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# Connection

# Water rates

Last week, the Canton Township Board of Trustees decided to delay a decision to raise water and sewer rates by 20 percent for the second straight year. Supervisor Phil LaJoy took the item off the agenda so the board could get more information about the rates before it makes a deci-

On Tuesday, the board will gather at township hall to hold a study session at 7 p.m. Board members will be given an update of the 2009 Water and Sewer Rate Study. The meeting is open to the public.

# Christmas in Action

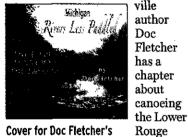
Canton's Christmas in Action chapter, a group of volunteers who annually help repair and refurbish homes for Canton seniors, is seeking skilled and unskilled volunteers to help from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25.

Some of the skilled services needed include electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work and painting.

Anyone interested in helping should phone (734) 394-5191 to for more information.

# Canoeing the Rouge

Hot of the success of Canton's Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, township officials will be touting the Lower Rouge as a place where canoeists can put a paddle in the water. While that may seem farfetched to some people, North-



Cover for Doc Fletcher's book, 'Michigan Rivers Less in his Paddled. recently

released book Michigan Rivers Less Paddled.

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Fletcher's book, his second about canoeing Michigan rivers, provides photos, a route description, some history and even a look at Miller's Bar in Dearborn in keeping with his subtitle: "The Rivers, The Towns, The Taverns."

Fletcher will be at the Westland Public Library (6123 Central City Parkway) to discuss and sign copies of the book at 7 p.m., March 25. For more information, visit www.booktour.com/author/doc\_ fletcher.

For more information about canoeing the route mentioned in the book, including a YouTube video, visit the Friends of the Rouge Web site at www. therouge.org.

# Saving a piece of history

# One of Canton's last silos being moved to showcase agricultural past

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Tim and Gail Carr bought what was originally an old farmhouse on a oneacre parcel on Ford Road east of Ridge in 1985 they kept the old silo that came with the property, which was once part of a 40acre farm.

"I had originally thought about tearing it down, but that's how people found us," said Tim Carr, 55. "It became a landmark for our four daughters to tell their friends how to get here."

The girls are now grown up and gone. And, so is the 1931-era silo, one of the last remaining in Canton that represents the township's agricultural history.

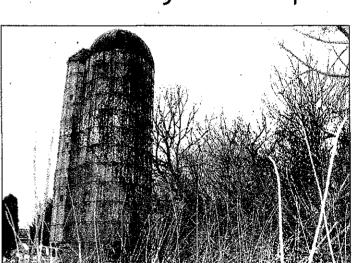
The silo was taken down piece-by-piece last week by an experienced Amish crew that was careful to remove the metal roof and 40-pound blocks measuring about 2feet-by-18-inches. The silo will soon be put back together and erected on seven acres of the Travis-Bartlett property on Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill, which depicts Canton's farming history.

The ground is too wet to rebuild it, so once we get a dry spell we'll start the foundation for the silo," said Brad Sharp, Canton Township's park and facilities maintenance manager. "It will be erected on the north side of the Cady-Boyer barn.

"I think it really shows a lot of the true history of Canton," he said. "It was originally a farming community and we need to protect what's remaining.'

It took workers nearly seven hours to take apart the silo. When it's reconstructed it will be placed near the Cady-Boyer barn, which was moved there two years ago; and the Hugh Clyde house, one of the first built

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Canton's Tim and Gail Carr donated this 1931-era silo, one of the last remaining in Canton, to be part of the township's historic park in Cherry Hill Village. Amish workers, funded by Canton's Bob Boyer, have already dismantled the silo and will erect it once the weather gets warmer.

# Dishing up a winner

# Culinary artists hope to rebound at competition

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

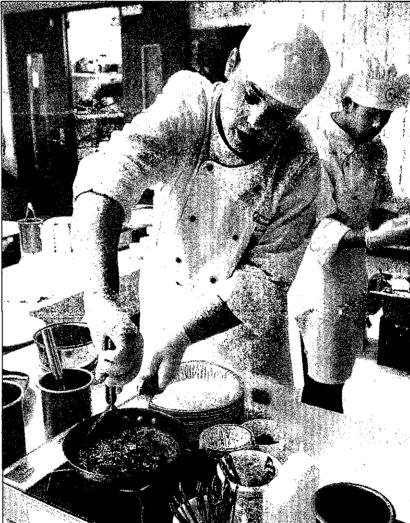
At last year's Michigan Restaurant Association culinary competition, Plymouth-Canton's culinary arts team was within a few points of victory when a timing error forced them to serve a rack of lamb nearly raw.

The team, consisting totally of juniors who'd never been subjected to the pressure of such a competition, finished well out of the running, failing to place in the top three for the first time.

This year, with all returning seniors armed with a new routine and renewed desire, the team is, ironically in the wake of last year's raw meat fiasco, out for blood.

"They were juniors last year and they didn't know what to expect," said Diana Woodward, the district's culinary arts instructor who coaches the team. "They stumbled a little bit under the pressure. This year, they want blood."

The annual competition takes place today (Sunday) at the Kellogg Center in Lansing. It's divided into two parts — management and food preparation. The management team is responsible for knowing just about every word of textbooks, and they're also presented a case study that could include problems ranging from a bomb scare to food-borne illnesses.



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Kevin Frader mashes berries.

One year, the management team was presented with "mysterious green ooze" in its walk-in refrigera"The case study presents anything

that could possibly go wrong in a

said. "The team has to figure out

hotel or banquet center," Woodward



Tyler Bergquist, who was on the culinary team that failed to place last year, hopes this year's state culinary competition goes much better.

how to respond."

The culinary team is given two hours to prepare and serve a meal. They get no running water or electricity, no refrigeration and two eight-foot folding tables in a 10square-foot area.

In past years, the menu was up to the teams. This year, the sponsors dictated the protein: Chicken. The rest of it is still at the whim of the team. This year, they're serving crab and artichoke, followed by Sous-Vide Chicken Breast with cherry sage, ballotine served over butternut squash risotto with asparagus, root vegetables and brandy cider jus. capped with a chocolate and banana-passion fruit mousse.

The team, which won a state title and became the only Michigan school to win the national cham-

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# Local landfill may convert methane gas into electricity

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Saulk Trail Hills landfill in Canton Township could soon become a source of less expensive electricity for nearby businesses as township officials and Republic Waste — owner of the landfill - discuss the possibility of harnessing methane gas that currently

just evaporates into the air. "As the waste decomposes, it generates methane gas naturally, and some landfills collect it as a source of energy," said Tim Faas, Canton's municipal services director. "They take the methane and power engines with it. Republic has done it at various facilities in

Michigan."

One of those facilities is the Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter

"We're burning gas in 14 engines and we generate around 10 megawatts of electricity," said Matt Neely, general manager for Republic at Saulk Trail Hills, who formerly was GM at Carleton Farms. "That's probably generating enough electricity for 10,000 homes. It goes back into the DTE (Energy) power grid.

"We're basically taking landfill gas, which is a by-product of the decomposition of garbage," he added. "Methane is the same gas

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The Saulk Trail Hills landfill is exploring the possibility of converting methane gas into electricity for nearby businesses.

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Canton Officer Michael Andes accepts his award from M.A.D.D, presented by Fox 2 anchor Ron Savage.

# MADD applauds good police work

Mothers Against Drunk Driving honored local police officers for their efforts in keeping roads safer. Awards were presented Thursday, March 12, at the annual LifeSavers luncheon at Burton Manor in Livonia.

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Local officers honored are: Canton Police Department Officer Michael Andes; Livonia Police Department

- Officer Eric Eisenbeis; Michigan State Police Detroit #29 — Trooper Christopher Kurish; Michigan State Police Detroit #25 - Trooper Joseph Mankiewicz; Plymouth Township Police Department Officer Michael Fritz; Redford Township Police Department — Officer Crystal Pasiak; Wayne County

Sheriff's Department — Sgt.

Ronald Rosselle, Cpl. Keith Rachwal, Cpl. Brian Glatfelter, Sgt. Rommel Saleh; Sgt. Cameron Porzondek; and Westland Police Department – Officer Kenneth Percin.

Ron Savage of FOX-2 News was master of ceremonies and Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano welcomed the honorees and their guests. MADD is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit grass roots organization with more than 400 entities nationwide. MADD is not a crusade against alcohol consumption - "MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking," said Nechole McClendon of MADD Wayne County. Founded in 1980, MADD has helped save more

than 300,000 lives and has trained more than 1,200 victim advocates across the country. For more information, visit www.madd.org.

MADD is only one of several organizations nationwide spreading the message about the dangers of alcohol. But the millions of dollars spent on alcohol advertising each year pales in comparison to the economic and social cost of drunken driving paid by the innocent, which not only includes innocent victims but innocent taxpayers who share the economic cost. Consider

■ Alcohol impaired drivers are estimated to cost American taxpayers \$21-\$24 billion dollars per year, according to a recent Allstate Insurance Co. study.

■ National Geographic recently stated that alcohol abuse costs American society \$136 billion annually.

■ According to the Michigan Drunk Driving audit in 2004, the state had 364 alcohol related traffic fatalities (58 in Wayne County alone).

■ Underage drinking costs the U.S. more than \$58 billion every year — enough to buy every public school student a state-of-the-art computer.

■ More than 100,000 deaths in the U.S. each year are attributable to excessive alcohol consumption.

■ Alcohol kills five times more teenagers than all other drugs combined.

A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows there are nearly two alcohol-related traffic deaths per hour, 43 per day, and 303 per week. This is the equivalent of two jetliners crashing per week.

■ One out of every two Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related accident in his or her lifetime.

# CORRECTION

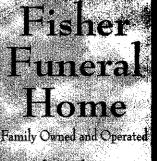
The story "Buckle Up" that appeared in Thursday's Canton Observer indicated Canton police arrested 14 motorists last year for operating while intoxicated, with three of those on St. Patrick's Day during federally funded details.

The story should have stated Canton police made 257 drunk driving arrests in 2008, with 14 of those — including three on St. Patrick's Day — during federally funded patrols.

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# Police arrest Detroit man for string of burglaries SILO FROM PAGE A1

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A 31-year-old Detroit man, who police say was recently released from prison, was arrested Wednesday night for burglaries in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Dearborn Heights.

If he's convicted, David Norman Itlas could be back in prison - this time for life - for a number of felony charges associated with the burglaries. He is also being charged with



al offender. According to police, the crime spree ended when Itlas was apprehended

being a habitu-

by Dearborn Heights police officers.

"Dearborn Heights police were at the right place at the right time," said Sgt. Mark Gajeski, Canton police spokesman. "There was a brief pursuit and he ended up crashing. They then took him into custody.

"Dearborn Heights police put out an area message to departments that had similar crimes, so we sent an officer to the scene and identified property taken from the iComputer store in his vehicle," he said. "He threw a cinder block through the front glass door to gain entry about 1:30 a.m. (Tuesday)."

Gajeski said Itlas has been charged with breaking and

entering and larceny of a building for taking a 42-inch flat screen television from iComputer, 6120 N. Canton Center Road, which was reportedly found in the car Itlas was driving.

Itlas was arraigned Thursday in front of 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, who set bond at \$100,000, with only 10 percent needed to bond out. Itlas' preliminary exam is scheduled for March 20.

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in the township, which was transplanted on the Travis-Bartlett property last year.

The barn was originally located at Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park until Canton** resident Bob Boyer paid nearly \$100,000 to move it. Boyer was the one who asked Carr if he would donate the silo, and then paid in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for it to be moved and eventually rebuilt.

Boyer was honored Monday by the Canton Rotary Club for his efforts in moving the

barn and silo. Last year, Boyer was honored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network for his philanthropic effort to save the historic barn from demolition.

"He wants to keep the agricultural era of Canton part of our history," said Starr Stennis, Boyer's daughter, who works for her father at Boyer's Meat Processing plant in Canton.

"That's very important to him." Meanwhile, Carr — who still has some old farm implements on his property — admits to missing the old silo.

"I was glad to donate it, but I still kind of miss it," Carr said. "It seems as if our identity is gone."

# Dine with yoga stars of metro Detroit

Dining with the Stars sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers takes a special twist this month. The winner will dine with the voga stars of metro

Detroit. The group includes Katherine Lucas, founder of Karma Yoga, Inc.; Sara Davidson, ERYT-500; Aaron E. Fenton (ASHTANGA) Yoga Room; and Linda Kay of Yoga Shelter.

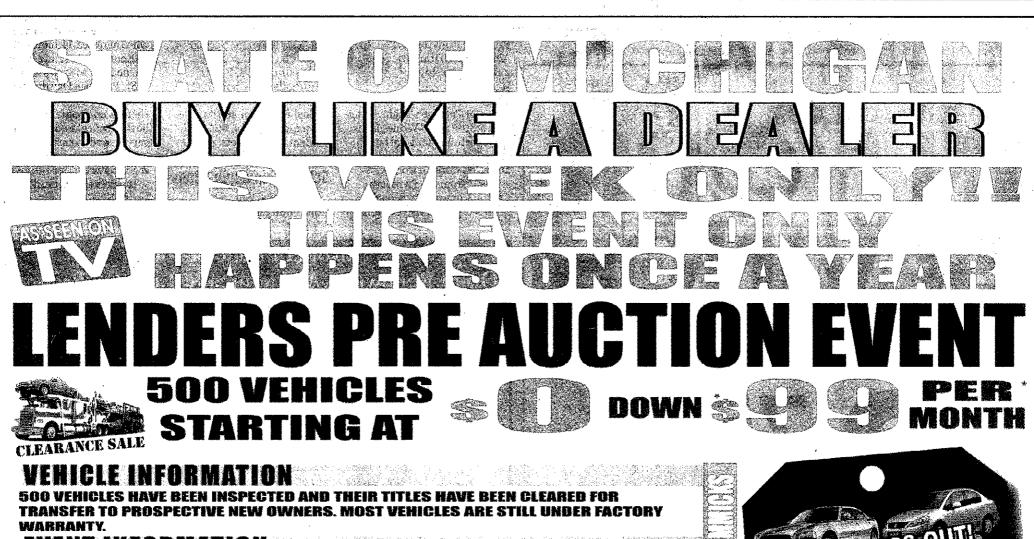
Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with yoga stars at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.



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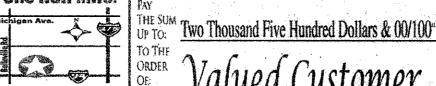
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# EDUCATION



Plymouth-Canton music teacher Catherine DePentu (right) was honored with the Extra Miler Award Tuesday night.

# Going the 'Extra Mile'

Veteran music teacher hits the right notes

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton school board member John Jackson, whose daughter performed under her, praised the growth of the district's music program since she came aboard.

Plymouth High School Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski said a description of "the perfect music educator" would come with a photo

That's why veteran music teacher Cathy DePentu received the district's Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award at Tuesday's school board meeting. She was recognized for her "outstanding dedication to the students, parents and community."

'She's just a pleasure,' Kaminski said. "As an administrator it's great to have someone who just does it. You don't have to worry about anything. If you watch her with her kids, you see it. Her kids love her."

Tim Schoenherr, the district's arts coordinator, pointed out DePentu's continued growth in the program, saying she has a "clear understanding" of the district's K-12 curriculum. Her understanding is such she made a presentation on the state's new requirements for the visual arts at January's Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, a presentation, according to Schoenherr, that shows Plymouth-Canton is a leader.

"It's impressive to me that she has continued to grow," Schoenherr said. "Many seasoned educators would be set in their ways, but Cathy continues to adjust. She always looks for ways to say yes instead of no, to say will instead of won't and to say can instead of can't."

DePentu took a little time out of The Pit at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School, where she's directing the orchestra for the Park Players' production of Smokey Joe's Cafe, to accept the award.

"It's a great honor," she said. "I love what I do. Every year is more fun than the year before."

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**VBPS foundation raises \$3,000** 

The Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation held its first spaghetti dinner recently, raising \$3,085 to fund mini-grants for the school district. All of the schools, from elementary up to Belleville High School, donated theme-style baskets to auction for the event. There were 13 baskets ranging from 'March is Reading Month' full of books from Elwell and the Board of Education, to 'A Night at the Movies' from South Middle School, Savage Elementary, and the administration staff. "We would like to thank everyone for the donations and all those who attended to support the children of the Van Buren Public Schools," said Sheila Patton, newly elected president of the foundation. Foundation members are (back row from left) Paul W. Henning, vice president, Paul George, Diane Patton, Scott Jones, Becky Smith, Bill Wolters, secretary, (front row from left) April Welsing, treasurer, Sheila Patton, president, Mary Ivan, Kelly McWilliams, and Randy Brown.

# **NOTEBOOK**

# Plymouth grid golf outing

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be holding its eight annual Wildcats Football Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30, at Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Center in Canton. The outing will be a best ball scramble with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Players are needed as well as hole sponsors and donated items for a silent auction at the end of the outing.

Registration is \$100 per golfer. You can register by calling Bill Ballelli at (734) 416-9603 or Mike Walsh at (734) 453-6796. For more details, or to become a hole sponsor or

auction item donor, go to the Wildcats Web site at www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.

# Shakespeare winner

Timothy Thompson, a senior at Salem High School, has earned first place in the **English Speaking Union** of the United States 2009 Shakespeare Regional Competition. Thompson has won an all-expense paid trip to New York City to study Shakespeare, acting, attend plays and compete at Lincoln Center April 25-28.

He will be competing with 50 students from across the United States for the opportunity to spend a month in England studying at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts on a full scholarship.

# Career Cruising

Career Pathways Night, scheduled 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, is an opportunity for local businesses to share information about the world of work with students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

This Open House event is for

parents and students in grades 8-12. It is an opportunity to cruise the Career Pathways and put high school and posthigh school planning into gear. There will be more than 50 employers onsite to share

information. For more information, call (734) 416-2944.

# Excellent evening

Tickets are now on sale for the Educational Excellence Foundation's premiere event, Evening of Excellence, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20.

Highlights will include performances by outstanding P-CCS students from P-CEP Wind Ensemble, P-CEP Orchestra Strings, Second Stage Players, Discovery's Dulcissima Girls, P-CEP Madrigals and Choir, P-CEP

Winter Guard and others. Cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens, \$25 for students. For tickets, contact Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718.

# Scholarship applications

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are accepting applications for the Student Citizenship Award scholarship. Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted before 4 p.m. Friday, April 3.

The \$500 scholarship is based on community service only. Grade point average does not play a role in the committee's decision.

The selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Starkweather and a non-P-CCS high school for the award. The scholarship application which is available at the Board of Education office, requires the student to give a one paragraph description of what community service means to them, a one page, bulleted list of the student's community service and a one page testimonial by the person nominating the student for the award.

Inquires should be directed to the P-CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416-2755.

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Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2009-10 school year. This program is geared toward academically talented students

looking for a specialized learning experience. Registration will be open from April 6-20 at the Department of Elementary and Special Program, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia 48154 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria. For complete information on the application process, visit www.livonia.k12.mi.us or contact Charlotte Worthen, Director of Elementary & Special Programs at 734-744-2589.

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# Road rally

Leadership Canton, a program that develops motivated leaders in Canton, is registering participants for its upcoming Road Rally fund-raiser. According to organizers, the rally is not a race, but will pit the intelligence and problem solving abilities of each team. It will take place at various Canton locations.

The event, which will take place May 12, will be limited to 30 cars, with four to six passengers per car. The Finish Line Party will be hosted by IKEA, located at 41650 Ford Road. The entry fee is \$35 per person. Proceeds event will benefit the Cady-Boyer Barn Fund, Senior Prescription Matching and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

To sign up or for more information, contact Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188. Entry forms can be downloaded at www.Rally4Canton.com.

# Diversity meeting

All Plymouth-Canton community residents are invited to take part in a communitywide meeting to explore diversity in the area and how to create an inclusive future at 7

p.m., March 26 at the Canton Township Administrative building.

Join fellow residents in working groups to secure an inclusive future for Plymouth and Canton. Families, high school youth, neighbors and people of all cultures and religions are encouraged to attend.

This is an effort supported by Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

To RSVP contact Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org or Stacey Stevens at (248) 331-7036 sstevens@miroundtable.org.

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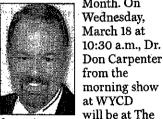
The Children's Hour and 99.5 WYCD are teaming up in support of March is Reading Month. On

Wednesday,

morning show

will be at The

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Hour Learning Center and Academy in Canton to read to the children. If you would like to be a part of this with your child, call The Children's Hour at (734) 459-9920.

Quick Lane, Super Bowl of Canton, and Westland Lock and Key are supporting this

## Canton Economic Club

The Canton Economic Club will meet on Thursday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit



Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox will be the featured guest speaker.

on the Park.

The luncheons were developed with the purpose

of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 394-5185.

# Camp fair

Are you looking for a summer camp experience for your



# Jamfest champs

The Canton-based Michigan Xtreme Power Stars recently competed in Indianapolis at the Jamfest Supernationals and won first place in their division. Pictured are (front from left) Jessie Bolz, Emily Shorkey, (second row) Shannon Diaz, Ryan Jeannotte, Kennedi Lewis, Bailee Georgeson, Ayden Peters, Peyton Philbeck, Haleigh Taylor, (third row) Julia Petroff, Megan McCurry, Ashley Sawchuk, Erykah Murphy, Tiffany Royer, Yuki Lshii, (back row) Coach Kelly Ward, Avery Hayek, Ryan Grant, Jenna Seychel, Sam Kenfield, Torry Tassic and Coach Rachele Frusti.

child or teen once school is out? Canton Leisure Services Annual Camp Fair will take place Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. - noon at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Stop in to hear about our upcoming summer programs, which include camps for preschool, youth and teens.

Summer camps offered these season, include: Camp Canton, Youth Summer Camp, Teen Trek, Teen Summer Camp at the BLOCK, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Drama Camps, Leisure Services Preschool Camps (Princess, Superhero, Outer Space & Rainforest Camp), ABLE -Special Needs Camp, Canton Sports Center - Baseball and Basketball Camps, Olympian Chung Do Kwan - Stranger Danger Camp, Abrakadoodle - Arts Camps D & M - Arts Camps, Michigan Learning -LEGO® Camps, Cavalo Farm -Equine (Horse Riding) Camp, Super Science Camp, The Write Class - Writing Camps. Mathnasium - Summer Math Programs, Camp Michigan Youth Flag Football - Football Camps, and High Velocity Sports various sports camps.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this free event. Be sure to stop by and enter one of the free raffles, enjoy some delicious treats, and take a turn on the inflatable bouncer. Guests can even try Nintendo Wii.

If you'd like to guarantee your child or teen a spot in one of our several popular camps this summer, be sure to register your child that day. Many of our camps will fill up quickly, so don't be late.

For more information on Canton Leisure Services 2nd Annual Camp Fair, visit www. canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

## Mom to mom sale

The Canton Newcomers will hold a mom to mom sale from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, at Summit on the Park. The sale will feature furniture, baby equipment, children's clothes, books, toys, maternity clothes, games and videos.

Admission is \$1, and 100 percent of proceeds will benefit seniors served by the Area Agency on Aging 1-C, located at 3850 Second Street, Suite #201, Wayne (www.aaalc.org).

For additional information about the sale and the Canton Newcomers, contact Jennifer Manriquez at (734) 844-7675, or visit their Web site at www. cantonnewcomers.org.

# Preschool open house

Plymouth Children's Nursery, 5825 N. Sheldon Road, will host a co-op preschool open house on Mar. 21 from 10 a.m.-noon. The preschool offers classes for ages 2 1/2 to 5. They now offer a 4 day per week class for young 5's. The school's teachers instruct each child through academic, social, and emotional learning by using a play-based philosophy. For more information, contact Sue Fairchild at (734) 844-0395.

# Plymouth grid golf outing

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be holding its eight annual Wildcats Football Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30, at Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Center in Canton. The outing will be a best ball scramble with a shot gun start. at 1 p.m. Players are needed as well as hole sponsors and donated items for a silent auction at the end of the outing.

Registration is \$100 per golfer. You can register by calling Bill Ballelli at (734) 416-9603 or Mike Walsh at (734) 453-6796. For more details, or to become a hole sponsor or auction item donor, go to the Wildcats Web site at www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.

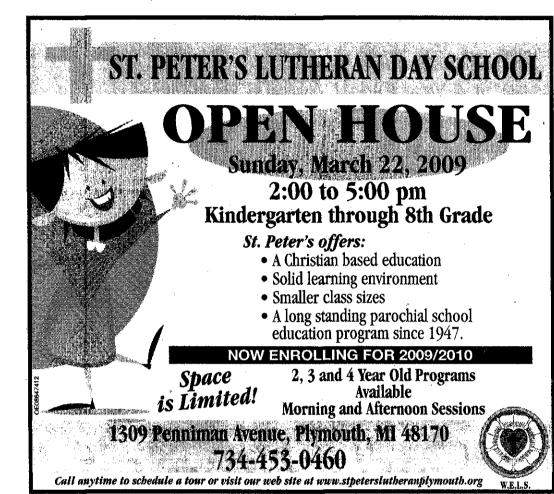
# Slavens coffee hour

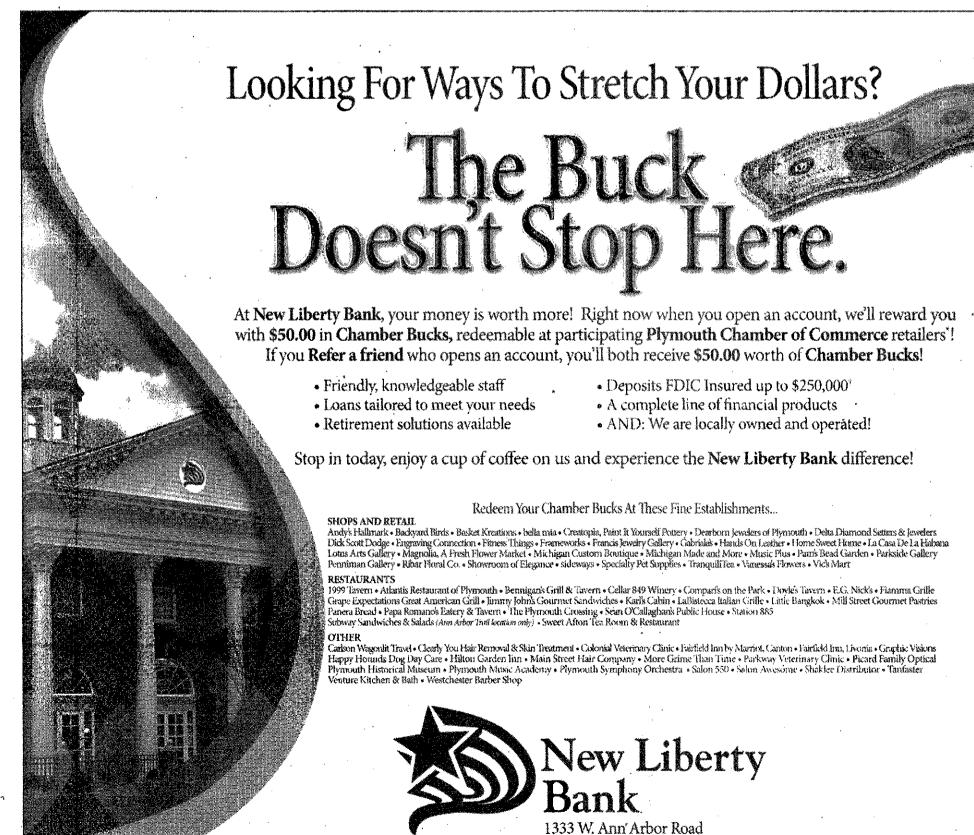
State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) is inviting residents to join her at a coffee hour to share their ideas and concerns. The coffee hour will take place 11 a.m.-noon, Monday, March 16 in Belleville at Doyce's Red Beans and Rice, 524 Main Street.

"Talking with our residents about issues that are important to them and their families will help me to better represent our community at the Capitol," Slavens said. "I'm eager to sit down with the residents that I represent in the Michigan House and listen to their ideas and concerns. I know that Michigan is facing tough challenges right now, and I am fighting every day to create more good-paying jobs for our workers and get our economy back on track."

Slavens is also planning upcoming coffee hours on Monday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road, and on Monday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to noon in Belleville at Dovce's Red Beans and Rice.

Slavens holds regular coffee hours throughout Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business is interested in hosting a coffee hour, please call (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov







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A: My advice is simple and straightforward. File your past tax returns. I recognize it will be difficult because you do not have records, however, it's something you need to do. The Internal Revenue Service has become much easier to deal with. It is willing to work with individuals, set up payments plans and even in some situations, waive tax liability because of hardships.



Rick Bloom

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IRS. Enrolled agents are not employees of the IRS. They have received certain training

which allows them to practice in front of the IRS. The fact that you do not have records and receipts makes things a little more difficult; however, it is not impossible to prepare your return.

Many people who have not filed past tax returns generally are afraid to file because of the taxes and penalties. There is no doubt that in many situations penalties, interest and back taxes can be substantial. however ignoring the situation does not make it better. You have a greater chance of waiving penalties and working out payment plans when you voluntarily come forward.

The law requires us to file

tax returns on a year-by-year basis and that alone should be enough motivation for everyone. However, qualifying for government assistance, especially for a child, should provide the extra motivation you need.

Dear Rick: I just started a new job. I am 28 years old, single and have no dependents. I have a shortterm disability policy that I think covers me for something like six months. My employer offers a longterm disability policy. Should I take it?

A: Congratulations on your new job.

Disability insurance protects you if you are unable to work. If you developed a health issue or were in an accident and could not work, once your short-term disability ended, you would have no way of paying your

A long-term disability policy provides necessary cash flow. Like all types of insurance, I believe it is needbased. The question is: If I become disabled, do I have the resources to pay my bills? If

not, then disability insurance is something to consider.

The key to disability insurance is the definition. Unfortunately, there is no standard definition of disability and different policies have different definitions. Therefore, before you obtain the policy, it is important to review the definition of a disability to make sure that it fits your situation.

Consider having an independent agent get you a competitive bid for disability and then to compare it to your group policy. Many times, an individual policy will have a better definition of disability and have lower costs.

Disability insurance can be highly valuable to an individual who becomes unable to work. Unfortunately, these policies are difficult to understand. Take your time, get competitive bids and ask questions.

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.

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# **ANGELA HOSPICE BENEFIT MARCH 26**

Angela Hospice of Livonia will present its annual women's event, "Laughter Lifts You Up," 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Proceeds will benefit the hospice's "Building for Life" expansion project.

The event will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia and will feature comedian W. Bruce Cameron, author of 8 Simple rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter and How To Remodel a Man: Tips and Techniques on Accomplishing Something You Know Is Impossible But Want To Try Anyway.

Dinner will be served, and raffle tickets and books will be available, to be autographed by Cameron. Reservations are \$40 per person and tickets will be sold through March 23 or until

sold out.

Cameron was born in Petoskey and pursued writing since age 10. After studying at Westminster College, he became a freelance writer who worked a day job.

In 1995, Cameron began to write an online column, later picked up by the Rocky Mountain News. His "8 Simple Rules" column was developed into a book published by Workman Publishing in 2001. It rose to No. 14 on The New York Times best seller list, and was turned into a sitcom starring John Ritter.

His most recent book, 8 Simple Rules for Marrying My Daughter, was released last year. For information on the event, call Angela Hospice's Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.



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# United Way campaign a little short but considered a success

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community United Way - which serves Plymouth, Canton and Northville - knew it would be tough to match the 2007 goal of \$1.3 million during the economic downturn. So, the Board of Directors downsized the 2008 goal by \$200,000 while secretly admitting even the lowered expectations could be tough to meet in today's financial

At Friday's PCUW annual meeting held at Comcast in Plymouth Township, board member Greg Foster announced preliminary indications are the 2008 campaign will be short, but not by much.

"Our campaign is not actually completed at this point, there have been some companies that have delayed running their campaigns," said Foster. "Our pledges are about \$1.05 million, so we're a little bit short. But we're working hard and hopeful to get close to our goal of \$1.1 million.

"We are looking to be down about \$250,000-\$300,000 from (the 2007 campaign)," he said. "I think that's very understandable given the economic climate this year. Because of past prudent policies, our Finance Committee is very confident we will be able to weather 2009 and be back on track next year."

The PCUW also earned \$204,000 from its annual August golf outing. That money is being put into an endowment that will eventually be used to fund the operations of the Plymouth United Way so the total amount of donations can go toward allocations, grants and designations.

"We are in a hurting economy right now and we're doing the best we can," said Art Butler, PCUW board chairman. "As the funds decrease and the needs increase we're caught in the middle. It hurts us to have to make subjective decisions...

as to which agency or which individual is going to get more or less.

Campaign Chairman Bill Lawton said no matter what the final tally, this year's effort was a success.

"What was generously contributed will be carefully and generously distributed to those in need," Lawton said. "We know that need is greater now than has been in a long time."

At the annual meeting, Johnson Controls was honored as a Platinum key contributor. Gold contributors included Automotive Components Holdings, Comcast, DTE Energy, General Motors, UAW Local 845, Unisys, United Parcel Service and Visteon Corporation.

Pledges for the 2008 campaign can still be given by calling the Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879 or on the Web at www.plymouthunitedway.org.

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# District makes 'green' pitch to leaders

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Administrators last month convinced the Plymouth-Canton school board its ideas for projects to take advantage of renewable energy were good ones to be funded by money in President Barack Obama's stimulus package.

On Friday, those same administrators made the pitch to legislators who could help steer some of that money their way.

Superintendent Craig Fiegel enlisted the aid of a pair of consultants who have helped the district craft some \$13 million in renewable energy projects slated for buildings across the dis-

The two drawing the most attention are a plan to cool off the gymnasiums, particularly at Plymouth High School, which can reach temperatures as high as 95 degrees during the summer, and covered, solar-heated walkways to provide cover for students moving between the Plymouth Canton Educational Park's three buildings.

Also in the plan: An idea for a 100-percent "green" middle school which would, according to Fiegel, be the first of its kind in the state.

'We want to be the poster child" for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's push for renewable energy use in schools, Fiegel said. "We want to be the first."

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, was on hand,

as were representatives of Granholm and U.S. Sen. Carl

Much of the focus was on the gyms and the walkways Friday. The idea to cool the gyms is to use night air and well water to pre-cool the gymnasium using the existing duct system. Additional measures — adding natural lighting with solar tubes and dehumidifying the air — would help drop interior temperatures to more like 70 degrees.

The district would employ the technique at Plymouth and Canton high schools; the Salem gym is air-condi-

The other major initiative is one talked about as far back as nine years ago: covered walkways connecting the park's three high schools. The discussion was part of a study in 2000 when the district was putting together what would become the 2004 bond issue. But Jacobs said it was discarded as "a want, not a need."

Now, with an emphasis being placed by nearly everyone on "going green," the idea is back. This time, though, the suggestion is to cover the walkways - which as they exist now take a lot of maintenance in terms of snow removal, salting and repairs — with solar panels.

The walkways would use active solar-power collection, wind power and use passive hot-water heating to preheat them in winter.

In addition to connecting all the schools and minimal maintenance, the

walkways would also serve as an educational tool, with "dashboard displays" that would show students how the building systems work, the amount of energy being expended, etc.

The district has worked with two consultants, Damien Farrell Design Group in Ann Arbor and Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, to put together the plan. Reynold Hendrickson of Mechanical Energy Systems, called district officials "wonderful to work with," but said they were "skeptical, and they tested us."

"We have a chance to show, to powerfully illustrate, what renewable energy can do," Hendrickson said. "We might as well get started now. Our president is asking us to get shovels in the ground."

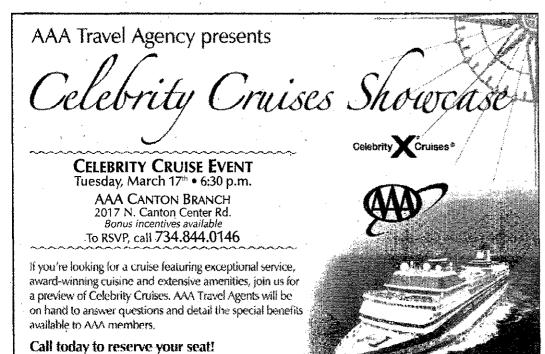
Granholm has made the push for renewable energy a priority recently, and her representative, Sherri Liebeau, said the Plymouth-Canton project would seem

to be a good fit. "(Granholm) is all about renewable energy," she said. "This falls right into that field."

Slavens, just elected in November, said she was "excited" by the proposal.

"I thought it was very impressive," Slavens said. "It's wonderful they're looking for 'green' ways to bring energy into the schools. I'm looking forward to seeing what (other) ideas they have."

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pionship in 2004, has worked since Thanksgiving on getting it right this time

and erasing the 2008 debacle.

"We didn't do as well as we'd hoped, but we kind of stumbled," said Tyler Bergquist, a Plymouth High School senior from Canton. "We had some mental errors, some simple errors, minor details that got us.

"We didn't know what to expect, and we went in blind," Bergquist added. "All of us came back, we're more organized, we want it more and we're having fun with it"

Canton High School senior Drew Greeneisen, 18, of Canton is part of this year's management team after serving with the culinary team a year ago. Though he's an alternate with the culinary team, Greeneisen switched to the management side this year to give himself the allencompassing experience.

While he finds the culinary side more physically demanding — "At the pace they



Victoria Vollmer minces roasted sweet red pepper.

go, it takes a lot out of you" — he said the management said has challenges of its

own, what with having two 500-plus-page textbooks to memorize.

The amount of effort the kids have put in has been impressive to their mentor, Dave Pawlowski, owner of the Omelette and Waffle Cafe in Plymouth. Pawlowski has worked hard with the kids to get it right this year.

"I've been a chef for 21 years, and I enjoy doing it," Pawlowski said. "If I can teach someone something new, I feel I'm contributing to the culinary

Team members hope all the preparation has them prepared to take on perennial power Fruitport, whose coach is rumored to be retiring after this competition. Plymouth-Canton cookers want to send her out their way.

"There's definitely a 'We have to win' attitude," Greeneisen said. "We were here last year, we know where the errors were made and we have to perfect it. Fruitport's teacher is retiring, and we definitely want to beat her before she goes."

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Plymouth-Canton's culinary and management teams meet before the preparation begins for the meat they'll cook in Sunday's state competition.

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you burn in your stove. Instead of flaring it off and burning it, we can generate electricity and get something useful from it."

Faas said the waste at Saulk Trail Hills on Lilley Road, which has been receiving solid waste since 1980, is decomposing at a "generally steady rate" and could continue "for the next 20-30 years." Faas noted talks with Republic include either a public-private partnership to build a generating station that would be used to sell the electricity to adjacent businesses, or have Republic operate it on its own. He said either scenario works for the

township.

"You have the options of selling electricity to the local provider (DTE), but there's not a direct rate advantage to local businesses," Faas said. "Another option would be to sell electricity directly to the businesses, but they would have to be abutting the landfill or be close."

One business showing interest, according to Faas, is Sysco Food Services, which is expanding its nearby facility. Another is the Western Township Utilities Authority (WTUA), which spends more than \$400,000 a year to pump waste water from Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority.

"WTUA is a very large electric user," Faas said. "The township, and in turn property owners, pay their bill. That has a true public benefit component."

Faas said questions have arisen as to how many businesses could become customers before the facility would be considered a regulated utility, generating a whole new set of complications.

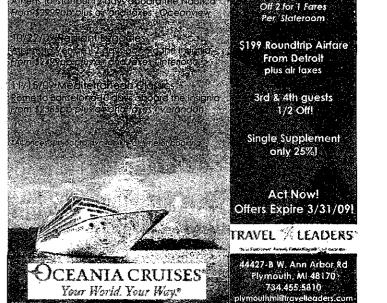
Michigan law now requires electric utilities to produce 10 percent of their retail sales from renewable energy resources by 2015. Faas said DTE has expressed interest in projects like the one being considered for Saulk Trail Hills, which Canton Township officials have listed among the 26 it would like to be con-

sidered for federal stimulus money. A ballpark figure to construct a conversion facility is about \$7.5 million.

Neely is a bit more cautious when discussing the proposed methane conversion project. He notes DTE has surplus capacity and doesn't expect to purchase electricity from outside sources this year. And there are hurdles with the Michigan Public Service Commission on supplying electricity to nearby businesses.

"We haven't worked out any details and haven't gotten to the point of discussion about financial arrangements," Neely said. "Hopefully, we can come up with something beneficial to everybody."

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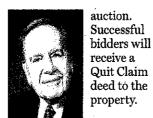
# Property auctions held in September, October

Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.

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# Q: When are property auctions

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# Outsmarting the economy

# Growing physical therapy business has Plymouth roots

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In nearly 20 years as a physical therapist, Jeffrey Sirabian has seen a lot of changes in the field — most notably in his own practice.

From a small facility on Lilley Road, Sirabian's Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists has grown to eight clinics in seven communities, and Sirabian is planning to open a ninth location, in Canton Township, this spring.

The Novi resident has come a long way since 1994 when, not quite five years out of the University of Michigan's physical therapy program, he opened his practice. As the business marks its 15th anniversary, it employs 23 therapists, provides teams at area high schools with athletic trainers, and serves as a training ground for college physical therapy students doing clinical rotations. The original clinic has been expanded to now encompass about 5,000 square feet.

Sirabian said the work is more like a hobby than a job.

"It's enthusiasm. Helping people and getting results, it's just a good feeling," Sirabian said in his office Tuesday.

"You're always interacting with people," said Shawn Grant of New Boston, a therapist at Sirabian's Wixom clinic.

The growth of Sirabian's business parallels changes in the field itself. Sirabian and Grant said physical therapy is constantly evolving as the understanding of anatomy improves, as diagnostic tools get better and as the value of therapy as an alternative to surgery, in many cases, becomes clearer. In addition, many major college physical



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therapy programs, they said. have recently become doctoral programs. (Sirabian and Grant each have a master's degree, and say they keep up with physical therapy advances.)

Most of Sirabian's therapists specialize in orthopedic therapy, and most are certified by the American Physical Therapy Association, or are working toward that certification. He called his therapists'

knowledge base "the key to our success.'

Many of their patients are recovering from sports or work injuries or are rehabilitating a joint, such as a knee or a hip, that has been replaced. There is a geriatric therapist, who specializes in working with senior citizens, and an occupational therapist, with expertise in helping people with hand rehabilitation, Sirabian said.

Grant and Sirabian said their approach is "evidencebased," meaning each therapy plan is based on that patient's needs. "It's not a cookie-cutter approach," Sirabian said.

For both men, a football injury suffered in the ninth grade, and the rehabilitation required to recover, sparked their interest in physical therapy. Sirabian (broken arm) was attending Reuther Junior High (now a middle school) in Rochester Hills, while Grant (broken leg) was at Allen Park High School.

"I went through rehab and it was like, 'Yeah, this is it," Grant said.

Both said many physical therapists have a sports background; Sirabian recently hired a former patient, who had been a soccer player at Plymouth Salem High School, as a therapist in his Northville office.

Both said their profession is rewarding; even patients with little motivation, Grant said, while they can be discouraging for a therapist, can also come away from rehab with more interest in and a better understanding of what they need to do to keep themselves healthy.

"At the end of the day, you're coming here to make a difference in your life," Sirabian

Sirabian said he picked the Plymouth area as the site for his first clinic because of his love for the community. He had worked for a local clinic beginning in 1990, and still works out of his original clinic, seeing patients as well as managing the business.

"It's a great community," he said. "It's a fun community."

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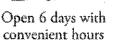
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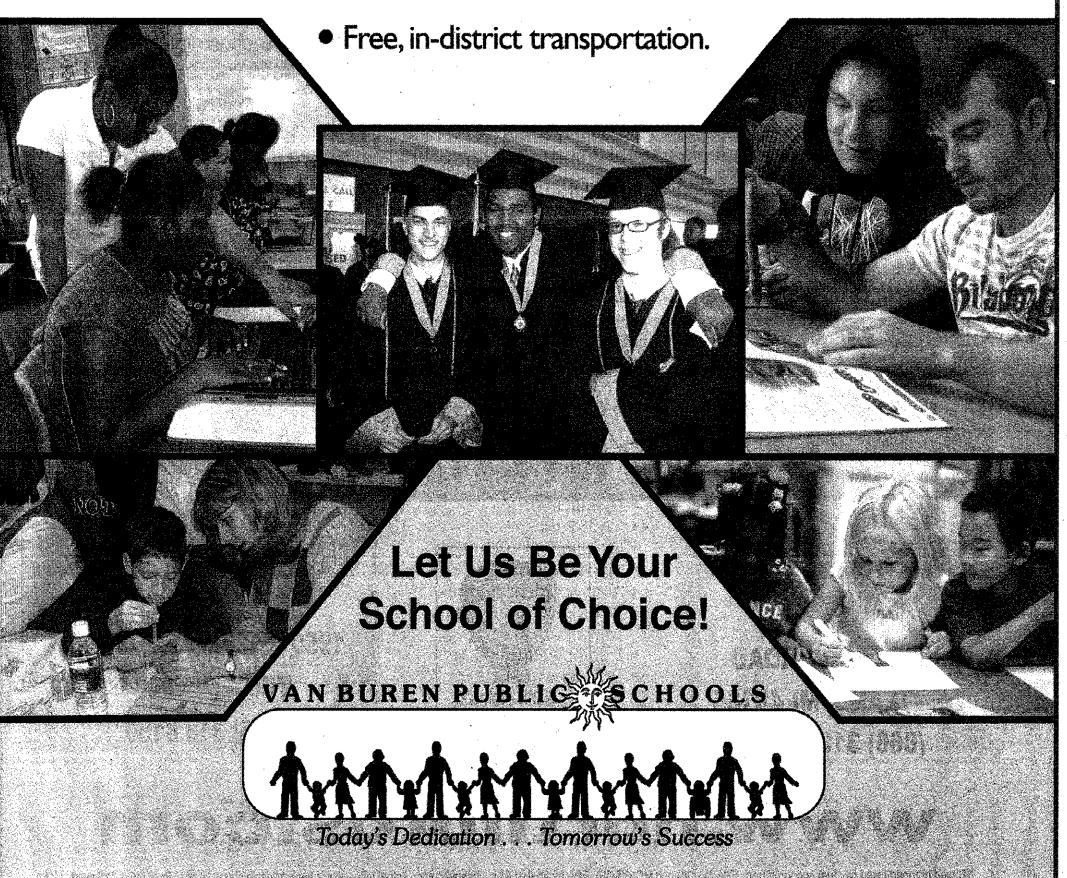




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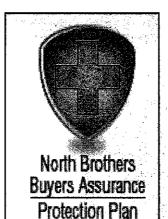
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# SPORTS, HEALTH & FITNESS, NEIGHBORS HOMETOWN LIFE

# Friday the 13th rough on local matmen

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Friday the 13th was not kind to the seven Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers who were competing in the Division 1 Individual State Meet.

All seven grapplers had their hopes for a state title dashed, including Canton's 145-pounder Brent Winekoff, who entered the competition ranked No. 1.

Winekoff breezed through his first two matches, defeating Hudsonville's Paul Carbone, 17-5, before handling Lake Orion's Justin Ruddy, 12-7. However, the once-beaten junior dropped an agonizing 4-3 decision to East Kentwood's DeShawn Nelson in Friday's semifinal

Winekoff's teammate, junior 135pounder Donnie Watkins, was also sidetracked by an East Kentwood wrestler. After winning his opener on Thursday - pinning L'anse Creuse's Clayton Muller in 1:49 — Watkins was nipped 10-9 by EK's Paul Vilker on Friday morning. Watkins bounced back Friday afternoon by ousting Joshua Goodman of Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 8-5, to remain alive for a third-place finish.

One of Thursday's most impressive first-round wins by a local wrestler came when Salem's Sam Lepper upended Rochester Adams' Jason Finney, 6-3. Finney entered the match with a 51-1

However, Lepper was knocked from the brackets on Friday when he dropped back-to-back decisions to Holt's James Mireles (pin in 5:43) and Roseville's Chris Nash (7-5).

Two PCEP wrestlers — Salem's 103pound Nick Kim and Canton's 119-pound Carl Lucke — were still in the hunt for top-six finishes as of late Friday night. After getting pinned in his first match by Clarkston's Zak Roberson, Kim rebounded to defeat Roseville's Doug Zundel (4-2) and Jenison's Trenton Samuels (7-5 in overtime).

Lucke started with an 8-6 win over Milford's Devin Doria, but fell in the second round, 15-0, to Anchor Bay's Robbie Bidlingmaier. Lucke stayed alive by edg-

ing Romeo's Kyle Witgen, 6-5. Canton junior Waleed Faraj went 2-2 at 112 before eventually getting ousted Friday afternoon. Faraj defeated Nikolas Leal of Holland, 4-2 before coming out on the short end of a 10-3 decision to Davison's Brandon Shuart.

ALIGNESS IN THE EAST

**WRAPS** 

MU baseball team wins

Second baseman Ryan

Morrow went 3-for-5 with

Madonna University baseball

team to a 12-6 victory Friday

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington

Hills Harrison) also went 3-

for-5, including a homer, and

Bover and Tarik Khasawneh

(Canton) also added two hits

The Crusaders used two pitchers with Kyle Bolton

all five batters he faced in 1.1

The loss drops Spaulding

Softball game changed The Madonna University women's softball team has

had to change the venue for its Saturday double-header

against No. 12 Bethel (Ind.)

The game, which had

University Field, has been

Siena Heights in Adrian due

This week's earlier rains

and cold temperatures have left the surface at University

First pitch is still slated for 1 p.m. against the Pilots.

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The Schoolcraft College

women's basketball team can

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for the NCJAAs in 2001, fin-

Tournament MVP April Goins (Detroit Pershing)

had a monster game with 26 points and 18 rebounds

(including 11 offensive) as

Schoolcraft won its 23rd

Tayler Langham (Salem)

Ocelots, who shot 40.9 per-

cent from the floor (27-of-66)

and 62 percent from the foul

OCC, unable to recover

got 14 points from Tabytha

from a 39-22 halftime deficit,

Harvey, while Angela Russell

and Megan Charlebois added

added 11 for the Lady

Antania Shepherd (Detroit

Cody) added 13 points, while

Schoolcraft, 30-2 overall

over Oakland Community College in the Region 12~

District H final held at

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going 7.2 innings, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits. Bolton, who improved to 3-1, struck out four and walked two before giving way to freshman reliever Chris Kangas, who retired

three RBI as the Crusaders

improved to 13-2 overall.

Aaron Hacias, Scott

over host Spaulding (Ky.) University at Derby Field in

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five RBI to propel the

He stayed in the hunt for a medal by outlasting Jenison's Dylan Wyngarden, 9-6, but he forfeited his next match against Hartland's Nick Monitz.

Canton junior Keith Zech dropped his first two matches, getting outscored 19-10 by Grand Haven's Chris Lucas before dropping a 17-2 decision to Anchor Bay's Nick Licari.

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# Spring thaw

# Novi's hot shooting melts Canton's District title hopes

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Down by as many as 16 points in the first half, Canton's boys basketball team's second-half theme song was "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" in. Wednesday's Class A District semifinal against Novi.

Inspired by its vocal crowd, the Chiefs clawed back to within 56-51 thanks to a Marlan Glenn triple with 7:10 to play, but the Wildcats countered with a 6-0 run to pull out a hard-earned 78-71 vic-

The setback ended Canton's season at 11-10. Novi advanced to play Novi Catholic Central in Friday night's District final.

"Our energy needed to pick up a little bit in the second half, and it did," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. I was proud of the way the guys came back and never counted themselves out of it.

"I thought our seniors did a fantastic job and showed a lot of class. Sherif Hassanien hit the big shots like he has throughout his career, Marlan Glenn came back and played with fire and intensity in the second half, and Kiere Daniels did a great job inside."

Colligan also praised the defensive effort of senior Kyle Biega, who was handed the unenviable task of guarding All-Conference player Chris Bellamy.

"Kyle did a solid job of staying in front of Bellamy, who's a phenomenal player.

"Our goal was to keep him under 30 (points), which tells you what kind of talent he has."

Bellamy finished with a game-high 24, but he needed 21 shots to do it.

Probably the biggest determining factor for the victorious Wildcats was their balance as four players scored between 10 and 12 points. Senior captain Rob Brockman tossed in a dozen; Tyler Wenson and Samer Ozeir both tallied 11; and Jeremy Mims added 10.

Canton's attack was all about balance, too, as five players hit double-figures led by lightning-quick sophomore guard Dietrich Lever's 16. Junior forward Kevin Weisz scored 14, eight of which came in the fourth quarter.

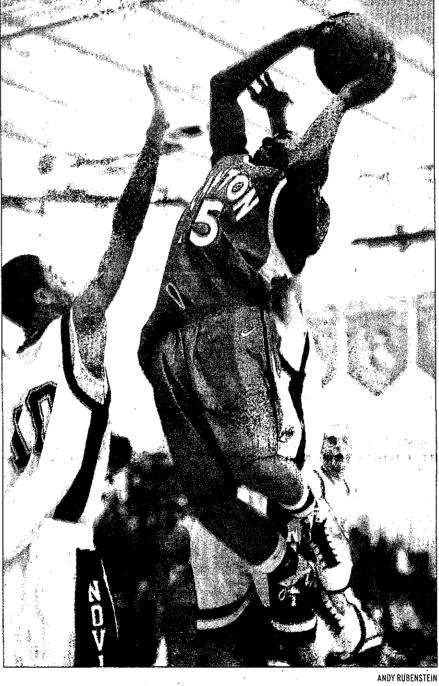
Also making major contributions were Glenn (13), Daniels (12) and Hassanien, who scored 10, including a pair of second-half triples.

Novi raced to a 23-10 lead after one quarter. The hosts advantage bulged to 32-16 mid-way through the second quarter on a fast-break lay-up by Nick Regnier.

The Chiefs responded well to a Colligan time-out and deliberately chiseled their halftime deficit down to 37-28 thanks to a late 9-2 run that was sparked by a Weisz triple and a pair of slick, twisting drives by Brandon Duffey.

Novi pushed its lead back to 47-36 with three minutes to play in the third

Please see CANTON, B5



Canton senior forward Kiere Daniels soars for two of his 12 points in Wednesday's 78-71 loss to

Novi in a Class A District semifinal game.

Hard work has made Salem sophomore Matt Collingwood one of the top freestyle swimmers in the state. The native of Cambridge, England, is a member of Club Wolverine.



# ROCKS Extra effort makes Rock freestyle phenom

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Salem sophomore swimmer Matt Collingwood has a lot more in common with Michael Phelps than you probably realize.

Collingwood and Phelps were both members of Club Wolverine last year, they both love to swim and they both have the kind of work ethic that leads to greatness.

Collingwood just hasn't had enough time to reach his yet. "I walked by him a few times

when I was coming to practice and he was leaving," Collingwood said, smiling. "He had no idea who I was, but I knew who he was." If Collingwood's times keep



past two years, that may change. Collingwood was one of

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four Rocks to compete in this weekend's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University. The talented 10th-grader has proven to be an accomplished free-styler as he qualified in the 200-yard freestyle, the 500 free as well as a pair of relays.

"I like swimming because all the hard work you do pays off at the end," he said. "You see results."

Please see COLLINGWOOD, B2

# THE COLLINGWOOD FILE

Name: Matt Collingwood; Age: 15

Family: Parents Ian and Gill; siblings Abi, 13, and Phillip, 9;-Early days: Was born and lived the first six years of his life in Cambridge, England; Favorite movie: 300 Favorite TV show: none: Favorite athlete: swimmer

Peter Vanderkaay; Favorite restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings;

Favorite teacher: Ms. Andridge.

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"The Detroit Metro Sports Commission, University of Detroit Mercy, Community **Bowling Centers and Super** Bowl have worked for 18 months to develop plans for this prestigious 2009 NCAA Bowling Championship," said Dave Beachnau, DMSC executive director. "In partnership with the NCAA, our local committee has created a tremendous host effort for the tournament that will culminate with a show-stopping setting for the event finals that will be seen by a national television audience on ESPN2 and ESPNU at 8 p.m. EST on Saturday, April

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Tickets for Thursday/Friday are daily \$7 for students, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for all sessions for students and \$25 for adults.

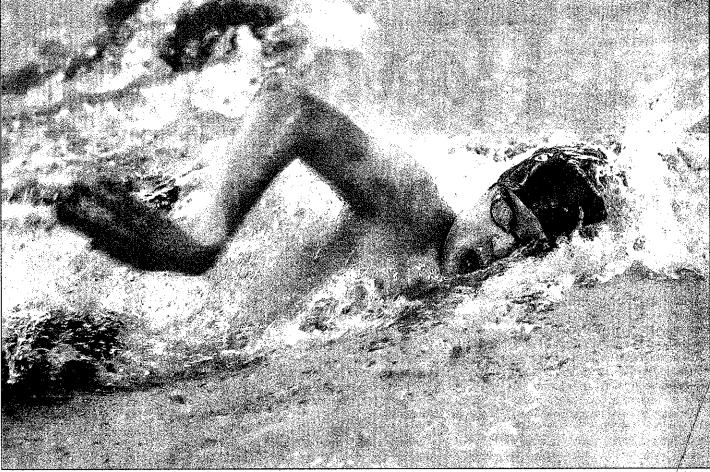
Tickets to the Saturday finals are \$8 students and \$13 adults. All tickets are available by calling (734) 459-6070.

# Prep lacrosse event

The 2009 Lacrosse Face-Off Classic will be held Saturday, March 21, at the PCEP turf stadium.

The annual event, which will be hosted by the PCEP Lacrosse Athletic Association, will feature the following teams: Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Grosse Ile, Tecumseh, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lincoln, Hartland and Holt.

The tournament will consist of 25-minute scrimmages. There will be no admission fee and there will be a concession stand.



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Salem freestyle standout Matt Collingwood is pictured competing in a meet earlier this season against Canton.

# COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood, who lived in Cambridge, England until his family moved to Canton when he was 6, said he's given up all other sports — he played hockey when he was younger — to dedicate his energies to dropping more time in the pool.

"You have to swim year-round if you want to be good," he said. "For every day you don't train, it wipes out two days that you do train. Throughout the year, I'll take off about a month, but that's it."

During Collingwood's early competitive days — as a middle-school swimmer at East Middle School and with the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers — he excelled in the backstroke and individual medley.

That all changed once he entered

"During one of my meets my freshman year, I signed up to swim in a freestyle event," said Collingwood.
"Coach Olson saw I was a pretty good free-styler, so he kept me there. I still swim the backstroke occasionally, too."

'You have to swim year-round if you want to be good. For every day you don't train, it wipes out two days that you do train. Throughout the year, I'll take off about a month, but that's it.'

MATT COLLINGWOOD, Salem sophomore swimmer

Collingwood has come into his own as of late. At the MISCA event earlier this month, he posted the sixth-best time in the 200 free and the seventh-best in the 500 — at a competition that draws the best prep swimmers in the state

"It's all about determination and staying focused, even when you're tired," he said, when asked how he endures the relentless practices.

Collingwood is an outstanding student as well as swimmer. He's earned a lofty 3.5 grade-point average.

Swimming is a family activity in the Collingwood household. His 13year-old sister, Abi, and his 9-year-old brother, Phillip, both swim competitively.

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# Several hopefuls still in the swim

BY ED WRIGHT Observer Staff Writer

Several local prep swimmers still had their sights set on All-State finishes following Friday's preliminary round of the Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Leading the hopefuls were Salem's Adam Seroka and Canton's Victor Zhang, both of whom excelled in the 200-yard individual medley event. Seroka went into Saturday's final seeded third after being clocked in 1:55.52 while Zhang was seeded fifth with a time of 1:57.46.

Seroka was also seeded sixth in the 500 freestyle after churning out a 4:42.48 while Zhang was ranked fifth in the 100 backstroke with a 54.45 clocking.

Another local swimmer who fared well in the preliminaries was Salem's Matt Collingwood, who was seeded 13th in the 500 free.

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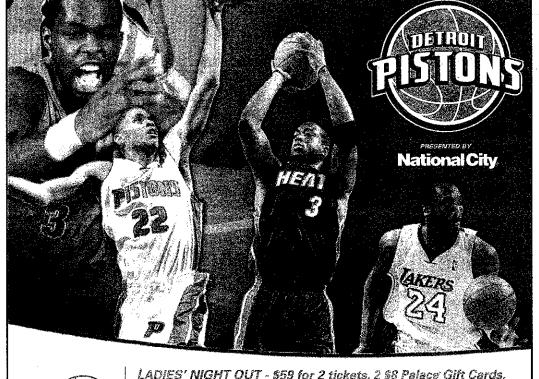
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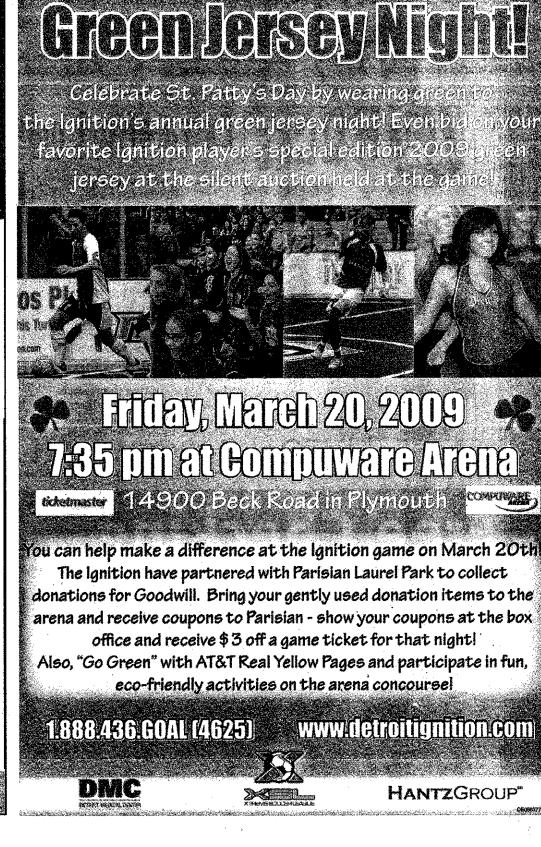


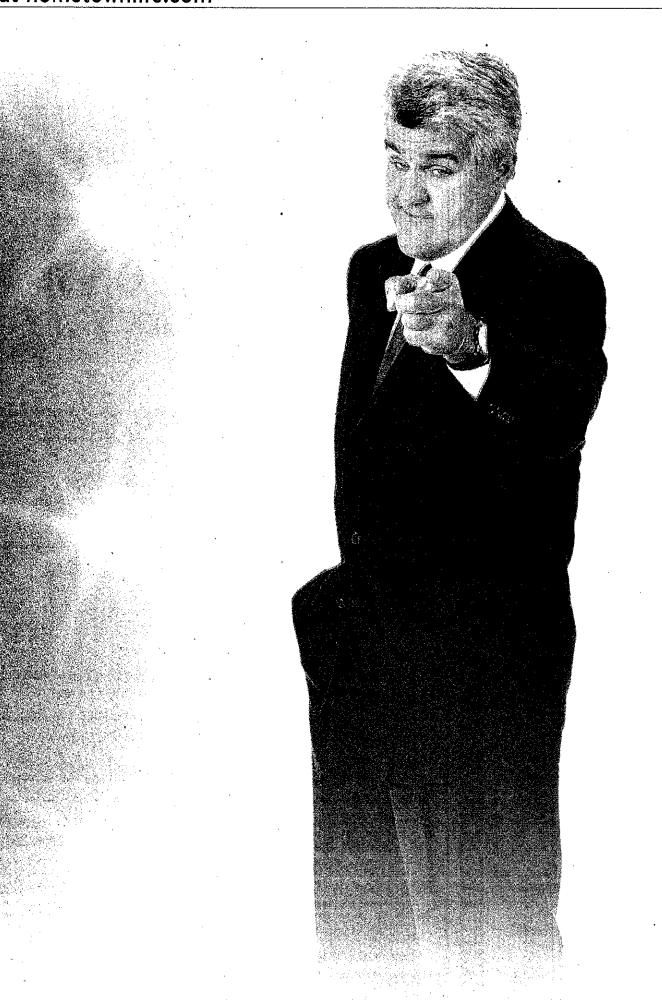
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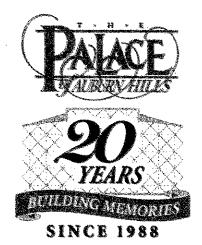
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# **Finishing strong**

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# Sealing the deal

Plymouth senior soccer standout Kelly Dobbs (seated) recently signed a letter of intent to play college soccer at Tiffin University in Ohio. Also pictured (standing from left) are PCEP co-athletic director Sue Heinzman, Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Nesisch, Sue and Dan Stechschulte, and Dobbs' sister, Riley.



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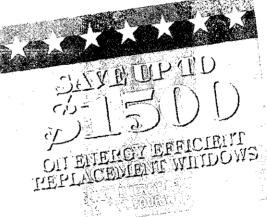
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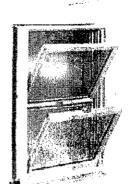
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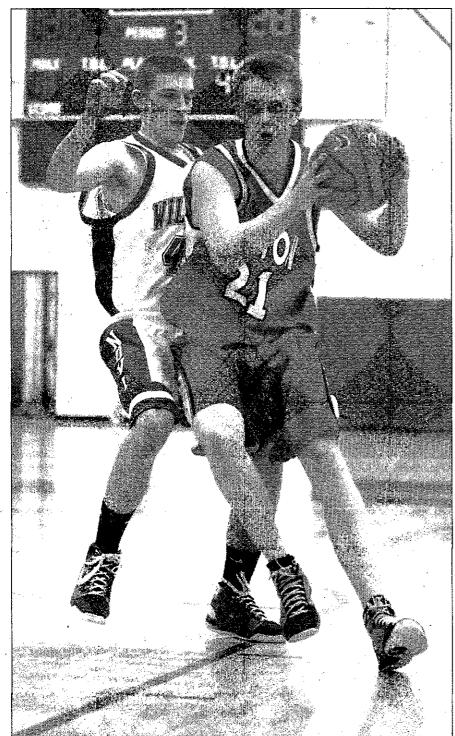
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Canton junior forward Kevin Weisz (with ball) scored 14 points in the Chiefs' 78-71 loss to **Novi Wednesday** night.



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on a Brandon Bryant back-door lay-up, but the Chiefs answered again, cutting their hole to 54-48 at the end of the third on a Hassanien triple from the deep corner.

After Glenn's three made it 56-51, Bellamy calmly dribbled down and buried a three, which was followed a short time later by a pair of free throws by Wenson and a Bellamy left-handed drive to boost the Wildcats edge to 63-

51 with 5:31 on the clock.

The closest Canton got after that was the final deficit when Weisz drilled a three with four seconds left.

Novi followed up its perfect 12-for-12 performance from the line in Monday's opener with a 16-for-18 effort against Canton. The Chiefs hit 11 of 17 free

throws. Novi connected on just over half its field goals (32 of 63) while the Chiefs found net on

25 of 63 attempts. "I was proud of the way the guys competed and tried to reach the goals we set before

the season - things like winning the division, conference and District," said Colligan. "We set our goals high to help build for the future.

"This team's frame of mind never changed throughout. the course of the season. They came to practice every day with the goal of getting better. We had our ups and downs, but every time things were going against us, the kids rebounded and showed the solid character that they have. It was a great group to be around."

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# **Shamrocks shake Mustangs** in District hoop semifinals

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a wonder the heat emanating from Novi Catholic Central guard Brett Smith's right hand didn't make the sprinklers turn on in the Novi High School gymnasium Wednesday night.

Led by Smith's hot hand, the Shamrocks rolled to an 83-43 victory over Northville in a Class A District semifinal tilt.

The senior sharp-shooter sparked the winners' 20-9 firstquarter roll by draining his first three triple attempts and four of his first five shots to finish with a game-high 27 points - 21 of which came in the first half.

CC earned a rematch with Novi in Friday's District final, which

they won going away. "We played really good defense, which allowed us to get the ball down the court quicker and get easier shots," said CC coach Bill Dyer, explaining his team's sizzling 16-for-23 shooting during the opening 16 minutes. "Playing

in the league that we do, we're battled-tested, which helps us in the post-season. We're in a dog fight every Tuesday and Friday during the regular season. When we come out here, the game doesn't seem as physical as we're used to."

The setback ended the Mustangs' season at 8-13. Sophomore Bryce Groshek was the lone bright spot for Northville, netting a team-high 18, including a half-court triple just before the half that reduced his team's deficit to 41-23. Scott Wagner, one of just two seniors on the Mustangs' youthful roster, added seven points.

Senior Steve Harding and freshman Matt Doneth added 12 and 11 points, respectively, to the Shamrocks' cause. Senior Tim Dezelski chipped in with eight points and eight boards.

"Brett, Steve and Tim have been kind of like our 'Three Amigos' this season when it comes to scoring," said Dyer. "Any of them could go for 30 while the other two sacrifice their points for the betterment of the team. Or they could go 16-15-14.

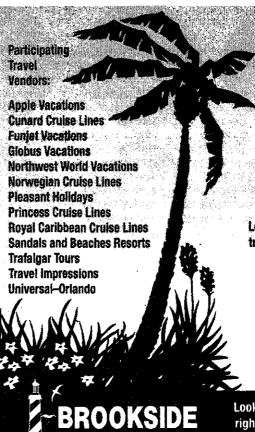
"Tonight is was Brett's turn to shine.

CC shut down any hopes the Mustangs may have of a secondhalf rally by scoring the first four points of the second half to go up 45-23. The Shamrocks eventually outscored their younger foes, 23-5, in the third quarter.

'They're a very young team and I think Todd (Sander) has done a great job with them," said Dyer. "I was in the same spot two years ago when we had three of these kids up on varsity as sophomores. You have to go through the process. They'll get a lot better, just like we did."

CC cooled off a tad in the second half, but not much. They finished hitting 31 of 54 field goals (57 percent) while the Mustangs connected on just 16 of 43 shots (37 percent).

The Shamrocks made 14 of 26 free throws (53.8 percent). Northville was 8 of 12 from the line (66 percent).



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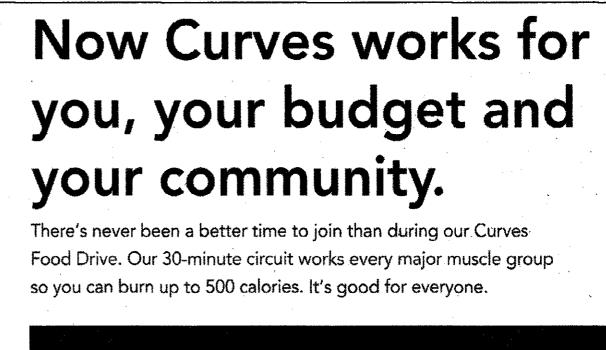
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**Shopping to** 

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Jill Engel has always believed in First Step's

became especially real when her 9-year-old son brought home a brochure from the nonprofit.

"Sometimes it is Sad to be at Home" asks what is

a kid to do about physical and mental abuse in a

it affects kids and what they should do when this

happens to them or someone else in their home or

someone that they know," said Engel. "It was then that it really hit home to me personally how this is

on the rise and should be brought to the attention

of more people. I think it's so important to know

situation like this."

the signs to look for and what to do if they are in a

The problem is the reason Engel is excited about

coordinating the 15th anniversary of "Stepping Out

in Style" with the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi.

place Sunday, March 22, at Parisian in Laurel Park

The evening of shopping, food and fashion takes

Place at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. All

assist victims of domestic violence.

entertainment as well.

refuge from abuse.

feeling to help people."

of all ticket and raffle proceeds go to First Step to

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door,

and include a 20 percent discount on items

throughout the store and the opportunity to

Rotisserie, Sweet Lorraine's, California Pizza

Kitchen, On The Border, Buffalo Wild Wings,

the-Wall, Jeff Zak Catering, Carlson Catering,

Advance tickets are available at Parisian

Over the last 14 years the event has raised

help victims but increase awareness.

Olga's Kitchen, Aladdin's Eatery, Embassy Suites, and Coffee Beanery. See spring's hottest trends as

models take to platforms in the store. There will be

Customer Service. For more information, visit zontafarmingtonnovi.org or call (734) 414-0553.

\$306,000 for First Step programs which not only

Carla Boyes has been involved with "Stepping

cated to elevating the status of women. Members of

the organization come not only from Farmington

porary shelter where moms and their children seek

"A majority of victims of domestic violence are

women and young girls and in turn First Step helps

member of Zonta since 1979. "This is a fun evening.

The store closes and reopens at 6:30. It's just a good

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families," said Boyes, co-chair of the event and a

and Novi, but Livonia, Wayne, Northville, and Walled Lake. Through the years they've helped with the Halloween party and decorated the tem-

Out" since the beginning because Zonta is dedi-

Cascades from Embassy Suites, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Papa

taste donated dishes from P.F. Chang's, Rocky's

"It talked about what domestic violence is, how

mission to stop domestic violence but the problem

# **GARDEN CALENDAR**

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

## Coastal orchids

Michigan Orchid Society member and past president, Don Farrelly, will give a slide show presentation on "Left and Right Coast Orchid" at the group's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. He'll focus on five different conservatories and botanical gardens on the east and west coast of the country, along with the 2008 World Orchid Conference that was held in Miami, Fla. Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids will bring orchids to the meeting. For more information call (586) 416-1496 or visit www.miorchids.com.

## Trailwood Garden Club

The group meets 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, at Plymouth Rock Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

## **Butterflies**

Learn about host plants and butterfly fore at "The Natural and Un-natural History of Milkweeds: Insects, Toxins, and Other Stories," 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) sponsors the program, Parking on both Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3.00 for non-members. Questions call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

# At English Gardens

■ Find out what you can do now to prepare for the upcoming gardening season during a free presentation at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at all stores.

■ The store will provide culinary or fragrant herbs and a white ceramic planter for participants in the "make it and take it workshop," at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at all stores. They'll make their own fresh herb gardens. The cost is \$19.99. Sign up in a store or online at www.englishgardens.com.

Learn about the new varieties of roses, proper care, maintenance, planting procedures, insect and disease control, pruning and fertilizing in a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in all stores.

Visit local English Gardens stores at 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734)

## Like being in Florida

Tour the island gardens of Key West, Fla., through a slide show, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 21, at Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Take a virtual vacation and see hibiscus and heliconia, towering palms, and an orchid in nearly every tree in this southern city where history abounds. \$10 includes the presentation and light refreshments. RSVP to (248) 332-6430. Seating is limited.

## Heirloom bulbs

Scott Kunst, landscape historian, preservationist and owner of Old House Gardens, will present a slide lecture on the antique bulb varieties that are available to gardeners today, at the next meeting of the Village Gardeners, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 23, in the community room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400. Southfield Road, three blocks north of 1-696 in Lathrup Village. South Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) volunteers will be on hand with information about healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care, from 6:30-7 p.m. The presentations are free to club members. Guests are asked to donate \$5. For more information call Susan Arneson at (313) 655-1928 or Nancy Bacinski at (248) 569-6548.

## Mark your calendars

The Michigan State African Violet Society will hold its annual spring display and plant sale, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Matthaei - Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, Ann Arbor. African Violets will be on display and available for purchase. Gesneriads will be available, along with supplies. For more information call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail to INGRIDBOWMAN07® comcast.net.

# Farmington Garden Club

Mary Krzeckowski of the Taylor Garden

Club will talk about efforts to make the Downriver area a butterfly-friendly zone at the Farmington Club's next meeting, Monday, April 6, at Spicer House in Heritage Park. She'll also offer advice on attracting butterflies to backyard gardens. Meetings start at noon with coffee and refreshments. For more information call (248) 473-0822 or visit farmingtongardenclub.

## Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of

Kodama Koi Farm, Milihani, Hawaii, will be the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for nonmembers through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors, lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz, 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

## Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

## Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure Advanced Master Gardeners and composters Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397\*0999.



# Pohl-Heikkinen

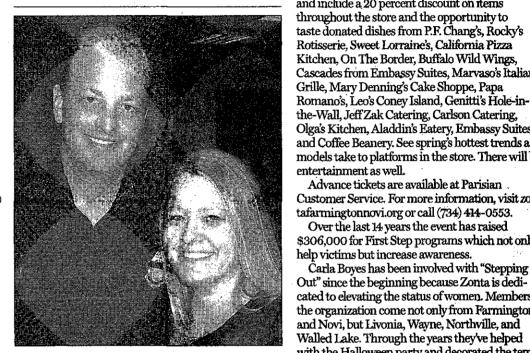
Sarah Pohl and Dave Heikkinen announce their

engagement. Sarah is the daughter of Dave and Joyce Pohl of Fowler. Dave is the son of Pete and Anne Heikkinen of Livonia.

Sarah is a graduate of Fowler High School, Western Michigan University and Ashland University. She is employed at Kellogg's as an Operations Manager in Florence, Ky.

Dave is a graduate of Churchill High School and Michigan State University. He is currently working on his Master's Degree at Davenport University. He is employed at Michigan Economic Development Corporation as an accountant.

An April wedding in Battle Creek is being planned. They will reside in Florence, Ky. after the wedding.



# **Denton-Orsborn**

Clyde and Ida Denton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslev Marie, to Christopher Albert Orsborn, son of Albert and Barbara Orsborn of Lansing. The bride-to-be is employed by Sherill L. Behnke, DDS. The groom works for the Department of Homeland Security. The couple will wed in May 2009 in Bath.

# Nora Michelle Kolozsvarv

Michelle and Andy Colozsvary of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Michelle Kolozsvary. She was born Feb. 2, 2009 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She is welcomed by her brother, Andrew Dennis, 2, and

grandparents Tom and Mary Ellen Lesperance of Clinton Township, Andy Kolozsvary of Macomb Township, and Mary and Dan Mouthaan of

# at 10 a.m., Monday, March 16, at Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township.

Mike Katona of WDIV and Lois Wade of The Senior Alliance will be on hand to talk about the transition in June. They'll have order forms for converter box coupons and information about a program designed to cut costs for seniors who need to buy rabbit ears.

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DOUGLAS SHALLCROSS

BROWN, Jr. Age 56, of Canton, CT, loving husband of Marilynne (Foster) Brown, passed away suddenly on Saturday, (March 7, 2009) at John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington. Besides his wife, Doug is survived by his brother, Russell and his wife Donna of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and his sisters, Diane Brown Johnston and Tracey Brown Stinebaugh, both of Royal Oak, MI. Online condolences and a full obituary can be viewed at www.carmonfuneralhome.com. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 14. 11 a.m. at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Rd., Avon. His family will receive friends Friday, March 13, 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Douglas S. Brown, Jr. and Marilynne F. Brown Music Scholarship Fund, c/o Avon Dollars for Scholars, Farmington Savings Bank, 296 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001.



# VIOLA YVONNE HARLOW

Died March 10, 2009. Survived by children, Elizabeth Stafford, William (Barbara) Harlow, Patricia (Gib) Rich. and James (Une-he) Harlow; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; second husband, Reginald Flack, MI; sisters, Mildred Thompson Wolf, Chloe (Bill) Cox, Patricia (Bob) Cox, and Virginia Stutesman. FUNERAL SER-VIČES were held Saturday, March 14, 2009 from the Nelson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospice of Michigan through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com



MARJORIE A. MILLER (NEE BROWN)

Age 82, February 21, 2009, of Beverly Hills, MI. Beloved wife of 58 years of George L. Miller, Loving mother of Laura L. Miller and son, Lindsay B. (Elaine) Miller of Dallas, TX. Marjorie was born June 21, 1926, to Harold M. Brown Sr. and Gladys (Baldwin) in Royal Oak, MI. Proud grandmother of Brian Miller. Sister of Harold M. (Betty) Brown of Rochester Hills, MI. Also survived by many loving family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1 pm at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd. (east of Lahser), Bloomfield Twp., MI. Please sign Marjorie's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.



WILLIAM P. BENTON

Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills. Died Feb 2009 of cancer. He was born Nov 4, 1923 in Laurinburg, NC. He is survived by his wife Blanche, daughters Barbara Benton, Roxanne Darling & her partner Shane Robinson, Judy Dennis & her husband Mike Dennis. Nancy Lievois & her husband Jim Lievois, and grandchildren Carlie, Annie, and Christina Dennis, and Jordan and Tyler Lievois. The funeral service will be at The Stone Chapel-St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI on Sat., Mar. 21, 2009 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Henry Ford Hospital, Schepens Eye Clinic, Hospice of Palm Beach County or the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mr. Benton was a well-known and loved automotive executive. For more information please visit www.williampbenton.com.

## VIRGINIA "Ginner" BRYANT

Daughter of the late Jeanne & James Bryant. Sister of Steve & the late Judy Carpenter. Also remembered by many loving friends & nieces Karlie & Lindsey. Memorial service Saturday March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers contri butions to Michigan Animal Rescue League in Pontiac or Little Traverse Conservancy in Harbor Springs.



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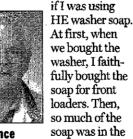
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# Traverse City. Call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830. Readers respond to previous column on wash machines

athryn writes: "A few weeks ago, my Frigidaire front loader leaked onto the kitchen floor. The part that needed to be replaced was, like Ken's, underneath that front lower panel. In the course of the repair, the technician noticed the odor and asked



**Appliance** Doctor

Joe Gagnon

At first, when we bought the washer, I faithfully bought the soap for front loaders. Then, so much of the soap was in the little bottles and said "concentrated" on it. So I messed up, but

I thought I was still buying the right stuff. The tech said to buy the HE (high efficiency) soap.

e also said that, at their office meeting that morning, they had discussed the non-HE soap. He said it has animal fat in it, and that's what causes the bad odor when used in a front loader. Now that I know all small bottles are not the same, I'm buying all HE soap. The odor has gone away, without my doing anything else

"Thank you for your column. It has been so helpful. I've always wanted to let you know that my great aunt Edna was married to Leo John (Jack) Gagnon."

Thank you Kathryn for the kind words and your uncle Jack fits into the second most common name in Canada. He goes all the way back to the mid-1500's when they landed in Quebec from France.

I would be privileged to call him a distant cousin.

If this fact about using non-HE soap causing odor problems stays true for the future, you may have found the simple cure for millions of homeowners who are complaining about odor problems across the country.

I would ask that you continue to monitor your washer and drop me a note once in a while. I'll keep our readers abreast of what's hap-

Diane writes: "Thanks so much for revealing 'the secret' concerning front loading washers. It took my husband about five minutes to get everything apart and as you said in the article, it smells awful ... like sewage. It's all clean and put back together now. Do you have a recommendation for how often this should be done? As you wrote, there is nothing in the instruction booklet. Thanks for

watching out for us consumers." Thank you Diane and I might add that you and your husband make it very worthwhile writing this column. I would suggest you do this maintenance of cleaning the filter at least once every six

months. Bryan writes: "I ran across your column in Observer & Eccentric newspapers. I've missed you since your radio program on WJR went off the air. Your article on the G.E. front loading washing machine was very timely. My wife and I have what must be one of the oldest Maytag washing machines still running. We've decided to buy a new one and were considering a G.E. front loader.

"We would like to buy American made products whenever possible. Your article on the G.E. gave us cause for concern. We've heard that other front loader brands also are having odor problems. We would like to know if you have any recommendations on what we should buy. It doesn't matter if it is front loading or top loading. Thanks for your help."

Thanks Bryan, for your note and for paying attention. Shopping American should be important today for every person in this country. I might suggest you look at Whirlpool and SpeedQueen top load washers.

For those readers interested in Joe Gagnon's young life in northern Canada, go to timminstimes. com on the Web and click on the features section and then on Diane Armstrong's column and see "Maggie Leclair." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

# NEIGHBORS

# Rays of hope

# Series offers tips to survive economic madness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

The human spirit is incredibly resilient. Tracy Faraoni lost her job in February 2008 but keeps sending out resumes in hopes of finding employment so she can keep making payments on the condo she purchased 12 years ago. The Westland woman follows one lead after another searching for help to survive until she can find office work or billing. On Monday, March 2, she attended the March "Economic" Madness series at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia for information on home foreclosure.

Faraoni already knew about the Michigan State Housing Development's foreclosure assistance program that Cindy LaFond and Tracey Emmanuel of the Livonia Housing Commission spoke about at the series.

"I did get assistance with the MSHDA program, but the bank doesn't want to help you. For four months (the MSHDA program) is going to cut my mortgage payments in half. I'm going to challenge the (property) taxes but I don't know what to do. A couple of my neighbors just walked away," said Faraoni. "I cut cable and try not to put the heat on only when absolutely necessary. I put blankets on instead and I'm careful with lights. I'm trying to sell stuff and doing cleaning to keep going.'

A recent survey of Livonia revealed 30 to 50 homes in each of the 38 sections of Livonia were abandoned or had foreclosure stickers in the window, according to

Emmanuel, housing assistant. She and LaFond, community development supervisor, told of resources for owners in trouble with their mortgages. They were joined by Keith Owens, director of community outreach for the Wayne County Treasurer's office, and Mary Mifsud of the **HUD-approved New Hope** Detroit Counseling Center. All stressed the importance of not waiting. Write a hardship letter the first month a mortgage payment is missed. Do not avoid phone calls and letters from the lender. Keep a log of dates and names and make notes of the topics discussed.

"They need to communicate with their lender and use HUD-approved counseling," said Emmanuel. "Develop a budget. Speak to someone in the loss mitigation department and fill out a workout form and send by certified mail. If you miss the fourth month's payment the time expires for the foreclosure process and starts with an attorney to schedule the sheriff's sale, in some cases. It can be too late but anything's possible. There are Web sites, places to go because there is help available. Every day is a new day."

Like Emmanuel, La Fond believes in seeking HUDapproved counseling. Mifsud said if someone tries to charge for it, leave. At New Hope, all services are free.

# UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS

"You have to know the timeline of foreclosure, what to expect and what to do," said LaFond. "Because of ARMS (adjustable rate mortgages), unemployment, the cost of maintaining a home, fuel

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Julie Puginni, career counselor at Schoolcraft College, talks about the transition from one job to another.

costs, everything skyrocketed. Banks have to be willing to work with people."

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March.

"There is a hardship assistance program that gives one additional year if you meet federal income guidelines," said Owens, "but people need to call us. If the phones are tied up, come down. Nine times out of 10 we can help. They can go online to set up a budget plan to make payments, including partial."

Julie Puggini suggested a number of ideas for those like Faraoni who are struggling through an involuntary job loss. A career counselor at Schoolcraft College, Puggini spoke at the second session on the series at Newburg United Methodist Church. She told of WWJ holding a Michigan Money Summit on managing money in difficult times March 28, at Schooleraft College, and resources such as the Career and Transfer Center, and Transitions Center on campus. Operation Able holds its Ability is Ageless Job & Career Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Aimed at those over 40 facing unemployment, the fair includes resume preparation information and computerized job assessment. Call (313) 832-0922 or visit www.operation-

able.org.
"Think about transferable skills. Have you thought of starting your own business?" said Puggini. "It's a time of reinvention. It's so much about being positive. It's all about envisioning, empowering, encouraging."

# VOLUNTEER AND TRAIN

Puggini, who's also a clinical psychotherapist with a practice in Mount Clemens, says job loss affects the entire family, that's why it's important to seek help in dealing with emo-

tions when necessary.

"It reverberates throughout the household causing panic attacks, substance abuse, an increase in stress levels in kids," said Puggini. "Even people with jobs don't feel secure."

Puggini recommends taking a mental health minute before resuming that job search and to network, volunteer and pursue skills training. The right combination could be key to opening the door to a brighter future.

March "Economic" Madness continues 6 p.m. Monday, March 23, with Sue Sweeney, department of gerontology, Madonna University, redefining retirement. Rick Bloom, Observer & Eccentric columnist, closes the series by focusing on Investing in a Down Economy on March 30. For information, call (734) 422-0149. Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia.

Puggini's psychotherapist practice can be reached at (586) 260-7135.

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# RESOURCES TO HELP PREVENT FORECLOSURE

The Livonia Housing Commission provided this list of help for participants at the March "Economic" Madness series at Newburg United Methodist Church. Foreclosure Prevention/Assistance

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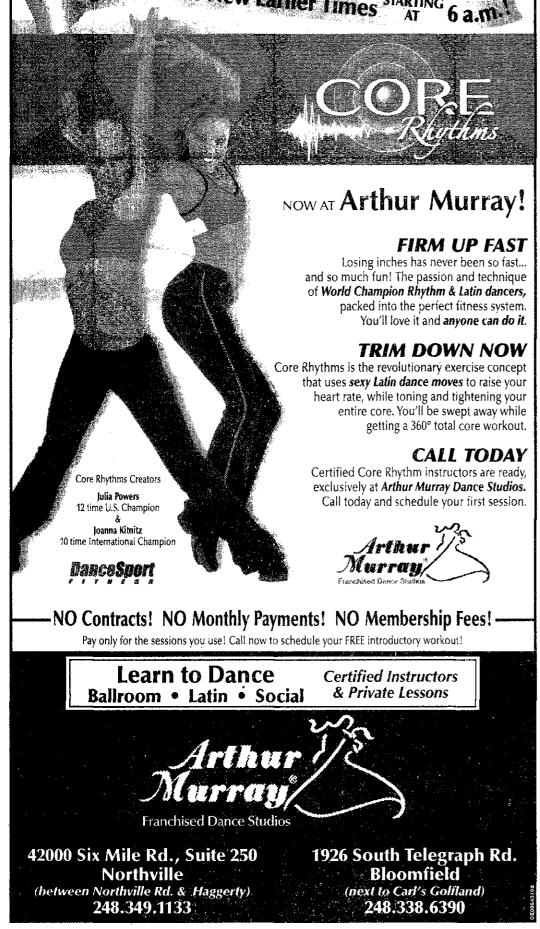
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# Plymouth Community Arts council makes fresh start

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t's been nearly 19 years since I began writing about the wonderful programming at the Plymouth



Linda Chomin

Community Arts Council. That's why I was concerned when I heard the nonprofit was "semi defunct." The rumor couldn't be further from the truth.

Arts council President Debra Madonna said the board was facing

challenges a year ago before reassessing their business practices. Today the operating budget is no longer in the red. There's a new coat of paint on the walls thanks to volunteers from the

Plymouth Rotary and Kiwanis. The freshness reflects the future ahead. In the next couple of months, the art exhibits return although not monthly as the shows aren't cost-effective when changed that frequently. A summer of camps for the kids is in the planning stages, according to Tammie Trudell, who was youth program director for a Downriver YMCA before coming to the arts council. Everything from dance and pottery to slimy arts and science is going to be offered June 15 to Sept. 4.

"We welcome everybody and would love to see everybody," said Trudell on my recent visit.

There are many reasons to support the arts council. The Plymouth Uptown Players, started by Jennifer Tobin many years ago, continues to provide fun and

theater training for kids. An all-volunteer corps of some 300 parents bring art education into schools in Plymouth and Canton monthly. Once again, Madonna has planned a summer of entertainment for families at Music in the Park on Wednesdays at noon beginning in mid-June. Saturdays at the Penn (theater) just concluded another successful season of afternoon performances for the reasonable price of \$3 a ticket.

"We got down to the bottom line," said Madonna. "The good news is we've been able to salvage our core programs. You just have to read the newspapers to know so many arts councils are folding but right now I'm more optimistic than

All of the programs, however, cost

money to run. Building expenses are being met by renting the facility to local groups like the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra which now rehearses and will soon move their offices there, Still there's a need for funding to provide arts experiences for the community. That's where Dan Nikolits comes in.

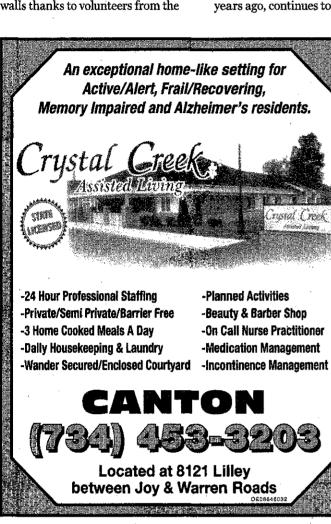
The 24-year-old Plymouth resident is using his youthful flair to coordinate a fund-raiser 7 p.m. until whenever, Saturday, March 21, to celebrate the arts council's 40th anniversary. Artist Janette Fairbanks-Paull was commissioned to create a puzzle illustrating the events and programs over the years. The 600 pieces were mailed to supporters with the hope they would be returned with a donation. Everyone is invited to the cocktail party regardless

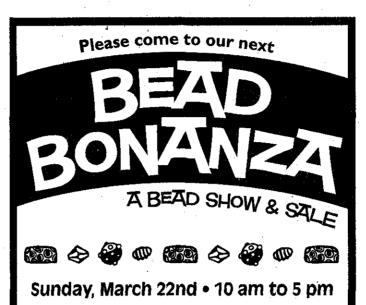
of whether they received a piece of the puzzle in the mail.

"It's free but we're asking people to make a donation," said Nikolits. "We want to make it as inclusive as possible but we don't want to make it that people can't afford to come. We're hoping people bring back pieces with a donation. The idea is that everyone is a piece of the arts council and together we created this organization."

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

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com/~miwwegs/. Doherty also speaks 1:30 p.m. Saturday March 21, on the humorous aspects of genealogy including serendipitous occurrences, genealogical records with unusual content

and other genealogy-related items, at the Gaelic League/ Irish American Club in Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., 4 blocks west of Tiger Stadium. Fenced-in parking available behind the building. All audiences will enjoy this free program (including non-genealogists). Doherty is director of Celtic Quest leading groups of family history researchers to Ireland and Northern Ireland. For more information, call Liam Neary at (734) 464-

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a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The group is looking for vendors of all kinds, including artists, crafters and collectors, to participate.

At the event there is going to be a blessing of the animals, pet psychics from the Boston tea room, cat chat with Shera Dickie, a veterinarian, many vendors, silent auctions, raffles, 50/50 raffles, items for sale and of course cat and kitten adoptions. For more information, call (248) 249-9267. Proceeds from the event go to open a no-kill shelter for cats and kittens in Livonia.

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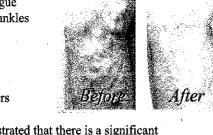
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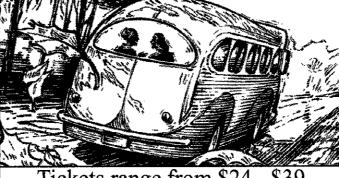
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## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

# SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-02

## PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 97, CHAPTER THE PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A REVISED PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE: PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE: PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION PROVIDING TESTING STANDARDS; FOR MAINTENANCE STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS AND THE TOWNSHIP'S MAINTENANCE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN AND CHARGE THE OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SITE PLAN REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR TIME OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR STREET SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

# SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 97, CHAPTER 43

This section repeals Ordinance No. 97, codified as Chapter 43, the Private Road Construction and Maintenance Ordinance.

## SECTION 2. PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE.

43.010. Purpose.

This section provides the purpose of private road construction and maintenance.

43.020. Definitions.

This section provides definitions for terms used in this Chapter.

43.030. Construction Standards - Pavement, Drainage and Easement Requirements.

This section provides that all private roads will be constructed in accordance with the latest edition of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) standards specifications for construction and provides the construction standards for pavement, drainage and easement requirements.

43.040. <u>Testing.</u>

This section provides that the owner/developer must secure an independent testing laboratory for all quality control testing before a temporary or final certificate of occupancy is issued.

# 43.050. Maintenance Standards Maintenance Agreement.

This section provides for maintenance standards and for a maintenance agreement for continued maintenance.

43.060. Maintenance Obligation; Maintenance by Township:

This section provides for private road property owner's maintenance obligations and that the Township has the right to fail to maintain the road.

43.070. Site Plan Required.

This section provides for the requirements of a site plan.

43.080. Time of Construction.

This section provides that no certificate of occupancy (temporary or final) shall be issued to any parcel which is served by a private road until the full road intended to service all parcels has been installed and approved.

43.090. Street Signs.

This section provides that abutting property owners served by the private road shall be responsible for installing and maintaining a street sign and that it shall be in accordance with the latest standards of Wayne County.

43.100. Scope.

This section provides that this Chapter shall be deemed to include and apply to all projects that have not received final approval as of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

43.110. <u>Penalty.</u>

This section provides that any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate

# SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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

# SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

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

# SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

# SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the

# manner required by law.

and effect upon publication as required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force

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

Joe Bridgman, CMC

Charter Township of Plymouth

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**NEIGHBORS** 

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## **Birmingham Groves** Class of 1969

40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The · Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for further information.

## Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

## Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www. casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59. com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

## Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

Dearborn Heights Riverside

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## Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road. Westland, Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

## **Detroit Blessed Sacrament** Class of 1952

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

## Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

# **Detroit schools**

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene Kutnick Yamron Class of 1989 hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

## Henry Ford II Class of 1982

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-01

CHAPTER 24

2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL

FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO: C-05-07 THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF

PLYMOUTH, ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL

FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE

REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING

FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE

OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF

ORDINANCES;

This section provides for the repeal of Ordinance No. C-05-07.

This section provides that the 2006 Edition of the International

Fire Code with Appendices is adopted by reference, as modified in

this article, as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of

Plymouth for regulating the safeguarding of life and property from

This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the

2006 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or

deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are

Section 101.1. Title. This section provides that these regulations

shall be known as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of

Plymouth and are hereby referred to as such or as the ìCodeî.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRIOR FIRE CODE.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FIRE CODE.

Section 24.010. Code Adopted.

Section 24.020. Changes in the Code.

fire and explosion hazards.

added as indicated.

the discretion of the court.

than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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required by law.

business hours.

severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This section provides that the Clerk of the Charter Township of

Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the

Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, '9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular

PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Looking for classmates. We are having a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark and we're also planning a reunion in 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www. classreport.org.

## **Detroit St. Casimir High School** Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009 class reunion.

PROVIDING

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## Garden City High School East Class of 1959

wowway.com.

**REUNION CALENDAR** 

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth (734) 522-1845.

## **Garden City High School** Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send email to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

20th reunion 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 29. 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@ hotmail.com.

## Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

# Livonia Bentley High School Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 68' at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of '69 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of '70 at (734) 455-1395.

## Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

## Class of 1989

20-year Class Reunion, from 6 p.m.: to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Tickets are \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to F.H.S. Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, Mi 48170. Include your contact information. For more information, email Angie at amiller@fctitle.com or Dennis at denny\_dilorenzo@yahoo.com or call Dennis DiLorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel Reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott (800) 228-9290 or www. marriott.com. Group reservation rates under Livonia Franklin 20 Year Reunion.

## Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@

## Mother Of Our Savior All class reunion

gmail.com.

Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information. Call Joe

# McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

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## **Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School** Class of 1970

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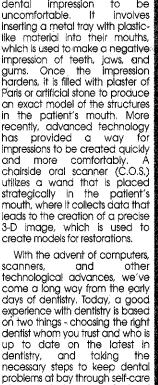
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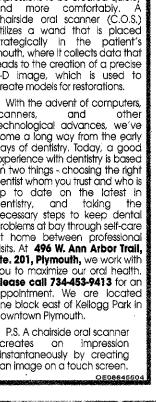


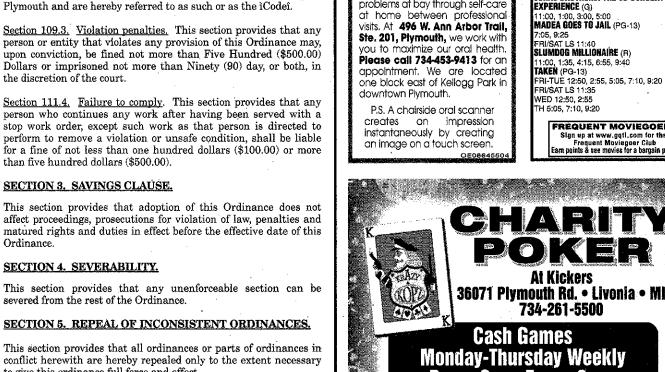
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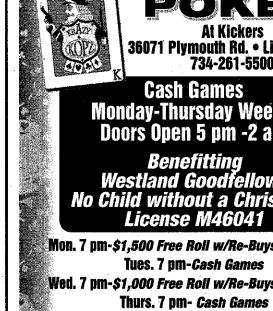
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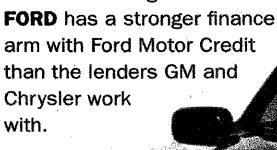
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# HEALTH & FITNESS

# Searching for clues

# Hiller ALS center tracks patients in studies

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

Dr. Jeffrey Loeb feels like research on ALS is just getting started. New concepts for following a patient throughout their illness to autopsy have given the scientific community hope for finding a cause and cure. amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, attacks the central nervous system causing cells that control voluntary muscle movement to degenerate. It was the topic of a recent educational conference sponsored by the Neurology Department of Wayne State University School

Hotel in Birmingham. Loeb is associate director of The Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics and research director of the Hiller ALS Clinic and Research Center, Wayne State University School of Medicine. His first exposure to ALS was unforgettable. A practicing neurologist, he trained in neuromuscular development at Harvard Medical School. It was during this time Loeb watched the disease progress in a man in his 20s who lived in the hospital on a venti-

of Medicine at The Townsend

lator. Loeb felt helpless as this young patient slowly died.

"There are new ideas of thinking about this disease and where do we go from here," said Loeb of Beverly Hills. "We're recruiting patients to follow the course of their disease and after life as well to track what goes on to get some new clues. There's a lot more homework we have to do, even things like stem cells and gene therapy, to come up with an idea and figure out how to get it to work.

Loeb holds out great hope for the results of a new ALS study after death.

"We're trying to figure out the normal way the motor neurons talk to the cells around them. The cells don't work in isolation. They tell the muscle to contract," said Loeb. "What is the language the cells use to communicate? What goes wrong when communication breaks down?

"Rapid Autopsy has been working in epilepsy and mapping genes. We plan to apply the same approach. This is fresh tissue. With ALS we don't get the tissue right away. We've created a protocol to do rapid autopsies so we can actually make a dent and get some clues to this disease but we want to meet them

long before then to develop a database of all we can learn from them."

Loeb believes that to be the most caring physician he has to be a good scientist. He sees patients then runs back to the lab with ideas. The Hiller ALS center allows physicians and scientists to work together as a team because they don't have the same restrictions as with federal funding. The clinic and research center opened in 2007 thanks to a generous gift from Jim Hiller, owner of Hiller's Markets.

"We can think outside the box," said Loeb. "We're a truly Michigan-born research effort, as Jim Hiller would say."

Hiller lost his mother to ALS in 2000 and doesn't want to see anyone else suffer the way she did. That's why he gave the gift to Wayne State University to create the center. The disease started by causing numbness in Harriet Hiller's tongue.

Jim Hiller owns Hiller's Markets in Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Commerce Township, Northville and Ann Arbor. His father started the business 65 years ago.

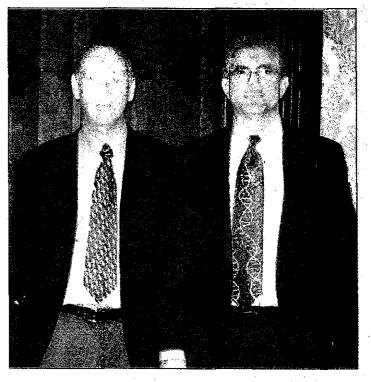
"She very quickly lost the ability to speak. After that she was

trapped in her own body. It was dreadful to see. She lost the ability to do the things she loved to do. She loved to walk, loved the outdoors. All that's left with ALS is the ability to move your eyes. Finally she just stopped breathing," said Hiller, of Franklin. "It's an unbearable thought for me that 50,000 people a year are going to go through the same thing. We need to build support in the state for this resource that provides world class care and research."

Hiller definitely thinks he can make a difference and is putting all of his energy into the center. He's also partnering with ALS of Michigan by providing the nonprofit with office space at his corporate headquarters in Southfield.

Like Hiller, Sue Burstein-Kahn, considers the clinic and research center essential to caring for patients and finding a cure. Her father died of the disease in 1986. ALS of Michigan works directly with patients and families to provide services ranging from support groups to respite care.

"We work closely with the multidisciplinary clinic which treats the whole person," said Burstein-Kahn, executive direc-



Dr. Richard Lewis (left) and Dr. Jeffrey Loeb spoke at a conference on ALS in Birmingham on March 7. Lewis is director of the Hiller ALS Clinic and Research Center at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Loeb is research director.

tor, ALS of Michigan. "Studies have shown patients who received care in this kind of clinic live 15 to 18 months longer. The biggest advance over the last 20 years is the multidisciplinary concept to deal with all aspects of the disease. Twenty-five years ago you were told 'sorry, we can't do anything for you.' Today there are treatments to help with breathing. PEG feeding tubes for those who can't swallow or chew, and an alternative communica-

tion center for speaking devices.

The first thing my dad lost was his ability to speak. Now there are speaking devices so they can communicate."

For information about the Longitudinal Clinical Studies and Tissue Donor Program, contact Stacey Masse, nurse coordinator, at smasse@med.wayne. edu or call (313) 745-6124.

To reach ALS of Michigan, visit www.alsofmichigan.org or call (248) 354-6100, or toll free (800) 882-5764.

# Screenings to help individuals, community

OSE STAFF WRITER

Dr. Vicky Savas not only wants to alert people to hidden health dangers but raise money for charities at the same time. She's holding a Health Expo with screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure and sugar, leg circulation, body mass index, and hearing 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church,

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Savas spends her own money to provide these screenings for the community. Over the last 24 years she's detected a number of diseases.

"These screenings are worth hundreds of dollars and we have four different lectures on diabetes and diet, obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, and cholesterol and heart attacks," said Savas, a Bloomfield Hills resident with cardiology practices in Southfield and Novi. "They can't eat (after midnight) before their testing so we have lunch. We'll

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# **GAINING TRUST WHEN IT'S IN SHORT SUPPLY**



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environment," says licensed psychologist Susan Battley, CEO of Battley Performance Consulting L.L.C., in East Setauket, N.Y. "You'll have to work that much harder

"This is a high-scrutiny, low-trust

when there isn't trust to create it and maintain it." This column will tell you how to gain trust. It will also tell you what you might have to do if you are trustworthy but not being trusted.

## CLIMATE OF TRUST

Battley helps professionals increase their effectiveness while communicating with consistency, credibility, clarity and honesty. She maintains that workplace trust applies to people at all levels, and that it's unstable now because of worry and increased competition. It's particularly important in teamwork. "Research shows that when this contract is weak or broken," she states, "rebuilding it can take significantly more effort than establishing trust in the first place."

You probably have the trust of others if they count on you and don't think you're attempting to undermine them, she continues. They know you won't compromise that. But when the environment isn't trusting, building trust will require intensive effort. Battley points out that an apology, even if you do something inadvertently, can be particularly powerful and helpful by diminishing coworker resentment.

Management trainer Sean O'Neil, co-principal at One to One Leadership L.L.C., in Pelham, N.Y., observes that sales teams often have all of the resources at hand to build trust but squander it by "hoarding valuable bits of information . . . to maintain a competitive advantage over their peers. This creates a competitive tension, even when employees are supposed to be playing together on the same team.

Employees who openly share signal to their peers that they are willing to play together," he adds. "This often encourages reciprocal sharing which creates a happier, more efficient and more trusting work environment.'

For example, he outlines a number of resources he's watched a sales team share while building trust and group success:

-- cold leads that might be revived by another

successful techniques for opening and closing;
time and skill by shadowing a team member in his

-- advice about the market, products, services and deal-closings; and

 introductions to networking groups. Gary Cohen, managing partner and executive coach at CO2 Partners, L.L.C., in Minneapolis, comments that "trust . . . is given by those who put themselves at risk for someone else." Giving up resources puts you at risk when you might conceivably use them again.

If you're a trustworthy person, but someone doesn't trust you, Cohen suggests that a coach can be helpful. However, if working with one isn't possible, you still have some options. Battley, the psychologist, indicates that you can increase the likelihood of surviving in your workplace if you "ally yourself with someone who is trusted, such as a colleague or manager." Another possibility is to request a transfer, although, she concedes, the company grapevine might still transmit

Battley also suggests that you perform at the highest level to lengthen your time on the job. By this she means that you do your work as very best you can and treat everyone politely and respectfully. She cautions you to "avoid the temptation to withdraw or retaliate, such as taking all of your vacation time or calling in sick when you're not, as these actions may well hasten your

But it's also important to know when there is no hope whatsoever and that it's time to move on. She



ean O'Neil is a management trainer at One to One Leadership L.L.C.. in Pelham. N.Y. Here he trains a salesperson in how to maintain trust by using resources at hand

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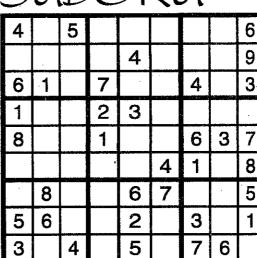
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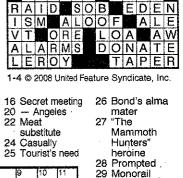
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# Silverado 3500HD Is A Working Man's Reward

Advertising Feature



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Chevrolet's Silverado 3500HD is for people who want a pickup that is capable of handling heavy loads but not the bulky ride that usually hampers the fun of large

It's only fitting that the truck can be ordered for strictly work or for those who want to use it as a commuter with the need to tow a trailer or boat on the weekend.

The Silverado 3500HD is available in three body styles: regular cab, extended cab and crew cab. All come with a long bed and can be had in either single- or dual-rear-wheel versions, with the exception of the 2WD standard cab.

Regular cabs are available in base Work Truck or midlevel LT trims, while the extended and crew cabs can be ordered in plush LTZ forms.

The Work Truck, which retails for about \$25K, trim comes with 17-inch wheels, air conditioning, a trip computer, OnStar telematics, vinyl seating, a 40/20/ 40-split front bench seat, a tilt steering wheel and an audio system with CD player and satellite radio.

The LT trim is actually broken down into two subsets for comfort and convenience: 1LT and 2LT. The convenience-oriented 1LT adds tinted windows, chrome grille trim, alloy wheels, a CD player, cruise control, full power accessories, cloth seating, keyless entry, an auto-dimming rearview mirror and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

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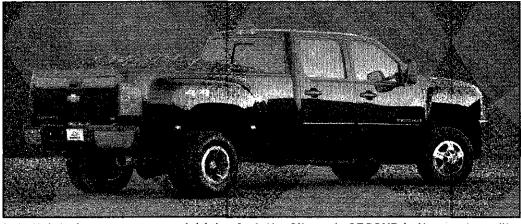
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The main standalone options include a power-sliding rear window, a navigation system, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system, rear park assist, a sunroof and an integrated trailer brake controller.
There are two worthwhile packages

available for the rugged worker: the Z71 Off-Road Package, which includes skid plates, off-road suspension and locking rear differential and the cargo management system, which includes sliding tie-down hooks in the bed interior's front and sides.

Plenty of power is on tap with the standard 353 horsepower 6.0-liter V8 that is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission. If that's not enough juice for you, the Duramax 6.6-liter turbodiesel V8 is available, boasting 365 horsepower. Fuel economy ratings for the 3500HD aren't available as vehicles of this weight aren't required to post its mpg statistics.

Properly equipped, a Silverado with the Duramax should easily complete any work task, topping out at payload and towing capacities of 5,307 and 16,500 pounds



In both interior appearance and driving feel, the Silverado 3500HD is the most car-like of big pickups. Yet it carries and tows just as well as its competitors.

with a fifth-wheel hitch.

You can choose either rear- or four-wheel drive. All 4WD trims besides the Work Truck have Autotrac, which features an automatic setting that shifts into 4WD

when wheel slippage is detected.

In many ways, the 3500HD feels
more like a car than a 1-ton pickup. The Silverado's suspension eats up bumps and potholes as the truck motors on with power and great handling. There is a minimum of body sway through the sharpest of turns.

Surprisingly, the Silverado has these car-like reflexes while carrying and towing loads as well as other heavy-duty pickups.

The secret lies in the Silverado HD's engineering. It's the only heavy-duty pickup with independent front suspensions on four-wheel-drive units. This provides better ride and steering than competitors like the Ford F-350 Super Duty and Dodge Ram Pickup 3500.

All models are very spacious inside, with a lot of storage capacity. This roominess is made possible by the "low and forward" instrument panels. Besides the added room, it features an interior that can be outfitted for work or pleasure.

The pure pickup interior includes two glove boxes in the dashboard. A single glove box is big enough to hold a pair of work gloves and a few small items. The 40/20/40-split front bench seat has a center section of the seat back that folds down to form a wide arm rest with lots of

storage space. This interior also features interior large door handles that can easily be manipulated even while wearing bulky work gloves.

The luxury version interior includes bucket seats with a permanent center console with 20 liters of storage capacity. The center stack also puts climate and audio controls within easy view and reach of the front seat passenger. This version has a single glove box in the dash.

Extended cabs feature stadium-style seating with an elevated view for those sitting in the second row. The rear seats are split 60/40 so one side can be folded up for cargo while the other is used for

On the safety front, just anti-lock disc brakes comes standard and stability control, front side- and side curtain airbags are not available. A Safety package that includes power adjustable pedals and rear park assist is optional.

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