pair of seniors head the Wildcats' line-up - Molly Slavens and Beth Heldmeyer, both of whom will serve as captains along with fellow senior Lizzie Bartek.

"Molly brings four years of experience, a ton of leadership and a ton guts to our team," said

Madonna 'Blue and Gold Awards' promises to be colorful evening

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

All year long, Madonna University athletes push their bodies far beyond the limit to compete to the best of their abilities - with much of that unglamorous hard work done away from the spotlight.

But on Sunday night, they'll get the red carpet treatment at Madonna's second annual Blue and Gold Awards to take place sometime after 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia (Merriman Road between Six-Seven Mile).

"It's the one chance we get to gather as an entire department," said Madonna athletics director Bryan Rizzo. "It promotes the sense of family we try to create at Madonna."

The awards ceremony will follow the annual student-athlete convocation mass (5:30 p.m. in the Felician Sisters Motherhouse) and dinner (7 p.m. at St. Mary's).

The Blue and Gold Awards are patterned after ESPN's acclaimed ESPY's and will honor the academic and athletic achievements of MU's student-athletes from all 11 sports. There will be awards in over 18 different categories and there will be much more, such as video montages and special guests.

"There'll be some surprises," Rizzo said. "This (program) is a great way to celebrate athletics."

Culminating the program will be several high-profile awards for 2007-08. There will be awards for the "One Shining Moment" and "Hall of Fame Moment" as well as those to be presented to Madonna's top male and female teams.

Perhaps the most drama will be linked to selection of the top male and female athletes, with an elite cast of nominees.

In the running for Male Athlete of the Year are: soccer players Makesi Lewis, Kris

Churchill hands Canton convincing setback

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jacob Herout, an exchange student from the Czech Republic, gave Churchill a two Livonia Franklin (0-5-1, 0-1-1). Zain Qureshi's unassisted goal with 10:16 gave the Patriots

Rizzo, who heads the athletics department with help from sports information director Pat Moore (assistant AD Matt Fancett recently left for a job at University of Michigan), added that the Blue and Gold Awards enable athletes, their families and coaches to bask in the glory of the past year's accomplishments as well as get

pumped up for 2008-09. "It's a celebration of last year and a kick-off to this year," Rizzo said.

Doors for the program will open at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's and space is limited to 400.

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Hollywood has the Oscars ...

Broadway has the Tony Awards ...

MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

This photo on Madonna University's athletics Web site is promoting Sunday night's second annual Blue and Gold Awards. Pictured at top (from left) are Jess Irwin and Kelly Lesko, both members of the softball team. In the bottom row (from left) are cross country runner Joe Horka and volleyball player Amanda Koszela.

Lyons; baseball players Will Kennedy, Kevin Zerbo; basketball player D.J. Bridges and golfer Steve South.

Candidates for Female Athlete of the Year are: volleyball's Jacqui Gatt, Lubovj Tihomirova; basketball players Caryn Inman, Christie Carrico; softball's Jess Irwin, Cat Sidor and golfer Goose Steele.

Regardless of who comes away with the hardware, the program figures to be just as fun and popular as the inaugural Blue and Gold Awards program was in September 2007. Rizzo definitely thinks so.

"I'm real excited," Rizzo said. "It's our signature event now."



bers-wise compare to last year, but it should be better, according to Dave Gerlach, who is entering his 14th year at the helm.

We should be much improved," said Gerlach. "Our top 10 runners are all within 90 seconds of each other. If we have a weakness, it's numbers. We have less than 30 runners for the first time in almost 10 years."

The Rocks will be paced by junior Jordyn Moore, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet as a sophomore. The team will be captained by Annie White and Kortney Marsh.

Kerwin. "Beth is a two-time state qualifier, so she knows what it takes to be successful."

A talented trio of juniors - Kelly Hahn, Paula Green and Julie Forster — round out Plymouth's top five. They'll be pushed by freshman Nicole Traitses and sophomore Briana Hessler.

"We're going to take things race-to-race this year," said Kerwin. "Our goal is to improve each race and, hopefully, make it to the state meet as a team this year."

sons: Aidan, 2, and Tobin, 9

the long runs," he said.

goes through.

said, smiling.

"It's always nice to have some-

body waiting for you at the end of

Although Meg isn't a runner,

she did walk a marathon once to

"It's the last time I do that," she

- Boston Marathon (check), 100

marathons (check) and running

a marathon in 50 states - he

needs to run in 22 more states. "I'm down to most of the states that I'm going to have to fly to to get to," he said. "States like Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon."

The task will be challenging, but those who know him well don't doubt he'll do it.

After all, when it comes to

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Friday:

reaching running goals, Tim Collins doesn't mess around.

get a feel for what her husband

To complete his trifecta

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months.

Livonia Churchill boys soccer coach Reid Friedrichs was ecstatic following Thursday's 4-2 triumph over Canton in an earlyseason showdown in Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

"They played as a team and played for each other," said Friedrichs, whose team is 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the division. "We also got paid a nice compliment from their coach (George Tomasso), who said that in his six or seven years (as Canton coach) they had never given up more then three goals. I'm really proud of the boys.

The Chargers led 2-1 at halftime. Two of Churchill's four goals came off restarts.

Etienne Lussiez had a goal and assist for the Chargers, while teammates Adam Bedell and Drew Sieber each collected unassisted goals.

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goal cushion in the second half after the Chiefs cut the deficit to 3-2.

"Jacob was due, he had hit the crossbar three times, once in a scrimmage and the other two against Northville and Stevenson," Friedrichs said. "If was a beautiful goal, a one-time volley into the lower corner."

Chris DeNapoli, a senior, also picked up two assists in the victory.

"He played a great game," Friedrichs said of the outsidemidfielder. "He was exactly where he needed to be." Scott Zech and Mitch

Reinhart scored goals for Canton (3-2-3, 1-1).

FRANKLIN 2, PLYMOUTH 2: Harold Blohme's goal with only 8:49 remaining Thursday enabled the Wildcats (3-3-1, 1-0-1) to earn a KLAA-South Division deadlock with host

THE WEEK AHEAD

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a short-lived 2-1 advantage. Blohme then answered 1:27 later.

"They let them go through the middle and we got caught sleeping in the back," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "But tonight our guys realized their capabilities. They worked hard and were able to stick to the game plan and things worked out. We have something to build on."

Plymouth led 1-0 at intermission on Bradley Finnegan's goal before the Patriots' answered with their first on Steve Trapp's score from Travis Matthey.

Junior Josh Sheppard went all the way in goal for Franklin, while senior sweeper Mike Geraci "played a heckuva game," according to Rodopoulos.

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Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Novi at Salem, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 Plymouth at Crestwood Zelinski Memorial Invite, TBA GIRLS GOLF Friday, Sept. 12 Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 9 Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Findlay (Ohio) at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA. Saturday, Sept. 13 Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 10 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Schoolcraft at Ancilla CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 12 Madonna at Aquinas College, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 9 a.m. TBA – time to be announced. 47th Suburban Detroit OIN_SHOV

"A lot of people are leaving marathons for the ultras because they're easier on the body." running most, if not all of the Running man race on pavement," said Collins. Collins, whose training regi-"By the 24th mile, your knees men includes running up to 280 are hurting so bad, they feel like

mind.

pretty good.

miles a month, said he enjoys

running because it "cleans my

meet a lot of great people."

"I also like it because you can

Collins receives encourage-

ment from his wife, Meg, and

somebody took a bat and bashed them a little. You have absolutely no jump left in your legs. "Most of the ultras are run

MARATHON

on 3.5-mile loop cross-country trails. Even though you may run 50 miles, your knees still feel





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LOCAL SPORTS

Daughter learns the 'Wright' stuff from her bowling father

Julie Halstead of Redford is the daughter of Farmington Hills bowler Ed Wright - and Ed has taught her well.

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During her years of competitive bowling action, both the youth ranks and adult leagues, Julie has honed her skills well enough to win

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od of scoring.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Some are set up for a 9-pin notap, while others can allow for a mulligan, but usually those who make more strikes are victorious.

Julie recorded 35 of a possible 40 strikes to take home the title and over \$6,000 in prize money.

She also earned an automatic entry for the November finals in Las Vegas, Nev. with a fullypaid entry including airfare and lodging.

For information on this event, visit www.fortyframegame.com.

Lisa Bishop of Belleville has been elected to the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

Bishop is well known around these parts for her many years of helping others become better bowlers with her expertise in ball fitting at Aleta Sill's Bowling World pro shop at **Country Lanes in Farmington** Hills.

She didn't get elected for drilling holes - she made it on her great record out on the lanes

Bishop has been an outstanding bowler ever since her youth league days when she earned the Star of Tomorrow award from the Michigan Women's Bowling Association. In adult competition she

carried a high average of 228,

captured four team titles, two singles titles and three allevents titles.

In 1995 she earned a silver and bronze medal with Team USA. And as a professional she garnered four titles and was named Rookie of the Year in 1997. Bishop also had recorded 16 career 300 games and four 800 series with a high of 834.

In addition to Bishop, other inductees include: Jeffrey Austreng, Waterford Township; Kenneth Wyatt, Sterling Heights, Robert Stempien, Wyandotte; and Margaret (Libbi) Fletcher, Warren.

Special awards will also go to Matt Fiorito, Grosse Ile, Roger Philipi, Ypsilanti; and Mark Voight, Farmington Hills.

Austreng has two Detroit Masters titles and one Michigan Masters to his credit. He was selected to the All-City first-team twice and secondteam twice, along with being named Rookie of the Year in the Detroit All-Star Traveling Classic.

Austreng also rolled a 300 game in the ABC Championships at Syracuse, N.Y., while averaging 243 during the 2005-06 season. He also has 48 300s and 23 800, including a 879 which ties him for the highest ever three games in Detroit.

Wyatt has been an outstanding performer over 20 years in the Detroit scene, recording his first 300 in 1985. He averaged 236 in the 2007-08 season and has 37 career 300 games and 28 800 series including a high 874 in 1990.

Stempien, meanwhile, enters in the Veteran's Category. He 18 300's and three 800 series. Stempien also took seven Michigan Majors titles between 1985 and 1988 and was named Bowler of the Year in 1985.

Fletcher earned election by virtue of her service to the sport on a local and national level. Once the United States Bowling Congress was formed she was instrumental in the

formation of the Metro Detroit USBC and served as the first president on 2006 and was reelected in 2008 for another two vear term.

Something new is happening at Country Lanes, and that something has the nice aroma of bacon and eggs on the grill.

Barb, Lisa and Amy are the three gals who have taken over the grill and now for the first time there, breakfast is served. The new menu includes such taste treats as Country McMuffin, Two Egg Slam, Belly Buster and more.

Even if you are not a bowler, this is the place to go for a nice breakfast on Saturdays only until 11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the 78th annual Old Timers Bowling Tournament and party, which is Saturday, Nov. 29, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, also the home and display of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

Last year's turnout was an amazing 599 bowlers competing in various age divisions in a non-prize money event, which brings old friends together.

And for those who opt for the dinner party, they are very well-fed with a buffet-style meal at a most reasonable cost.

The Old Timers is open to men only who have been associated with bowling at least 25 years (minimum age 40).

This year's event is dedicated to my colleague, Matt Fiorito, for his many years of dedicated service to our bowling community.

Both the champion and agegroup winners receive a commemorative wrist watch.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, call John Chmelko at (586) 756-3240. Entries must received no later than Nov. 22.

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(CP)

Canton junior guarterback Kevin Delapaz completed this third-guarter screen pass to Davion Stackhouse in the Chiefs' 24-14 triumph.

FROM PAGE B1

For the second straight week, Payter played big, rushing for a team-high 112 yards on 14 carries and one TD.

"He's quick and he's allergic to dirt, so he doesn't like to fall down," a smiling Baechler said, describing Payter. "The smaller guys like that can hide in the there and get lost in the mix.

"But once Adam gets out in the open, not many people can catch him."

Canton junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz registered his first two varsity touchdown passes: the 91-yarder to Dark-Bird and a 10-yarder off a scramble to senior tight end Todd Turfe, who cradled the ball in the end zone from his knees.

All told, Delapaz had a splendid night, completing 6of-8 passes for 177 yards.

"I feel more comfortable back there every game because of all the hard work we put in at practice," said Delapaz, who also ran for 52 yards on 17 carries.

Sophomore running back Davion Stackhouse had a spectacular night, sprinting for 70 yards on just six carries for an 11.7 yards-percarry average. He also hauled in a pair of passes for 45 yards.

Chiefs with over 100 yards rushing last week, was held

Kiere Daniels, who led the

by the Eagles to just 24 on eight carries.

Senior Donnie Barlow paced the Chiefs' swarming defense with 7.5 tackles. Dixon and Bryan Gerst both notched seven tackles while Nick Sweda recorded five for the winners.

Canton will host crosscampus rival Plymouth next Friday in a game that kicks off at 7 p.m. at the PCEP varsity stadium.

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The Blackout of 2003

Nothing brings a halt to daily life faster than the loss of power. Outages and blackouts are inconvenient, costly and potentially dangerous. The Blackout of 2003 left 50 million people in the Northeast, Midwest and Canada without power for days. Hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire departments and schools were just a few of the critical services heavily impacted by the Blackout. The underlying cause of the Blackout, tree contact with power lines in northern Ohio, is well documented. ITC is responsible for protecting communities and residents from outages and safety threats like the Blackout of 2003.



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Prevention still the best defense vs. pertussis

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The Oakland County Health Division is reminding parents that pertussis, commonly called whooping cough, can result in hospitalization and even death of children. The good news is the contagious disease can be prevented with a series of 5 diphtheria and tetanus (DTaP) shots given from two months until school age. A pertussis booster is equally important at the age of 11 to 12 years, and for adults who have not previously received a booster.

Pertussis symptoms include an irritating cough, which after one to two weeks, causes the person to experience spasms and make a high pitched "whoop" when coughing. The cough can last one to two months or longer. Infants less than six months old and adults often do not have the whoop. A clear mucous is produced and vomiting often follows after the coughing.

To protect yourself avoid sharing objects such as pacifiers, toys and utensils if they have been in the mouth and wash objects in hot, soapy water between uses. Cover the mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing and immediately throw away used tissues, and wash hands carefully.

"Pertussis is very contagious before and 2 weeks after the whooping cough stage begins," said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, chief of medical services for Oakland County Health Division. "Prevention is really the best defense."

An apple a day and other tips to stay in the game



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Paul Fried of Farmington Hills stands with the bicycle he has been riding to prepare for a September 5th ride to benefit Crohn's Disease.

Lifelong learning Updates help patients, physicians stay

current on inflammatory bowel disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN 0 & E STAFF WRITER

Paul Fried remembers the severe abdominal pain like it was yesterday even though it's been 38 years since he was diagnosed with that first flare-up of Crohn's, an inflammatory disease of the digestive tract. The symptom was just the beginning of the suffering the Farmington Hills man would endure from age 20. That's why he tries to keep informed about the latest research and treatment for the autoimmune disease for which there is no cure.

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter realizes patients like Fried are desperate to learn about inflammatory bowel disease so the nonprofit organization is partnering with the University of Michigan Medical School to present an IBD Update Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. A physician's symposium coincides with the morning-long program for patients and their families. Fried has been able to build a successful accounting business in West Bloomfield thanks to drugs like prednisone to reduce inflammation, but the steroids left him with osteoporosis. Fried says sometimes the treatment is worse than the disease. One of the immunosuppressants caused skin cancer. Even so, he's far from giving in to IBD. Although Fried is going to Beaumont Hospital to receive intravenous treatments three times a week for iron deficient anemia due to bleeding, he remains active with CCFA. In the last two years he participated in fund-raising events in Seattle and the Detroit area. Just last week he was busy organizing a bicycle ride at Kensington Metropark to raise money for CCFA, Michigan Chapter based in Farmington Hills. "Sometimes for hours at a time I would just double over and had intermittent bleeding from time to time when I went to the bathroom. I've been hospitalized dozens of times, had four intestinal resections, part of my large and small intestines removed. I've been on a lot of medication but have never had more than 3 to 5 months when I've felt really good. "It's gotten so bad I'm afraid I'm headed toward another surgery but my philosophy is I will not let my illness control my daily life. I try to take a positive attitude. I know a couple of people who died from Crohn's disease who just gave up." Dr. Ellen Zimmermann is encouraged by advances in the treatments for inflammatory bowel disease over the last 15 years. As director of the University of Michigan Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic and chairman of medical advisory committee for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation,



of gastroenterology at U-M. "We take cases of patients who have been seen, present all the details. This allows physicians learning to take care of these difficult diseases to have a better understanding. These are complicated diseases and how to use new technology, new potent medications safely. We choose cases that illustrate points that we want to bring out to the audience and discuss the latest literature related to diagnosis and treatment."

Diagnosing IBD can be difficult. The abdominal pain, diarrhea and blood in the stool, can be confused with other diseases. Patients often must go through several tests from colonoscopies to MRI and CT scans. "Capsule endoscopy is the lat-

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Open house

To tour the new Fresenius Medical Care of Livonia 3-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the clinic, 32423 Schoolcraft Road. Nurses and staff will be available to speak about kidney disease, the latest dialysis treatment options and other dialysis patient services. Demonstrations of the latest, state-of-the-art dialysis technology and single-use dialyzers. Open to public. No charge. For information, call (734) 525-0780.

Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on Diabetes and Current Treatment Options with Dr. Jacqueline Fabello-Gamiao 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. No charge, pre-registration not required. For details, call (734) 655-8961.

Hypnosis for weight control

Sessions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover; 3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ann Arbor. Combines power of hypnosis with behavior modification. First 45 minutes free orientation. If participant feels comfortable with program, the charge is one-time fee of \$79, includes unlimited free repetitions of hypnosis for year if needed. Save \$10 by registering at www.easywillpower.com.

Fibromyalgia support

Dr. Luis Torregrosa discusses the newest information on fibromyalgia drugs 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Metro Fibromyalgia support group meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Road, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768. No dues, donations accepted.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Meets 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Marycrest Manor Nursing Home, 15475 Middlebelt, Livonia. The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the Conference Room. It is open to all persons. For information, call Brenda or Cynthia at (734) 427-9175.

Blood Drive

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, to honor the enduring spirt of America, in the Comcast Pavilion at The Palace of Auburn Hills. All presenting blood donors receive one free ticket for that evening's Women's National Basketball Association game between Detroit Shock and Washington Mystics. To donate blood you must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 years of age or older. Appointments strongly suggested. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log on to www.givelife. org.

Walk for remembrance

Angela Hospice's new event takes place Saturday, Sept. 13, to remember in a positive way the loved ones we've lost. Angela Hospice is inviting friends, families and community to the Walk of Remembrance on the Felician Sisters' grounds. The 3K and 5K routes will begin near the south parking lot of Madonna University and end at Angela Hospice. On-site registration opens at 8 a.m., walk begins 9 a.m. with a dove release ceremony and musical dedication. Following the walk will be activities including Music Together led by Jill Formanek of West Bloomfield, and took nainting to personal ize with loved ones' names. Refreshments served. To register or make a donation, visit www.angelahospice.org, or call (734) 953-6045. Registration by Sept. 3 guarantees a commemorative T-shirt. Fees \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Day of event registration also available. Proceeds benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families as well as grief support services provided free-of-charge for all community members.

Tina from Rochester has been reading more and more about the healthy benefits of quercetin. She emails for more information.

Tina, quercetin is found in apples, red wine, tea and other foods. It is a member of a group of plant compounds called flavenoids. Some



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen in lots of quercetin have low rates of

heart disease and lung cancer. Studies also show that eating lots of apples can improve lung function and lower the risk of respiratory diseases!

vent heart disease

by reducing LDL

(bad cholesterol).

Populations taking

Michelle from Troy plays soccer at her school. She emails for tips on getting the most out of her game!

Michelle, it turns out soccer can be a head game, literally! Figuring out ways to build confidence and maintain it could give you the edge you need. Research shows that the most successful players are usually the most confident.

Here is a confidence checklist: Have a can-do attitude. Display good body language. Be sure to enjoy the competition. Try not to blame others if things go wrong.

Be sure to concentrate on the field. Don't be a showboat. Try to accept the strengths and

weaknesses of others. One of the most important things to trust is your own abilities! That is how you will get into the confidence cruise control you really need to succeed.

Peter Nielsen is a health and fitness expert and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield. If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Farmington Hills resident Paul Fried rides down the street last week. Fried had been preparing himself for a September 5th ride to benefit Crohn's Disease.

IBD PATIENT UPDATE

What: An update on inflammatory bowel disease for patients and family members. Topics include medications, treatments on the horizon, and basics of the digestive system When: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. No charge, but reservations required. Call (248) 737-0900 by Sept. 10. For a schedule of speakers, visit michigan.ccfa.org. Patient Update coincides with symposium for physicians

she's coordinating the symposium to keep physicians up to date. The continuing medical education event is for gastroenterologists and other health care providers. Keynote speaker is Dr. Edward Loftus Jr., director of the inflammatory bowel disease program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. In addition to Zimmermann, guests include University of Michigan faculty members Drs. Jeremy Adler, Peter Higgins and Timothy Nostrant.

"I'm presenting cases of patients with Crohn's and colitis with a panel that allows teaching but in an interactive way," said Zimmermann, past president of CFFA and an associate professor

est. It's a pill camera to identify areas of inflammation which hadn't been previously accessible through scopes," said Zimmermann. "It's important for physicians to know how to utilize these technologies. There have been an explosion of therapies for Crohn's and Colitis, many of those therapies in immune suppressants. As such they need close monitoring so that the physician understands how the medications should be utilized and patients understand the risks and benefits. That's particularly important in kids because many of the medicines affect growth."

Zimmermann is concerned as well about the increase in incidences of IBD. At the University of Michigan research continues not only to find a cure but a cause. Dr. Gabriel Nunez identified the first susceptibility gene at U-M.

"Fifteen years ago no one had heard of these diseases and they were considered rare, but are becoming more common," said Zimmerman. "In research, we're funded by NIH (National Institutes of Health) to study different tools to follow the progress of Crohn's disease over time in patients. We have over 30 investigators studying different aspects of Crohn's and colitis from new drugs to genes. This is a disease that starts in late teens and twenties and is lifelong."

The patient update is just one of the ways the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter tries to educate the public about IBD. The nonprofit organization also holds walks, a movie gala, and a fashion show to raise money for advocacy, research and a special camp for children.

"The update is the first of its kind. It's important for our foundation to keep physicians and patients informed," said CCFA development director, Gilda Hauser. "Events raise funds but people with Crohn's feel isolated so this brings the people together."

For more information, visit michigan.ccfa.org.

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Walk for cancer

St. Mary Mercy Hospital celebrates life at a 5K run/walk 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, on the grounds at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Proceeds go to help uninsured or underinsured cancer patients look toward brighter and healthier days ahead. Register online at www.active.com or complete a printable registration form for mail-in at www.stmarymercy.org. Sponsorships available. For information about the race or the hospital's cancer services, call Carlos Junca, (734) 655-1402.

IBD symposium/update

For patients and family members, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Topics include medications, diet, emotional issues, and a lesson on the digestive system. Call (248) 737-0900 or (888) 737-2322.

Asthma presentation

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Speaker is Jason Paris, MD, Allergy and Asthma Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Paris will provide an overview of asthma, what works and what you can do to live a healthy life with asthma. No charge. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950.

Alzheimer's and intimacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a workshop "Intimacy and Sexuality with Alzheimer's Disease" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Stefanie Sinks, the Counselor/Care Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. No charge. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950. **Health fair/open house** And Andrewson

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. On Sunday bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen under the main tent. On Saturday receive screenings including blood pressure, blood glucose, and body fat along with height and weight measurements

(no charge). Doctors will be on hand to speak about stroke awareness and heart health, and answer your health related questions. A healthy cook-off also planned. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University, Dr., Rochester Hills. Speakers include Anne Thompson, breast cancer survivor and NBC News correspondent, Beverly Kirkhart, breast cancer survivor and author of Turning Setbacks into Cornebacks, and Christine Clifford Beckwith, breast cancer survivor and author of Not Now... I'm Having a No Hair Day. Cost is \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities including trail walking, seated chair massage, tai chi, yoga, reiki and more. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

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New Casio packs widescreen lens in small space

Question: I'm in the market for a new digital camera. Any suggestions?

Answer: I've long been a fan of Casio's Exilim series for delivering slim, sexy



designs at affordable prices. The new Exilim EX-Z150 isn't as slim as previous models, but it does pack in some great features.

For starters, it sports a three-inch LCD—huge for a camera with a sub-

Tech Savvy Rick Broida

\$200 price tag. I found it ideal for framing and reviewing photos. Plus, it's bright enough to be seen in direct sunlight.

Even better is the camera's wide-angle lens (28mm), which lets you snap a group shot without hav-



ing to take 50 steps back to fit everybody in. The lens features a 4x optical zoom as well, whereas most models in

Casio's 8.1-megapixel EX-Z150 camera features a wide-angle lens, 3-inch LCD, and YouTube video recording mode-all for under \$200.

as well, whereas most models in this price range
top out at 3x.
As with all Exilims, the EX-Z150 relies on straightforward

onscreen menus

that make it a snap to use. I didn't like it small, stiff control pad, but I did like its dedicated video-record button. Press it to immediately begin recording YouTubefriendly video.

When you get back to your PC, a fairly simple Windows utility automates the process of uploading your videos to YouTube.

The 8.1-megapixel EX-Z150 is available in five colors, including pink, red, and green, and has a list price of \$199.99. Definitely a good choice for those interested in a big screen and wide-angle shooting.

Question: I need a scientific calculator for school. Do I really have to spend \$100 or more?

Answer: Nope. eCalc (ecalc.com) is a free Web-based calculator that can han-



Reualion to document polic era at Farmington children's hospital.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for Kimberly Gimmarro to reach patients who received treatment at a children's hospital in Farmington between the 1920s and early 1950s when the polio epidemic peaked, crippling and killing thousands.

dle everything from basic addition and subtraction to logarithms, cosines, and unit conversions.

There's also a Windows version of eCalc you can download, though it's just the basic calculator—you'll need to the hit the Web if you want all the fancy functions.

Either way, it's an impressive tool: attractive, easy to use, and designed with large buttons for those with less-thanstellar evesight.

If you own an iPhone or iPod Touch, check out the 2D/3D Graphing Calculator in the iTunes App Store. For a mere \$4.99, it provides polynomial, exponential, and other functions I won't pretend to understand.

Question: You recently turned me on to Jott, the Web service that lets me send messages and reminders just by talking into my cell phone. But now they're charging for it! Tell me there's an alternative.

Answer: I feel your pain. I'm a longtime fan of Jott, but considering that I use it almost exclusively to send reminders to my own e-mail inbox, I can't justify paying a subscription charge (plans start at \$3.95 per month).

Fortunately, there is indeed an alternative: Dial2Do (dial2do.com). It enables you to send e-mail and text messages using only your voice, just like Jott, and it doesn't cost a dime (for now, anyway).

As with Jott, you simply call the special Dial2Do number, say what you want to do ("text," "e-mail," "reminder," etc.), name the recipient ("me," "Bob," etc.), and then record your message.

The service employs both computerdriven transcription technology and human operators who check messages for accuracy, but offers to turn off transcription "if you are working for the CIA or planning a major bank heist." (I like a service with a sense of humor.)

I took Dial2Do for a quick test-drive, and it delivered an accurately transcribed reminder (along with a link to the actual audio recording) to my inbox within about five minutes.

Spoiled as I am by all things free, I've given the service my Jott speed-dial slot at least until it leaves beta and ceases to be free.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@ gmail.com. She plans to record narratives during a living history event and reunion Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills, the site of the former hospital which primarily treated children with the disease sometimes referred to as infantile paralysis.

Gimmarro has spent months researching the hospital but is still uncertain about the names and changes the campus went through over the years. A Detroit News article in 1919 refers to a gift to the Michigan Hospital School for

Crippled Children in Farmington.

By 1922 the Farmington

Enterprise told of plans to merge the Children's Free Hospital (assumed to be Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit) with the Farmington hospital which was to be used for convalescence and rehabilitation.

Children with the disease were usually sent to hospitals such as Herman Kiefer during their contagious period then went for rehabilitation to the Farmington campus

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Children went to school at the hospital as well.

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Above, the children slept in boys and girls wards at the hospital in Farmington. Here they are pictured on the porch of one of two red brick buildings by Albert Kahn.

Garden City musician comes full circle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Scott Woolweaver is excited about returning home to Michigan for his first recital as an adult. The 50-yearold Boston violist opens the Music at St. John's series Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Episcopal church in Plymouth.

Woolweaver grew up in Garden City where teachers Peg Bunge and Doug Marsh introduced him to the viola at age 10. Woolweaver is dedicating the program to their memory.

"Doug was in charge of lower strings and put a viola in my hand. He saw I was a big kid and could handle it," said Woolweaver. "Violists don't often get the melody but are more like the engine driving the train. He was a mellow laid back person. Peg just died June 2007. Both were very patient dealing with all the kids they had to teach. Their love and passion for music was apparent. You just had to be around them. They were humble people with a great sense of community. Every Friday night Peg had us over to her house. We'd play chamber music into the night. It kept me out of trouble."

Woolweaver graduated from Garden City West High School in 1976 and won a full-tuition scholarship from Interlochen Arts Camp to the University of Michigan School of Music.

After earning a bachelor of music in viola performance, he moved to pursue graduate studies at Boston University and the New England Conservatory of Music with Walter Trampler shortly after the violist visited the university in Ann Arbor. Since then Woolweaver has played with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in Massachusetts, the award-winning New England Piano Quartette, Vermont Symphony, Chameleon Arts Ensemble of Boston, and Boston Baroque, a music ensemble in residence at Boston University.

He's been teaching at Williams College since 2005 and lecturing on viola and chamber music at Tufts University since 1990. He is also director of the Adult Chamber Music Institute at Kneisel Hall in Blue Hill, Maine. Woolweaver is always on the go when it comes to music. He just returned from instructing high school and college students at a music festival in Pebble Beach, Calif.

"I travel a lot for concerts and teaching. Summer is mostly playing in music festivals all over New England, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Woodstock, Vermont," said Woolweaver, who comes to Michigan for the recital of original works by Max Bruch, Hans Sitt, Johann Hummel, Ernst Bloch and Rebecca Clarke. Joining him will be pianist Janice Weber of Boston.

"I'm very excited because a lot of my high school friends are going to come. Many of my family members have never heard me," said Woolweaver.

Connie McNutt is hoping to reach former Garden City West High School students in time for the concert she's organizing. McNutt worked with Woolweaver in many of the musicals she directed at the high school where she was a counselor.

"Back then I didn't realize how talented he was as a violist," said McNutt, a volunteer in the office at St. John's. "It's a story of a young man who made good."

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Scott Woolweaver returns to Michigan for recitals in memory of his teachers Peg Bunge and Doug Marsh.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

What: The 2008-09 concert series opens with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violist When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13 Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For information, call (734) 453-0190

Canton artist to teach pen and ink workshop

Three Cities Art Club is hosting a free pen and ink workshop with Elbert Weber 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, as part of their regular meeting at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions of the guest speaker plus vote on their favorite artwork submitted by members in our monthly Popular Vote competition. Weber is an award-winning artist who works in watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, and mixed media. His subjects include landscapes, flowers, automobiles and people. Weber's work is in collections throughout the United States, Brazil, Canada, England, Scotland, and New Zealand. He has exhibited at the Scarab Club, Southfield Cultural Center, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Civic Center Library Gallery, Plymouth Community Arts Council, and The Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton. Weber, a Canton resident, studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., Purchue University and Indiana University in addition to taking many watercolor workshops. Contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 123, or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

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Shopping event raises funds to fight juvenile diabetes by LINDA ANN CHOMIN

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Mona Brown likes to shop all year long, but one day in particular is different from the rest. For a third year, the Canton woman is coordinating the third annual evening for shopaholics Sunday, Sept. 14, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Trendevous: A Cause for Celebration is a joint effort between Parisian and the Ford Motor Co. to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

This year in addition to food from Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, PF Chang's China Bistro, Mitchell's Fish Market, Max & Erma's, Sweet Lorraine's, Coffee Beanery, and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, shoppers receive 20 percent off regular and sale price apparel, accessories, fine jewelry, cosmetics, and fragrances plus 25 percent off Better Sportswear purchases.

"This is different. The atmosphere is different. It's almost like going to a party," said Brown, a customer satisfaction supervisor at Ford Credit in Dearborn. "Everybody's in a good mood and it's a great way to get out. I have a neighbor who brings her mom, It's become a tradition. You can stop off at the food stations and get a little snack along the way. Last year I took advantage of the 20 percent discounts to start my Christmas shopping early. With the discounts I could buy more and bought a couple of fall outfits for myself."

Suzy Brown is especially excited about the informal modeling of new fashions for the season. She is store manager for Parisian in Laurel Park Place.

"We're very excited to show off some of our vendors. The biggest thing is our Victor

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line by Victor Alfaro, missy and special size sportswear, shoes, jewelry and handbags designed for today's American woman, It's affordable luxury, a lot of grays and purples and tweeds," said Suzy Brown. "And for the first time this year they can pre-shop ahead of time by showing their ticket then on Sept. 14 they can come in and pick it up and just enjoy the event."

Mona Brown has been busy lining up activities to add to the fun of shopping at the Cause for Celebration. More than 15 local businesses, including Livonia Marriott, The Inn at St. John's and Orin Jewelers, have donated gift certificates for prizes.

"Detroit Ignition is involved. There will be four players and dancers for a meet and greet and to sign autographs. Indigo Salon and Spa from Canton is going to have massage chairs," said Mona Brown. "Last year we raised around \$9,000. Diabetes is a devastating disease. It runs in my family, I have friends with children with juvenile diabetes and this goes to research to find a cure."

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Class of 1973

35th anniversary class reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; family-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Advance reservations are required. Contact Jody Hrymak Kirsch, (734) 522-0661, or bennyhigh73@twmi. rr.com.

Berkley High School Class of 1958

50th Reunion, Sept. 19-21, 2008; at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. All members of Jan. 1958, June 1958 and Jan. 1959 are invited. Events include Friday evening hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS, lunch and dinner party at the hotel; Sunday brunch and golf outing. Contact csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to www.bhs58reunion.org, or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Birmingham High School Class of 1958

Birmingham High, the city's only high school in 1958, will host a 50year reunion Oct. 3-5 at Marriott Centerpoint, Square Lake Road &

Opdyke. Events include a Friday evening open bar hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS and evening dinner party; and Sunday brunch. Reservations required for Saturday dinner. Contact Chris Carlson (248) 649-0105 or Rosemary Jafano Schneidt (586)247-4463. For more information, to enter your contact info or register, visit www.birmingham58.com. Bishop Borgess High School

Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74

A combined reunion. Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Fairlane Club, Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion. net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information. Cass Technical High School

Classes of 1964-67

Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133. Class of 1959

50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in

Southfield. For information, visit www. casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59. com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658. Christ the King School

All class reunion in honor of 70th anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit. Includes school tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Perrault-Moyer at yvonnemoyer@hotmail.com. Proceeds to benefit school scholarship fund. **Cherry Hill High School**

Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland, Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent. . com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail. com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.



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According to newspaper accounts, up to 300 children at a time received treatment at the children's hospital in Farmington.

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which later housed the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital.

'We're working to put together the history, looking for the stories," said Gimmarro, an executive assistant at Botsford Commons Senior Community. She's started a blog for patients at www.botsfordcommons.org/ blog. "We would like to be able to gain an understanding of how polio treatment changed over the years. There was a large epidemic in 1916 then it quieted down, then epidemics in the '30s and '40s, and '50s when polio really spiked until the vaccine came out in the

mid '50s. We found the old moldy photo collection in the basement. Through the Farmington Historical Society we were able to digitize the photos and last August connected with the Farmington Community Library, Heritage Collection. Since then we found another set of photos in the basement, close-ups of these kids, but have no idea of the time frame."

Gimmarro continues her research online and through the digital collections of the Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University. When she's not in front of a computer she's contacting anyone who might help piece the puzzle together, like Albert Kahn Associates, the architectural firm which designed two red brick buildings on campus. According to newspaper reports at any one time there were up to 300 children at the Farmington site. An aerial photograph of the buildings can be found in the book "Detroit Hospitals, Healers & Helpers" from the Images of America Series (2004). We have to talk to the kids or the narrative history would be lost," said Gimmarro. "If anyone coming to the reunion has photographs we may be able to confirm a photo in the Walter Reuther Library isn't Children's Hospital of Michigan but the children's hospital in Farmington. On the campus there's a white stucco building we don't know who built it. Later came the red brick buildings by Albert Kahn. "We spoke to the Post Polio Support Group last weekend in Troy and think the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital was on campus. A 1955 invoice confirms this. Patients want to know where their medical records are. We believe the records were given to the Sister Kenny Foundation collection at University of Michigan. The hospital closed in 1958 due to insufficient funds." Bruce Sachs facilitates the southeast Michigan Post-Polio Support Group and serves as chairman of the Michigan Polio Network (www.geocities.com/mi_polio_net/). He and his wife Dianne (Borolis) Sachs lived through the epidemic. Bruce was diag-

nosed with polio in 1940 in the Upper Peninsula where he grew up. He was only 13 months old when hospitalized at St. Luke's in Marquette for nine months. Today both he and Dianne have braces on their legs and use scooters when outside their home in Mt. Clemens.

"In 1940, before Sister Kenny treatments, I was in an iron lung. We never talked about it at home," said Sachs, who taught at elementary schools in Livonia for 39 years, mainly at Kennedy. He retired in 2003 when Post-Polio Syndrome prevented him for working any longer.

Many polio survivors suffer from extreme fatigue, new weakness in both affected and unaffected muscles and joints, sensitivity to cold, and in some cases, respiratory problems, according to MNP. The Network is a group of polio survivors in Michigan. Sachs says, there are about 12,000 alive in the state.

"We're looking forward to the reunion," said Dianne, who was hospitalized at Children's Hospital downtown then transferred to the Farmington campus. She was only 13 months old. "I've driven past it and taken pictures. I'm just curious as to where it was. My mother blocked a lot out. I had Sister Kenny treatments, hot packs with wool. I had a long brace on my right leg when little and was on crutches."

Dianne Sachs and Paula emieux were patients at the because they didn't know how it was contracted."

Today Lemieux struggles with fatigue and weakness from Post-Polio Syndrome. She wears a brace on one leg and is getting a second brace on the other leg. Outside of home she walks on crutches, but is looking forward to the reunion and touring the remaining building.

"I'm very curious and apprehensive. My mother ended up being a patient at the nursing home at Botsford so I'm not as apprehensive as I could have been, but I still become uncomfortable being in a red brick building. It's that little kid saying you don't want to go in there because they won't let you go home."

Tom Grein was in Bay City General from October 1953 to July 1954 when doctors recommended Sister Kenny treatments in Farmington. He was there until September 1955. Grein was 10 years old when diagnosed. He went to high school in 1957 in a wheelchair but eventually was able to walk and earn a journalism degree at Michigan State University. He and his wife Betsy owned Observer newspapers in Washington, D.C.

"I hadn't thought of the hospital in years. It's really strange because I never want to look back then I found out about the reunion. We just had a family reunion and I was trying to put together dates. I want to see if their history is the way I remember it," said Grein of Whitehall. "I was full braced, both legs and back with paralytic polio. Sister Kenny treatment was very controversial. It was heat therapy. The whole object was to keep the muscles limber to move them. Kenny was an Australian nurse. In Australia they called sisters nurses. I started out being wrapped with hot packs. They would change them every hour and a half. You sometimes got blisters from them. The other part was kind of physical therapy, stretching. When I left Sister Kenny I had a short left ankle brace and was on wrist crutches and a wheelchair." Grein continued receiving treatment until 1958. He used wrist crutches until 1965 when he switched to a cane for a blind date with his wife. By 1992 he was back in a wheelchair due to Post-Polio Syndrome. "I lived in what amounted to a dormitory with probably 16 to 20 boys. When I left, polio had diminished and there were only two or three boys. Going back, some people may be a little leery, but not me. It's my journalism curiosity. I've always talked about polio and disabilities," said Grein, who's president of Disability Connection West, Center for Independent Living. "At the Disability Connection we help people find jobs, do advocacy work, help with access to health care, transportation. That's probably the biggest problem people with disabilities have today."



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BRUCE T. AYERS

Age 73, formerly of Livonia, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008 at his Topinabee, MI home. A funeral service will be held at 10:00am, Monday, Sept. 8, 2008 at the Joy Fellowship Church in Indian River, MI. Interment will be at Burt-Mullett Cemetery in Topinabee. He is survived by his wife Jeroldene; Daughters Laurie Lewis of Phoenix, AZ., Sandy Ayers of Redford, MI; grandchildren, Nathan, Lindsay and Jon Lewis; brother, Gordon Ayers of Livonia; cousin, Delores Young of Brighton. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David Ayers. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Straits or the Outdoor Sportsman's Rangers and may be mailed to Lintz Funeral Home, 6038 Prospect St., Indian River, MI 49749. Visitation will be held at the

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RITA JOYCE EDFORD

Sept. 5, 2008, age 64 of Plymouth. Loving wife of Gregory. Beloved mother of Steven (Sue Anne), David and Eric (Marci). Proud grandmother of Noah. Also survived by sister Bonnye (Ken) Woods, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Mon. 2-9pm with Funeral Service Mon. 7:30pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the National M.S. Society. To share a memory, visit:

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MARY CATHERINE "Bunny" GORDON

Age 86, formerly of Birmingham, passed away September 4, 2008 in Largo, Florida. She was born May 15,

1922 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was a member of the First United

Methodist Church of Birmingham,

where she was very active and a member of the A.A.U. W. She is sur-

vived by her son, Byron (Diane) Gordon of Largo, Florida; daughter,

Andrea (Renny) Fritz of Canton,

Michigan and two grandsons, Mark

and Paul. Memorial donations may be



DAVID G. MILLER Age 74, Houghton Lake, formerly of Westland, Dearborn, Highland and Milford, MI, died August 15, 2008 from pancreatic cancer complications. David was born March 22, 1934, in the Village of Milford, the son of Donald and Lizette (Hicks) Miller. He

funeral home from 2-4pm and 6pm-8pm, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008.



REBECCA S. BOTTOMS

September 3, 2008, age 57, died peacefully after a five year battle with lung cancer. Wife of the late Dr. Sidney F. Bottoms. Mother of Christina Cabeen (Ted). Sid, and Sarah. Sister of Joyce. Betty, Laura, Butch, Chuck, and Jane. Former Cranbrook Upper School Memorial Service at Librarian. Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Sunday, September 7, at 2:30pm. Memorial tributes to Mercy Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Drive, Suite 300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JACQUELINE R. DUGAN

September 3, 2008. Beloved wife of

Patrick. Dear mother of Michael

Dugan (Katharine), Timothy Dugan (Patty), and Nancy O'Rilley (James).

Dearest grandmother of Christopher,

Madeline, Peter, Jack, Kellie, and

Nick. Special sister of Peter Treboldi (Cathy). Sister-in-law of Joan Smith and Evelyn Dugan. Family will

receive friends Sunday 2-8pm at A.J.

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Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver), with Scripture Service Sunday 6pm. Funeral Mass Monday

1pm at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Visitation at church at 12:30 PM.

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MICHAEL K. HUSSEINI

August 29, 2008. Age 18. Beloved son of Samy (Hanaa) Husseini and Janine Hill-Zubaidi (Abraham). Loving brother of Alexandra, Ali, Laura, Sarah, and Adam. Dearest grandson of Agnes (the late Kenneth) Hill and Mounira (the late Ali) Husseini. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Funeral Services were at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road (Bet. Middlebelt and Merriman), Livonia.



August 30, 2008 age 70 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Roberta. Loving father of Kathryn (Steve) Benedetti, (Judy) and Kevin (Amanda). Also leaves eight grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Visitation was held Plymouth. Funeral Mass was held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Entombment Gien Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 27592 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia MI 48150; or to Covenant House of Michigan, 2959 Martin Luther King Drive, Detroit MI 48208. To view full obituary and share memories, please visit:

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KENNETH W. KRAMER

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graduated from Milford High School and entered the United States Navy in 1952. Also in that year, he married his high school sweet heart, Rosalynn (Rosie, Lynn) Biller. Together they celebrated 55 years of marriage until Lynn's passing in January 2007. Petty Officer Miller was the first documented Navy SeeBee lineman to complete the Deep Sea Divers course and was instrumental in building U.S. Navel Stations in North Africa and Cuba during the Korean era conflict. Upon his Honorable discharge from the Navy, he was hired on by the Detroit Edison Company where he spent the next 40 years as a loyal company man until his retirement as an Overhead Transmission Lines Supervisor. While working with Edison, he was able to obtain his undergraduate Degree as an Electrical Mechanical Engineer from the Lawrence Institute of Technology. David was a proud and active supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Defenders of Wildlife, Michigan Humane Society, MCB-6 and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation and the Lawrence Institute Alumni family. His immediate family, sons' David, Paul and daughters' Bambi and Kimberly were at his bedside when he passed to God's hands. His children to include daughters-in-law Sandy and Linda, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives survive him. May he find fair winds and calm seas on his final journey. Donations in his name to the Houghton Lake Public Library are welcome, 4431 W. Houghton Lake Dr, Houghton Lake MI. 48629, 989-366-9230.

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same time in the fall of 1952. Lemieux was diagnosed with polio at age 6. She was hospitalized about six months.

"I do remember being in a ward of probably at least 10 children. All had beds of white iron with siderails and were from ages 5 to preteen,' said Lemieux, who lives in Farmington Hills. "I have a photo of a physical therapist working with me. I had Sister Kenny treatments with hot wet wool. Many post polios can smell wet wool from a mile away. There were big old wooden wheelchairs, a big community dining room. I remember my parents visiting once a week, but I could not see my sisters because children weren't allowed to visit. My sisters had to wait in the car. I remembered them showing the movie Snow White and after that going to the dining room and singing 'hi ho, hi ho it's off to eat we go' in a wheelchair. I left there walking with a back corset and wearing shoes that looked like baby shoes with high ankles. My sister told me I could not walk or sit up before treatment."

Lemieux went on to become a registered nurse, but has since retired. Unlike other children she couldn't ice skate, ski or roller skate.

"We never talked about polio again," said Lemieux. "My parents are deceased now so I'm hoping to learn by going there. It was feared too because they didn't know as much about what caused it. People were afraid they could catch it from you. It mostly hit in summertime. They closed down the swimming pools

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ENGAGEMENTS

Feldpausch-Sequin

Dean and Marcia Feldpausch of Fowler, Mich. announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen Feldpausch, to Jeffrey Seguin of Garden City. He is the son of Daniel and Cheryl Seguin of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Fowler High School and a 2007 graduate of the Excel Academy of Cosmotology. She currently works at a salon in the Lansing area.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University.

Carl and Carol Pistolesi and

James Jesson announce the

engagement of their daughter,

Lindsay E. Jesson, to Joshua J.

Henderson of Westland. He is

the son of Steven and Kimberly

The bride-to-be is a gradu-

School and works at Thompson

ate of Plymouth Salem High

Platte, P.C. The groom is a

High School and Eastern

Michigan University and

works for LaSalle Electric

graduate of Plymouth Salem

Henderson of Canton.

Jesson-Henderson

He is completing a teaching internship in the Lansing area and plans on a career as a high school social studies teacher. The couple is arranging a May 2009 wedding.

Carino

Dennis and Marissa Carino of Canton announce the arrival of their son, Ayden Jonathan Carino, born Aug. 27, at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. His grandparents are John and Herta Marion of Eastpointe and Dennis and Mila Carino of Dearborn. His great-grandparents are Karl and Maria Kass of Eastpointe and Rebecca Marion of Pleasant Ridge.



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Jeff and Jennifer Steger of Livonia announce the arrival of their son, Elliot Lee Steger. He was born July 27. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. His grandparents are Jack and Beverly Lee of Ray Township, Mich.; Jerry and Bernadette Steger of Midland, Mich. and Dolores and Ed Cieslinski of Auburn, Mich.





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Seguin-Daugavietis

Daniel and Cheryl Seguin of Garden City announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Seguin, to Matthew Daugavietis of San Jose, Calif. He is the son of George and Nancy Daugavietis of Vacaville, Calif. The couple wed July 5, in Rochester, Mich. William Rieder presided.

Jennifer is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 graduate of the University

Dillenbeck-Keesey

Larry and Sharon Dillenbeck of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Dillenbeck, to Ryan Keesey of Wayne. He is the son of Jim and Sandy Vassallo of Canton and Wayne Keesey of Canton. The couple wed on Aug. 1 at Baker's of Milford. Chaplain Robert Bierenga presided.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Kristen Dillenbeck and bridesmaids Valara Keesey, Katy Tucci, Stefanie Jarvis, Amy Ladenberger and Darcey Bouteiller. The groom was

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of Michigan. She works as a dance teacher and choreographer, and owns the Grace Dance Academy in San Jose. Matt is a graduate of Vacaville High School and the Haas School of Business at the University of California in Berkeley. He works as a financial adviser for Ameriprise Financial.

The couple spent an 8-day honeymooon in Jamaica and will make their home in San Jose.

attended by best man Jeff Hollowell, and groomsmen Jim Vassallo, Tony Vassallo, Joel Vassallo, John Marker and Russ Niner. Sybella Keesey was the flower girl. Drake Daugherty was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and will graduate from Eastern Michigan University in 2009 with a degree in graphic arts. She works at D & M Art Studio in Canton. The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and works for DST Industries in Romulus. He is a member





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John C. and Geraldine (Pierog) Nolan of Farmington recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during a party with friends and family. The couple wed on Aug. 30, 1958 at St. Alphonsus Church.

They lived in Livonia for 31 years and have been Farmington residents for the past 17 years. The Nolans are parents to John (Cathy) Nolan of Farmington; Michelle Burley of Northville; Chris (Elsa) Nolan of Redford; Beth Ann Nolan of Farmington: Geri Lynn Peterman of Ypsilanti and Mark Nolan of Farmington. They also have eight grandchildren.

John C. Nolan worked for Ford



Motor Company before retiring 12 years ago. The couple enjoys traveling, spending time in Elk Rapids in the summer and in Naples, Fla. in the winter, and visiting with their children, grandchildren and friends.

Zang

Jack C. and Wanda I. (Lameck) Zang of Westland are currently celebrating 60 years of marriage. The couple wed Aug. 28, 1948 at St. Mary of Redford Church in Detroit. They live in Holliday Park, Westland. They have five adult children: John (Mary Ann) Zang of Castalia, Ohio; Paul (Mary Ellen) Zang of Flushing; Mari Anne Zang (Paul) Mailloux of Kalamazoo; Matt (Lisa) Zang of Clarksville, Maryland; and Greg (Janine) Zang of Canton. They are also grandparents to 13 children. Jack worked in industrial

sales and has been retired for more than 20 years. Wanda worked as a math teacher at St. Mary of Redford Elementary School in Detroit. Jack volunteers his time at Providence Hospital and belongs to organizations including the VFW,





American Legion and the Yankee Air Force Museum. Wanda enjoys playing bridge and participating in the Holliday Park Hospitality

Group. They planned to celebrate the occasion with a family gathering at Greg Zang's home





and Jocelyn Snow and to Alex Hill, as well as many others who lovingly refer to them as Gramma and Grampa G. Conrad worked as a lithographer and supervisor for a variety of printers. Sue worked as a

Gniewek

Conrad J. and Sue (Colling)

Gniewek of Livonia are cel-

Sept. 6, 1958 in the garden

of the historic Botsford Inn.

They have lived in the area

for 46 years and have three children: Jolie (Ed) Snow:

Kyle C. Gniewek and Torin J.

Gniewek, all of Livonia. The

Kori and Kendall Snow, and grandparents-in-law to Owen

Gnieweks are grandparents to

ebrating 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed

paraprofessional at Stevenson High School. They remain very involved in the community. Thanks to Conrad's par-

ticipation on the Livonia Arts Commission, Livonia Spree Committee, the local Water Board, The Board of Review, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Board, and his work at the election polls, he will be inducted into the Livonia City Hall of Fame on Oct. 2. Sue has served on the Livonia Arts Commission and many school PTA groups, and has volun-



teered during mayoral campaigns and committees and assisted in elections as a poll worker. She is a recipient of the Golden Apple Award from Livonia Public Schools for her many years of service.

The couple are avid dancers and earned a lifetime achievement award from Round Dance Labs of America for a dance they wrote titled Spaghetti Rag.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple was surrounded by children and grandchildren at a garden party hosted at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Jolie and Ed Snow, exactly 50 years after their own garden wedding.



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR September meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

> Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0750 X217

Eva Davis Library Director

Warren Road to where Canton Center Road turns to the northwest, 2) reconstructing 4,716 feet of Sheldon Center Road / Sheldon Road to a five lane concrete road from Canton Center Road to 200 feet south of Joy Road and 3) reconstructing 635 feet of Sheldon Connector to a three lane concrete road from Sheldon Road to Sheldon Center Road. Project Overview with Preliminary Plans • Reconstruction with five lane cross section and intersection improvements Road, grading, drainage and sidewalk improvements overview Proposed Construction Summer 2009

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Project Description

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 15, 2008 TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household

sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187 @ NOON. TV, Couch, mattress, boxspring, Paula Garland E-186 10x10 dresser, headboard, footboard, blankets, 5+ tubs, 5+ boxes, chairs, tables, loveseat, wicker chair, art deco piece, luggage

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PUBLIC HEARING

CANTON PUBLIC

A public hearing on the proposed 2009 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

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September 18, 2008 @ 7 p.m.

Summit on the Park **PDC Room - Banquet Center** 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

Wayne County Department of Public Services is undertaking the

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Road to 200 feet south of Joy Road in the Charter Township of

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Wake up, Maggie, I've got a great house to show to you

As lots become narrower and narrower, it is imperative that home designs change to accommodate. The Maggie (407-08) with 1,154 square feet is a perfect starter home, and is ideal for a narrow lot. It is a traditional style home with a two-car garage in front and covered porch area to the right. The covered entry leads into the living room with a coat closet flush to the left wall.

Combining the living room and dining room areas creates an unobstructed space. An eating bar makes a transition into the kitchen, allowing conversation among family members during meal preparation. Overhead cabinets above the bar are ideal for dishes since the dishwasher and sink are close by. A pantry is located next to the refrigerator for ease of storing grocery items. There is an abundance of overhead cabinets throughout the rest of the kitchen. The range and oven have no shortage of counter space. Two steps down from the patio doors off the dining area is a large patio, perfect for potted plants and outside furniture.



This is an ideal for the family to enjoy barbecues and backyard gatherings.

Well partitioned from the balance of the home, the bedrooms and full bath are situated on the left side, down a hallway. Bedrooms two and three each have large windows and ample closet space. Linen closets are located off bedroom two and the bath. Convenient to the bedrooms is the washer and dryer, set behind bi-fold doors next to the entry of the garage.

To balance this well-proportioned home, the master suite has his and hers closets, located along one wall, that simplify clothes organization. A pocket door separates the room from the master bath. A large window livens up the master suite itself, while the bathroom window brightens that room. Overall, the Maggie accommodates a young family or the empty nesters. It is narrow and long, wonderful for the modern lot sizes and easy to enlarge.

For a study plan of the Maggie (407-08), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www. ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.

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Home Staging helpers

The International Association of Home Staging Professionals Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Barb Schwarz, announced the beginning of the fourth annual Worldwide Staging Service Week, Sept. 8-15. A record 60 IAHSP Chapters will participate across the country in a weeklong event to improve the lives of others. Members of the IAHSP across the U.S. and Canada will come together to help local organizations and individuals in their communities who are in need of Staging services.

Past benefactors have included such places as the Ronald McDonald House, nursing homes, schools, women's shelters and individuals in need of selling their homes.

Bringing it all "Home" for the residents of Michigan is The Great Lakes Regional

IAHSP Chapter. For the third year in a row, the Great Lakes **LAHSP** Regional Chapter has selected the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan located in Detroit as their Worldwide Staging Service Week benefactors. Over seven days, local chapter members along with their business affiliate partners; Mr. Handyman, Carpets Etcetera, Cort Furniture Rental, Ken Brown International, Drake's Painting and others have pooled their talent and resources to renovate several areas at the Ronald McDonald House.

"The largest job of course is the entire remodel of a bedroom which will be re-painted, re-carpeted and all new furnishings and accessories added to create a place where a family can rest and regroup while their child is at Children's Hospital for their medical needs," said Tracy Allen, Chapter ambassador.

Over the past two years, the Great Lakes IAHSP Chapter members have completed over \$83,000 in renovations and improvements with goods and services. The Ronald McDonald House in Detroit is only 100 footsteps from Children's Hospital and serves as a "Home Away From Home" to families whose child is receiving medical treatment at the hospital. "We

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have enjoyed helping the Ronald McDonald House through our Worldwide Staging Service Week Projects knowing the renovations and redecorating makes a difference to over 1,000 families each year that stay at the house," said Robert Leece, president of the chapter.

"The Great Lakes Stagers have become part of our extended family here at our Ronald McDonald House," said Jennifer Litomisky, executive director. "Several of the chapter members continue to donate their time and talents to our house throughout the year; they have truly made a difference for our families at our house."

Condo operation

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467.

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Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C.

Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association. BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional

Remodelers will sponsor a Certified Graduate Course: Sales And Marketing on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. This course counts toward prelicensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan. The course also counts toward earning the following designations: Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder, and Master Certified Sales Professional. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of **Builders Professional Service** Group will instruct on four essential topics to help you turn your business into a profitable, market-driven enterprise. Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for **BIA or Apartment Association** of Michigan members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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