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Public works award

Canton's Public Works
Division was recently awarded
two "Project of the Year" awards
from the American Public Works
Association (APWA) Michigan
Chapter. One award was given for
their work on the Lower Rouge
River Sanitary Relief Sewer,
while the other was given for their
work on the Lower Rouge River
Recreation Trail.

The APWA Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects.

"These projects are a great example of how inter-departmental staff, together with staff from outside agencies, like the MDEQ, Wayne County, Alliance of Rouge Communities, can achieve a goal that benefits the public and the environment at the lowest possible cost," said Municipal Services Director Tim Faas.

Both projects were awarded for criteria including the use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule, safety performance, community relations to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, and awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project.

The projects will now be eligible for the APWA National Awards competition with a recommendation from the Michigan Chapter. Public Works will receive their award plaques in May during the Annual State Conference at the Boyne Mountain Resort.

In concert

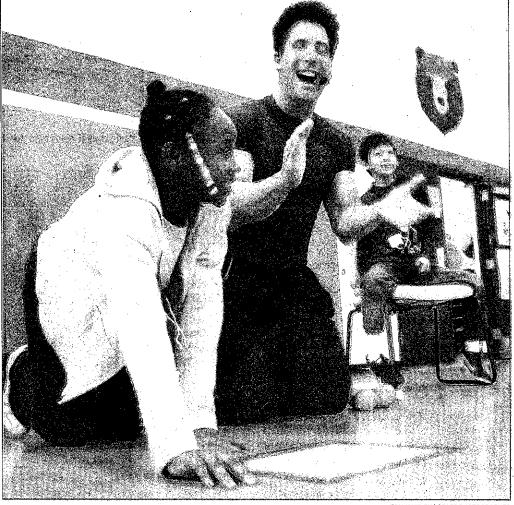
Merrill Osmond, the lead singer of the 1970s music group the Osmonds, will appear free for two local performances.

Osmond will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the western campus of the Wayne County Community College District at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. He also will appear one day later at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Westland Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 7575 N. Hix Road, east of Warren Road, according to a press release.

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Peter Nielson applauds fourth-grader Janay Shepard for helping demonstrate pushups. Third-grader John Paul Dela Cruz (right) also helped in the demonstration.

Turn off the video games

Fitness guru stresses importance of exercise, eating right to students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of second-through fifth-graders at Bentley Elementary in Canton learned first hand about the importance of eating healthy and exercising regularly from a man who is well-known throughout the country for his eating and exercise habits.

Peter Nielsen, a metro Detroit fitness guru, told his young audience he went from learning he had Crohn's (lower intestine) disease as a teenager — weighing only 86 pounds — to becoming a five-time Mr. America and two-time Mr. Universe champion.

"The state of Michigan needs to do better when it comes to fitness," Nielsen said to a gym full of students. "This generation will not outlive their parents because of obesity, juvenile diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure."

Nielsen used student volunteers to demonstrate bicep curls, how to use an exercise cable, do pushups and jump rope — all exercises that can be done at home at a low cost.

"Jumping rope burns 12 calories a minute," Nielsen said. "It burns more calories than the treadmill, elliptical and riding a bike.

Please see FITNESS, A2

What's your plan?

Everyone should know what to do when severe weather strikes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kathy Rich has a plan — one she hopes she'll never

Rich, an emergency management planner for Canton Township, is part of the administrative unit which prepares emergency procedures in case of a disaster—such as tornados, thunderstorms, high winds, lightning and flooding.

"We've been fortunate, we haven't had any disasters since I've been here," said Rich, who has worked in Canton since 2005 after a similar position in Ann Arbor from 1990-98. "We've had minimal damage. The tornado that hit Plymouth and Plymouth Township last summer was the closest we've gotten."

Today begins Severe Weather Awareness Week, and Rich warns residents to prepare for the unthinkable before it happens. That includes having a plan in place for your family or business, making sure everyone knows where to go and what to do in case of severe weather.

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- Watch the Canton cable television, as well as the local televi-
- sion and radio stations

 During tornado warnings, get
 to lowest level of a home or building, preferably the basement

home, Dennis Standiford said he's prepared.

"We're aware of what to do (in the event of a tornado).

I'd get in the basement," said Standiford, 65. "We've got a weather radio that automatically comes on, and on my computer I have links to several different weather sites.

"When I was in the Marines, I was an aviation weather observer, so I have some background," he added.

Rich said that even though Canton has severe weather sirens, that's not a fool-proof plan to depend on.

"The problem with storms is that sometimes we don't have the time to get the warning out," Rich said. "We recommend people get a weather radio, sign up for our Silent Alert e-mail, watch the (Canton) cable television, as well as the local television and radio stations. Probably the most important thing you can have is a battery-operated radio so if the power goes out, you have communication.

"During a tornado warning, you want to be at the lowest level of the building, preferably the basement under a stairwell or table in case debris falls," she added. "Or go into a room with as many walls as you

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Canton receiving federal funds to 'go green'

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township has received word it's receiving \$754,100 in federal stimulus money from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

It's Canton's share of Michigan's \$76.6 million in EECBG stimulus money received from the federal government.

"It's for a host of different energyefficiency projects, everything from doing an energy audit to energy retrofit," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "Those are projects like more efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning systems; reducing greenhouse emissions from landfills; and energy-efficient traffic signals and street lights."

The EECBG money, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, can also be used to support the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, the creation of financial incentive programs for energy-efficiency improvements, transportation programs that conserve energy and renewable energy installations on government buildings.

Faas said Canton Township officials will sit down Monday to begin discussing where to use the money.

"We're going to prioritize a list from the projects we submitted," Faas said. "The grant requires an energy-efficiency plan, something we've been working on for a week. We'll get down to details."

Supervisor Phil LaJoy is ready to begin the process of where to spend the money.

"This is a great opportunity for Canton," LaJoy said. "We are very fortunate to be receiving this grant, and in this day and age we need to be resourceful with our dollars."

Canton submitted a list of 26 projects for stimulus money. While the grant is good news, it's not enough to pay for the top two priorities submitted by the township.

"We had \$1.23 million in building energy retrofits, so the money wouldn't cover all that," Faas said.
"We want to replace the ball field lighting at the Canton Softball
Center, but that's estimated at \$1 million. We'll probably have to go down the list a little further.

"The one thing we don't know is if there's a match requirement," he added. "At least the money has been allocated to the community. Now we just have to figure out our priorities and how we intend to use it."

It's the second time federal stimulus money has been allocated to Canton within the past few weeks. Canton will receive \$4.7 million to widen Canton Center to five lanes from Cherry Hill to Palmer, as well as intersection upgrades at Warren and Lilley.

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Everyday hero

Canton Township Trustee Syed Taj (right) presents Gary Burns with a certificate recognizing his heroic efforts for rescuing a man last year. The White Lake Township man and Yazaki employee risked his own life by running out in traffic to pull a wheelchair-bound man from a burning truck on Haggerty Road. For the story please see page A3.

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can get between you and the outdoors.'

Canton Township is in the last year of a five-year plan to replace all 14 warning sirens, while adding two more. Many times people complain they can't hear the sirens when they're activated by the Canton Police Department.

"With the new construction, homes are sealed pretty well so most people won't hear the sirens," Rich said. "They are mainly for people who are outdoors, at golf courses and parks. Our police dispatch gets the warnings from the National Weather Service and knows when to activate the sirens."

The plan designed by Rich and the Emergency Management Unit is detailed.

"The police and fire department have the first priority of safety and protecting life and property," Rich said. "Municipal Services and the DPW have a cleanup plan in place. Our Leisure Services Department is responsible in case there's an evacuation, helping the Red Cross with coordinating shelters and transportation. We even have area veterinarians ready to shelter pets."

For information on how to stay safe during emergencies, visit the Canton Public Safety Department's Web site at www.cantonpublicsafety. org and select the Emergency Management tab.

"You need to be active about 45-60 minutes a day," he added. "Playing video games too much is not exercise."

Will Oswald, 7, a secondgrader, was one of those who was chosen to demonstrate jumping rope.

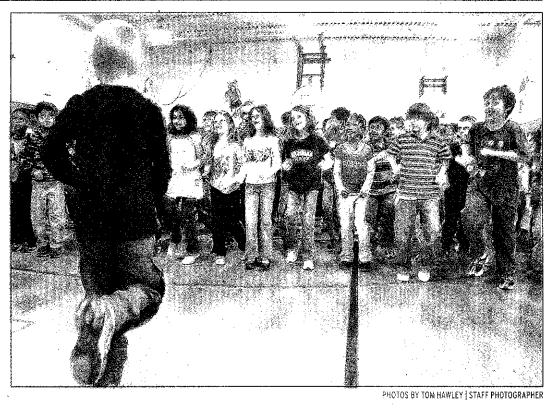
"Working out is good for you because if you don't exercise you could get headaches or stuff, and that's bad," said Will, who said he exercises regularly. "I sometimes jump rope and do some running outside."

Fifth-grader Jillian Yuhas, 10, said she learned some new habits, including the importance of starting the day with breakfast.

"I never really noticed how important nutrition is, like eating breakfast every morning," Jillian said. "I think I can get in more shape by being more athletic and becoming healthier."

Bentley physical education teacher Rick Barbour said it was great having Nielsen expound on some of the same life lessons he talks about in class. However, Barbour laments that students get only 45 minutes of physical education class a week.

"If we're serious about kids' health, 45 minutes a week would be unacceptable," Barbour said. "And we wouldn't have pizza or ice cream in our cafeterias."



Bentley Elementary second-grader Paul Schmidt helps lead the students in an exercise, to increase their heart rate as part of the fitness assembly.



Fitness guru Peter Nielsen talks to the students about the importance of regular exercise.



Peter Nielsen shows off his muscle, as fifth-graders Scott Miller and Samantha Howell participate in the fitness assembly at Bentley Elementary.

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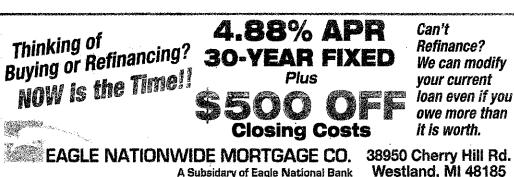
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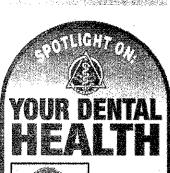




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The right place at the right time

Canton officials honor the efforts of two 'heroes'

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On May 29 of last year, Gary Burns of White Lake Township was at the Twist & Shake on Haggerty Road, just south of Ford Road, when he noticed a smoking truck in the left turn lane on Haggerty.

Moments later, the pickup was engulfed in flames and the driver began yelling for help. The man in the truck, 64-year-old Michael Kulp of New Boston, is wheelchairbound and was unable to get out of his burning vehicle. Burns ran to the truck, pulled Kulp out and carried him to safety. Burns and another man then went back and retrieved Kulp's wheelchair.

For his heroic efforts, Burns - an employee of Yazaki North America in Canton - was honored by the Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday night.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to do, the smoke was heavy and the traffic wasn't stopping," said Kulp. "My only other choice was to bail out and possibly get hit by a car coming at me or sit there and get burned up.

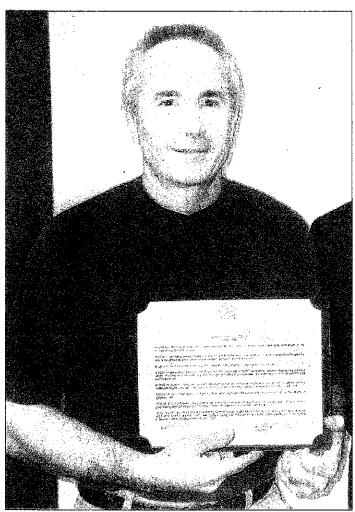
"Gary came running up, leaned over my shoulder and said 'Let's go,' and we went," he said. "Then he and his friend went back and got my wheelchair out of the back of the truck. That took guts, a burning truck with a 37-gallon gas tank. I was very grateful... he was an angel."

As with many heroes, Burns tried to pass it off as all-in-aday's work.

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FREE GAS



Canton's Robert Carlini was also recognized Tuesday for calling police when he noticed some suspicious characters at a local business, who were later arrested for trying to break into the place.

who in October was driving to

work when he noticed a suspi-

cious man in the parking lot of

Tilt Landscaping Maintenance at Ronda Industrial Park. One

telephone call to Canton police

resulted in responding officers

apprehending three suspects;

one attempting to jump a

"I was at the right place at the right time and I'm just glad to help him out," said Burns. "You don't think of your own safety, it's not what went through my mind. Somebody needed help and I helped him."

Also honored by trustees was Robert Carlini of Canton, pect trying to hide between two landscaping trailers. Further investigation discovered bolt cutters used to cut the fence to the warehouse

fence; a second attempting to

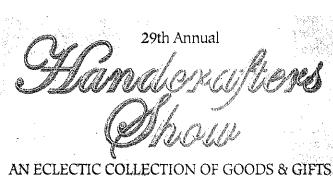
climb a tree; and a third sus-

lot, a tool used to grind the lock on a landscaping trailer and tools used to punch the ignition to a company dump

Police officers eventually discovered the suspects had lengthy criminal records.

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CANTON CINEMA



Gary Burns (left) and Michael Culp were reunited Tuesday, when Canton

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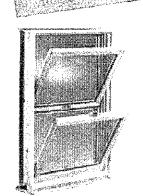
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EDUCATION

Printing teacher honored for job she loves

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

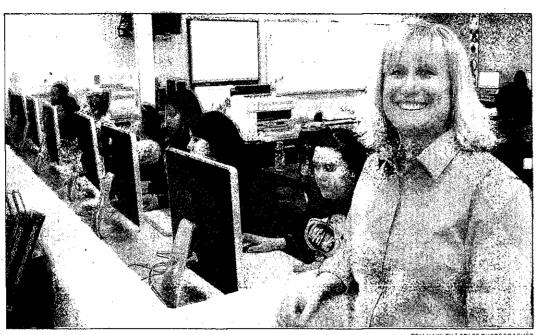
Shirley Byrd's life is filled with printing presses and computers. She works "day and night" at a job she says she "absolutely loves."

It's that commitment to teaching print technology that has garnered Byrd the **Electronic Document Systems** Foundation's 2008 Educator of the Year award.

"I'm flabbergasted, I'm very thrilled, very honored," said Byrd, who teaches at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

The Teacher of the Year Award is presented to academic professionals dedicated to the advancement of the industry through education. The recipients also have made significant contributions in the classroom with their students. According to EDSF, "these individuals demonstrate leadership, and enthusiasm in their role as an educator."

Nominees are sought from throughout the world. Byrd was nominated in 2007 by Michael Stinnet, a printing instructor at Royal Oak High School who she knows through Skills USA. The committee was so impressed with his nomination that it resubmitted it for this year. She is only the sixth high school



According to William D. Ford Career Technical Center Principal Ginny Kowalski, teacher Shirley Byrd's "smile is ever present."

teacher to receive the award.

"Shirley Byrd is a strong advocator of vocational/career education, as a graphics instructor, she has devoted herself to training students while assisting them in exploring their passion toward their future careers," Stinnet wrote in his nomination.

"She deserves this," said center Principal Ginny Kowalski. "She's here day and night. This is her life. She's huge in SkillsUSA and takes 37-40 students to the competition.'

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As a high school student, Byrd studied commercial art at the Traverse Bay Area Career Technical Center for two years. She was dual enrolled in commercial art at Northwestern Michigan College and graphics art at the career center. She parlayed that into an assistant teacher job in the center's graphics department and used her experience to acquire her vocational certification.

She earned her bachelor of arts degree in graphics from

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Ferris State University when the Ford center principal called looking for a teaching assistant. Byrd took the call from Superintendent Greg Baracy and relocated to southeast Michigan. She became the graphics/printing instructor in 1994.

"I used the money I saved for a house to get my teaching degree," Byrd said. "When I got down here, I went to EMU (Eastern Michigan University) for my master's degree."

In addition to her classroom work, Byrd is the department chair, serves on the school improvement committee, is the SkillsUSA building coordinator and cochairs the career awareness committee for North Central Accreditation.

"In any organization, there's always a 'go to' person, an individual who will give more than 100 percent to help the organization succeed," said Kowalski. "Shirley is that person for our school."

She has a mechanical aptitude that she credits to her father, who was a mechanic. She grew up fixing things and with a knowledge of mechanics. She uses that with her love of art in the classroom.

Her students learn how to design a layout on the computer and reproduce it on a printing press "whatever is needed by the customer." For her class, that customer is the Wavne-Westland school district. The students do business cards, stationery, prom and homecoming tickets, postcards, even detention forms. For fun, they screen print T-shirts and create coffee mugs, mouse pads and key chains using dye sublimation

There's also a copy corner like what would be found at a business like Speedy Printing. The students learn to do estimating and billing, everything needed to run a business.

And while it doesn't happen everyday, students do get dirty working on the equip-

"It's exciting for me to see students get this spark in their eye that they've got it and know I helped them," Byrd said.

According to former student Ripley Sambrone, Byrd is a great mentor and role model.

'She is always supportive, with a positive attitude and excellent in troubleshooting," he wrote in his letter to the award committee. "She is always pushing to have us do our best."

Byrd says she could retire at age 48 but said she won't. "I absolutely love my job, it's just in my blood," said Byrd.

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ON CAMPUS

Ph.D. honors

Kristen E. Whalen received her Ph.D. in biological oceanography in June 2008 from M.I.T. and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She is presently a National Science Foundation international postdoctoral fellow at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. In September she will have completed a year of research in Australia before finishing at the University of California-Santa Barbara. She has completed 450-plus research dives in the Caribbean (Perry Institute for Marine Science), Panama (Liquid Jungle Laboratory) as well as in the South Pacific (Bora Bora, Moorea, Rarotonga, Tahiti).

Kristen attended Plymouth-Canton schools and is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Salem. She received a Bachelor of science/marine biology degree, summa cum laude with honors, from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in 2001. She is the daughter of Pat Whalen of Canton and the late Henry Whalen.

NMU graduate

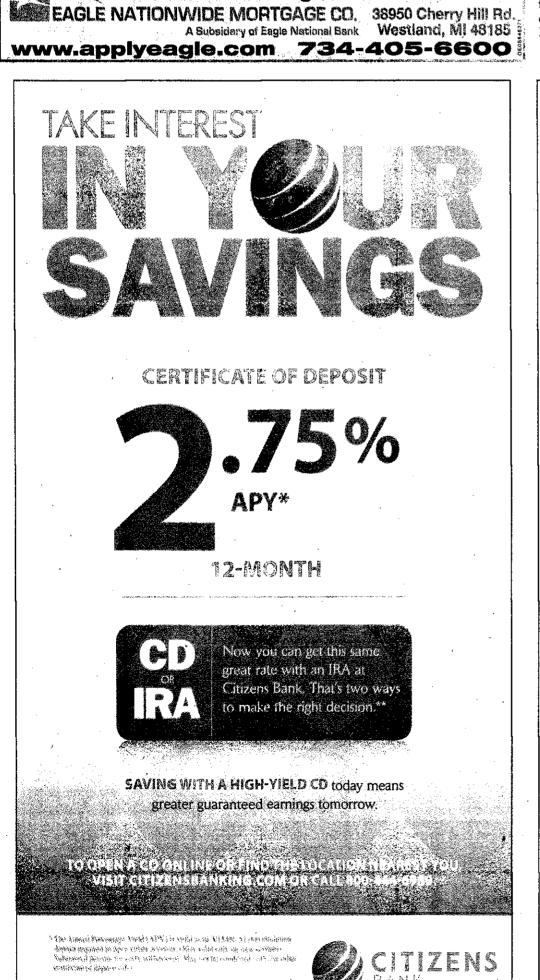
Canton's Phillip C. Lang earned his associate degree in automotive service technology in December at Northern Michigan University.

NMU Dean's List

The following Northern Michigan University students from Canton qualified for the Dean's List: Bryanne N. Bellovary; Joe D. Kowal; Andrew J. Lane; Amy M. Markey; and Ashley E. Olson.

Northwood Dean's List

Kevin J. Frusti (a junior) and Bradley R. Gallison (a senior), both from Canton, made the Dean's List at Northwood University for the fall term.



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WSDP named top station

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation named WSDP the High School Station of the Year.

The MABF presented the award during the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and Expo earlier this month.

Timothy Thompson, WSDP's program and news director, was excited to hear about the award.

"With every broadcast, we give nothing less than our best," Thompson said. "This year, our staff members have truly gone above and beyond to accomplish excellence. I'm so thrilled to be part of this amazing station and that the passion, energy and creativity of our staff members have not

gone unnoticed." Ten WSDP staff members received individual awards at the conference:

■ Rodney Harris, Canton

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junior, honorable mention,

daily sportscast/newscast. ■ Sean Fitzpatrick, Canton sophomore, first- and secondplace, promotional announcement; honorable mention, daily sportscast/newscast.

Derek Harbison, Plymouth sophomore, first place, promotional announcement; honorable mention, talk show; honorable mention, promotional announcement.

Nick Stemberger, Plymouth senior, second place, sports play-by-play.

■ John Dalton, Salem senior, second place, talk show, honorable mention daily sportscast/newscast.

■ Kurtis Roy, Salem junior, first place, promotional announcement.

■ Jake Burnstein and Sam Rector, Salem seniors, second place, promotional announce-

■ Alex Lamb, Salem junior, honorable mention, promotional announcement.

■ Timothy Thompson, Salem senior, second place, station activities report.

The MABF received 294 high school entries from 25 schools. This is the fifth year in the past nine WSDP has been honored with the Station of the Year Award.

"There were so many very talented people honored in the competition," said station manager Bill Keith. "It is great to see our students honored among the best. They definitely deserve the recognition."

Preschool applications

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is now accepting preschool applications for the 2009/10 school year.

The department offers classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds at various locations throughout the district. The program uses a developmentally appropriate curriculum with close ties to the district kindergarten curriculum.

For more information, please contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood

Summer preschool

Summer Preschool will again be offered to 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department. Classes will meet July 13 through Aug. 6 at Hoben Elementary School on Saltz Road. Morning and afternoon sessions are available with a fun and different theme each week.

For details call the Early

Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychild-

Kindergarten round up

Five-year-olds don't have to wait until September to have their first school experience. In fact, Wayne-Westland school officials want them to have that experience now as part of the annual Kindergarten Roundup slated for 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March

The roundup will be held at all 17 of Wayne-Westland's elementary schools, including Walker-Winter in Canton. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration

materials.

Incoming kindergartners will get the opportunity to participate in an activity, visit their kindergarten classroom and receive a free school T-shirt to wear in the fall. They also will be given free backpacks, filled with school supplies, books and suggested activities to prepare young-

sters for the first day of school. For parents who can't attend the morning program, school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. that evening for registration only. If those times don't work, parents can call the school for an appointment.

Youngsters who will age 5 by Dec. 1, 2009, are eligible for kindergarten enrollment this fall. For more information, call the Instruction Department at (734) 419-2096.



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Giving Circle event

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle will host an educational evening focusing on women's heart health at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday April 8 at the Plymouth Arts Council. The event, which will feature Oakwood Health System cardiologist Peter Mancini II, MD, is open to all women in the community.

The American Heart Association states that cardiovascular disease is the leading killer of women over the age of 25, claiming nearly twice as many women in the United States than all types of cancer, including breast cancer. Dr. Mancini will discuss the risk factors and explain how women can play an active role in achieving and maintaining their

heart's health. The event will begin with light, heart healthy refreshments. Dr. Mancini's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period, deserts and coffee. The evening should conclude by 9 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended and space is limited. The Plymouth Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grantmaking initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Plymouth and Canton, creates an endowment fund for the future, and builds a community of women philanthropists. There are currently 63 women in the Giving Circle and new members are always welcome.

Canton Economic Club

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



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

The luncheons were developed with the purpose of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufac-

turing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

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

Golf league needs players

The Friday Night Couples League, which has been playing at Fellows Creek in Canton for approximately 25 years, is looking for teams beginning

May 1. The mixed league begins play each Friday at 5:30 p.m. The league plays a modified alternate shot format. To sign up or for more information, please call (734) 397-1212.

'Daddy's Girl'

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, March 29, 2009 ...

The PCA Players will present "Daddy's Girl" Thursday, April 2 - Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The student production of this Gary Ray Stapp comedy will also include a dessert theater experience that will feature apple pie, ice cream and coffee.

Performances are 7:30 p.m., April 2; 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 3; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Seating (and pie) is limited, so order your tickets by calling the PCA Development office at (734) 459-3505 x169 to reserve your tickets. All tickets will be held at Will Call for each performance.

Road rally

Leadership Canton's upcoming Road Rally fund-raiser will take place Saturday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary Clock in Heritage Park, Leadership Canton is raising money for First Step (www.firststepmi.org), Open Door Ministry (www. opendoorfoodministry.com) and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

The fee is \$35 per person and includes road rally, T-shirt, dinner and refreshments. The rally is limited to 30 cars, with 4-6 passengers per car (minimum of four people per car). There are still sponsorship, participant and sign maker opportunities

For more information about the event visit http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com, or contact Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

Adopt-A-Road event

Volunteers are sought to help clean up the shoulders along Geddes Road and Beck Road on Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m. for the Adopt-A-Road program. Picking up the trash and debris from the roadside and ditches not only makes the area look better, it also cuts down on pollution of the soil and water that occurs during runoff.

Wayne County trash bags and reflective vests will be supplied for the morning event. Call Greg Greene at (734) 855-6192 or see www. gegreene biz for more information and to volunteer.

River Day volunteers

Canton's annual River Day celebration will be held June 6 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. along the Lower Rouge River, located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road. Every year on



Classic American opera performance

The Comic Opera Guild, featuring Tanya Roberts and Don Devine, will present the musical 'Orange Blossoms' at 7:30 p.m., April 3 and April 4 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The 1922 hit musical was written by Yictor Herbert, who would be celebrating his 150th birthday this year. Comic Opera Guild is now the major producer of Herbert shows, having performed and recorded 28 of them. Herbert was the first major composer of operettas and musicals in the United States. Tickets for the shows are \$20 for adults and \$17 for students, and can be ordered by calling (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, or at Summit on the Park.

the first Saturday of June, hundreds of volunteers make a difference by helping to preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams.

This year in an effort to expand its river cleaning efforts, Canton officials are looking for interested homeowners associations to gather volunteers to help clean drains and streams that run through their neighborhoods. If your neighborhood has a stream in need of help, Canton would like to assist you with managing log jams and fallen trees, debris removal, planting and other enhancements. Interested homeowners associations should call (734) 394-5158 by April 1 to set up a meeting with Public

River day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate. All volunteers will receive a River Day T- shirt and breakfast. Water and a light snack will be provided but volunteers are encouraged to pack a lunch. For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call (734) 394-5150.

Soldier benefit

Lutrell

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will host their fourth annual dinner May 2, at the Laurel Manor in

Livonia. All proceeds go to veterans or families of fallen soldiers that are in need.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Lutrell, a Navy SEAL and author of New York Times best-selling book

"Lone Survivor" — the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on Operation Redwing. A motivational story of survival, the book is also a moving tribute to the friends and teammates who did not make it off the mountain. A powerful testament to the courage, integrity, patriotism, and community that forged these American heroes, "Lone Survivor" is an incredible account of teamwork, fortitude, and modern warfare.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Ann Cornelius at (248) 346-5976 or visit www.fwsf.

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

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.

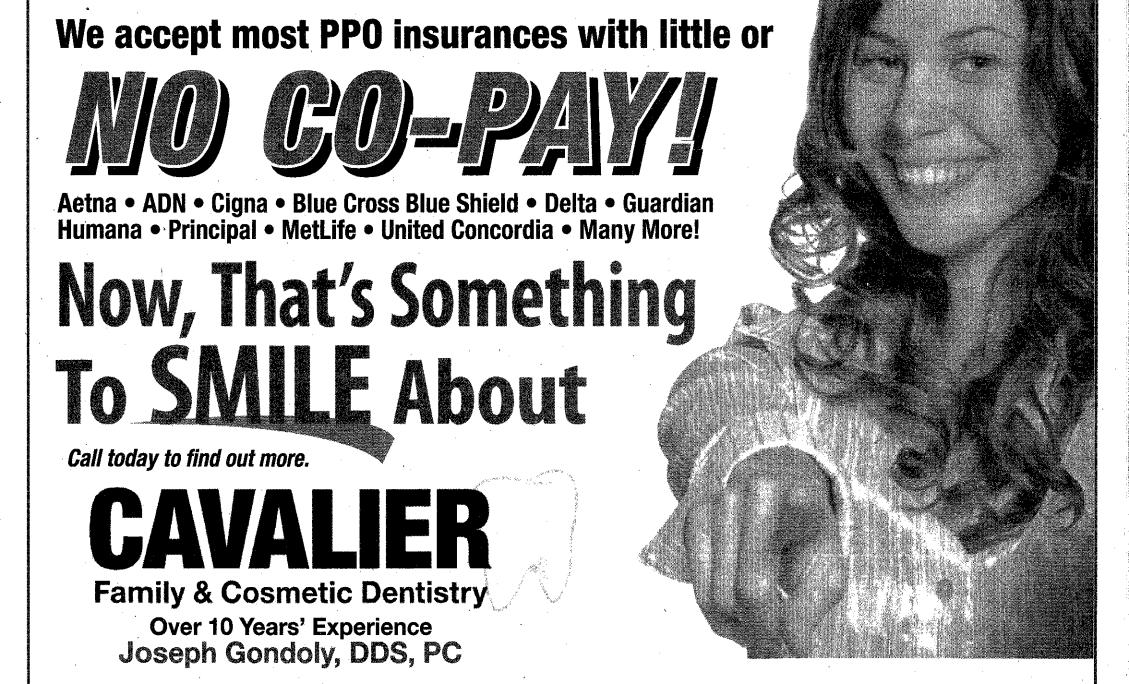
Mom to Mom sale

Connection Church in Canton will hold its Spring Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission. Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just North of Michigan Avenue.

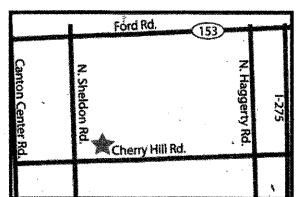
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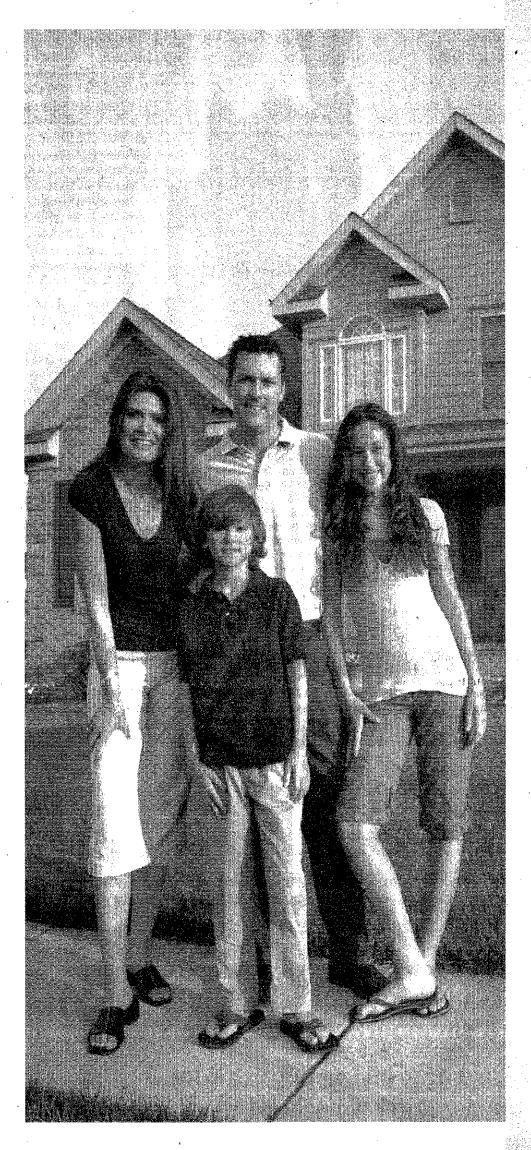


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Peace it forward

Pioneer Middle School students hit Big Apple for Peace Project

BY JEFF NOVAK CORRESPONDENT

When the eighth-grade class from Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth heads to New York in April, it won't be for an ordinary, annual field trip.

This year the excursion takes on extraordinary proportions when the students introduce NYC and the rest of the planet to the Pioneer Peace Project — a service learning initiative connecting students to each other and to their world.

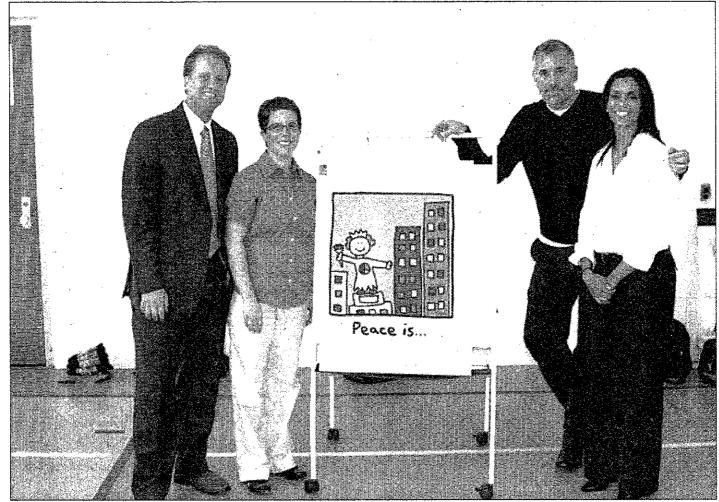
Inspired by and armed with the words from the book "The Peace Book," by artist and children's author Todd Parr, the students will embark on a journey to promote and share with others their views of peace and how they can achieve it.

When they hit the streets of Manhattan April 3, the students will read and distribute 500 free copies of "The Peace Book," donated by publisher Little, Brown Books for Young Readers—to random New Yorkers.

All the students request in return is that the recipients help spread the message of peace and "Peace it Forward." The eighth graders ask that the copies of "The Peace Book" get passed along to family and friends or even strangers and recorded on the Peace Project Web site www.p3nyc2009.ning. com where the path of the books can be followed.

Along with every book, the students will give away a free "Peace Bag," courtesy of California Pizza Kitchen, that contains promotional materials — CDs, DVDs, buttons, stickers and more from 20-plus peace-oriented organizations, corporations and individuals.

"This is all about the kids," said Ben McMurray, the assistant principal at Pioneer Middle School and one of the



Ben McMurray, assistant principal at Pioneer Middle School; Clair Walton Swisher, an English and performing arts teacher at Pioneer; Todd Parr, author and illustrator of 'The Peace Book,' that inspired the Pioneer Peace Project; and Pioneer visual arts teacher, Carmen Johnson.

creators of the Peace Project. "It's about them being engaged travelers, about promoting literacy, about a universal concept of peace. We want to help them become active, creative citizens. New York city is the place we picked because it offers so much. It is really the cultural capital, the political capital and economical capital of the world. It provides an avenue for these kids to learn."

The Pioneer Peace Project kicks off with a peace celebration at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park (located mid-park at 72nd St.) where students will sing and read poetry. Parr will also speak at the event and

wrap up the project with a book signing at 4 p.m. at Union Square Barnes & Noble (33 E. 17th St.). A donation box will be available at the signing for those that want to contribute to the

Peace Project.

"Four years ago we were really interested in taking the kids to New York so we could expose them to a dif-



nity but New York is the place to be. It is the center of all things United States-it's a symbol of America.

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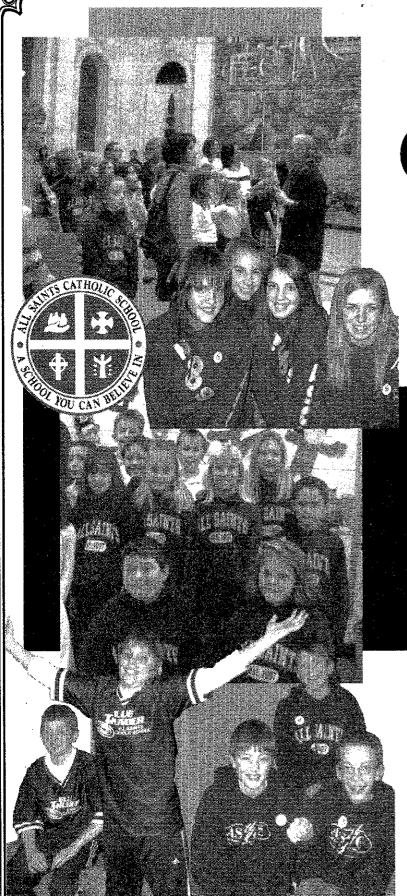
THE 'PEACE' PROCESS

- What: Pioneer Peace Project
- When: April 3
- Where: New York
- Who's Helping: The project received help from local businesses including J2 Concepts (Dearborn) and Signature Audio and Signature Professional Group (Wixom), For more information contact Jeff Novak at (313) 587-8725 or jtwoconcepts@ gmail.com
- Sponsors: Signature Audio and Signature Professional Group donated funds to sponsor a student to make the trip along with time, staff, staging and equipment for the peace celebration at Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park. Signature Audio is also donating the sound equipment for the art exhibit in May. Contact the Signature companies at (248) 960-0700 or at info@signatureaudio.net.

why we want to do this. It's not a field trip — it's an

experience." While in the Big Apple each student will take photos to document their experiences as a part of Behind the Lens III — a photojournalism project displaying photographs, poetry, reflections and art. In May, the students will unveil their works of art at the Plymouth Community Arts Council with a possible art show in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

To ensure the success of this year's event and the growth of future Pioneer Peace Projects, the coordinators are looking for more sponsors and donations. For more information about making a donation visit the Peace Project website at www.p3nyc2009.ning.com or contact Ben McMurray at Pioneer Middle School at (734) 416-2774 or mcmurrb@pcccs.k12.mi.us



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Shown are (left to right) Jack Distel, 2008 Eagle Scout; Andy Cipolla, 2003 Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol adviser; Nick Gravlin, 2008 Eagle Scout; and Michael Schommer, 2008 Eagle Scout.

Township's union employees to receive a raise in pay

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a three-year contract for nearly 70 members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3860 on Tuesday

"The union represents parks and recreation, maintenance, ordinance officers, site inspectors and other employees," said Rick Eva, township finance director. "They will receive a 2.5 percent raise the first year, 2 per-

cent the second year and 2 percent the third year.

"At the same time there were a number of give-backs," he said. "All new hires will be put into a defined contribution plan, which is a cost savings to the township. Longevity pay for all current employee is being frozen, and all new employees will not receive longevity. All new hires will begin contributing to the health plan

coverage."
Eva said union members ratified the contract
Monday.

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Three from same troop achieve Eagle rank

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three young men from Boy Scout Troop 743 achieved their Eagle Scout rank and were honored at a March 22 ceremony at the Plymouth Elks.

"I'm so proud of all the boys," said Assistant Scoutmaster James Schommer, whose son is among the three. "They all went through Scouting together."

The three are: Michael Schommer, 18, of Plymouth Township, a first-year Schoolcraft College student and son of James and Deborah Schommer; Jack Distel, 18, of Canton, a freshman at Central Michigan University and the son of Mike and Marty Distel; and Nick Gravlin, 18, of Canton, a Plymouth Canton High School senior and the son of Steve and Wendy Gravlin. Jack Distel is a graduate of Plymouth High School, Michael Schommer a graduate of Plymouth Canton High

School.

Troop 743 is based at West
Middle School, and the three
young men are friends who've

grown up together in Scouting. "They did a great job," James Schommer said. "They wrote the ceremony themselves. Very proud of these boys."

To achieve Eagle rank, a
Scout is required to carry out
a community project. Michael
Schommer collected used and
new equipment to help a former Scout now serving in the
Peace Corps in Kazakhstan
start a troop there. Equipment
included tents, backpacks and
cooking utensils, and Michael
and the others involved were
able to resolve shipping difficulties, which required only
a drive to Muncie, Ind., for
delivery.

Jack Distel did his project about a year ago at Miller Elementary School in Canton, his former school and where his mom works. "He built birdhouses and did some landscaping," said Michael Schommer. Distel built benches as well for Miller students and staff.

Nick Gravlin also worked at a school, Gallimore Elementary in Canton, where his mom is on staff. "He built kind of a nature center in the back," the younger Schommer said. Nick provided benches and a trail with wood chips. "He built an outdoor classroom," his friend and fellow Eagle Scout added.

"We have a pretty high output of Eagle Scouts," said the senior Schommer of the troop. Michael and Jack also earned the Triple Crown Award for camp achievements, based on three High Adventure camps.

"They're all outstanding young men," James Schommer said. "They're all good kids."

The three Scouts and friends are glad their work is done. "It feels great," the younger Schommer said of achieving Eagle status. "A big relief. It's really an accomplishment."

He's a liberal arts major who plans to transfer to Northern Michigan University for a career in psychology, possibly as a psychology teacher. Michael agreed becoming an Eagle with longtime friends was great.

"I wouldn't have had it any other way," he said. "It was great that we could finish it at the same time, too."

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Seniors pack 'em up for Roundup

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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It's become as much a rite of spring as the annual Kindergarten Roundup in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Twelve hundred blue backpacks in boxes and piled high on tables at the Dyer Senior Center, waiting to be filled with school supplies meant for members of the class of 2022.

"I just love doing this because it helps the little kids get ready for school," said Phyllis Williams of Livonia, who joined more that 30 seniors in forming an assembly line to ready the backpacks for the district's Kindergarten Roundup Tuesday.

"There's so many nice things for the kids, they should be excited when they get these bags."

"It's a connection between the schools and the seniors." said Sally Perkins, executive director of elementary education. "They enjoy doing it and it a time for them to social-

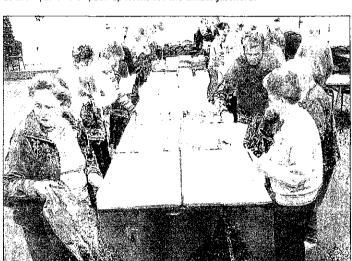
The seniors set up an assembly line, working their way along tables, stuffing them with crayons, writing sheets for numbers and the alphabet, a Mother Goose peek-a-book, ABC book and two story books — Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss and The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn.

The seniors are treated to a light breakfast before their put to work. Usually, the backpacks are filled and placed in bags tagged for the different schools within a few hours, but a sticky zipper slowed the process this year.

"If I was getting paid by the hour, I'd be in trouble," said Ed Turner of Westland who worked the head table, check-



Edith Brill, a retired Madison Elementary school teacher, works on zipping up the new backpacks for the incoming kindergartners in the Wayne-Westland school district. Beside her, Ed Turner, Barbara Martin and many other seniors at the Dyer Center pack up items for the kindergartners.



Dyer Senior Center members volunteer to pack the backpacks for Wayne-Westland Kindergarten Roundup.

ing the contents and zipping the backpacks close.

Charlotte Kirkpatrick of Westland has been helping fill backpacks since the seniors started helping five years ago. She likes doing things for the city and the school district where her children attended the former McKee Elementary, Nankin Mills Junior High and John Glenn.

"I think this is great, when my kids started school, they didn't have this," she said. "It really gives the kids something to look forward to."

The district has been passing out the backpacks as part of the Kindergarten Roundup

WELCOME TO SCHOOL

What: Wayne-Westland Community School's annual Kindergarten

When: 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31. For parents who can't attend the morning program, school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. that evening for registration only. If those times don't work, parents can call the school for an appointment.

Where: At all 17 of Wayne-Westland's elementary schools

Who: Youngsters who will age 5 by Dec. 1, 2009, are eligible for kindergarten enrollment this fall. Parents must provide the child's original birth certificate with raised seal, a current immunization record and three proofs of residency, such as a current mortgage/lease agreement or tax statement, current bank statement, current utility bills or current employment record.

What: Five-year-olds won't have to wait until September to have their first school experience, they can get it at the roundup. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten. teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials. Incoming kindergartners will get the opportunity to participate in an activity, visit their kindergarten classroom and receive a free school T-shirt to wear in the fall. They also will be given free backpacks, filled with school supplies, books and suggested activities to prepare youngsters for the first day of school.

What: Parents also can get information on the district's all-day kindergarten program which is offered at nine schools - John Hicks in Inkster, Wildwood, Elliott, Patchin, Jefferson-Barns, Lincoln and P.D. Graham in Westland, Walker-Winter in Canton and Roosevelt-McGrath in Wayne. There also are Champions before and after school programs available Edison, Elliott, P.D. Graham, Hamilton, Hicks, Hoover, Kettering, Madison, Patchin, Schweitzer, Stottlemver, Taft, Walker-Winter and Wildwood. Children from Roosevelt and Vandenberg are bused to and from Hoover for the program, while children from Lincoln are bused to and from Taft. Enrollment can be completed online at www.discoverchampions.com. For more information, call (800) 350-5034.

since 2000. According to Perkins, the district looks at current class sizes and counts from the building principals to determine how many backpacks to have ready.

"We're expecting almost 1,200 kindergartners and their parents and grandparents this year," she said. "We've had a few years where it's gone down and a few years where it's gone up. We play it by ear, but the number has held pretty steady.

Retired Wayne-Westland

teacher Edith Brill took time to walk along the tables to see what would go in the backpacks. She spent her career teaching first, second and third grades at Madison Elementary. She still runs into former students who introduce her to their children as "the best teacher I ever had."

"I think this is great," she said. "This is something that will encourage the students."

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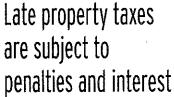
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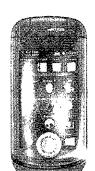
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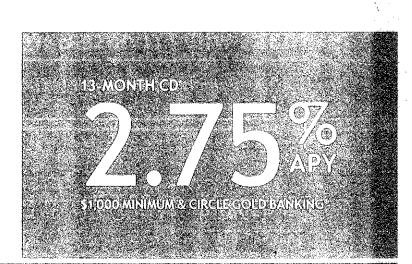
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Salem grad Britnell named Rocks new grid coach



Kurt Britnell, pictured during a 2007 playoff game when he was the offensive coordinator for Plymouth's football team, was hired Thursday as the head coach at Salem, his alma mater.

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The day is still five months away, but it's a safe bet to say that Kurt Britnell's adrenaline will be pumping at an accelerated rate on Aug. 28.

On Thursday, the 1988 graduate of Salem High School and assistant football coach at Plymouth for the past seven seasons was named the Rocks' new head football coach. He succeeds Parker Salowich, who resigned last month. In a script only a Hollywood screenwriter could dream up, Britnell's first game as the Rocks' mentor will be Aug. 28 against — you guessed it — Plymouth.

"I was surprisingly calm when I found out the great news," admitted Britnell on Friday morning, "but my fiancee was so excited. she was bouncing off the walls. The whole situation — to be able to go back to my old school and serve as the head coach — is very humbling and exciting at the same time."

Britnell was a quarterback/safety during his prep days at Salem, where he played under Hall of Fame coach Tom Moshimer, a feat Salowich was unable to do and someman he learned a great deal from.

"The two main things I learned from 'Mo' were that hard work and discipline bring success," said Britnell.

Having coached against Salem each of his seven years at Plymouth - the past two of which he served as the Wildcats' offensive coordinator — Britnell said he's walking into a program whose cupboards are far from bare.

"From scouting them on film and watching them play in person, I know they have some talented players," Britnell said. "I think that over time at Salem, negativity and failure has bred more negativity and failure. Hopefully, the program can feed off the positive experience I've had at Plymouth. I think the difference between winning and losing is mental as much as anything."

Britnell is currently a special-education teacher at Consortium College Preparatory High School in Detroit. He'd eventually like to secure a teaching position at Salem — a

thing he said proved to be an obstacle in turning the program around. Britnell said he has already dedicated a lot of thought regarding who would fill out his staff. However, he won't rush to make any moves, he added.

"I'm going to go through all of the proper channels and make all of the official calls I need to make," he said. "I want to talk to (Plymouth head coach) Mike Sawchuk before I do anything.

"Mike and I exchanged e-mails this morning and he said he hoped for the best for me. I can't say enough good things about everything I learned coaching with him."

Britnell will have to juggle his new head football coaching obligations with his role as the head coach of both the Plymouth girls and boys track-and-field teams.

"I'm going to follow through on my commitment to coach track," he said. "I might not be getting much sleep the next few weeks, but that's just something I'm going to have to deal with."

WRAPS

Chiefs upend Rocks in boys lacrosse

Canton's boys lacrosse team opened its 2009 season in memorable fashion Wednesday night with a 14-4 victory over cross-campus rival Salem in a game played at the PCEP varsity stadium.

Matt Rodgers paced the winners' offensive onslaught with six goals. Jason Avedesian added four net-finders while Jake Underwood, Brett Phillips, Jordan Emery and Jordan Smith scored singles.

Chiefs' goalie Sean Walsh, who finished with 20 saves, made several key stops down the stretch to secure the triumph for Canton.

Adding assists for Canton were Trevor Moore, Kyle Dunleavy, Alex Loiselle, Bryan Davison, Underwood, Avedesian and Rodgers.

Canton led 4-0 after one quarter, 8-1 at the half and 10-4 after three quarters.

'Cat lady kickers win

Plymouth's girls soccer team opened its 2009 season with an impressive 2-1 victory over Saline.

"It was a good win to start the season," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

Sophomore net-minder Marissa Williams earned the victory.

Jen Babcock scored the winners' first goal on a penalty kick. The eventual game-winner was netted by Mackenzie Hengesh, who was assisted by Liz Koet,

Madonna softball team sweeps Rochester

The NAIA's 19th-ranked Madonna University women's softball team improved to 19-6 overall by sweeping a double-header Wednesday at home against winless Rochester College (0-10), 12-0 and 8-0.

Jess Irwin (10-5) threw a one-hitter in the opener as the Crusaders rolled to a five-inning 12-0 mercy-rule

Irwin, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season, struck out 11 and did not walk a batter.

Offensively, Canton's Brittney Scero led the way going 3-for-3 with a homer and two RBI. Other offensive standouts for MU included Ashley Shay, 2for-4; three RBI; Kathleen Smiley, 2-for-2; three RBI; and Kelly Lesko, 2-for-3.

In the nightcap, freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 10-1 by blanking Rochester on just one hit in seven innings,

Minch struck out eight and walked three.

Offensive stars for MU included Tara LaMilza (3-for-3; RBI); Smiley (2for-3; two RBI);, Danielle Richardson (two hits) and Lesko (two RBI).

Play ball!

'Cats top Rocks in season opener

In the season opener for both teams, Plymouth defeated host Salem, 6-4, in a prep baseball game played Friday at Salem.

The Wildcats broke a 4-4 seventh-inning deadlock on Travis Mewton's two-run double.

Mewton's game-winning rip made a winner of sophomore pitcher Mike Nadratowski, who pitched the final 2.2 innings, yielding two hits and two earned runs while striking out three.

"I thought both teams played pretty darn well for just coming

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out of the gate," noted Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We were the team that was fortunate to come up with the big hit (Mewton's) when we needed it. Mike Nadratowski was lights out in his first varsity game as well.

"Most of all, it just felt great to get back on the grass after a long hard winter."

Salem starting pitcher Dave Hales was staked to a 1-0 lead in the first inning before Plymouth rallied to take a 4-2 edge with two runs in the second and two in the top of the sixth.

Salem knotted the game at 4all with a single run in the fifth and two more in the sixth before Mewton delivered the clutch knock in the top of the seventh.

Plymouth outhit the Rocks, 9-6, and won despite committing five errors.

Mewton, Matt Skubik and Matt Priebe all went 2-for-4 for the winners. Jake Gilbert and Nadratowski both sliced RBI hits while Ronnie Goble scored a pair of Wildcat runs.

Sam Ott and Kyle Powell both laced RBI hits for the Rocks, who also received an RBI and run from lead-off batter Heath Parling.

Salem third baseman Justin Baschi went 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

Senior Joe Posler suffered the mound setback for Salem after giving up four runs in 3.1 innings of work in relief of



Canton gymnast Robyn Piwowar earned All-State honors and set a school record despite away-from-the-gym adversity that would have forced many athletes to take a break from their sport.

Dad would be proud

Canton gymnast perseveres through unimaginable adversity

nly a few inches from her heavy, sorrow-filled heart, a nearly weightless silver necklace was safety-pinned to Robyn Piwowar's leotard as she prepared to perform her vault routine during last month's Canton Invitational

Ed Wright

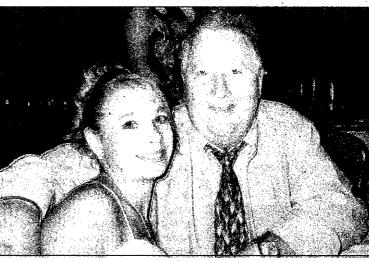
gymnastics meet. It was no ordinary piece of jewelry and a far-from-routine vault for the petite and incredibly talented Canton sophomore gymnast.

The necklace was a gift from her dad, Allen, who had passed away unexpectedly at the age of 60 just a. few days earlier.

And the routine was executed just a short time before she would have to leave the meet early to attend her father's viewing

at a Canton funeral home. "I knew my dad would have wanted me to com-

Please see PIWOWAR, B2



Canton gymnast Robyn Piwowar is pictured with her late father Allen. To honor her father, Robyn Piwowar competed in a gymnastics meet a few days after his death and earned a medal on the vault.

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pete, so I did," said Piwowar.





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All-Observer icers' talent is on cutting edge

Adam Powers, Sr. G, Salem: The first-year high school player was pivotal in the Rocks' reversal of fortunes this past season. He helped Salem win the inaugural KLAA South Division title by posting a 2.5 goals-against average while saving 91 percent of the shots

he faced. Powers earned All-

KLAA honors. "Adam is one of the of the most athletic goalies I've ever seen play at the high school level," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "He has an amazing ability to play the puck. Adam's performance during the second half of the season was one of the main reasons we were able to turn things around."

Dan Bostick, Sr. Def., Liv. Churchill: The third-year performer, who made All-Kensington Conference, finished with four goals and 10 assists in 25 games for the Division 1 regional finalists.

"Dan gives you a solid, physical presence," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He's a good skater who looks to join the rush. He logged a lot of minutes - usually playing against the other teams' top lines. He played in all situations."

Donny Barlow, Sr. Def., Canton: The talented senior's

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combination of strong skating skills and physical play made him one of the KLAA's most-respected blue-liners. He led the Chiefs with a plusminus rating of plus-39 while racking up five goals and 13 assists. He excelled on the Chiefs' power-play and penalty kill units while finishing among the team leaders in minutes played. Barlow also excelled as a defensive back on the Chiefs' football team.

"Donny has the best transition speed in the league," said Abraham. "Donny has not lost

a race to the puck all year and coach David Mitchell said his speed consistently made up for our team defensive breakdowns. He is a defenseman with great offensive ability which gives us the whole package in Donny."

Nick Tomilenko, Sr. F, Canton: The lightning-quick forward was one of the KLAA's most dynamic players throughout the 2008-09 campaign, netting 34 goals and 11 assists. He led the Chiefs in powerplay goals (13), short-handed goals (three) and game-winning goals (six). Tomilenko is also the starting shortstop for the Canton baseball team.

"Nick has the ability to create scoring opportunities out of any situation," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "He has incredible hands and an eye for the net. His hockey sense is amongst the best of any player I have coached."

John Vella, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The three-year varsity performer and senior captain was know for his two-

Vella finished with 13 goals and 11 assists with a plus-rat-

"John was a bit of a marked man this season coming off the year he had last year, but he adjusted well and learned how to get his teammates more involved," Stevenson

of the All-Kensington Conference pick. "He was our captain and leader both on-and-off the ice. He always played against the other team's top competition. He played in all situations for us, excelling on the penalty kill."

Cole Rochowiak, Jr., F, Liv. Stevenson: The junior led the Spartans with a team-high 33 points on 17 goals and 16 assists, along with a teambest plus-rating of 32.

"Cole is a player who plays with a high level of intensity on a truly consistent basis," Mitchell said of the All-Kensington Conference pick. "He is a player who works as equally had in practice and off the ice as he does on the game. Cole loves to play hockey and loves to be at the rink, or with the team, and that excitement comes out in his play. He has a chance to be a real special player next season."

COACH OF THE YEAR Ryan Ossenmacher, Salem: In

just his second year at the helm, Ossenmacher turned the Rocks into a team to be reckoned with this season. After finishing 7-17-1 last season and struggling early this year, the Ossenmachermentored Rocks did a U-turn to finish 14-9-3 and win the inaugural KLAA South



Adam Powers Salem



Dan Bostick Churchill



Nick Tomilenko Canton



Donny Barlow Canton





Cole Rochowiak Stevenson



Division title.

"It was a very rewarding season, especially considering how much we struggled early on," said Ossenmacher, who played college hockey at the University of Dayton. "The guys really bought into what we were coaching during the second half of the season and they worked hard to turn things around."



Ossenmacher

Canton softball team continues trend as perennial contenders

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Twenty-win seasons are like chilly 50-degree days in April for Canton's softball program

- predictable and plentiful. Last year was no different for the Chiefs, who chalked up a 20-14 season that ended with a Division 1 District final loss to

Judging by the level of talent Canton head coach Jim Arnold has returning from his 2008 contingent, the 20-win mark is definitely on the Chiefs' radar.

"I think hitting will be our biggest asset this year," said Arnold, who has guided the Chiefs' softball program since 1991. "We had some good power hitters and the girls are bunting well, which is some-

Goaltender Matt Hackett

stopped all 27 shots he faced, Plymouth penalty killers went

scored two goals with an assist

and Tyler Seguin added a goal

and two assists as the Whalers

rolled to a 5-0 victory over the

Sarnia Sting in an Ontario

Entertainment Centre.

Hockey League playoff game played Thursday evening before

2,949 at the Sarnia Sports and

Plymouth led the best-of-

heading into Saturday's Game

5 at Compuware Arena in

Plymouth.

seven series three-games-to-one

nine-for-nine, Matt Caria

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thing I like to see."

Leadership will be abundant, too, for Arnold's squad thanks to the offerings of co-captains Shelby Anthony, a senior, and junior Amy Dunleavy.

"Shelby is a natural leader," said Arnold, of his starting third baseman. "She's a good communicator and she always gives 100 percent - both at practices and games. She's earned the respect of her teammates.

"Amy's our No. 1 pitcher, but she's also an outstanding allaround player. She's very dedicated to the sport and our program. An example of her leadership is the way she's helped our freshman pitcher, who will back

Hackett now leads the OHL

playoffs with a 0.98 goals

against average (four goals

allowed through 245 minutes)

stopping 137 of the 141 shots

Hackett was not severely

killers continued to dominate

special teams in the series and

Plymouth started the scoring

at 4:39 on Tyler J. Brown's first

have gone 25-for-27 over four

game on Thursday.

games.

and a .972 save percentage after

he's faced in four games against

tested, but was steady the entire

In addition, Plymouth penalty

Whalers blank Sting to take 3-1 series lead

Canton's No. 2 hurler is ninthgrader Alyssa Boucher, who garnered strong praise from

"Alyssa's not a power pitcher yet, but she does a great job of hitting the corners," said Arnold.

Dunleavy and Boucher will be throwing to senior catcher Jordan Puskar, who possesses strong defensive skills as well as a solid bat.

The Chiefs' starting infield will consist of senior first baseman Molly Watson, who played outfield in 2008; sophomore second baseman Samantha Partain, who started as a freshman; sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer, who is healthy after missing her entire freshman campaign with an injury; and Anthony

goal of the playoffs. The goal

started when Michal Jordan

directed the puck from the left

point to RJ Mahalak at the left

hashmark. Mahalak passed to

Brown at the lower rim of the

right circle, who beat Sarnia

goaltender Dan Spence with

Chris Terry passed the puck

goal. The puck deflected off

Caria in front to Seguin, who

goal of the playoffs. Plymouth

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led, 2-0, after 20 minutes of play.

The Whalers put the game

Working on a 5-on-3 power

away for good in the second

from the right half-wall in the

a quick shot over his shoulder.

Seguin made it 2-0 at 19:11 after

Sarnia zone out in front of Sting

"Samantha has a lot of speed and a good glove," Arnold said. "She's a slapper and a good

"CarolAnn is a pure athlete. She has a strong arm and great range at short. She's our best power hitter, too, and will hit clean-up."

Canton's outfield will be manned by senior left fielder Sam Podorsek, senior center fielder Miranda Rysdorp and senior right fielder Christy Van Esley.

Among the team's key reserves are sophomore outfielder Lauren Leskovitz, freshman catcher Jessie Larner, infielder Heidi Lucke and sophomore first baseman Katie Matson.

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play, Vern Cooper carried the

puck into the Sarnia zone to the

right circle and found Caria at

Caria scored at 12:14 when

he threaded an accurate, hard

shot from the right hashmark

just inside the far post. Still on the power play, Caria scored his

team-leading fifth goal of the

playoffs in snapping Terry's pass

from the high slot past Spence at

Ryan Hayes finished the scor-

ing in the period at 15:27 when

circle in the Sarnia zone, faked a

shot, then moved the puck to the

with the shot for his second goal of the playoffs and second in two

The third period was scoreless.

he carried the puck to the left

left goal-line and beat Spence

Plymouth outshot Sarnia,

the right hashmark.

the right goal-line.

playoff games.

Grace under pressure

And her dad wouldn't have been more proud of his daughter's results: a tie-forninth-place finish in one of the most talent-rich meets around, under some of the most incredibly adverse circumstances.

"At the exact place in the bleachers Al usually sat during meets, they had placed his hat," recalled Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham. "At the end of the meet, when I named off the top-10 medal winners in the vault, I looked up at the hat and couldn't help but get choked up."

Instead of drowning in the unimaginable grief that must have seemed overwhelming at times, Piwowar marched on and completed the remainder of the gymnastics season - just like dad would have

wanted. And she did it in style.

An attitude to be admired

While consistently posting all-around scores that exceeded 36.0 - for everyone not knowledgeable in the sport of gymnastics, that's like averaging 25 points a game in basketball - Piwowar inspired everyone around her with her spunky resilience and everpresent smile.

"My teammates helped me a lot," she said. "When I returned to practice a few days after I lost my dad, they all hugged me, and they all came to his viewing. That meant a

Her attitude was assuredly inherited from her goodnatured dad, whose favorite saying — "Play hard. Have fun." — was printed on the back of T-shirts members of the Canton gymnastics team ordered and wore prior to

"My dad always told me that if sports feel like work, don't do it," said Piwowar, smiling. "I did club gymnastics until seventh grade, but it started to get too serious, so I followed his advice.

"I love high school gymnastics because it's more laid back, but it's competitive, too."

Earlier this month, Piwowar broke a school record, which happens at Canton about as often as the United States

changes Presidents. She set a new mark in the

floor exercise with a sterling 9.725, eclipsing a standard that had been set four years earlier.

Well-deserved accolades

Piwowar's consistent excellence earned her the team's "Most Valuable Gymnast" award — a remarkable feat considering her sophomore status and the away-from-thegym adversity she had to cope. with.

"It was a pretty easy decision," Cunningham said of Piwowar's award. "Cathy Huang had a great year, but Robyn was our most consistent performer all year.

"Robyn's not only a talented athlete, she's a great kid. She gets along well with everybody and she does whatever we ask of her."

Piwowar's cart-wheeling talents were exposed at an early

"We had a swing set in our back yard when I was growing up," Piwowar reflected. "When I was 3, I'd go out and climb on the monkey bars so long that my mom (Gayle) would have to pull me off. That's when she signed me up for gymnastics.

Multi-talented performer

Following the suggestion of a friend, the flexible Piwowar gave diving a shot during her freshman year at Canton.

"Having done gymnastics definitely helped me in diving," she said. "Diving helps gymnastics, too, but not as much as gymnastics helps me in diving.

This past fall, the versatile Piwowar qualified for the Division 1 Regional diving event for the Chiefs.

"I decided to try out for the track team this spring, too," she said. "I tried hurdles for the first time the other day and I'm going to try the pole vault."

And you can rest assured that at every track meet she competes in this spring and every gymnastics competition she excels at over the next two winters, the silver necklace

won't be far from her heart. "I wear it every day," she

Then she flashed a resilient smile that would have made her dad proud.

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Hard-throwing hurlers headline Salem's senior-laden contingent

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's baseball team is armed and dangerous heading into the 2009 campaign.

The Rocks' entire starting pitching rotation — which was imposing during last season's 23-11 division-winning campaign - returns intact, making coach Dale Rumberger's squad a force to be reckoned with in the inaugural season of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"I can't recall a year when I've had so many promising pitchers returning," said Rumberger, who's entering his 23rd year as a head coach. "They're all very versatile, too, in that they all play other positions.

Pacing the Salem arms race will be senior Joe Posler, who went 5-1 as a junior with a 2.10 earned-run

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average. "He's a four-year starter, so he's our most-experienced pitcher," said Rumberger.

Rounding out the rotation will be hard-throwing senior David Hales (4-2, 2.35 E.R.A. in 2008), junior Chris Kordick (6-1, 3.14), senior Sam Ott (1-0 with one save and a 3.28 E.R.A.), senior Justin Baschi (1-1) and senior Heath Parling, whose primary role will be as the Rocks' starting shortstop.

"I've had people who know baseball tell me Heath's the best infield prospect they've seen around here in 20 years, but he loves football and that's the sport he's decided to play in college," said Rumberger.

Setting up the target for the Rocks' talented corps of hurlers will be senior Dave Loos, who started and hit .309 as a junior.

Joining Parling on the infield will be senior first baseman Drew Grabowski, senior second-sacker Kyle Powell and Baschi, who will man the hot corner. Kordick (first base). Dominic Ciantar (second). Dave Russell (shortstop) and Jim Abraham (third) will provide infield depth.

Salem's starting outfield will be patrolled by Hales, Ott and Posler. When one of the trio is pitching, senior Matt Woster will fill his spot. Juniors Alex King and Tate Theisen will serve as key reserves.

"Twelve of our 16 players are seniors, so we have a lot of experience," Rumberger noted. "And we have pitchers who won 18 of our 23 games last year back, so if we stay healthy, we should be strong."

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Chief baseball team aspires to build off its 2008 success

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like the wooden frame of the new announcer's booth/storage shed behind its varsity field's backstop, Canton's baseball program is on the rise.

However, unlike the still-inthe-works structure, the sky is the limit for the Chiefs, who return several regulars from a team that advanced to the Division 1 Regional final last spring.

"Obviously, we lost a lot of good players, but hopefully the younger guys who are returning can pick up where we left off last year," said second-year Canton coach Mark Blomshield, who posted a 22-11 mark in his inaugural year at the helm. "We're good at everything, but not great at anything. We have a good all-around team that has the potential to be excellent."

When asked to put a finger on his team's primary strength, Blomshield pointed to the mound.

"We have pretty good pitching,"

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There is no staff ace, but plenty of hurlers who could eventually fill that role. Leading the way are senior right-hander Dane Staples, the Chiefs' No. 1 reliever last season who is hitting 84 on the JUGS gun this spring; junior southpaw Kevin Delapaz, who delivered a pair of clutch victories in last year's post-season; lefty Alex Dixon, who is throwing as hard as Staples; and Dan Stoney, a bigtime varsity contributor since his sophomore year.

Also contributing on the mound will be senior sub-mariner Zane Birchler, who has earned the closer's role; junior Ben Staley and senior Tim Hemmelgarn.

Canton's primary catcher will be sophomore Seth Tschetter, who tormented opposing pitchers by hitting .380 as a freshman. He'll be backed up by junior Kyle Korte.

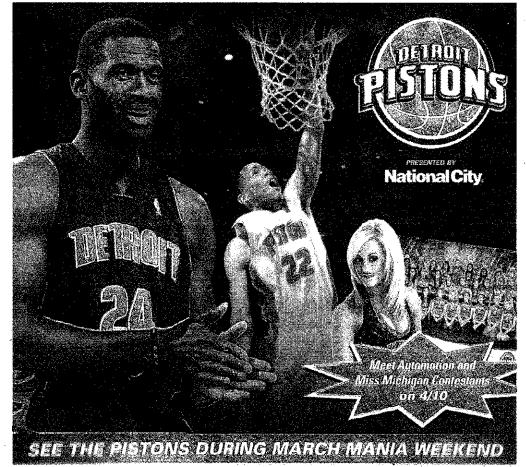
The starting infield will con-

sist of senior first baseman Joel Schwiebert, junior second-sacker Cody Blakita, who hit .360 last year; senior shortstop Nick Tomilenko and third baseball Andrew Tidwell. Joey Galanty and Ben Staley will provide infield

Anchored by junior center fielder Delapaz, the Chiefs' outfield is one of the strongest around. The speedy Delapaz will be flanked by left-fielder Stoney, one of the WLAA's top sluggers last year; and right-fielder Dixon. Senior Nick Sweda and junior Adam Payter - both speedsters - will serve as key outfield reserves.

Junior Carter Staffield will find time at first base and as a designated hitter.

"We need to keep improving every game," said Blomshield, whose team won 12 of its final 14 games last year on the way to winning the school's first District title since 1989.



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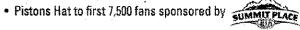
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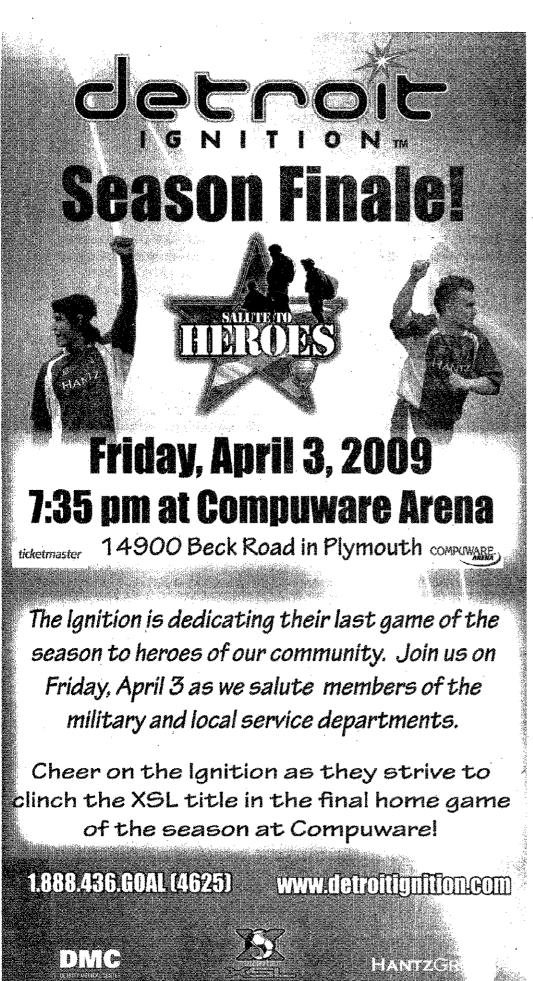
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Brighter days ahead for Salem boys LAX squad

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following a season filled with growing pains, Salem boys lacrosse coach Eric Bielecki is hoping for some signs of growth in the program's second cam-

Like most first-year athletic programs, the Rocks struggled in 2008, finishing 3-15. But the future is "promising" in

"One of the most exciting things for me seeing a lot of the kids staying after practice to improve their passing and catching skills," the second-year coach said. "We have a couple of senior captains who know how to move the ball and shoot well. Defensively, there's room for improvement, but the kids are working hard to get better."

The Rocks will be led by quartet of captains: senior defender Jake Kearly, junior defender Blake Abbey, sophomore attackman Dylan Hatcher and senior attackman Adam Kave.

"All of our captains work extremely hard, which is why they are such good leaders," said Bielecki. "Jake always has a positive attitude, he's tenacious and his work ethic is contagious.

"Blake always goes above and beyond what we ask him to do. Dylan is one of our most aggressive players and Adam's outside shot is phenomenal."

Among the team's other key players are sophomore Brandon

PREP BASEBALL

Tuesday, March 31 Lake Orion Baptist at PCA, 4:30 p.m

Wednesday, April 1John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 2
Trillium Academy at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.

Friday, April 3 Salem at Franklin (DH), 4 p.m. Northville at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31 Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m Wednesday, April 1 Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL Tuesday, March Saturday, April 4

Ciciotti and sophomore goalkeeper Alex "Gator" Gravelin, who started in front of the net as a freshman.

"Brandon has improved 500 percent since last season." Bielecki raved.

The Rocks' roster has been bolstered by the addition of four junior hockey players: Kurt Driscoll, Wes Carr, Scott

Haburne and Ryan Blakely. "They're all showing a lot of promise," Bielecki noted.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats often displayed signs of potential during last year's 8-11 season that ended with a loss in the first round of the state playoffs.

"We're young, but we have a lot of returning players back at key positions," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello, who served as the head coach of the PCEP's unified lacrosse team for seven seasons before the three schools formed their own teams last year. "We only lost two seniors, so the fact that a lot of the guys have played together for a season will help."

Early improvement was already evident in the Wildcats' season-opening loss to Novi Monday night. Last year, Plymouth was humbled 18-3 by Novi. Monday, its margin of defeat was just 12-7.

Ve're pretty deep at the midfield position," said Costello. "We have a senior-led top line and we have two experienced seniors on the attack."

The Wildcats will be led by a trio of captains: senior defenders Connor Martin and Norm Freda; and junior defender Blake Blaylock.

"Connor is the leader of this team," Costello emphasized. "He never takes a minute off. He's a tremendous competitor who never stops hustling."

Martin is being recruited by several college programs, including Seton Hill and the University of Detroit-Mercy.

"Norm is very similar to Connor in that he's a tremendous hustler," said Costello. "He's not afraid to play the body and he's a good face-off guy.

"Blake is the anchor of our defense and of all the captains, he's the talker of the group. He has a way of getting everybody fired up."

A pair of hockey players - Pat Smiatacz and Ryan Renault will be counted on to spark the Wildcats' attack. Senior Danny Norris will provide experience and talent in the mid-field while senior Toufic Saati will start at keeper.

"Toufic has come a long way in the four years he's played the sport," said Costello. "He's not afraid of anything and he's a great communicator."

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Researcher rewarded for his devotion to aging issues

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **0&E STAFF WRITER**

Peter Lichtenberg hugs his son, Thomas, again and again as they sit in front of the fireplace in their Farmington home. It's obvious this time between father and offspring is cherished.

Lichtenberg works up to 75 hours a week as director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, but his dedication to researching elder issues hasn't gone unnoticed. The neuropsychologist recently received two awards from peers and the State of Michigan. A special tribute and citation was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm for 10 years of service to the Michigan Dementia Coalition that improves the quality of life for persons with dementia and their families. A second honor, the 2008 Anthony V. DeVito II Memorial Award, came from the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center for his outstanding service, dedication and commitment to excellence in geriatrics education in Michigan.

While Lichtenberg is humbled by the recognition, his wife, Susan MacNeill, is outspoken about her husband's accomplishments which include authoring five books on dementia and related gerontology topics. MacNeill understands the devotion it takes because she works in the same field of neuropsychology.

Lichtenberg came to Wayne State University 18 years ago as an assistant professor and was promoted to full professorship in the psychology department in 2002. He earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Purdue University where he minored in gerontology. His particular area



Peter Lichtenberg, director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, sits at his grandfather's table in his Farmington home. Lichtenberg was recognized by peers and the State of Michigan for work dealing with aging issues. lation in the area has grown 40

of research involves issues related to dementia and depression.

"I think the awards are wonderful and well-deserved," said MacNeill, a neuropsychologist who's teamed up with Lichtenberg as part of her work in Beaumont Hospital's Geriatrics Division. "I look to him as an expert. When I have questions in my practice, the first person I go to is him."

MORE ELDERLY

Lichtenberg's knowledge of gerontology is evidenced in more than 125 scientific writings published in journals. One of his goals is to educate primary care physicians to detect dementia and Alzheimer's. That's especially important because in the last six years the aging popu-



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Peter Lichtenberg, a Wayne State researcher who won awards for work in gerontology, does a "high five" with his son, Thomas, 7, at their Farmington home.

"There's a huge increase because of the aging population," said Lichtenberg. "The incidence goes up after age 80 and 85. It's possible to accurately diagnose Alzheimer's 95 percent of the time. The Alzheimer's Association just came out with new estimates that the disease affects 5.3 million Americans. There's always hope for treatment. That's why the best approach is early detection. There are abnormal brain changes visible before symptoms are noticeable. Once symptoms are noticeable it's pretty far down the

ACTIVE PARENTS

Lichtenberg says his work with older adults is a labor of love. He talks proudly of his parents

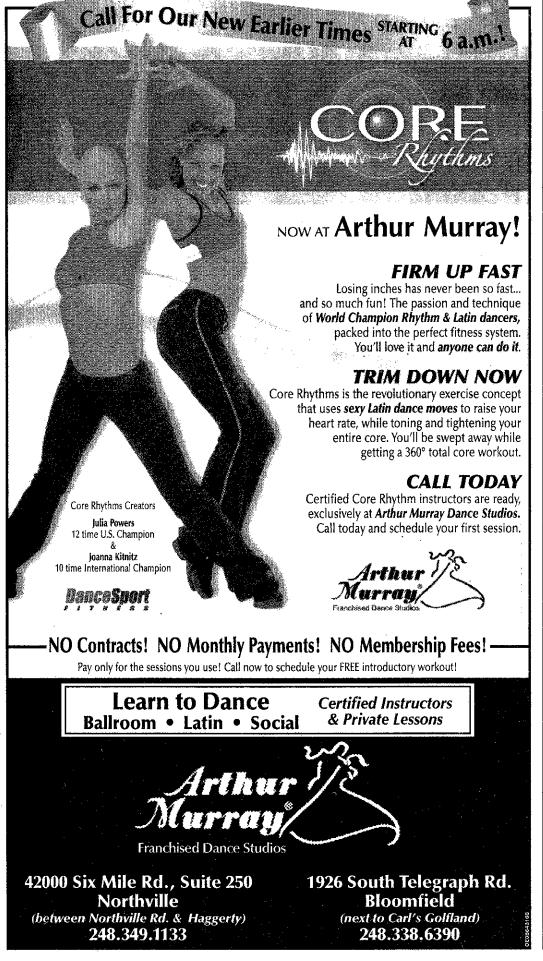
- father Philip, 82, and mother

"Both are amazing," said Lichtenberg. "She hikes 10 miles a couple of times a week. Dad plays indoor badminton and swims. They're engaged in volunteer activities and great models for aging

Lichtenberg sits at his grandfather's table where he works when not at his WSU office downtown. A family man, he loves to read and play basketball with his 7-yearold son. Lichtenberg treasures the annual summer getaway to Manistee where they swim every day. He's devoted to Thomas, his daughters Sophie, 4, and Emily, 16, and his wife. The desk keeps him grounded to the task at hand — to enhance the lives of older individuals. The Institute's Art of

Aging Successfully Conference, which annually celebrates growing older by offering a daylong event for seniors age 55 and up, was on Thursday. The much-anticipated event featured sessions on everything from holistic therapies and Tai Chi to an exhibit of nearly 100 creative works that illustrate their

talents. "We want to dispel myths about aging," said Lichtenberg. "Older people are so often identified as having nothing to offer. The conference celebrates creativity and wellness. We try not to make it a disease-related conference. What we need to do as an institute needs to be translated into public awareness. There's too much focus on a cure for dementia. The public needs to know personhood remains strong. There are many vital roles they can play."





Economy forces rethinking of retirement

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nat rettrement? responded ed one man when audience members were asked if they were ready to listen to Sue Sweeney speak about redefining the topic. The lecture drew adults of all ages



Linda Chomin

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It probably didn't make anyone feel less uneasy about the future when Sweeney told those assembled that retirement is a recent phenomena in mankind,

one that shouldn't be taken for granted. In the past, people like my grandparents worked until they were unable, many of them on farms. Today, that's changed. Employees as young as their early 50s have retired and live on a pension. The problem is not everyone is so lucky to be able to collect this money in the golden years. Many lost portions of their 401(k) plans in the financial downturn.

Let's face it. Many will not be able to retire. Social Security was never meant to sustain individuals for any length of time. The intent, when established in 1935, was to help poor, older men and women through the remainder of life, which at the time ended around 65 years. As of 2004, men were living to 75, women to 80.

"We're now seeing an economic cycle changing the conditions of retirement age," said Sweeney, who teaches in the Madonna University gerontology department, where she serves as interim chairwoman. "We have people working just to cover health care. We need to re-evaluate retirement. For many, it's not financially feasible. You can continue in or change careers, start a business. Instead of a victim posture, decide to have an engaged and meaningful life, take a positive approach."

Sweeney had the audience list the bare necessities of life, those who were important to them and groups to which they belonged. Three things that give life meaning. That was easy. My family, my job and volunteering. It's important for me to be in the community writing about people and events as well as helping to put on the annual VSA arts of Michigan festival for children and adults with disabilities, and contributing ideas for the Schoolcraft College

hat retirement? respond- Recital Series as a member of the committee. Like Sweeney says, it gives you a reason to get up in the morning.

"We need to feel like we belong. We all have wisdom to share." Sweeney said. "We need to have flexibility and openness. Consider all the options out there, stay open to alternatives. You can fight change or accept it."

Living longer in this recession, which some have likened to the Great Depression, calls for creative problem solving. Sweeney told a story about when her brother died at age 34. She hadn't seen him for a while because he'd been away studying to become an orthopedic surgeon and then went on to practice medicine. She threw a party so she could learn from friends and colleagues what he was like during those years.

Cynthia Scheuher calls it making lemonade out of lemons. The Plymouth woman lost her job as an accountant in December 2008 and since then has tried a number of avenues in search of employment. She saw the lecture as a way of networking. In fact, she learned about the series in networking groups at NorthRidge and Our Lady of Good Counsel churches in Plymouth. She was still a long way away from retiring, but felt many of the basics applied. Like older workers, she lost money saved for her later years, but still had a chance to recover. Her former employer had sent her to Right Management to help with resume writing and interviewing skills. She's using this time to learn.

"I'm all about finance, so I wanted to attend the lecture," Scheuher said. "This was a different age group, but the same problems - I'm going to have to work longer. That's why you have to do something you enjoy because you'll be doing it a lot longer."

At age 66, Ed Dobson was thinking about retiring as a hair dresser until he and wife Judy lost a good portion of the money the Livonia couple had been investing since the 1970s. Judy retired from the mail room at Madonna University two years ago. The two have been married 47 years.

"We're focusing on all the positives. What you can do?" Ed Dobson said. "I have no pension. People always thought they would get a pension. In my business, I hear the stories. People feel they're owed it and I don't think they are. We didn't believe in having things we couldn't afford. We always paid cash for everything."

While the lecture helped Ed think about a future without paychecks, Susan Hitchcock retired as a commercial artist and is raising a grandson on Social Security.

"I grew up with a mother who grew up in the Depression. We learned to save everything from money to aluminum foil." Hitchcock said. "Being a member of the church gives me a positive outlook. I've always seen the glass as half full. It's easier to handle

Hitchcock jokes about living in a HUD co-op that "if the gov-

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ernment is foreclosed on we're all in trouble." A sense of humor helps as well as a positive outlook in these trying economic times. Hitchcock is surviving by shopping for food on sale and having her shoes re-heeled. She's not ashamed to say she wears clothes someone's passed on to her.

"Nothing is so bleak," Hitchcock said. "All of the people in the church have become family."

The Rev. Paul Perez was hoping the series not only helps members of the church, but surrounding communities. As director of program development at Newburg

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"We've been happy with the turnout," said Perez of Rochester Hills, "The resources have been helpful for people and for people to realize they're not alone. We're a connection point for that."

The March "Economic" Madness series concludes 6 p.m. Monday, March 30, with Rick Bloom, Observer & Eccentric

columnist, focusing on Investing in a Down Economy. Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

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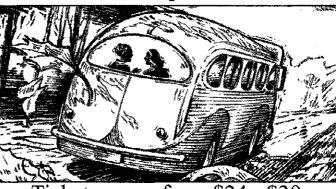
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Resources for aging well

Sue Sweeney, interim chairwoman of the Madonna University Gerontology Department, provided this list of resources for aging well. She spoke about redefining retirement Monday night at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

Established by the Older Americans Act to coordinate services for senior citizens in their geographic region, the agencies provide or fund information, referrals and services. They are a good place to start when locating assistance for older adults. The Michigan Offices of Services to the Aging allocates funds in Michigan. Visit www.michigan.gov/mise-

A list of all the Area Agencies on Aging in Michigan can be found at seniors.tcnet.org/local/michigan_area_agencies_on_ aging.htm.

The Senior Alliance in Wayne County (not Detroit) offers information, referrals and access to services at www.aaalc.org.

UNITED WAY

Dial 2-1-1 for help to find resources and information, or visit uwsem.org/gethelp/ index.html.

Sweeney also recommends the following books:

■ Freedman, Marc, Encore: Finding Work that Matters in the Second Half of Life, Westview Press, 2008, www. civicventures.org/index.cfm

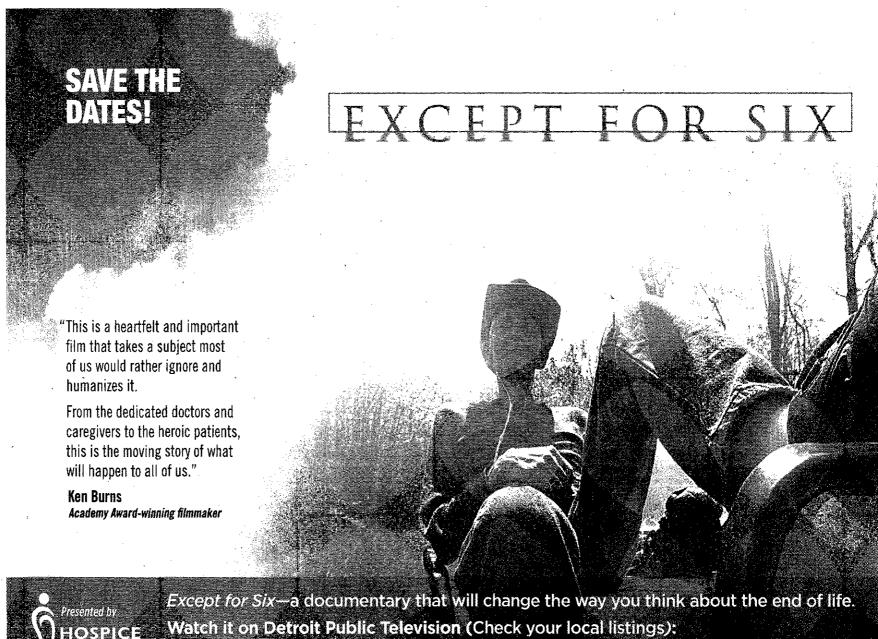
■ Cohen, Gene D., The Creative Age: Awakening Human Potential in the Second Half of Life, Harper Paperbacks (January 2001)

Leider, Richard J., Shapiro, David A., Claiming Your Place at the Fire: Living

the Second Half of Your Life on Purpose, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2004

■ Lustbader, Wendy, Counting on Kindness: The Dilemmas of Dependency, New York; The Free Press, 1994





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Kapelanski-Marocco Bill and Diane Kapelanski of Canton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Mario

Marocco, son of Michael Marocco and Lori Martin of Commerce. The bride-to-be is a gradu-

ate of Canton High School and Walsh College and is employed by Optiva Systems, Inc. in Farmington Hills. Her fiancé, a graduate of Lakeland High School and Michigan State University, is employed by Lafarge North America in Bingham Farms.

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Liddell-Tosh

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The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and earned a B.A. and M.A. from The University of Michigan. She currently is employed as a Spanish teacher at Chelsea High School and server at Pacific Rim restaurant in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Baptist Park High School in Taylor; a 2003 graduate of Albion College; and a 2007 graduate of Wayne State School of Medicine. He works as a resident physician in the Department of Emergency



Medicine at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Wayne State University.

The couple plans to wed in August 2009 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Daniel Alexander Xuereb

Steven and Katherine Xuereb of Westland annouce the birth of their son Daniel Alexander Xuereb. He was born on Jan. 19, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joins his brother, Tyler, 6; and grandparents Richard and Karen Roberts of Canton, and Frank and Gail Xuereb of Whitmore Lake. He was 4 pounds, 11 ounces, and 18 inches long.



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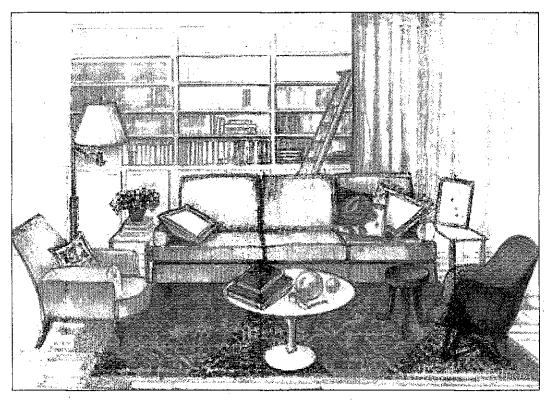
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WINNING DESIGN

The Ghiordes Knot, a rug and carpet showroom in the Michigan Design Center in Troy, awarded \$800 to three college students who submitted art work to the 20th annual The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Design Student Creative Space Competition. Jacquie Jurkovic, an interior design student from the College for Creative Studies, took home the first

prize and \$400 for her rendering of one of the two competition rug choices - "Sash", a Tibetan rug from Lapchi Tibetan Carpets.

The silk and wool design is derived from the tiles on the floor and ceiling of the Taj Mahal. Jurkovic's rendering showed off the exquisite details of the carpet, according to Rhoda Goldman, showroom manager at the Ghiordes Knot.

Jurkovic found inspiration for her design from both the colors and the pattern of the

Marlete Trbovich, also a College for Creative Studies student and Virgis Naujokas, a Kendall College of Art and Design student, both earned \$200 and honorable mentions for their renderings.

Eighty students Michigan universities and colleges entered this year's competition. American Society of Interior Design judges evaluated the entries based the students' ability to convey the design of the rug in a room setting they

choose and their ability to carry out the design.

ITALIAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Michael Farrell, associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, offers a three-part lecture series, "An Exaltation of Angels: Baroque Art and Architecture in Rome," this month at the Birmingham Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham.

Farrell, who is director of Art House in Detroit, will include slides to illustrate his lectures.

The series costs \$89; individual lectures are \$34.

Part 1, "Rome: The City as a work of Art," runs from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 14; part two of that lecture is 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 21: and "Rome and Caravaggio," which looks at the life of Baroque painter, Michelangelo de Merisi de Caravaggio, runs 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 28.

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POTTERS SHOW

Students from the Village Potters Guild exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction from April 2-23. The show features functional and sculptural clay works by 10 students from the Village Potters Guild located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. An opening reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday April 3. To learn more about these organizations visit www.plymoutharts.com and www.villagepottersguild.org.

DADDY'S GIRL

Plymouth Christian Academy is not only serving up the comedy Daddy's Girl, but free apple pie and ice cream at upcoming performances. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2; 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center, 43065 Joy, Canton. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 seniors/students, and available by calling (734) 459-3505.

The story follows Benard Muloovy, proprietor of Maudie's Diner. The laughter begins when the talking portrait of his deceased wife enlists the services of an angel to help reunite Benard with

their long lost daughter.

ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

The Livonia Artists Club is having their 48th annual Spring Exhibit and Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 5, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The club has been in existence since 1960. This year's exhibit features 100 framed and more than 100 unframed artworks, note cards and small handmade novelties. Media include watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage, and photography. Members Al Weber and Michael Taube demonstrate throughout the

The club meets at the Civic Center Library in Livonia the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome. For information, call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774.

CALL FOR PERFORMERS

VSA arts of Michigan's Southeast Region Committee is still looking for performers for it's annual festival for children and adults with disabilities Friday-Saturday, June 5-6. This year the location is the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Deadline for application is April 6. For information, call Connie Lott at (248) 568-0816 or e-mail connie5929@aol.

Performers with mental or physical challenges are invited to participate. VSA arts of Michigan is an educa-

tional affiliate of the national nonprofit based at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The organization provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop through the arts.

The festival, in addition to performances, features creative arts workshops, an art exhibit and hands-on art activities. All performers will be given VSA arts festival Tshirts.

WOMEN'S TEA

Heartland Hospice has scheduled the date for the third annual Women's Tea 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile. Reservations are required by Friday, April 24. Call or leave a message for bereavement coordinators Diana at (248) 915-8221 or Sherri (249) 798-0635.

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LIBRARY CONCERT

The Friends of the Livonia Library host The Village Singers, a mixed voice ensemble, and The Nightingales, a select women's ensemble from Stevenson High School in Livonia under the direction of Bryon Turner 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Their music will include numbers from different time periods as well as Broadway. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (734) 466-2495.

Golf starting up at Willow Metropark

Willow Metropark golf course opened this weekend as soon as the frost clears. The course is at 17845 Savage Road, Belleville. This exciting, 18-hole golf course, that covers 6,378 yards with a par 71, is open, course conditions permitting. Spring rates are in effect: with cart, 18 holes for \$25, 9 holes for \$18; Senior rate is 18 holes for \$20, 9 holes for \$15. Without cart, 18 holes for \$18, 9 holes for \$13, senior rate is 18 holes for \$14, 9 holes for \$10.

Golf rates are as follows: For 18 holes the weekend/holiday rate is \$26, the weekday rate is \$22, the Seniors (over 62) and Juniors (under 17) rate is \$15, power carts are \$13 per person and \$10 for Seniors

and Juniors (weekdays only). For 9 holes, the weekend/holiday rate is \$17, the weekday rate is \$14, the Senior/Junior rate is \$11, power carts are \$8.50 per person and \$7 per person for Seniors and Juniors (weekdays only). Hand carts are \$2 per person. Golfers are advised to call in advance to confirm course conditions and tee time availability.

Rental golf clubs, golf accessories, beer, wine and food are available at the golf starter building. Coolers are not allowed on the course.

For information or to schedule tee times, contact Willow Metropark at (734) 753-4040, or (800) 23-GOLF-4; or go to www.metroparksgolf.com.

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.

Garden classes

Registration is ongoing for these continuing education classes offered by Madonna University:

- Create a Spring Centerpiece, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, at Village Green Florist, 33463 Eight Mile, Livonia. \$35 includes centerpiece to
- Healing Garden, Amazing Herbs, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 4,

at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, \$24.

- Spring Garden Design & Maintenance, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24.
- The User-friendly Garden, 10 a.m.noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24. Register by calling (734) 432-5804 or by visiting www. madonna.edu and clicking on continuing education.

At English Gardens

The store celebrates National Gardening Month with a weekend of free presentations, a showcase of new gardening

products, activities for children, and refreshments, Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5. Here's a sampling of free presentations that weekend:

- Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening, talks about "improving your garden," 1 p.m., Saturday in West Bloomfield and "season-long color with perennials," noon. Sunday, in Dearborn Heights.
- Nancy Szerlag, gardening columnist with the Detroit News, holds a Q and A on vegetable gardening at 4 p.m., Saturday, in Dearborn Heights and noon, Sunday, in West Bloomfield.





LOIS J. BUTLER

at Age 83, of Fort Gratiot, MI, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 26, 2009 following a brief illness. She was in Wauseon, OH, and married Robert Butler on April 16, 1945. While living in the Rochester, Ml area, she worked 20 years for Fisher Industries retiring in 1988. Lois is survived by her husband of nearly 64 years, Robert "Dusty" Butler; two children, Kathy (Rev. Tim) Eichberger of Port Huron and John (Linda) Butler of Waterford; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A service in Lois's memory will take place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29th in Faith Lutheran Church, 3455 Stone St., Port Huron preceded by one hour of visitation. Pastor Tim Eichberger will officiate. Interment will be in Greens Lakeside Cemetery, Manitou Beach, MI at a later time. Contributions may be made in Lois's memory to Faith Lutheran Church, Cremation arrangements were by Smith Family Funeral Home, 1525 Hancock St., Port Huron.



JOHN N. COLUCCI March 26, 2009, age 78. Beloved husband of Joyce. Dearest father of Mary Anne, John G. (Mindy), Paul J. (Michelle) and Frances Colucci-Hill. Dear grandfather of Heather, Nick, Haydn and Avery. Funeral Monday 11:30 am Prayers at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave. and 12 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Visitation Sunday 3-9 pm. Rosary Sunday 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Eternal Word Television Network or St. Jude's Children Hospital, Memphis, TN. Interment Mt. Kelly Cemetery,

EARL M. MAYER Age 77, March 12, 2009, of

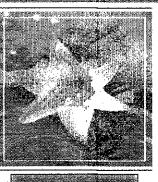
Bingham Farms. Beloved husband of the late Elsie. He is survived by many friends.
Graduate of U of D Jesuit High School in Detroit, and served in the United States Army. He retired from Ford Motor Company after many years. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Wednesday, April 1,2009, 7pm. Memorials may be made to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI, 48221, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI, 48207-3485.



JOHN R. McNAUGHTON, SR.

March 23, 2009. Age 82, of Bloomfield Hills. Proud veteran of the US Army serving in the European Theatre during WWII. He was the co-owner of McNaughton/McKay Electric Co. Husband of the late Sarah K. (nee. Sutherland). Dear father of Carol McNaughton Beebe, John R. III "Jack" (Rebecca nee. Schubering) and Krysta Jane McNaughton Giacobone (Andrew). Grandfather of Taylor Beebe, Sarah McNaughton and Grant McNaughton. Family will receive friends Tuesday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Masonic service 7 p.m. under the auspices of Birmingham Lodge #44 F.&A.M. Funeral service will be held privately. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association or The Hole in the Wall Gang, 555 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 06511 View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

DEMAND SON



THOMAS LEO JOLIAT Age 84, of Royal Oak, died of congestive heart failure on Wednesday, March 25th at North Broward Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, following a short hospitalization. Mr. Joliat was the eldest son of Marcella and Leo Joliat, and husband of the late Elaine Joliat. His sisters, Celestine and Joan, and his brothers, John and Bob, preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister, Julianne (James) Dichting and his sister-in-law, Virginia Joliet. Mr. Joliat was a graduate of Catholic Central High School. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was trained as a navigation specialist, and re-trained mid-war to utilize emerging radar technology. In the course of his service, he guided 20 daytime B-17 missions from Ipswitch, Great Britain to destroy German strategic targets. with VE Day. Among other medals, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star for his service. Upon his return to the Detroit area, Mr. Joliat was married in 1947 to Elaine O'Donnell, who died on October 17th, 1998. This union produced six children, all surviving: Jennifer (Stephen) Deckrow, Janet (Steve) Dahl, Michael (Colleen) Joliat, Judith (Ty) Stetzenmeyer, Paul (Marietta) Joliat and Marie (Larry) Cavanaugh. His children and his marriage were his proudest accomplishments. In 1957, the Joliat family settled in Royal Oak, where Mr. Joliat

was a devoted parishioner of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, and an ardent booster of its schools. His life was dedicated to enriching and enjoying his hometown, and he had particular affection for the municipal golf courses. He wintered in Pompano Beach, but returned North as soon as tee times were available. His South Florida cohorts celebrated his life last Wednesday at their social hour, which after Holy Mass, was Thomas Joliat's favorite hour of the week. In 1973, he founded Michigan Air Products with Donald Kutil. Today their sons own the business, but until his death Mr. Joliat maintained active employment as a manufacturer's representative, trouble- shooter and Internet joke facilitator. Mr. Joliat's heart was deeply devoted to his friends in Florida and Michigan, and his large extended family. Especially were his 15 grandchildren: Jason, Laura, Megan, Patrick, Michael, Matthew, Reid, Colin, Kyle, Kate, Bradley, Emma, Jillian, Catherine, Andrew, Erin and Caitlin. New and dear to his life were greatgrandchildren Mason, Lila and Elena. Rich friendships, fine health, golfing buddies, travel and his dear friend, Sharon, blessed his later years. Until the week prior to his death, Mr. Joliat was playing 54 holes of Snowbird golf a week. Funeral at National Shrine of

Sunday 2-8 pm. Prayers 7 pm. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,

appreciated to Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi,

Michigan 48374 or Shrine Catholic

High School, 3500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073.

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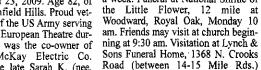
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CHARLES F. McCARTHY

Age 80, of Lake Leelanau, died Thursday, March 12, 2009 while traveling in Scotland. Charlie was born Sept. 18, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois; he graduated from Wendell Wilkie High School, Elwood Indiana in 1947. Charlie graduated Class of 1952 from Indiana University. On Nov. 16, 1951 in Bloomington, Indiana he married Dolores McCan, his loving wife of 54 years. Charlie and Dolores moved to Lake Leelanau, Michigan in 1985. Charlie served in the United States Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps during the Korean War. After his military service, he was employed by the Shell Oil Company, responsible for choosing and purchasing land for future Shell service stations. After Shell Oil, Charlie was employed by the Ford Motor Company in their Land Development Division. He was responsible for acquiring land for Ford dealerships, manufacturing plants and offices, and later the leasing for the newly built Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan. Charlie was the owner of McCarthy Management of Traverse City until his retirement in 2001. He also continued consulting in real estate matters. Charlie strongly believed in helping others, and giving back to the community. He volunteered his time to numerous organizations, including The Elks Club and the Leland Township Planning Commission. He also served as Chairman of the Board for Goodwill Industries for Northwest MI. Charlie was an avid sailor and owned many

boats including his favorite named the Lesley Ann after his daughter. Charlie loved many things, including sailing and traveling to many destinations around the world. But his greatest love was spending time with family and friends at his beautiful home on North Lake Leelanau. Charlie is survived by his three sons, Michael (Christine Koch) McCarthy of Birmingham, Daniel McCarthy of Grand Rapids and Patrick (Lou Ann) McCarthy of Santa Fe, TN; a son-in-law, Linus Couturier of Lake Leelanau; his siblings, Gertrude (Jim) Mays, Eileen McCarthy, sister in law, Sue McCarthy; seven grandchildren, Ashley Couturier of Lake Leelanau, Colleen and Dellen McCarthy of Santa Fe, TN, Brody Fischer, Mitchell, Hayden and Lillian McCarthy of Grand Rapids, and extended family Marcinkowski and Hawthorne. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dolores on Nov. 13, 2006, his daughter, Lesley Ann McCarthy on Nov. 16, 2002, and his siblings, Tom McCarthy and Mildred (Richard) Brunk. Services have been held. Burial will be in the spring St. Mary's Cemetery, Lake Leelanau. Memorials may be directed to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1421 East 12 Mile Rd, Madison Heights, MI, 48071. Please share thoughts and memories with Charlie's family on their online guestbook at

www.legacy.com/record-eagle/ Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay

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REUNION CALENDAR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 005

SECTION 36.2.78.

7:00 P.M.

Ordinance No. 99 Article XXXVI, Section 36.2.78; as follows:

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North

Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of

Plymouth Charter Township on its own motion proposes to amend

78. GASOLINE SERVICE STATION WITH OR WITHOUT

THE SALE OF CONVENIENCE GOODS: An

establishment that includes buildings and premises for the

primary purpose of retail gasoline sales. An automobile

convenience/gasoline service station may also include an

area devoted to sales of automotive items and convenience

goods primarily sold to patrons purchasing gasoline. A

service station is not an automobile repair or body shop.

The retail sale of foods, drinks and other convenience goods

may be included in addition to the sale of fuel, however, the

sale of packaged alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments

may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public

Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will

be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N.

Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270. ext. 6.

The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall

which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may

recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as

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Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, March 29, 2009

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail Ichomin@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham Groves Class of 1969

ACTION:

DATE OF HEARING:

TIME OF HEARING:

SEC 36.2 DEFINITIONS

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 groyesclassof69@aol.com for further information.

Brighton High School

AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH

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ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING

ARTICLE XXXVI, DEFINITIONS,

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.

Cass Technical High School

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-

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969 Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or email: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core. com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only gettogether 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.

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@aft. 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 hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Henry Ford II Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark. A reunion also is planned for 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. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@wowway.com.

Garden City High School East Class of 1959

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 at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (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 1-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@

yahoo.com. Class of 1989

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, 1-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to email, 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.

734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Re-Bid for Bid Packet #23: Project "A" - Canton High School up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248)-427-8400. They can also be viewed at; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Division description: 178:Automotive Spray Booth Assembly (Canton).

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Project Documents should be addressed in writing and faxed to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy), a valid familial disclosure statement, and a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2009 where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed bids will not be accepted. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the

> Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Paint Booth Replacement. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. are available for public inspection and pick-

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Board of Education

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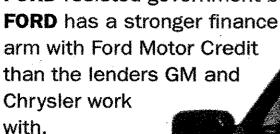
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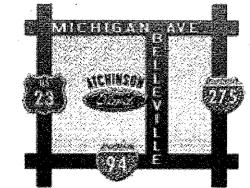
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HEALTH & FITNESS

CHIP prevents obesity in children

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, March 29, 2009

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Dr. Paul Ehrmann knew obesity was on the rise in children but never realized the devastating impact it had later in life until receiving an e-mail from a patient. As a family physician for the last 27 years he's seen a steady increase in the numbers of overweight children and her cry for help mobilized him to action. In 2002 he held the first pilot project of the Children's Health Înitiative Program (CHIP) in a Royal Oak elementary school. The five weekly workshops educated families on nutrition and exercise as well as the emotional aspects of overeating.

On May 3, the Birmingham YMCA is offering parents and children the opportunity to experience a CHIP of a healthier nature. Ehrmann's recently released book, "Generation XL: The Childhood Obesity Pandemic," outlines the program, which is based on a community solution. In addition to Royal Oak, schools in Southfield and Flat Rock have participated in the sessions led by Ehrmann, two psychologists, a registered dietitian, local chef Annabel Cohen, and physical therapist Sherry McLaughlin, who leads the physical fitness portion.

Ehrmann estimates the program probably costs less than \$1,000 to produce. Donations from grocery stores, businesses and community organizations are essential.

"This is a professionally supervised program. These people are doing this for nothing," said Ehrmann, a West Bloomfield resident with a family practice in Royal Oak. "I'm concerned because I have the ability to watch families from babies to grandmas and grandpas and in the last 10 to 15 years noticed there's been an increase in problems with overweight. The biggest issue with children is self-esteem problems that carry



Dr. Paul Ehrmann created the Childhood Health Initiative Program, coming soon to the Birmingham

through when exposed to negative behavior directed to them. Research bears out there's a tremendous effect on that person and shapes their personality. Behavior and lifestyle modification is the foundation of any successful health program. We focus on the trying to shape positive behavior."

Obesity not only affects children emotionally but physically. Ehrmann believes parents have to be role models. His opinions have been valued by the Michigan and Oakland County task forces on childhood obesity on which he serves.

Ehrmann eventually hopes to attract grants for research and to collect data to prove the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

"It's easier to not have a problem happen than undo a problem. If it's early enough they can change their behavior," said Ehrmann, who raised three sons. "We're trying to give parents tools, to use words like fitness and nutrition instead of diet and exercise. Ultimately as parents we need to talk to our children. What better time to spend committed to family health, but parents have to do it too. This is kind

Ehrmann continues to explore different partnerships locally and statewide as with Dr. Keith Levick, a Farmington Hills psychologist.

Levick addresses self-esteem in the first 90-minute session. He's worked with Ehrmann in the past and developed a program on Childhood Weight Management. Back in the 1990s he predicted the problem's impact.

"Many times parents are unaware how they send messages to their kids, to eat everything off your plate and then wonder why they have a tendency to overeat or they're eating in front of television and playing video games. These behaviors are counterproductive to raising healthy kids," said Velick. "Eating is a behavior that's taught. As parents sit smoking and eating a Twinkie there's a mixed message there. They need to look at themselves. Today there are more overweight people in this country than thin people. We're finding in children Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular issues, once relegated to adults."

Tonia Reinhard joined the CHIP team because she likes Ehrmann's approach to lowering the risks caused by obesity.

The registered dietitian presents the nutrition session. As president of the Michigan Dietetic Association she stays involved with initiatives to promote healthy children. Currently CHIP is aimed at all students from third to fifth grade, but could include ages younger than 8 and older than 12 in the future.

"Dr. Ehrmann doesn't label the kids and didn't target the obese or overweight because you can exacerbate the situation in a child. Even nagging them to eat broccoli, if you're too obsessive, you can push them in a direction you don't want to go like obesity and eating disorders," said Reinhard, director of the dietetics program at Wayne State University. "The basic idea is for

moms to sneak things in without calling attention to it. If they don't like vegetables, pick fruits with a lot of nutrients vegetables have. Use puree of vegetables. And never tell a child you are putting on weight so you should lose weight. Our society has an unrealistic ideal for body shapes. Kids look at themselves and don't look like people in magazines and on TV and try restricting, which drives them to eat more the next time they're around food."

Lori Bahnmueller is excited about bringing this type of education to the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. The Birmingham location tests the interest of the surrounding community for the CHIP program that features a session on getting moving.

"The YMCA has been in the business of family and children's health for more than 150 years. Today there are far more enticements for kids and families to stay indoors. We're trying to change the dynamics," said Bahnmueller, YMCA spökesperson. "We're also piloting a complimentary program, inviting all the graduates of the CHIP program to Y Champions, a five-week program developed by Harvard School of Public Health with YMCA of USA. It's similar to the CHIP program and takes it to next level to hopefully spark interest in living a healthy lifestyle. We want to teach kids and families to eat well, make good choices and get activity in every day. We're always delighted to try another avenue to reach kids and families to excite them about physical fitness."

For information about CHIP, visit www.chipkids.com or call (248) 563-0386.

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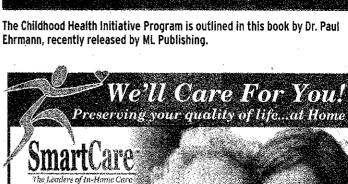
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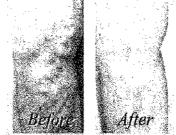
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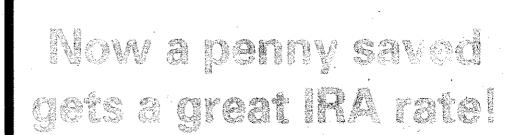
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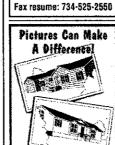
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employees will have freezes in their organizations -- up to 16 percent more than last year. WorldatWork predicts that almost 77 percent of employees in this country may expect a 3.1 increase in base salary.

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How do successful employees secure a raise? Cosme Salazar, business intelligence analyst at Zions Bancorporation at the Salt Lake City nine-state

headquarters, and Robb Walters, director of site design (e-commerce) at the corporate office of Costco in Ìssaquah, Wash., are willing to speak about how they structured their requests for a raise around scheduled performance reviews.

Salazar identifies risks in the existing loan portfolio. Perhaps because of his industry, he was well aware of fluctuations in the marketplace and the fact that, as in most companies, while "our stock value had declined, our core banking operations were still profitable. That was definitely an asset. We didn't deal with subprime mortgages." His contributions to the department inspired him to stick his neck out.

He tracked "quantifiable, verifiable and definitive" ontributions that are often obscured in a semi-annual review. Salazar listed each objective and its completion to his boss. About 90 percent of his boss's assessment was based on his documentation. When the two met to discuss their findings, his boss "expressed that there might be a salary increase freeze," Salazar notes. "He thought it appropriate to offer the annual raise early to avoid any restrictions that might occur in May." The raise helped Salazar increase his savings, which he'd been hoping to do.

Walters "approached it as I would any initiative or project, by understanding:

-- "the audience I was presenting to; -- "issues they'd be interested in me addressing; and

"(how) I'd need to convey my points effectively, including ROI."

His substantive, organized presentation netted "2.5 points over an average raise," he reports.

INDEPENDENT OPERATOR

Angling for a raise outside of a review period can be tricky. An advertising director for a publisher well east of Walters and Salazar obtained one based only on performance. Asking to remain anonymous for this column, he unravels his strategy, which involved some

. 'We're not immune to the economic downturn," he observes, "but we've figured out ways to make products more profitable." He focused on increasing profitability.

His salary jumped 38 percent.
"I thought I was worthy of the amount," he recalls. "We had very specific milestones. I chose the end of a successful advertising close to approach the subject." He didn't quite know what to do, because his boss was in and out of the office a great deal, making it difficult to catch him and schedule a meeting, perhaps because he wasn't

letting his boss know its purpose.

Subsequently, he went to the company president for advice -- not a raise. The president suggested he contact another senior executive, who had a good relationship with the ad director's boss. After the conversation with her, the ad director called the boss.

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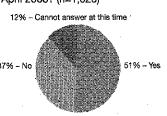
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They scheduled an appointment and the

Walters is satisfied with what he did. If Salazar were to ask for a raise again, he'd check salary sites to be more informed about industries and

positions. The ad director would meet sooner. Are they the only people in the world who've managed raises within the last few months? Walters has heard about people internally and a friend in another company. The ad director is aware of cost-of-living increases, not raises. Salazar concedes, "I'm more aware of job losses or graduate degree recipients with no new job.'

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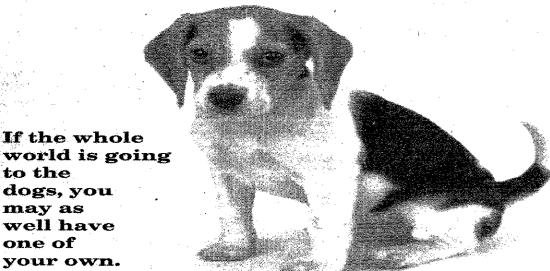
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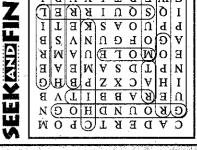
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HEART OF GOLD SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys cross-word puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, clining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **37266442**

Peitie SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. \$2281372

GREAT-LOOKING BF...

BEAUTIFUL SBF... 37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first,

maybe leading to more. 2271683 ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! \$2287057

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship, first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! \$2287187

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, seerious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. 12273603

PETITE AND CUTE SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 36-45, who will love me for me. THAT SPECIAL ONE

SEEKING STRONG BM Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gen-tle, soft. **27:295568**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the out-doors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compas-sionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. 22295421

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to
meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life
together. £7300680

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29
49, N/S, homebody, to explore all life has to offer!
enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. 37274519

Hi, I'm a 56 year old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evening at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very carring and considerate person. 21/37067

SEEKING MR. RIGHT SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. \$\mathbf{T}310924\$

AFFECTIONATE WOMAN

DIF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached
male, 43-65, not into games. Must be ready to start
a new found friendship and see where it goes. Must
have transportation. Ballroom dancing is a plus.
22310736

LOOK NO FURTHER SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing

DRAMA-FREE SWF, 48, 57", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking sexy, serious SBM, 27-40. Are we compatible? ing sexy, s 23310533

VERY ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33 for friendship possibly leading to LTP. 17282115

LET'S GET TOGETHER

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3', brownbrown, has pets, IVS, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. 17280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 52°, 165/bs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. 1224/368

ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, furny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 12'289947

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 57° 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r8b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SRM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friend-ship first, possibly more. \$2283605

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH SBF, 37, 55°, 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball garnes. Seek-ing SBM, 30-43. 17299111

SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very inde-pendent, loves movies, spots, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. 27299793

LADY OF QUALITY SBF, 30-something, 57", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. **27310218**

Attractive SWF, 5'5", 125'bs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. 12891247 SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

CLASSY LADY

SWF, 70 years young, 56°, N/S, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seek-ing xenest SWM, 70-75, N/S, who is not boastful, but is well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Life is a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 60s, 5/2*, Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. 27630808

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. \$\frac{12283845}{2283845}\$ LADY IN THE WOODS

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. \$2210247

CHOCOLATE TREAT

Refined, romantic, creative divorcese, enjoys an eclec-tic filestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dring, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking certiferam 50. *** ***271197*** gentleman, 50+. 23281197

DOWN-TO-EARTH Asien woman, 52*, 1010s, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WAM, 47-56, NS, dean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **TX281229**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out,
and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 58°, HWP, and I
enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more.
1728886

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listering to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to en-joy life with, 36-60. 13284318 ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. 22284371 SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing, Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. 27284932 MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115/bs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. \$\frac{\pi}{27287856}\$ KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. 27287598 PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, tooking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is writy. 12292913

I NEED LOVE Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SB/VM, 18-30, who shares my fust for life. \$2300110

CLASSY LADY SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. 27:207254 SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a frjend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. 23302311 SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS, 54°, interested in developing new friend-ships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. \$2282618

34, 200lbs, epy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! 17217234

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF, looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, clining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. 25306228

DOWN-TO-EARTH Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal beggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. \$\frac{m279171}{2}\$

SBF, 23, 5'1", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. 17307550

ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, furny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. \$2262181

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 527, 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-out, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 17:113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. 2282578

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures.
Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more.
17282444 MUSICAL GIRL

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. 12292258

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for 8M, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 2229240

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **\$7236970**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 12113198

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy, Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 127589059

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145bs, attractive, enjoys music, drining, concerts, travel, ISO honest compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR.

DIVORCED? GETTING ONE?

DWF, 55°, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very ferminne, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 48-58, 6°1°+, 225°bs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. 12692549 SEEKING SAVED MAN

SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. 27265509 HI THERE!

MITHER!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **17268278** MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. 22268699 VERY LOVING PERSON

Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. COUNTRY GIRL

Cood-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blue, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SVM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. \$\mathbf{2759845}\$

MAXIMUM RETURN ON... your investment. SBM, 518", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. 27293155

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY SBM, 42, employed, lives alone, seeks full-figured WF, 30+, the bigger the better, for dating and friend-ship. \$2307579

Ready to meet great new people?

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN Attractive SWPM seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easy-going, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. 2262579 MUST LOVE THE LORD

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBM, 45, 56°, medium build, wonderful personality, looking for special, laid-back, college-educated SF, 30-40, 55°-5'7°, slim/medium build, outgoing, non-smoker, non-drinker, \$\mathbf{T}280627

WORTH A CALL Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! \$2283615

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 41, NS, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young
lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to
know. 12283851 WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL

SHF, 46, 510", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SH/AF, late 30s, for possible relationship. 12289039 YOU NEED ME

SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! 2291112 QUALITY TIME TOGETHER SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies,

IS THIS LOVE?
SWM, 34, 170lbs, 59°, into Church of Satan, the macabre; theater, movie critique, music and living. Former musician seeking woman, 25-40, into the occult and ritual. 37:29:2920 shooting pool. 22291168

SEMI-RETIRED
SBM, 41, 61", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dirting out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with. 2293532

IT COULD BE ME! SWM, 35, 6', brown/blue, muscular build, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to know.

SWM, 40, 5'5", loves to party! Looking for a female companion, 18-35, for friendship first, possibly more if it develops! 27294946

TALK TO ME!
SM, 36, 6'2", 210'lbs, medium build, loves working out. Seeking sweet, loving, caring, kind SW/BF, 35-45. 27294942

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SBM, 5'11", 156lbs, sim build, likes to relax and chill.
Would like to meet a woman, 20-56, who judges
beauty from the inside, like I do. 17295446

MATURE WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 38, 61", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids, N/S, N/Drugs, tooking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No dramat 72795452 TAKE A CHANCE WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having fun, movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-59, to have fun with. 2296181

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WM, 6'2", 200lbs, light brownfolus, NS, clean-shaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female, 25-45, HW proportionate, N/S, for dating. 22296310

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT.
W/WM, 45, 5"11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-toving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. 37265340

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 510°, handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight/finners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 17269646 Retired SWM, 74, N/S, enjoys long drives, playing cards, good movies and television, long drives. Seeking WF, 65-80, N/S, with good sense of humor. 17267998

SEEKS POSITIVE WOMAN SBM, 31, 61", short black/brown, medium build, college-educated, financially stable, drama-free, looking for SBF, 20-35, for possible relationship. 27310834

LOVABLE GUY BM, 5'6", well-groomed, God-fearing, respectful, honest, hardworking, looking for a female, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly leading to more. Serious re-plies only, **23**311238

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown halr, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. 17296097

NIGHT SHIFT ISO SAME

DVMM, 48, 57", 155bs, brown hair, blue eyes, likes camping, movies, books, motorcydes, blke rides and walks. Looling for LTR. 72:309763

A WALK AND A TALK Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 27200890 LET'S MEET SOON!

LET'S MEET SOON! SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. 127247784 LONELY, GENUINE HEART

SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. 2227987 ARE YOU OUT THERE? SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. **27290956**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE SWM, 44, 57", likes outdoor activities, cooking, mov-ies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time to ether \$5207.143 time together. 27297143

LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION SWM, medical professional, 51, courteous, looking for fit single lady, 35-45, with whom to spend some quality time. Let's do dinner, movies, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming, or just kick back and watch a DVD. 12/310972

SEEKING LATIN LADY WM, 6'3', dat/volue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly

SO WE MATCH? SM, likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and fikes going out. GENUINE NICE GUY

WM, 45, 6'1", blond'blue, NS, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great fistener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female, with similar qualifies and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. **27308313

EET'S GO OUT
BM, 5'9', 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. 17308537

FULFILL MY LIFE
SBM, 42, 62°, 280lbs, short black/brown, dark
complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home.
Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who is
honest, caring, sincere, romantic, spontaneous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. 22309096

CALL ME
BM, likes going to movies, having a good time, dhing
out and more. Looking for a lady, 24-52, who wants
to go out and have fun. 22309673

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, scontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 17128302

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 13187614

hands, good conversation, seeking swe lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **13:291990**

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! SBM, 20, 6'5", N/S, seeks attractive BF, 19-28, N/S, to have some fun and kick it with! \$265907 SEEKING A LADY

SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes dancing, walks, movies, travel in the US. Will respond to all. 22274642

SOMEONE SPECIAL SBM, 61, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gar-dens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63.

LONELY AND READY SWM, 55, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for erious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford

22860305 YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, an

tiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. \$2176497

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. Lenjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking

SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. 12:275970 RETIRED SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, pre-

fer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. \$284754 SINGLE DAD WM, 57°, 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having

fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. 17284933

WELL-ROUNDED DWM, retired gentleman of independent means emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the

outdoors. 22284895 TRUE GENTLEMAN WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. 27293604

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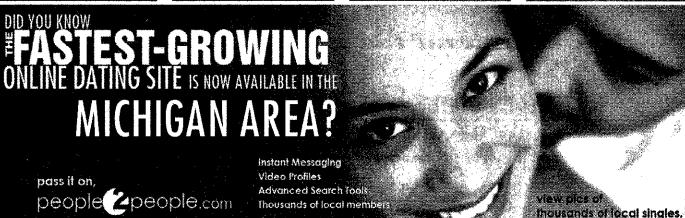
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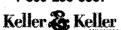
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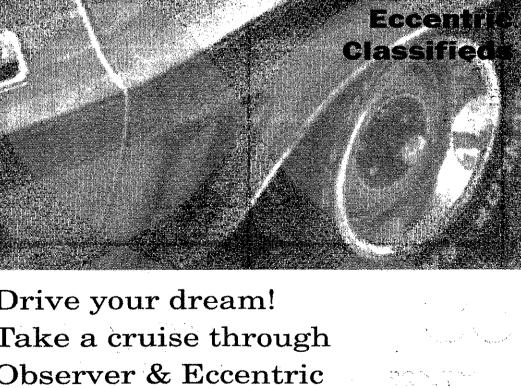
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