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Historic parallel

Former *Detroit Free Press* reporter Joel Thurtell will be the guest speaker at the Canton Historical Commission's next meeting at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Cherry Hill School in historic Cherry Hill Village (on Ridge Road near Cherry Hill Road). Thurtell will discuss the banking crisis of 1933, which began in Michigan with a showdown between Henry Ford and a powerful U.S. senator. While banks were failing, a small town Michigan bank defied FDR's bank holiday, kept its doors open and challenged depositors to make a run on funds. It was a historic situation with contemporary overtones, according to Thurtell.

Teacher's art

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be showcasing the art works of a number of talented art teachers from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. The exhibit, on display through April 26, features artwork from several gifted teachers representing all levels of the district from elementary to high school, as well as alternative education.

The Gallery@VT is featuring a selection of art in an array of media: paintings, sculptures, drawings, print making, fiber, mixed media and photography. Many of the teachers are artists who exhibit frequently and are award-winning at the state and national levels. Many of these exhibited pieces will also be available for purchase.

The featured artists include Susan Fisher, Judy Hanson, Craig Linderman and Graham Martin. "This wide breadth of work on display exemplifies the many talents of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District faculty," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator.

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, and during public performances at the theater. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

District MEAP scores rise above state average

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, when this year's Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders were in third grade, 59 percent of them passed the writing portion of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

Two years later, that percentage rose to 78, a dramatic 18-percent increase in MEAP performance that corresponds with the district's performance in the rest of the testing, results of which were announced

Thursday.

Plymouth-Canton students improved in 21 of 28 categories over last year's performance, with five scores remaining the same and drops in only two of the categories.

"We did very well," said Mike Bender, the district's director of secondary education. "There's a lot to celebrate."

The biggest increases came in fifth-grade writing, where the percentage of kids passing rose 8 percent to 78 percent, and in seventh-grade mathematics, whose students

raised their passing score from 88 to 94 percent.

Two classes — the third-graders at Tonda Elementary in Canton and the fourth-graders at Bird Elementary in Plymouth Township — aced the math test with 100 percent passing. The only two areas to drop were eighth-grade science (89 from 91 percent) and sixth-grade English Language Arts (89 from 90 percent).

"That's a tremendous job for those students and staff to achieve at that level," Bender said of the performances at Tonda and Bird.

The Plymouth-Canton scores top the state averages in every category, some of them well above state scores. But Bender said the district is always looking for improvement as it moves toward a federally mandated 100 percent in all area requirements coming in 2014.

"We're in the process of analyzing results at each grade level in each subject," Bender said. "We continue to look at ways to strengthen our students' performance."

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Walker-Winter principal Julie Mytych greets her students as Mrs. Incredible from the roof top of the school, fulfilling a promise to read from the rooftop if they meet their reading goals for March.

Mrs. Incredible time

Super hero principal takes to roof to reward students

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The wind may have been blowing, but it wasn't strong enough to keep Mrs. Incredible from standing on the roof of Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton Wednesday to read *The Principal from the Black Lagoon*.

The super hero visit was the reward for the school's 405 students reaching their reading goals for March, according to Principal Julie Mytych, who donned the costume and had her mask painted on her face by custodian Eddie Mauer.

"It was the most coolest thing," said Mytych. "It was just magic."

Mytych chose Mrs. Incredible for two reasons. The theme for the school's March Is Reading Month program was super heroes. Also, she had the costume.

"My husband and I are big Disney fans and we went to a Halloween party a few years ago dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Incredible."

Youngsters sat on the lawn of the school, waiting for their principal to show up, only to hear from Bill Swartz, Wayne-Westland's director of media services, that he was filling



Urged on by chants of "wig off" from students, Mrs. Incredible reveals herself as principal Julie Mytych in front of the Walker-Winter Elementary students.

in and would be reading an encyclopedia to the students. Before they could get a groan out, Swartz let them know it was an April Fool's Day joke.

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Canton hopes to double curbside recycling efforts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents rate high when it comes to participating in Rouge River watershed and yard waste collection programs.

However, talk about curbside recycling and Canton ranks low compared to other communities.

"Canton recycling is one of the lowest in Wayne County," said Tim Faas, Canton's municipal services director. "There are a lot of rules because of where our hauler takes materials for processing; cans have to be crushed, labels and caps removed and neck rings have to be taken off. And they take only a limited amount of materials."

Faas and Canton Township officials are hoping to increase participation in curbside recycling beginning April 20, not so coincidentally the week of Earth Day, which is April 22.

"We'll be implementing single-stream recycling, which will allow us to take more materials," Faas said. "We hope to double our total percentage of recycling — which is currently about 5 percent of our waste — to about 10 percent."

Currently, the recyclables are picked up by Canton Waste Recycling in a two-compartment truck. The operator has to manually sort through the materials at the curb, with newspaper in one bin and cans, glass and plastics in another. Faas said single-stream recycling involves putting all the recyclable materials in a single garbage truck, where it will be sorted at a newly constructed recycling facility in Huron Township.

"If we remove a lot of the rules, it will make it a lot easier for people," Faas said. "And we will be able to take more materials."

Paul Denski Jr., owner and president of Canton Waste Recycling, said it should be much easier for residents who — until April 20 — can only recycle newspapers, with most other paper tossed in the regular trash.

"There will be a whole multitude of additional things that will be acceptable," Denski said. "Cardboard, paper board, magazines, catalogues, phone books and household plastics with numbers 3-7 (on the bottom of the container)."

"Some paper — such as juice cartons and milk cartons — as well as Styrofoam will still not be accepted," he said. "And we no longer will accept any colored glass. If people put something unacceptable in, we will leave the entire recycling bin at the curb."

Denski said his company's trucks hauled 1,800 tons of recyclable materials in 2007 and more than 1,900 tons in 2008. He expects that number to go up another 25 percent this year.

"Seventy-five percent of people recycle, but not every week," Denski said. "And many of those who participate don't produce a lot of product. I think a lot more people will recycle more when it becomes easier."

Township officials will soon be mailing information on the new program, using \$25,000 of federal stimulus money for an education program. Information will also be available on the township Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

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The campaign starts here

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox speaks to Deloris Newell and Maria Holmes before taking the podium at the Canton Economic Club's luncheon on Thursday at the Summit on the Park. Cox told reporters after his speech that he was indeed running for governor, and that he will make a formal announcement sometime this summer. For the story, please see page A4.

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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.firststep-mi.org), Open Door Ministry (www.opendoorfood-ministry.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 available.

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

Dog park fund-raiser

The Friends of the Canton Dog Park need your help. The group will host its "Dining to Donate" fund-raiser at

Applebee's, located at 43500 Ford Road in Canton. The restaurant will donate 15 percent of your bill on April 6, April 7 and April 8 to the proposed 3-acre dog park in Cherry Hill Village.

Just present your server with an official flyer, which are available at Summit on the Park, and your donation will help make the dog park a reality.

For more information, call (734) 394-5310.

Canton Toastmasters

The Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club, a non-profit group where members learn both communication and leadership skills, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island at 8533 Lilley Road, just south of Joy Road, in the Golden Gate Plaza. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners

to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates: April 6 at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20 percent credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm>. To volunteer or for more information, contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net.

Business Network Professionals

Business Network Professionals, a local chapter of Business Network International, meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island (at the corner of Lilley and Joy roads). Any person in business in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding area is invited to attend as a guest and meet with other businesspersons, for purposes of networking, referrals, and supporting one another.

Contact Bill MacFarland, chapter president, at (734) 812-3845 for more information.

Chip Away Malaria

Central Michigan University's Chip Away Malaria, a student run group with Canton ties, is selling discounted tickets to the Detroit Pistons April 13 game against the Chicago Bulls that will benefit the group's efforts to help fight malaria in central Africa. Upper bowl tickets



'The Pajama Game'

Spotlight Players, a local theater group, will present the romantic comedy/musical 'The Pajama Game' April 24-May 9 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Show dates are April 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9. The show, which was a hit movie in 1957 and a hit Broadway revival in 2006, is about a labor dispute at a pajama factory that pits a union leader against a manager, both of whom get way more than they're bargaining for. Tickets are \$15-\$18 at the box office at (734) 394-5300. Discounted tickets are available online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org for \$13. For the April 24-26 shows, kids 16 and under wearing pajamas can buy tickets at door for only \$5 each. For more information, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

usually cost \$40 each and are being sold for \$20 each for the game.

From every ticket sold \$10 will be used by Chip Away Malaria to purchase and distribute anti-malarial bed nets. The bed nets to be purchased for this cause are long lasting and treated with insecticide. They can be used by a family of four up to four years. Each net costs \$10, therefore each ticket sold during this campaign purchases one net and saves four lives.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.chipawaymalaria.org with a credit card. Order forms can be printed from the Web site in order to purchase tickets using a check. For questions regarding ticket purchase, contact Ryan Lambert at (989) 774-2316 or e-mail ryanlambert@chip-awaymalaria.org.

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.gregreene.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 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 Works.

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

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



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families of fallen soldiers that are in need.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Luttrell, 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.fwsvf.org

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East students, staffers face 'cuts' for a good cause

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Kavya Davuluri walked into Envy Spa in Plymouth Township Friday for an East Middle School project to benefit Locks of Love, she had more than her share of nice, long hair.

Four ponytails and some 60 inches of hair later, Kavya, an 11-year-old sixth grader from Canton, had a lot less hair and a much bigger smile.

Kavya, eight other East students and two staffers took part, many of them for the second time, in the Locks of Love event to benefit the national charity that provides wigs for youngsters undergoing treatment for cancer.

The event was held at Envy, where owner Sandy Vrzovski opened her shop to the event for the second time in three years.

"Everyone was telling me, 'You have so much hair and it's a good cause,'" said Kavya, whose mane produced four ponytails - two 16-inches and two 14-inches in length. "I thought, 'It is a good cause, so I should do it.'"

The students and staff settled on Locks of Love as their cause, and rallied some community support behind them. Entertainment Express provided a limousine ride to and from the event, including stops at the Ann Arbor Road McDonald's (which donated lunches) and the Dairy King in downtown Plymouth for a post-event ice cream.

And Vrzovski, who used to cut East Middle School assistant principal Tara Botosan's hair when she was a middle school student, gave up cutting time and her stylists donated their time to do the actual cutting.

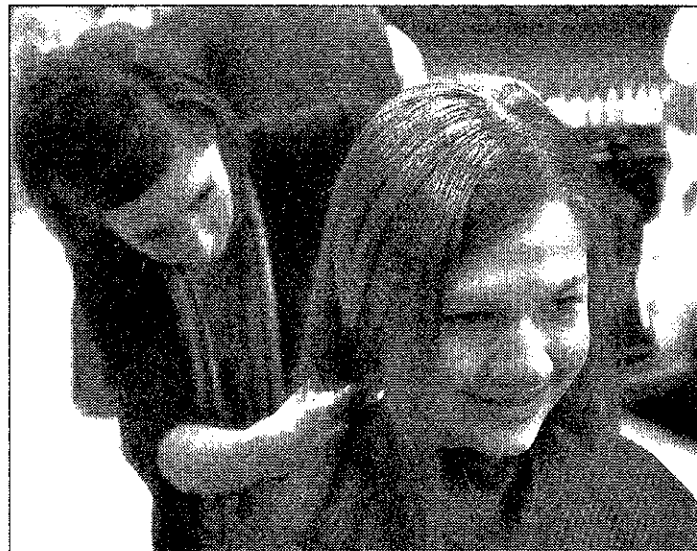
"We were thrilled to do it," said Vrzovski. "We did it two years ago, and it was so much fun. We thought it's so great of the kids to be this selfless and we just wanted to help them and give them great looks while we're at it."

Eighth-grader Durga Tata donated some eight inches from his own locks, the only male student to take part.



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Serena Billotto straightens Durga Tata's hair before trimming at least eight inches. Tata was one of nine East Middle School students who donated hair to the Locks of Love charity Friday.



Bridget Maul is ready to donate her hair for Locks of Love. Shawna Koloff wields the scissors.



Sandy Vrzovski cuts Tara Botosan's hair. Watching, at left, Bridget Makila, at right, Hannah Dembny. In the background, Hannah Davis sits as Keri Woolsey cuts her hair.

"I thought it was just a good cause," said Durga, a 13-year-old from Canton. "Some people did it when we were in sixth grade, so I decided to do it this time."

Classmate Tanya Lopez, one of several students donating hair for the second time, said she wanted to feel the good

feeling she felt two years ago.

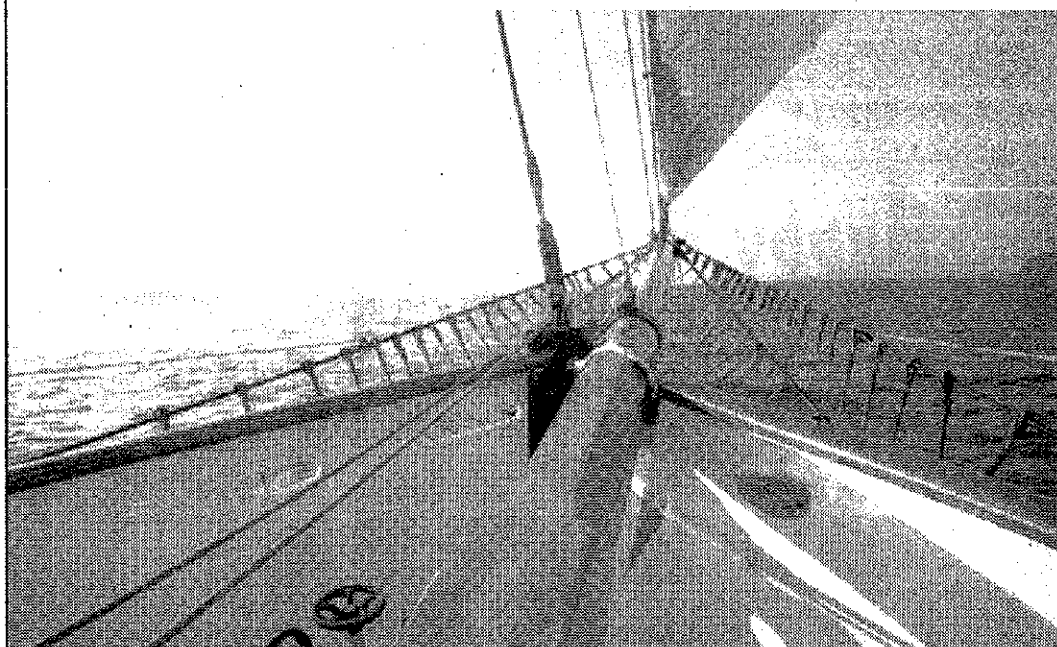
"I think a little girl will really enjoy my hair, and last time I felt really good," Tanya said. "I'm a little sad to see (her hair) go, but I know it's a good cause, and some little girl is going to be happy."

It's the kind of spirit that impresses Botosan, who

donated a 10-inch ponytail of her own to the cause.

"These are middle school students stepping outside themselves and giving to others," Botosan said. "I'm amazed by the outpouring from the community, and from these kids. Middle school can be a scary time, and these kids

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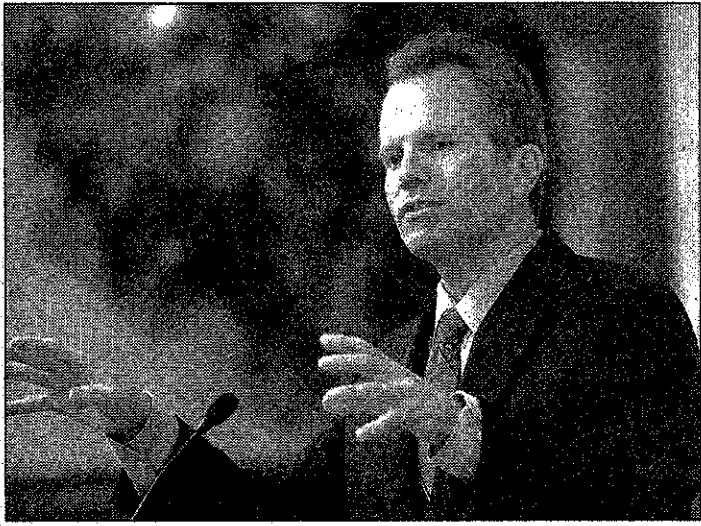
Cox lays out his vision for state's future

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton Economic Club got a preview of what Michigan residents can expect to hear from Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox when he runs for governor next year. During his half hour speech Thursday at the Summit, Cox laid out his vision for the state's future, which includes tax cuts for Michigan businesses and expanding the state's energy production by building more coal and possibly nuclear plants.

Afterwards, Cox, who will be term limited when his term runs out next year, confirmed to reporters that he is indeed running for governor. But it was apparent to those in attendance that he sounded like a man running for the top post in the state.

"He didn't sound like an attorney general to me. It sure sounded like someone running for governor," said Luanne Berk, who attended the lun-



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Attorney General Mike Cox talks about tax policy and Michigan's future during his speech to the Canton Economic Club on Thursday.

cheon. Berk, who is a public relations manager for the Canton-based Repairclinic.com, liked Cox's message of tax cuts.

"Tax reform is very important to attract businesses to our state," she said.

Cox, a Livonia resident, formed a committee in

November to explore the possibility of him running for governor. He said he will make a formal announcement some time later this year.

During his speech, he made it clear that his platform will include pushing tax cuts, reforming the Michigan Business Tax, and reducing the

size of state government. "Tax cuts work. Businesses react favorably or unfavorably to the level of tax rates in a state," Cox said. "If we have the right fiscal policy it would act to heal our state quickly."

Cox also discussed skyrocketing healthcare and energy costs, and how they are hampering Michigan's economy. On the energy front, Cox said the state should "embrace nuclear and clean coal technology" that could reduce costs for consumers. He disagreed with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's decision to slow down the efforts to build five new coal plants in the state, which he said could be "homegrown stimulus projects."

Cox said he thinks Michigan can make a recovery from its current economic recession, but it will take government getting out of the way and letting businesses succeed.

"We have all the tools here in Michigan to bring our state back if we are bold enough to act," Cox said.

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Pom prominence

The Canton High School varsity (above) and junior varsity (below) Chiefettes pompon teams attended the recent Mid American Pompon State Competition at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. The Junior Varsity Chiefettes earned first place in the JV Class A, while the varsity earned a third-place at the Varsity Class A, Division I. Varsity Chiefettes include (back, from left) Kirsten Holland, Sarah Mabie, Sarah Lindbauer, Ashley Polydoros, Brooke Granowicz, Megan Young, Coach Jen Kesler; (middle, from left) Alex Brekke, Kayla Channell, Emily Bouse, Courtney Simpson, Melissa Krug, Lexi MacDiarmid, Tori Parrelly, Eva DeBeliso; and (front, from left) Emily Nairn, Lauren Hutchings, Jordan White, Kristina Crilley, Ashley DelBrocco, Brittney Kopchia, Michelle Smiley, Katie Schwalm. The JV Chiefettes include (back) Coach Kya Sasena, Kara Bureau, Sarah Dean, Melissa Webster, Riley Miller, Jessica Goodbred, Allie Stephens, Rachael Martin, Samantha Juback, Nikki Webster, Mikayla Schnettler; (front) Kristen Hollingsworth, Lindsey Mason, Renee Janisse, Maggie Kokoszka, Julia Beydoun, Ashley Garvin, Abby Rice.



Belleville High classes resume a day after shooting incident

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students returned to classes at Belleville High School Friday after the building was shut down Thursday morning as police searched for a gunman who fired shots at a nearby senior assisted-living apartment building.

Van Buren Public Schools Communications Specialist Paul Henning said there

weren't any students at the high school because the incident occurred before they arrived.

"The police cordoned off two blocks and unfortunately that road block started at our first driveway," said Henning. "We didn't have any students at school because the buses hadn't arrived yet. They were on the road picking up kids, but they weren't close to dropping

ping them off.

"The decision was made by the administration to cancel classes at the high school as a safety precaution because we didn't know how long the situation would last," he said.

A 38-year-old man captured by Belleville police is expected to be charged in the shooting incident.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Guard, Drumline gear up for national title run

The Plymouth-Canton Band and Color Guard programs are busy this month with the Winter season coming to a close and the upcoming Fall season gearing up.

The 2009 Winter A Guard and the Winter Drumline are gearing up for their run at a national title. Both teams comprised of over 80 high school performers from Canton, Plymouth, and Salem high schools will perform at the Winter Guard International events held in Dayton, Ohio.

The A Guard will compete April 3-4, the Winter Drumline will compete April 17-18 in Dayton. Both teams are hoping to do very well, after finishing well at the MCGC State Championship. The A Guard was named State Champions for 2009 and the Winter Drumline placed second in the State Championships.

April Round-up

Every April, Michigan commemorates the Month of the Young Child, a time when communities recognize the needs of young children and their families. In conjunction, New Morning School announced an upcoming Preschool, Young 5's, and Kindergarten Round-Up 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23. Parents and potential students can see why New Morning School may be the perfect fit.

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call (734) 420-3331 or visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com

Band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, a regular Bands of America finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, is hosting an informational meeting April 22 for students and their parents who are interested in joining the 2009 Marching Band program. The Marching Band Recruitment meeting is designed for incoming eighth graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters on how their eighth grader can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season. Interested students and their parents should report to Plymouth High School's band room at 7 p.m. April 22.

Color Guard workshops

Individuals who are interested in joining the Color Guard for the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Marching Band should plan to attend a four-day workshop prior to auditions on May 11-14 from 4-6 p.m. Using music, colorful flags, rifles, sabers and dance, the PCEP fall & winter guards represent pure athleticism, grace, and talent. The final audition date is 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the Plymouth High School band room. For more information, contact Color Guard Instructor Jennifer LeSeth at jennifer30@gmail.com.

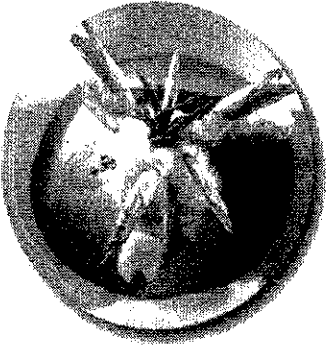
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Local woman's nonprofit promotes environment-friendly gardening



Canton's Kathy Brown, who has been active in beautifying downtown Plymouth, is using her Web site to help save waterfowl habitat.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kathy Browne is on a mission to help save the environment. The Canton Township woman, who helps beautify downtown Plymouth by voluntarily taking care of several flower planters, is doing her best to educate the public on the need to protect waterfowl wildlife habitats by using potting soil that doesn't include

peat as an ingredient. Browne said it began with the Royal Botanic Gardens in Britain which started eliminating the use of peat in potting soil mix in 2003. "The use of peat was problematic for waterfowl wildlife," said Browne. "To get the peat you'd have to drain the bog, which destroys their habitat. And, it releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere." Browne's Green!USA non-

profit organization is selling T-shirts and gardening aprons to help spread the word about replacing peat with other ingredients, including coconut fiber. "After some scientific research they learned there are many items which are better than peat," Browne said. "One of them for potting soil is the fiber of a coconut shell, which is more water retentive." The gardener's apron has a four-ingredient recipe for peat-free potting soil, which Browne said will help "protect \$25 billion of United States natural resources." Browne has an informational display and is collecting donations at National City Bank, located on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Warren roads. The Green!USA Web site is www.green-usa.org.

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PRINCIPAL

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The celebration started inside earlier in the day when four students were selected to cut off portions of Mauer's ponytail. Mauer donated the hair to Locks of Love. "He'd been growing it for a year and was hoping they would reach their goals," said Mytych. "It was dramatic with the kids getting to cut it." While younger students believed it was Mrs. Incredible on

the roof, the older students started a chant of "wig off" that spread through the crowd. Mytych in a touch of drama, pulled off the wig to the youngsters' delight. After reading the book, in which she inserted the names of staff and students, she joined 145 youngsters on the ground for a frozen Rocket pop party. The students got to mingle with their principal because they completed all four weeks of the reading challenge. "The students loved it," Mytych said of the celebration. "They're still talking about it."

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File your return by April 15. Although I have no problem with filing an extension, it would not solve your problem.

When you file for an extension, it is an extension of time to file your return, not to pay your taxes. Therefore, you would still have interest accumulating on the unpaid tax and potential penalties.

You need to file your tax return even if you cannot afford to pay the taxes owed. The IRS has a variety of different programs to assist taxpayers who are having difficulty paying.

For example, you can set up an installment plan. In addition, the IRS has hardship provisions for people who cannot afford to pay their taxes. The bottom line is you will have a much easier time dealing with the IRS if you file your return.

Dear Rick: I've been having some financial difficulty and I've gotten behind on paying my taxes. In fact, I have not paid taxes in a few years. The other night I was watching TV and I saw an ad that says you can settle a tax dispute with the IRS for pennies on the dollar. I called the company and they seem legit. Is this something that's worth pursuing?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

There are two issues here. The first is whether the IRS does settle cases for below the amount of tax due. Secondly, is the company you contacted legitimate?

The IRS does have a procedure that allows taxpayers who are having financial difficulty to reach a compromise on the debt they owe. The procedure is known as an offer and compromise and in many situations taxpayers can substantially reduce the amount they owe to the IRS.

The offer and compromise process has been around for many years, however, it has changed. At different points in time the IRS can be more lenient in their settlement, while at other times they can be more stringent. In today's difficult economic times I believe the IRS is a little more lenient in dealing with offers and compromises than they have been in the past.

Can taxpayers do an offer and compromise themselves? Yes. However, it is not something I recommend. There is an art to dealing with the IRS and it is more than just correctly completing forms. Therefore, in the great majority of cases, I recommend taxpayers who owe the IRS and who are looking for a settlement, work with a professional who has experience dealing with the IRS. In addition to companies like the one that

you saw on TV, you can also consider dealing with a certified public accountant or a tax attorney with experience involving offer and compromise.

It is hard to know if the company that you saw advertise is on the up-and-up. Check them out with the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) in the Detroit metropolitan area and also in the state where the company is located. The BBB has a wealth of information about a variety of companies. In addition, you can use the Better Business Bureau service for free.

It is important to know — before you retain a service — how the company will charge you.

In many situations I prefer a contingency type fee arrangement so that if your case is unsuccessful in front of the IRS you do not lose additional money.

Whenever you hire a professional — tax preparer, attorney or CPA — to deal with the IRS, you are responsible for your individual tax situation. Therefore, make sure when it comes to tax issues you're dealing with someone who is legitimate and who has your best interest at heart.

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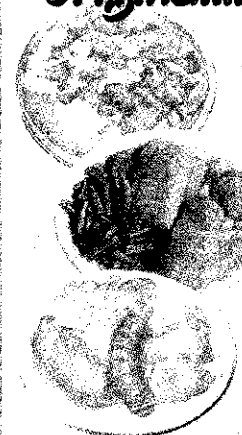
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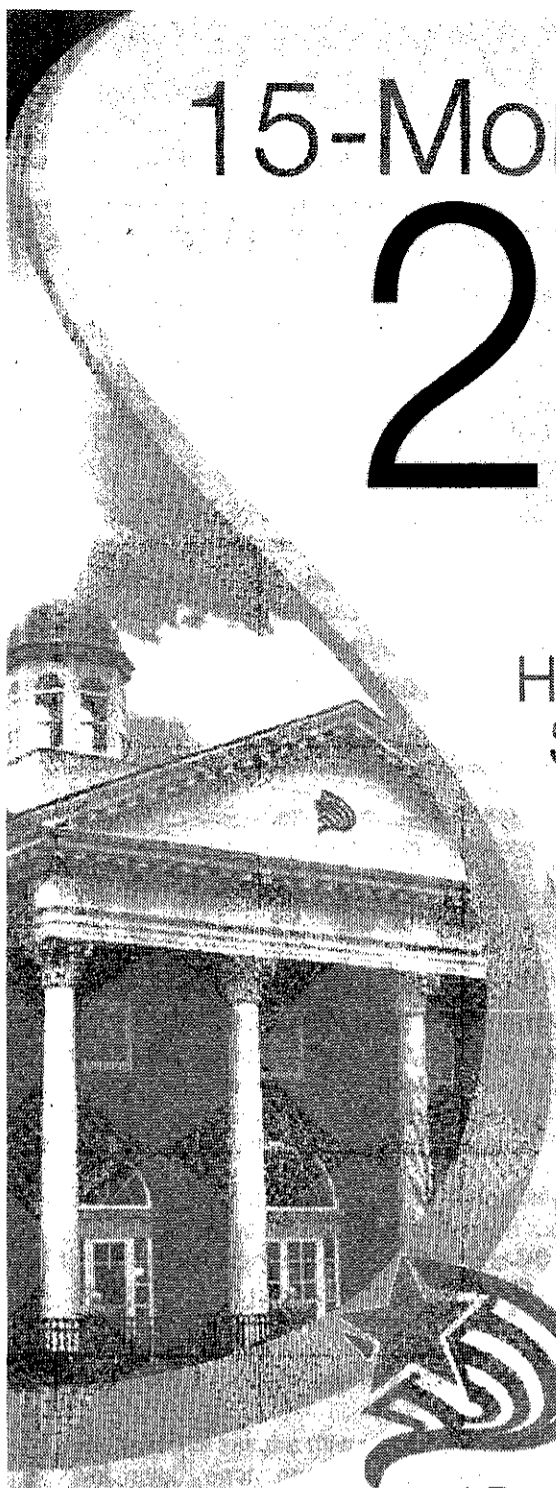
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Participants in Madonna spring break, left to right, Julie Pulgini of Farmington, Jenna Whaley of Livonia, Kevin West of Redford, Lauren Hochstein of Westland, Nicole Benoit of Inkster, Dr. Rex Gandy, Gina Robinson (wheelchair) of Oak Park, Neal Card of Midland, Ryan Vannatter of Farmington Hills, John Lovelady of South Lyon, Caroline Foster (kneeling) of Plymouth, Dean Herron of Livonia, Elizabeth Kuzawinski of Howell, Thomas Coyne of Dearborn, Cari DeLamielleure (kneeling) of Brighton, Amber Lee of St. Clair Shores, Kendall Hubbard of Novi, Louise Taylor of Walled Lake, and Stephanie Mercieca of New Hudson.

Madonna students devote their spring break to Katrina cleanup

Sixteen Madonna University students spent their spring break clearing brush, bramble, dead trees and debris left from Hurricane Katrina at the University of Southern Mississippi. The students, who traveled to Mississippi as part of Madonna's Alternative Spring Break program, created a half-mile nature trail for USM's Golf Coast Research Lab.

"I never imagined that creating nature trails would have such an impact," said Cari DeLamielleure, a Madonna journalism/PR and sociology major from Brighton. "Not only are they a nice addition to the Lab, they also provide a way to engage the community in environmental education and recreation." The research facility, which borders marshland, develops culture and stocking programs for recreational finfish species including bass.

Madonna University's Office of Service-Learning offers an Alternative Spring Break trip annually to provide assistance to an outside community in need.

"We've gone to the Gulf Coast for the last three years to help hurricane victims," said Kevin West, director of service learning at Madonna. "Each year students report having been 'transformed' by the experience. They come back motivated to help people and communities in distress."

In previous years volunteering in the Gulf Coast, Madonna students have rebuilt homes, worked with grade school children whose schools had been consolidated after Katrina, and sorted case files for the Office of Long Term Recovery in Biloxi, Miss.

"When I think about our Alternative Spring Break trip, I remember the impact we made, the individuals we befriended, and how we changed a community for a lifetime," said DeLamielleure.

Madonna University's Office of Service-Learning promotes, supports and sustains effective service-learning partnerships between Madonna students, faculty, staff and the community. Service-learning fulfills the University's mission by instilling in students a respect for diversity and a commitment to serving others.

In cooperation with community organizations throughout metro-Detroit, the Office serves as a resource to students enrolled in service-learning classes, and it provides a number of opportunities for students to volunteer.

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Officials urge residents to use fertilizer with care

In an effort to help protect water resources, Canton officials are urging residents to use fertilizer sparingly and with care during the month of April. Excess fertilizer that washes from lawns into storm drains contains chemicals that are harmful to streams, rivers and lakes.

With 1.5 million homes in Southeast Michigan, all residents need to be aware of the cumulative effects of our

lawn care practices. You can help keep water resources safe by following these simple tips:

- Sweep it: Fertilizer and grass clippings left on sidewalks and driveways wash into storm drains. Sweeping fertilizer and grass clippings back onto the lawn protects lakes and streams.
- Hire smart: Select a lawn service that uses organic fertilizers or offers a slow-

release nitrogen, low or no phosphorus option. In addition, request a soil test to ensure the right amount is applied.

- Don't guess, soil test: A soil test will determine what, if any, fertilizer is needed in the yard. Contact the Michigan State University Extension county office for more information.
- Buy low: Choose a fertilizer with low or no phospho-

rus. Most lawns already contain enough phosphorus and excess phosphorus can cause algae blooms in lakes.

- Go slow: Select an organic or slow-release fertilizer. A slow-release fertilizer is one with at least half of the nitrogen in "water insoluble" form. Slow-release fertilizers provide a steady supply of plant nutrients over an extended period of time.
- Mow high: Make your

lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high, three inches is the rule. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clippings fall back on the lawn. Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil, so fertilizer needs can be reduced by 25 percent or more.

- Make fertilizer-free zones: Keep fertilizer applications at least 20 feet away

from the edge of lakes, streams, or storm drains.

Additional steps include conserving water, carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals and oil, cleaning up after pets, choosing earth-friendly landscaping, keeping pollution out of storm drains, and practicing good car care.

For more information on all these steps visit www.semcog.org.

Plymouth Township urges nighttime lawn-watering

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Avoid the rush: Water at night.

As the yard-care season starts up, that's the recommendation from Plymouth Township on sprinkling yards and gardens.

Officials are asking residents to water lawns and plants between midnight and 6 a.m., when demands on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's system are typically at their lowest.

A new contract with DWSD gives the township a 23-percent reduction in the wholesale water rate, but the price drop is tied to the township's pledge not to exceed a set "peak usage" during times when water demand is highest. That's generally during the morning and evening hours, when water customers throughout the Detroit area are flushing toilets, showering and cooking.

One of the ways to cut peak usage, township officials say, is to use outdoor water after midnight and before 6 a.m.

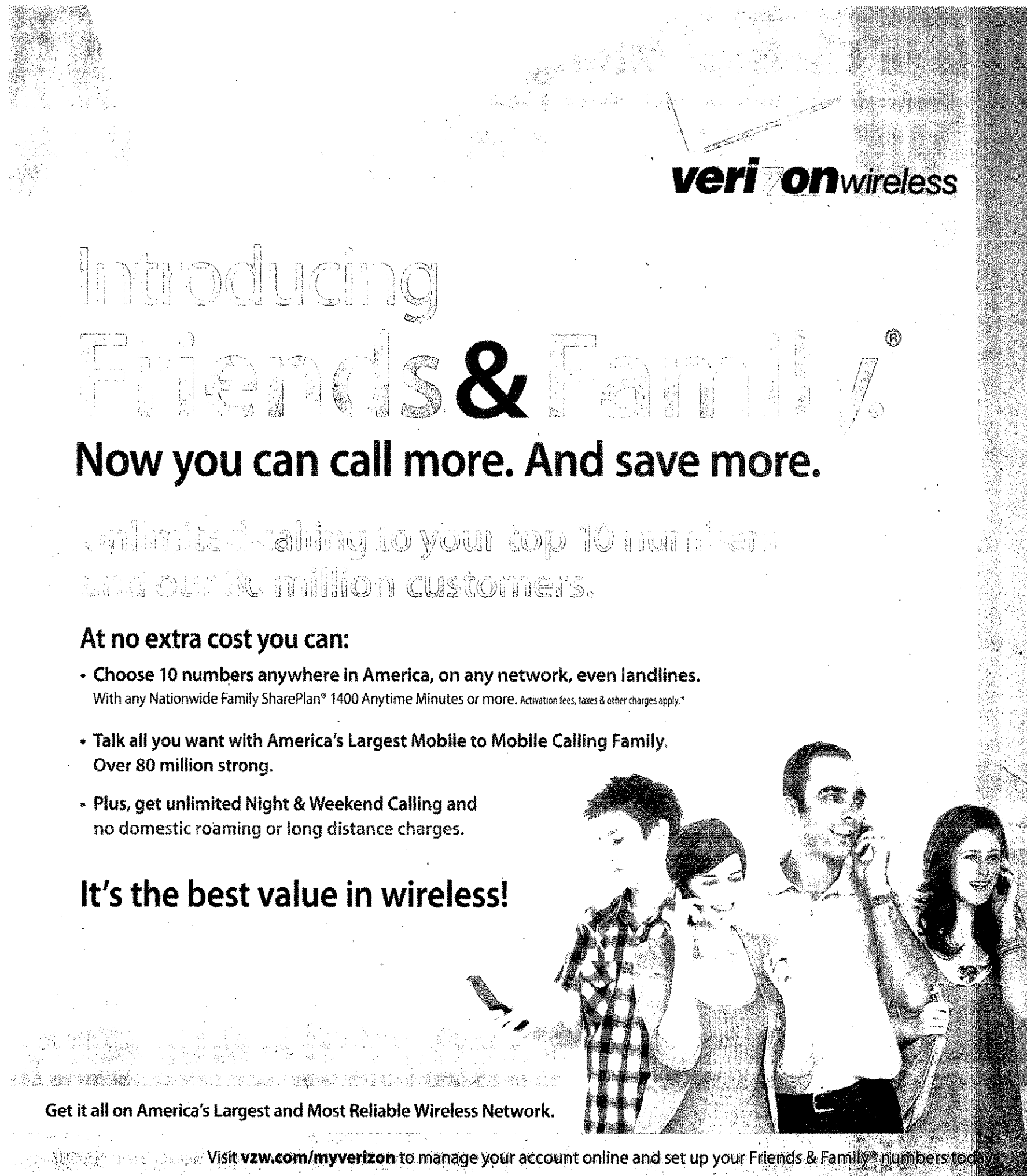
"That will give us the greatest control over maintaining our rates," said James Anulewicz, director of the township's Public Services Division. Water customers with automatic sprinkler systems, Anulewicz said, can time them to go on during the off hours, and the township will do the same with its watering systems.

Anulewicz said he anticipated some objections from lawn-care companies.

"We have done our homework and the Michigan State University Extension Service has indicated to us that watering during this period will not cause problems," reads a township press release.

The DWSD contract will be reviewed in two years, and if water usage in the township has exceeded established limits during peak times, Detroit can argue for a higher water rate, Anulewicz said.

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Brett Bellemore's short-handed goal at 14:18 of the second period proved to be the game-winner as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Windsor Spitfires, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Thursday night before 5,670 at the Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

Plymouth seized a 1-0 series lead heading into Saturday's Game 2 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Although Windsor finished the regular season as the top team in the Canadian Hockey League with a record of 57-10-0-1 and swept the Owen Sound Attack in the Western Conference quarterfinals, it was Plymouth that took advantage of scoring opportunities to lead 2-1 after one period and 4-3 after 40 minutes.

Plymouth rookie Tyler Seguin — the OHL's Rookie of the Month for March and the current rookie scoring leader in the playoffs — led the Whalers' attack with a pair of goals and now has four lamp-lighters and nine assists in six playoff games.

Veterans Chris Terry, Matt Caria, Joe Gaynor and Bellemore netted singles for Plymouth.

Whalers goaltender Matt Hackett stopped 46-of-49 shots to backstop the Plymouth victory.

Dale Mitchell scored twice for Windsor and Scott Timmins once for the Spitfires. The Whalers will host Game 4 on Tuesday night at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Game 3 is set for Windsor on Sunday.



DETROIT IGNITION PHOTO

Members of the Detroit Ignition celebrate their Xtreme Soccer League championship Friday night following a 14-12 overtime victory over Chicago.

Xtreme measures

Ignition celebrates first XSL title with OT win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a league that features some of the best players in the world, it was a home-grown talent who put the icing on the Detroit Ignition's championship cake Friday night at Compuware Arena.

Livonia native Tino Scicluna — the head coach for the Madonna University men's soccer team — capped his first season with the Ignition in grand style when he rocketed a low missile between sprawling Chicago goalie Baryard Elfvin 6:15 into overtime to give Detroit a 14-12 triumph in the season

finale for both teams.

Detroit, which finished with a 12-7 mark, clinched the inaugural four-team Xtreme Soccer League title last Sunday when the New Jersey Ironmen edged the Milwaukee Wave, 15-14.

However, Friday night's pre-planned, post-game celebration wouldn't have been as sweet without a final-game win.

It took a frantic, final-quarter Chicago rally to send the game into OT. Trailing 12-6, the visitors netted six straight points — the final two coming when Andy Rosenband secured the ball off the wall and steered it past Ignition goalie Danny

Waltman with 1:31 left in regulation.

Chicago came within inches of winning the game 5:10 into the extra session, but Ian Bennett's rising laser banged off the crossbar.

Just over a minute later, Scicluna controlled a pass near mid-field and dribbled up the left side before unleashing his crowd-pleasing 22-footer.

The announced crowd of 4,299 went bonkers as Scicluna was mobbed by his joyful teammates.

Scicluna got things rolling for the Ignition

Please see **IGNITION, B2**GAME
WRAPSPCA wins
baseball opener

The Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team open its 2009 season in high style Tuesday by throttling Lake Orion Baptist School, 10-0, in a six-inning contest.

Jon Slater earned the win, throwing one-hit ball through five-plus innings. Slater struck out 11 and excelled at the plate, ripping an RBI double.

Brent Zinn was the Eagles' top hitter, contributing two doubles, a triple, three runs and five RBI. Kevin Bottorff also excelled, scoring a pair of runs.

Matt Dodson proved to be a tough out for the winners, reaching base four times thanks to two walks, a hit-by-pitch and a single.

Reid Barber, Justin Govan and Daniel Slater also played well for PCA. David Baum pitched a hitless sixth inning.

Rock runners fall

Salem's girls track team dropped a 106-30 decision to powerful Novi on Thursday.

"Novi has a huge team," noted Salem coach Dale Maskill. "We actually ran a lot better than Tuesday against Stevenson."

Bright spots for the Rocks were performances from Deja Wright, who won the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. Wright is within a half-second of breaking several school sprint records.

Sophomore Megan Paruta won the pole vault with a leap of 7 feet, 6 inches. She also scored in the 300 hurdles.

Freshman Allison Walker placed second in the 400 with a time of 1:06.22.

Sophomore Victoria Tripp placed second in the 3,200-meter run in 12:54.26.

"She made up 20 meters in the last 100 meters to beat Novi's second and third runners," Maskill said.

Novi edges 'Cats in 8

Novi scored four runs in the eighth inning to upend Plymouth, 8-4, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played at Plymouth.

The second game of the scheduled double-header was postponed due to darkness.

Trailing 3-0, Plymouth closed its gap to 3-2 thanks to a Brad Lineberry opposite-field home run.

Plymouth tied it at 3-all in the fourth when Travis Mewton and Ronnie Goble singled and Mewton eventually scored on a wild pitch.

After Novi regained the lead, 4-3, in the fifth, the Wildcats deadlocked it again when Matt Priebe singled in Lineberry, who had singled.

Novi won the game in the eighth when it sent nine batters to the plate.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Lauren Smith delivers a pitch during the Wildcats' 18-2 victory over Novi Thursday afternoon. Plymouth swept a doubleheader from the visiting Wildcats.

Plymouth brooms Novi in twinbill

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was tough to tell what was rising faster Thursday afternoon: the Plymouth softball team's majestic home runs or the Novi pitching staff's earned run average.

Plymouth improved its record to 5-0 by pounding the visiting Wildcats in a KLAA cross-over double-header, 18-2 in a three-inning, mercy-rule shortened contest; and 16-3 in the nightcap.

"The girls put in a lot of time on their own hitting inside during the off-season and it's showing now," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "I've never had a team that hit like this from the top of the order to the bottom."

Plymouth finished the day with 28 hits and three home runs — two off the bat of sophomore Marissa Blassic in the second game and a two-run rocket from Stacey Klonowski in game one.

Plymouth faces a critical test

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Wednesday when it squares off against KLAA South Division foe Livonia Franklin. The Patriots will host the showdown, which is set to begin at 4 p.m.

Everybody hit for the Wildcats in the first game against Novi. Lead-off hitter Erin Rodes set the tone early with a lead-off triple — her first of two three three-baggers during the afternoon.

Klonowski also had a stellar game one, going 3-for-3 with three runs. In addition to her round-tripper, the junior shortstop singled twice and stole a pair of bases.

Amanda Burnard also scored three runs for the victors.

Lauren Smith earned the win on the mound, scattering five hits while striking out three. She received plenty of defensive support as well, most notably a fine running catch by center-fielder Jill Brennan to close the top of the first.

Miranda Oliver was the pitching star in the second game for Plymouth, limiting Novi to nine hits and two earned runs in seven innings.

"Lauren and Miranda complement each other well," said Canfield. "Lauren throws harder than Miranda, so it makes it tough for the opposing hitters to adjust from one game to the next. They both have outstanding movement on their pitches, too."

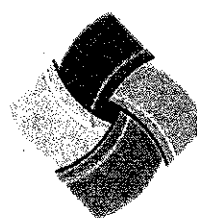
The Wildcats' premier plate performers in game two were Rodes (3-for-5, three RBI), Klonowski (2-for-4, two RBI), Burnard (2-for-4, three RBI) and Blassic, who went 4-for-5 with two taters and three ribbies.

FRANKLIN 9, CANTON 2: The Patriots exploded for eight runs in the 11th inning to break a 1-all dead-lock en route to a win Wednesday at Canton.

The Patriots, now 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's South Division,

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Blend of youth, experience makes Salem tough to beat

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't judge the members of the Salem softball team by their birth certificates.

For the second consecutive season, the Rocks will be ultra young — but ultra good.

Playing with just one senior in 2008, coach Bonnie Southerland's squad racked up a 25-8-1 record and captured the final Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

"Our strengths are our defense and the fact that we haven't had to change much," said Southerland, who is entering her 25th year with the program — the past 15 as head coach. "I have my entire starting infield back, so if we can get those bats moving, we should be right up there near the top again."

The Rocks' roster will be bolstered by four seniors this season — Mary Cox, Christina Parsons, Emily Pitcole and Emily Meade — all of whom should play key roles in Salem's success.

"Mary is one of the easiest kids to coach because no matter what, she is there for the team," said Southerland. "On the field, she has great range, knows the

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game inside and out and can even pitch in emergencies."

Parsons will patrol center field for the Rocks.

"She covers a lot of ground out there," said Southerland. "She's very vocal and can make a strong throw to home."

Pitcole is a two-way threat — behind the plate and at the plate.

"Emmily has a strong arm and very few runners try to steal on her," said Southerland. "She has an even stronger bat. She'll be in the No. 4 slot again this year delivering great power."

Meade will play designated hitter and some outfield, Southerland said.

The Rocks' three-player junior class is led by starting left-fielder Mary Johnson.

"Mary has great speed and agility," said Southerland. "She gets a great jump on the ball, so we moved her from the infield to outfield this year."

First-year juniors are Mia Bonello, who will serve as a back-up first baseman, and Amanda Dewyer, who will see time in the outfield.

"Both Mia and Amanda will be nice additions to the team," said Southerland.

Amazingly, all four of the Rocks' sophomores — Briana Lee, Heidi Schmidt, Kelli Janiczek and Lizzy Mazorowicz — started last spring as freshmen. Lee is the team's No. 1 pitcher, Schmidt starts at third and is the No. 2 pitcher; Janiczek is the first-string first baseman; and Mazorowicz plays second.

"Briana made a name for herself last year and has amazing potential," said Southerland. "Heidi is probably one of our best athletes and will lead-off for us. Kelli will be our back-up catcher as well as play first. She has worked well with both pitchers in the past. Lizzy has great speed and quickness and I expect her, Cox and Janiczek to be a solid double-play threat."

"Every year in tryouts it seems like there's a player that really impresses you and this year it's Alexis," said Southerland. "She swings one of the best bats as a freshman I have seen in years and she can play just about anywhere."

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Defending District champion Wildcats show few weaknesses

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth not only possesses the No. 1 ingredient that makes softball teams good — strength up the middle — the Wildcats are also pretty darned good around the edges.

It's that all-around excellence that gives Val Canfield's squad a serious shot at winning its fourth Division 1 District title — and possibly more — since the school opened in 2002.

"Our hitting and defense are where they need to be right now," said Canfield, whose team reached a D1 Regional final last spring before falling to Lakeland. "We have great leadership, too. Our captains are dedicated to the game and are positive role models for the rest of the team."

The Wildcats trio of senior captains — Erin Rodes, Jill Brennan and Beth Heldmeyer — also provide a lot of the team's middle strength. Rodes is a four-year-starting catcher,

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Brennan is a slick-fielding center fielder and Heldmeyer is one of the top second basemen around.

For the third straight season, Heldmeyer will team up with junior shortstop Stacey Klonowski to give the Wildcats a top-notch double-play combo.

"They're like my dynamic duo," said Canfield. "If a ball is hit up the middle, one of them is either going to get it or make a diving try to get it."

Both Heldmeyer and Klonowski can swing the aluminum, too, judging by the fact they both smacked fence-clearing home runs during Friday's season-opening double-header sweep of Salem.

Rodes is armed with a cannon-like arm behind the plate. Joining her and the middle-infield tandem in the starting infield will be junior Tessa Heldmeyer, the younger sister of Beth; and junior third baseman Amanda

Burnard, who packs fence-clearing power.

"Amanda is also an outstanding defensive player, too," Canfield noted. "She made a couple plays against Salem that were unbelievable."

Flanking Brennan in the outfield will be sophomore left-fielder Marissa Blassic and sophomore right-fielder Jessica Bondy, the third Bondy sister to play at Plymouth.

Sophomore Lauren Smith will handle the bulk of Plymouth's pitching duties. Senior Miranda Oliver should also see her share of time on the mound.

"Lauren is a real go-getter," said Canfield. "Her pitches have great movement and she's a very determined player."

Providing important depth to the Wildcats' fortunes will be reserves Christy Pattison, a sophomore outfielder; and sophomore Tory Campbell.

The Wildcats return seven starters from last season.

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singled seven times and added a pair of doubles during the eight-run surge.

"We were hitting behind runners to advance them to the lead bases," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "It was a total team effort. This was a great example how hits can be contagious. We only had three hits the first 10 innings and 16 strikeouts."

Senior catcher Brittany Taylor went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored. Chelsea Williams also went 3-for-5 with a run and RBI, while Natalie Polakowski contributed two hits.

Franklin got a sterling pitching performance from senior Natalie Sanborn, who scattered nine hits. She struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

"As a team we recognize that our defense is going to help us win or keep us close in ballgames," said Jimenez,

whose team committed three errors.

"We feel that the offense will come eventually."

Canton's Amy Dunleavy, who took the loss, was coming off a no-hitter Friday against Novi. She gave up a total of 11 hits while fanning 17. She did not allow a walk.

CarolAnn Sexauer, Miranda Rysdorp and Kaitlyn Mattson each collected two hits for the Chiefs (2-1, 1-1).

PLYMOUTH 15, JOHN GLENN 0: In a four-inning mercy Wednesday, the host Wildcats (3-0, 2-0) blanked Westland John Glenn (0-3, 0-2) as Amanda Burnard homered and singled in the KLA South Division game.

Plymouth, also getting a homer from Erin Rodes, scored eight in the second inning and six in the third off Glenn starter Allie Murphy, who allowed five hits and four walks.

Plymouth starter Lauren Smith struck out five and allowed just two hits, one each to Stacey Truskowski and Amanda Murakami.

(Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons contributed to this story.)

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2:15 into the game when his high, hard shot from the left wing found the upper-right corner of the net to stake Detroit to a 2-0 lead. Mike Apple assisted.

A pair of Dreads — Callahan and Ducker — added two-pointers to help the Ignition post a 6-4 lead after one quarter.

Detroit extended its lead to 10-4 at the half thank to goals from Milki Djerisilo and Josh Rife, who scored off a re-start.

Waltman made a pair of circus saves — one when he managed to re-direct a shot while seated on his backside — with 3:30 to go in the second quarter.

The Ignition looked as if it was well on the way to a rout when Leo Gibson lit up the scoreboard with a two-pointer with 1:04 left in the third quarter, but the fast-moving Storm responded with an 8-0 run.

Thanks to Scicluna, however, it wasn't enough to spoil the Ignition's party.

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FIRST TEAM
Briauna Taylor, Sr. G, Liv. Franklin: The 5-foot-9 senior guard, who helped the 24-4 Patriots to the state Class A championship final, averaged 14.6 points, 10.2 rebounds and 4.2 steals per game. She also shot 65 percent from the foul line.

"Briauna did whatever we asked of her - play the point, run from the wing or go inside," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "She was not concerned about scoring. We had to get her to shoot more instead of pass. She's one of the most polite, nicest and humble persons you'll ever meet."

Taylor, who made All-KLAA, is headed to Grand Valley State on a basketball scholarship.

Brittany Taylor, Sr. F, Liv. Franklin: The 5-9 senior twin, who helped the Patriots to their first-ever regional crown, averaged 11.2 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.3 steals per game while shooting 61 percent from the foul stripe.

"Brittany played mostly forward, but also the middle," McCall said. "Even though she was so undersized, she played against some of the top players in the state. She jumps and rebounds like she's 6-2. She loves to rebound and defend. She's also quick off the spin fake going from her left to her right."

"And just like her sister, she's one of the nicest, most polite and humble people you'll ever meet."

Taylor, who made All-KLAA, is a standout in soft-ball. She is also headed to Grand Valley to play hoops.

Kari Schmitt, Soph. F, Canton: The first-year varsity player proved to be an impact player for the 20-3 Chiefs. A first-team All-KLAA selection, Schmitt averaged 10 points and eight rebounds per game and played with an all-out exuberance that wore out opposing players.

"Kari had a great year," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "She led the team in just about every category and is already in the gym working hard to improve her game for next season. She's one of the hardest-working players I've coached."

Chelsea Carradine, Jr. F, Red. Thurston: The 5-10 junior proved to be a tough player to stop for other Mega Conference teams as she played just about anywhere on the court with plenty of success, a catalyst for the Eagles' 18-3 record and 16-game winning streak.

Thurston captured the Mega Blue division in large part due to Carradine's pow-

erful presence and ability to connect from many different locations on the floor.

"She has great basketball instincts," said Eagles' head coach Bob Ostrowski. "She sees the floor very well and is a very unselfish player."

Carradine led the team in scoring with an average of 18 points per game and also pulled down her share of rebounds (12 per contest) as she deserved her selection to the All-Mega Blue first team.

Chelsea Davis, Sr. F, Salem: The three-year varsity player was recently selected by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan to play in its prestigious summer All-Star game. Davis averaged 9.4 points per game and 10.1 rebounds while blocking over two shots per contest. She was also the team's top free-throw shooter, hitting 68 per cent of her attempts from the charity stripe. Davis received a scholarship from Wayne State University to play basketball next fall.

"Chelsea had a tremendous career here at Salem," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She rebounded, blocked

shots and has a tremendous ability to pass the ball for a big player. She's been a fantastic all-around player for three years for our program."

Shaakira Haywood, Sr. C, Plymouth: The 6-foot-1 energetic center earned an athletic scholarship at Northern Illinois University. A four-year varsity player, Haywood often drew double teams, but still averaged double-digits in rebounds and points. She also blocked 2.5 points per game. Haywood, who is also an outstanding student, is the daughter of former NBA great Spencer Haywood.

"I can't say enough good things about Shaakira," said Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant. "She is one of the most unselfish great players I've had the pleasure to coach. She blocked over two shots a game, but I can't tell you how many she altered. And when she did block a shot, she kept it inbound so it could trigger our fast-break."

Sara Stone, Jr. G, Salem: The junior do-everything player has already drawn the interest of several Division 1 college programs. Stone average 10.6 points per game and 9.3 rebounds while shooting over 60 per cent from the free-throw line.

"Sarah Stone, to me, is on the verge of becoming one of the best players in the area, if not the state," said Thomann. "She has a fantastic jump shot, she can handle the ball and rebound. Sara has great court vision, too."

Chelsea Williams, Soph. G, Liv. Franklin: The 5-8 sophomore moved to the point-guard slot for the Patriots' state tournament run and excelled.

The All-KLAA selection averaged 10.2 points, 4.0 rebounds and 4.5 steals per game while shooting 67 percent from the free throw line.

"Chelsea's quiet, with a dry sense of humor," McCall said. "She just turned 15 during the season and we had to decide where to play her, either the wing spot or up-top. She was very explosive and has deceiving quickness. She'll lull you to sleep and then come up with a big basket or steal. When she went to the point she made decisions like a 17- or 18-year-old. What a job the kid did for us."

Kaylee McGrath, Sr. C, Liv. Stevenson: The 5-11 senior forward averaged 13.4 points, 12 rebounds, two steals and 1.5 assists per game for the Spartans.

McGrath, Stevenson's MVP, had 15 double-doubles in points and rebounds en route to All-KLAA honors.

"Kaylee played 30 minutes per game and excelled against some of the best players in the (Kensington) Conference and (KLAA) Association," Stevenson coach Paul Tripp said. "She's an outstanding student, two-time scholar-athlete award winner who has the respect of her teammates, faculty and opponents."

CO-COACHES OF YEAR
Dave McCall, Liv. Franklin: The second-year varsity coach guided the Patriots to their greatest season in school history with a 24-4 record, its

first regional title ever and berth in the state Class A championship final.

Franklin captured the regional final with a convincing 49-31 win over Farmington Hills Mercy followed by a 45-39 quarterfinal victory over previously unbeaten Temperance Bedford.

Franklin then stunned Detroit Public School League champion Renaissance, 55-54, in overtime, at the state semifinals before losing to Benton Harbor in the finals, 60-46.

"We went into the season saying it would be a success if we reached the regional final," said the 50-year-old McCall, who is 42-9 in his two seasons as varsity coach. "Once we were able to win the regional, we were able to get the girls convinced that they could compete at that next level. And when teams tried to stop the Taylor twins, all the other players were

able to step up their games and respond. They were also so humble. They competed together and matured as a team."

Brian Samulski, Canton: The fourth-year coach has compiled a 64-26 record, with this past season being the most impressive as the Chiefs went 20-3 without a senior on their roster. Two of their three losses came against eventual Class A state runner-up Livonia Franklin. Under Samulski's guidance, the Chiefs won their second District title in four years and were known as one of the best defensive teams in the area. Among their trademark wins were triumphs over Franklin, Birmingham Marian and Salem.

"The kids had an outstanding year," said Samulski. "It's a great group of girls who improved and got better every game and every practice because of their amazing work ethic."

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Kari Schmitt, Soph. F, Canton
Chelsea Carradine, Jr. F, Red. Thurston
Chelsea Davis, Sr. F, Salem
Shaakira Haywood, Sr. C, Plymouth











SECOND TEAM
Caitlin Szczypka, Sr. G, Liv. Ladywood
Sara Schmitt, Soph. F, Canton
Jasmine Johnson, Sr. F-G, Redford Union
Sara Stone, Jr. G, Salem
Chelsea Williams, Soph. G, Liv. Franklin
Kaylee McGrath, Sr. C, Liv. Stevenson

THIRD TEAM
Rennica Lee Merida, Sr. C, Red. Thurston
Allyson Yankee, Sr. F, Luth. Westland
Cara Miller, Fr. G, Liv. Ladywood
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Chanel Payne, Sr. G, Westland Glenn

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Alysa Boldizar, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
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Rocks make blasting first impression in KLAA Central

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With an eye-popping display of offensive fireworks, Salem's baseball team made April Fool's Day seem like the Fourth of July.

On Wednesday, the Rocks made a major statement in the race for the inaugural KLAA Central Division title when they jumped all over Northville, 19-4.

Among Salem's 18 hits were three home runs — one each from Drew Grabowski, Dave Hales and Joe Posler.

"Hitting is contagious," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, referring to his squad's batting barrage. "Before the game, I asked the team to get good at-bats and not to throw the ball away on defense, and they did exactly that.

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We beat a very good pitcher in (David) Uberti, too."

Salem surged to 4-0 first-inning lead before plating six runs in the second. The host Mustangs scored a pair in their half of the second, but the Rocks answered with five more runs in the third and four in the fourth.

Uberti was pulled in the second inning.

Hales registered a four-inning complete game, striking out six without walking a batter. The senior fire-baller scattered eight hits.

"We hit well in our first game against Plymouth last week, but we couldn't get the big hits with runners on like we did

today," said Rumberger.

Same Ott (3-for-3, four runs, three RBI), Posler (3-for-4, two RBI) and Hales (3-for-4, five RBI) accounted for half of the winners' hits. Also contributing to the plate explosion were Heath Parling (2-for-3, three runs), Justin Baschi (1-for-2, three runs) and Chris Kordick, who laced two hits and knocked in a pair of runs.

FRANKLIN 14, CANTON 0: Senior right-hander Mark McRobb threw a one-hitter as Livonia Franklin (3-1, 2-0) earned the KLAA South Division triumph Wednesday against the host Chiefs (3-1, 1-1).

Steven Wells got the Patriots going in the first inning with a 2-run homer off Canton starter Dane Staples.

Garrett Gumm added a 3-run double

in the second inning and a 2-run double in the third to spark 7-run surge. Josh Weigand and Wayne Hawkins added two hits apiece.

McRobb struck out four and walked four to pick up the win.

PLYMOUTH 10, JOHN GLENN 9: In a KLAA South game Wednesday, Matt Skubik was the hero, going 3-for-4, including the game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh as the host Wildcats (2-0, 2-0) rallied to beat Westland John Glenn (2-3, 0-2).

Plymouth trailed 9-5, but rallied for four runs in the bottom of the sixth thanks to Skubik's RBI sacrifice fly to knot the count at 9-all.

He then brought home pinch runner Kelly Waite with the bases loaded single in the seventh.

Travis Mewton also went 3-for-4 for Plymouth, while teammate Matt Priebe added a 2-run homer in the third inning.

Brad Lineberry, in relief of starter Mike Nadratowski, got the victory. Steve Hickson had a triple, double and scored three runs for Glenn. Derrick Ammons added two hits, including 3-run homer in the second inning. Jake Campbell and Nate Bovia each contributed two hits, while Andrew DeLuca had an RBI triple.

Glenn starter Jake Sperry worked the first five innings before giving way to reliever Andrew McGrath, who suffered the loss.

Livonia Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons contributed to this story.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Tuesday, April 7

Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

Franklin Road at PCA (DH), 4:30 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Tuesday, April 7

Lutheran Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, April 7

PCA at Lutheran Westland, TBA

Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Wayne at Plymouth at JV stadium, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

PCEP City Meet, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

Canton girls at A.A. Pioneer Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 6

Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7

Plymouth at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.

Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

Wildcats run down River Rats, 3-2

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you ranked all the victories Plymouth's girls soccer team has registered in its short history, Wednesday's 3-2 triumph over defending Division 1 state champion Ann Arbor may be No. 1.

Playing at Huron, the Wildcats earned their second straight win over a state power when Jennifer Babcock snapped a 2-all deadlock with 15 minutes to play. On March 27, Plymouth ousted always-tough Saline, 2-1.

"This might be the year we finally get some recognition," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "It's definitely a confidence booster when you beat perennial powers like Saline and Ann Arbor Huron in the first week of the season."

The Wildcats trailed 1-0 at halftime despite playing into the teeth of a brutal, gusting wind.

"Considering the conditions,

GIRLS SOCCER

we were just hoping to go into the half with zeroes for both teams," Neschich said. "But they scored with about a minute and a half to go in the half."

The Wildcats didn't trail for long in the second stanza as MacKenzie Hengesh ripped a shot into the back of the net at the 38:30 mark off an assist from Kelly Dobbs.

A short time later, Plymouth forward Megan Peplinski stole the ball from a River Rat defender before lashing a left-footed shot from the top of the 18-yard box past the Huron goalie to give her team a 2-1 lead.

The River Rats answered with a goal mid-way through the second half, but Babcock provided the game-winner moments later.

Sophomore net-minder Marissa Williams was stellar in

net for the Wildcats.

SALEM 4, W.L. CENTRAL 0: On Wednesday at Salem, the Rocks improved to 1-0-1 with a resounding victory over the Vikings.

"I'm very proud of how the team is improving every day," noted Salem coach Joe Nora. "The girls worked very hard today against a tough, determined Walled Lake Central team."

"I thought we possessed the ball very well and when we created opportunities, we finished them off."

The Rocks were staked to a 1-0 halftime advantage when Lauren Booth scored off an assist from Kristina Klusek.

Salem doubled its lead to 2-0 after Tori Kaye converted a penalty kick after being taken down by a Viking defender inside the 18-yard box.

Salem capped the scoring on goals from Booth, who netted a free kick from 25 yards out,

and Ariel Dews, who finished a slick cross from Lindsey Roy.

Tracey Whalen and Tabitha Mann shared the shutout in goal as they each smothered two Central shots.

SALEM 1, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Friday at Northern, the Rocks improved to 2-0-1 thanks to Lindsey Roy's free-kick goal from 30 yards out with 20 minutes left in the contest.

Salem goalie Tracey Whalen notched the shutout by stopping six Knight shots.

"Lindsey hit a bullet that flew into the top left corner of the net," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We were missing five players due to injury and it was really cold, so we didn't have our 'A' game. What made the difference was how hard our girls worked all game. I was very proud of the heart and determination the girls showed tonight."

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MILESTONES



Courtney-Walton

Laura Marie Courtney and Alexander John Douglas Walton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, a 2008 graduate of Canton High School, is the daughter of Larry and Patricia Courtney of Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Nigel and Angeline Walton of Solihull, United Kingdom, is completing a masters degree in theology.

The couple plans to marry in July 2009 at Kellogg Park, in Plymouth.



Kozakowski-Reamy

Tonya Elizabeth Kozakowski and Aaron Calvin Reamy were married March 6, 2009 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia. The Rev. Steven Schaefer officiated.

The bride, daughter of Mike and Kathy Kozakowski of Livonia, is a 2005 Churchill High School graduate. The groom, son of Curt and Allison Reamy of Gallatin, Tenn., formerly of Livonia, also is a 2005 Churchill High School graduate and holds an associates degree in fire science from Schoolcraft College.

The bride's attendants were her sisters, Alicia Kozakowski, who served as maid of honor, and Renee Kozakowski, a bridesmaid; and the groom's sisters, Samantha Reamy, a bridesmaid, and Mary Reamy, a flower girl.

Ben DeWitt, the groom's cousin, served as best man and the groom's brother, Noah Reamy, and his cousin, Mikee Zimmerman, served as groomsmen.

The reception was held at Grand Celebrations in Farmington.

The newlyweds reside in Gallatin, Tenn.



Turri-Albertsen

Brian and Jill Albertsen of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Kalin, to Jason Turri, son of Gary and Theresa Turri of Westland. The couple wed in a private ceremony on Feb. 28, 2009, on the island of Jamaica. Attendees included the couple's parents; the bride's grandparents, Terry and Marge Byrd of Livonia; the bride's sister, Haley Albertsen of Livonia; and the groom's sister, Adrienne Turri of Chicago, Ill.

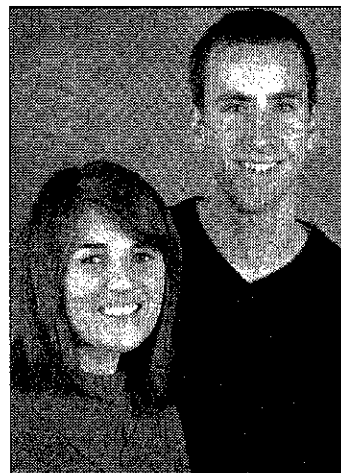
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Alloway-Fleming

Julee Elise Alloway and Kevin James Fleming plan to marry in August 2009 at St Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, in Canton.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Tracee Alloway of Canton, earned a medical billing certificate from Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Darlene Fleming of Plymouth, is a United States Marine Corps recruit.



Turney-Smucker

Kimberly Turney of Canton and Ryan Smucker of Rossford, Ohio, plan to marry in August 2009 in Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Tim and Janet Turney of Commerce Township, is a graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison. She received a bachelor's degree in social work from Grand Valley State University in 2005 and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University in 2006. She is employed by Cherry Street Mission Ministries as a licensed clinical therapist.

Her fiancé, son of Don and Jane Smucker of Coldwater, graduated from Perrysburg



High School in 1998 and from Taylor University in 2002, with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is an orthopedic consultant with Universal Medical Products in Perrysburg, Ohio.



William Arthur Colling

William Arthur Colling was born March 10, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Proud parents are Arthur and Brianne Colling of Redford. Grandparents are David and Ilene Cook of Livonia and Arthur and Catherine Colling of Roscommon.

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FINNISH-AMERICAN SINGERS

The Finnish-American Singers of Michigan is gradually becoming a local, international heritage-based choir which retains its unique history. The group holds its Spring Concert 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads on north side of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$10; children 12 and under free. For more information, call (248) 478-6939 or visit www.finnishcenter.org.

The program is titled "Americana" and includes highlights of U.S. history along with classical and folk Finnish hymns and tunes. In addition to the Finnish pieces, featured selections include *Follow the Drinking Gourd*, *I Want to go Back to Michigan*, *The Rhythm of Life*, and the *Americana* folk song suite.

HEART LECTURE

An educational evening focusing on women's heart health, will be presented 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday April 8, at

the Plymouth Arts Council by Oakwood Health System cardiologist Peter Mancini II. Hosted by Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, the event is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and is open to all women in the community.

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

The evening begins with light, heart healthy refreshments. Mancini's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period, deserts and coffee.

There is no charge, but reservations are recommended because space is limited. The Plymouth Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. For reservations, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grant making initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Plymouth and Canton, creates an endowment fund for the future, and builds a commu-

nity of women philanthropists. There are currently 63 women in the Giving Circle and new members are always welcome.

ANIMAL RESCUE BENEFIT

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue, based in Livonia, is one of the groups to benefit from Pets & Bets adoption and awareness event for Michigan no-kill animal shelters 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 25, at Bentley's Restaurant, 5586 Drake, south of Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The afternoon is filled with family fun and the evening for grown-ups.

Activities include pet adoption marathon, pet fashion contest, pet and people photography, a Casino, Texas Hold em Tournament, cash bar, tarot card reading, antique and collectibles appraisals, face painting, and chair massage. Visit <http://PETSandBETS.org> for details.

Admission is free from 1-6 p.m. and pets are welcome. Tickets for the evening activities are \$20 for the casino only, \$30 for dinner, \$50 for combination of both, and available in advance. Buy one full price combination ticket and get the second ticket for half price. All ticket purchases are tax deductible and benefit Michigan No-Kill Shelters.

Sponsors, vendors and volunteer opportunities also available. For more information, call (248) 636-PETS.

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.

Farmington Garden Club

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

Livonia Garden Club

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Joe Barson of Barson's Flowers, will give pointers on how to make beautiful containers for outdoor living spaces. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Susan Rakay at (734) 464-7915.

At English Gardens

Learn to grow your own fruits and vegetables at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at all English Gardens stores. Learn the basics of planning, planting, maintaining and harvest an edible garden.

Make It & Take It Workshop: Salad Bowl, 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at all stores. Session fee is \$24.99. Space is limited. Register online at www.englishgardens.com or at an English Gardens store. The store will provide all the supplies and information necessary to plant your own planter filled with vegetables to make a salad.

Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening, shows how to add color to the garden at noon in the Clinton Township store and at 3 p.m., in the Ann Arbor store, both on Sunday, April 19. Visit local English Gardens stores at

GARDEN CALENDAR

6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Swallowtail butterflies

Learn how to attract swallowtail butterflies to your backyard at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking available on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. (734) 326-0578; www.sembabutterfly.com

Three experts

The University of Michigan in conjunction with The Wayne County Master Gardener program hold their Seventh Annual Spring Day Innovations in Gardening, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Henry Ford Estate, 4901 Evergreen, on the U of M-Deaorbn campus. Check in at 8:30 a.m., will include coffee, tea and muffins. Dave Marsh will talk about colorful gardening with Proven Winners brand of flowers at 9:15 a.m. Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape Institute offers a creative gardening class on the principles of design, green practices, identification and characteristics of native Michigan plants at 10:30 a.m. He'll also offer suggestions about garden accessories. Julia Hefley will show how to create unforgettable entrances at 1 p.m. Lunch is included in the \$34 fee.

To register go to www.mgawc.org or mail a check to Mgawc, Spring Day, 19778 Silver Spring Dr, Northville, MI 48167-1942

Garden classes

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

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.

Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi Farm, Mililani, Hawaii, will be the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors, lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz, 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

Water solutions

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

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

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



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ELAINE ANN (NEE FORTIN) BARON

July 21, 1936 - March 17, 2009. Age 72, of Gaylord, MI and Rotonda, FL. A private memorial service will be held. Elaine attended Fordson High School in Dearborn, MI (1954). Received a nursing degree from Schoolcraft College and a BSN from Madonna College. She worked in various Detroit hospitals finally retiring from Henry Ford Hospital working in the area of substance abuse. Son Steven predeceased her on Dec. 2, 2008. She is survived by husband Thomas of 52 years, her daughter Elaine (Jim) Green of East Amherst NY and three grandchildren: Sarah and Rachel and James Michael. Special thanks to Dr. Moonka - Henry Ford Hosp., Dr. Lee Mitchell - Sarasota, FL., Dr. DeLeon - Englewood FL., Tidewell Hospice staff and Fr. A. Wilde & Fr. M. Dube - St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Grove City FL.



VICTOR S. FERRARI

Of Munith, MI. Age 76, died April 2, 2009 at home. He was born on February 22, 1933, in Nankin Twp., MI, the son of Eugene and Josephine (Frantz) Ferrari. On January 9, 1956 he married Susan J. Walk in Garden City and she preceded him in death on July 6, 2001. His true love was farming, red paint (International Tractors), and cats. He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict, being discharged on March 7, 1955. He is survived by his two daughters, Mary (Steve) Pock of Jackson, MI and June (Joe) Nehi of Riverside, CA, five grandchildren, Johnny, Joey, Jenny (Charles) Martin, Jason, and Joshua, and one great-granddaughter, Olivia S. Martin. He is also survived by five siblings, Mary Ferrari of OR, Evelyn Hickerson of FL, Vincent (Norene) Ferrari of CA, Leo (Pat) Ferrari of Highland, MI, and Alan Ferrari of Flint, MI. Funeral services will be held Monday, April 6, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. from the Staffan Mitchell Funeral Home, 901 N. Main St., Chelsea, with Rev. Larry Rubingh officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cascades Humane Society in Jackson.

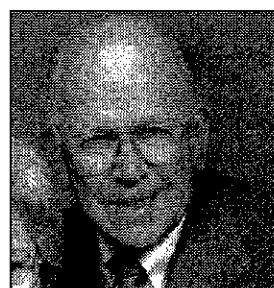
Donald Ray Schooler, age 62, of Garden City, MI died Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in Marquette, MI. He was born October 8, 1946 in Middlesboro, KY, the son of Iva Schooler. He was married to Bobbi Lawson on October 13, 2004 and she survives. In addition to his wife, Bobbi, Donald Ray is survived by one daughter, Dommi (Jeffrey) Smith of Dearborn Heights, MI; two grandsons, J-Man and Hayden and one granddaughter, Savanna. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Beacon House, 1301 N. 3rd Street, Marquette, MI 49855. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com.

AMANDA RUTH TORGL

Age 84, April 3, 2009. Beloved wife of Harold. Loving mother of Paul and Mark. Amanda was a former Red Cross Volunteer and was a Secretary in the legal and real estate industry. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Sunday 2-8 p.m. and at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Monday from 10 a.m. until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to American Red Cross or the Scleroderma Association. Share a memory of Amanda at www.rgharris.com

LARRY R. JARSEY

Age 56, of Waterford. Passed away on March 31, 2009. Beloved husband of Cindy. Loving father of James "Rob" (Jenn), Rachel Simpson & his step-children Craig & Shane. Best hockey grandpa to Alex, Ryan, Ethan & Evelyn. Cherished brother of Karen Brandt (Jarkey). He was preceded in death by his parents Barney & Nancy Jarkey of Plymouth, Michigan. Visitation from 12:00 Noon Sunday, April 5th until the time of service at 3 p.m., at the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 1233 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI. Larry was a HUGE fan of Red Wing Hockey. He loved to play his guitar & also served in the U.S. Navy. Larry was in furniture retail sales for over 30 years. Memorial appreciated to Disabled American Veterans.



JOHN A. OLSON

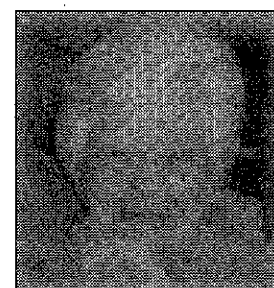
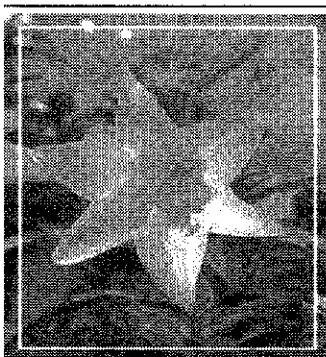
Age 86, of Plymouth, April 2, 2009. Beloved husband of 59 years to Alta. Loving father of David (Therese), Jon (Colleen), Mark (the late Nancy Coons), and Kurt (Patty). Adored grandpa/papa of Markus, Kevin, Nicholas, Ryan, Lauren, Elodie and Alice. Funeral service Tuesday 1 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Schoolcraft College Foundation. To leave a message of condolence, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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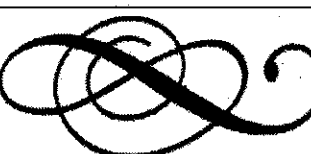
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CAROL VIRGINIA ANDERES TURNACLYFF

† Died on Monday, March 16, 2009, in Wheat Ridge, CO. A 45-year resident of Birmingham, she was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist there. In 1994 she moved to Oconomowoc, WI, and in 2005 to Wheat Ridge, CO. At 94, Carol continued to read her religious lesson each morning, to walk to the dining room of her care facility, and to enjoy visits from her children and grandchildren. Carol was predeceased by her husband, Jack, and her granddaughter, Meg Havekost. She is survived by her daughter, Candace Havekost, of Marietta, GA; her son, Jackson Turnaclyff (Marcia Lamb), of Denver, CO; four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to World Horizon, 8900 W. 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.



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Good Friday, April 10 at 12:00 noon - Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross.
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Good Friday April 10 • 12:15 pm Community Service & 7:30 Tenebrae Service
Easter Vigil April 11 • 5:30 pm
Easter Sunday April 12 • 8:00, 9:30 Traditional 11:00 am Praise

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Saturday, April 11 – 9:00 a.m. Family Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
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HOLY THURSDAY April 9 - 7:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8:00 a.m.
GOOD FRIDAY – April 10 – Noon – Scripture Service, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.
HOLY SATURDAY – April 11 – 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food – 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY – April 12 – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10:30 a.m. Mass All Saints School Gym – Blessing of Food after all Masses.

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April 11...**HOLY SATURDAY**
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St. Maurice Church 11:30a...St. Genevieve Church 1p
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4/10 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 2:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
No Confessions today.

4/11 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY: SEASON OF RESPECTION LITURGY 12:00pm-3:00pm

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NEIGHBORS

Let's grow

Livonia garden club invites community to dig in

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

The ladies of the Livonia Garden Club were practically cheering "let's grow" as they walked through Barson's Greenhouse in Westland. The Wednesday morning tour was in preparation for a talk Joe Barson gives at their April 7 meeting on container gardening. Thousands of patio pots and hanging baskets set the stage for questions from members. Louise Scanlan wanted to know "what kind of soil to use," Pat Smith "how often to water."

"With so many people working, container gardens are easier to take care of and have hardly any weeds because they're planted so close," said Scanlan, club president, "and you don't have to sit on the ground to tend them."

Angie Wilkie is a master gardener with a small lot. Container gardens allow her more space for growing. Wilkie's green thumb is always busy. When she isn't planting and weeding at Livonia Woods nursing center, Wilkie volunteers at Greenmead Historical Park with club members who maintain the flower beds east of Hill House.

"Container gardens are not difficult," Wilkie said. "You need plants that need the same environment, same kind of water, soil, sun or shade."

Debbie Barson, Joe's wife, likes

to use about nine plants in a 14-inch pot. She began assembling the more than 3,000 container gardens and hanging baskets at the end of February by herself. Joe jokes she won't let anyone else design the pots that add color to patios and porches. In addition to their 12 greenhouses on Merriman, the Barsons sell plants at the Garden City Farmers Market on Wednesdays starting May 1. Their business opened March 1 and carries a selection of plants and fish for water gardening as well.

"At the end of the season, I try to get feedback from customers on which varieties they liked to plan for next year," Debbie Barson said. "When I'm planting I mix it, different foliages and flowers. I use red fountain grass in the center for height, mini-super petunias, trailing plants. There's probably not two of the same plant in there."

WARM WEATHER PLANTS

Proper care is essential to the growth of plants in containers. Greenhouses offer light, humidity and warmth that isn't easily attainable inside a house. Debbie suggested taking containers outside when it warms to 50 to 60 degrees, then bringing the plants back inside if frost threatens.

Members were especially interested in learning about the Earth Box they recently saw on a morn-



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Joe Barson gives members of the Livonia Garden Club an idea of the topics he'll cover at their next meeting April 7. The members toured two of the 12 greenhouses at Barson's in Westland.

ing television program. The garden kit holds several annuals or two tomato plants and comes with fertilizing, self-watering apparatus and wheels for mobility.

"You've got to have a lot of light and warmth if you're going to plant them before May 15," Joe Barson said. "You can get flats or four-inch pots and stick them in a container. We use artificial mix instead of soil, a light, airy mix for a better root system. Something new for the greenhouses this year is using biodegradable pots. You can stick it right in the ground or pot. Not peat pots. These are coco coir liners (made from coconut fibers). We try to keep a lot of everything in

four-inch pots. New are red spikes, purple fountain grass, King Tut papyrus. Petunias can take a beating when it comes to drought."

Watering and feeding is essential to maintaining container gardens. Joe recommends dumping the potting mix every year and starting anew. "If plants are starting to die out in the center, you're not watering or feeding enough," Joe Barson said. "We started the succulent container gardens three weeks ago. They don't require as much water or as much care. The rest require water every day and to feed them every time you water with a lighter dose (than recommended on the instruction label). You eat

three times a day. You have to feed plants, too."

CLUB MEETINGS

Inspired by the informative morning with the Barsons, members were eager to put the knowledge to use. Livonia Garden Club members share tips during meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center. Along with their regular gathering, members organize a greens workshop and boutique during the holiday season, design arrangements for Angela Hospice patients, and hold a flower show every two years and plant exchange annually. The sharing takes place



Debbie Barson (left to right) talks to Livonia Garden Club members Angie Wilkie, Louise Scanlan, Barbara Perkett, Pat Smith, Judy Miller, and Liz Dougherty last Wednesday morning.

from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, in Greenmead Historical Park at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Everyone in the community is invited to dig up and pot their perennials and houseplants for the event, rain or shine.

"The garden club is so great because you learn so much. Speakers are so knowledgeable," member Judy Miller said. "Now I want to go home and start digging. I already took my dahlias out (of storage) and potted them up."

Ruth Moline tried to schedule speakers on a variety of topics.

"Last year, Joe spoke about ponds," said Moline, club vice president. "Sometimes we have speakers on flower arranging, March was on native plants and good and bad bugs with an expert from the Michigan State University Extension. Guests are always welcome. It's fun."

"I was having so much fun," Barbara Perkett said, "Louise joined."

"Lots of friends join together," said Louise Scanlan who became a member in 1996.

The Livonia Garden Club meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Livonia Senior Center in the city's civic center complex on Farmington Road and Five Mile. Dues are \$20 a year. For information, call Louise Scanlan at (734) 261-3835 or Susan Rakay (734) 464-7915. Liz Dougherty answers questions about the Plant Sharing on May 16. Call (734) 425-6880.

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Financial expert delivers good news

Bottom line — there are better days ahead. That was the good news coming from Rick Bloom, a financial adviser, attorney and partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills. The *Observer & Eccentric* columnist concluded the March “Economic Madness” series Monday night at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. I for one couldn’t have been happier to hear the respected financial expert take a positive attitude toward the economic crisis which is hitting Michigan hard.

“I learned we need to be hopeful,” said Ginny Britton of Farmington. “We can gloom and doom it but the economy has always rebounded.”

TURNAROUND PREDICTED

Bloom sees a turnaround for the country at the end of 2009, but our state not coming back for two or three years. That is a relatively short period of time when you consider the economic downturn was years in the making. He blamed the mortgage industry and products like variable interest rates for creating a credit crunch forcing businesses to lay off workers. He said Michigan needs to develop another industry. He believes the life blood of America is small businesses. He reminded the audience Michigan has “some great assets” including the Great Lakes.

“It’s not the worst of times,” said Bloom. “Foreclosures in the Great Depression were 50 percent, now it’s only 5 percent. We will have better days ahead of us but retirement has changed.”

Bloom said all of us, no matter our age, will need a rising income for the rest of our lives and that means saving and investing. He recommends having six months of living expenses in liquid assets. He told the audience to do a personal balance sheet because “you can’t cut unless you know what you spend.” His advice is to use a credit card only if you can pay it off at the end of the month.

“I’m tight with a buck,” said

Bloom. “My family and friends call me cheap. ‘On sale’ are favorite words. I love coupons.”

Bloom told of a niece being embarrassed when he was spotted buying jeans for \$10. Cutting expenses, however, allows us to save for the future. Even though many have lost large amounts of money in 401(k)s, Bloom still recommends contributing as well as investing. He prefers mutual funds. He doesn’t recommend long-term CDs because “inevitably inflation is going to start coming back.” He advises not looking at terms unless under one year.

“On the whole we should always be positive and optimistic,” said Bloom. “Our economy has grown through it all — wars, depression, recessions, terrorist attacks. We keep moving forward.”

INVESTING TIPS

There are a few rules he lives by when investing. Keep it simple. Define your goals and objectives whether saving for a vacation or retirement. He doesn’t invest in anything he can’t check out independently or anything without

a track record. Barb Erickson, a retired teacher, prefers to rely on a financial adviser. Bloom says, do your homework before seeking advice. Decide beforehand whether it’s best for you to pay a fee, commission or combination of both.

“If something sounds too good to be true, it is,” said Bloom. “Start with a game plan. Decide how much in stocks and bonds. Stocks always eventually go up. Choose 10 to 12 different asset categories.”

Bloom believes in diversifying or spreading out his risk and to sell high and buy low. But he says to be an investor not a gambler. Don’t buy individual stocks. Buy mutual funds based on performance and stay with it at least two years. He recommends Roth IRAs instead of traditional because the money grows tax free.

SAVING FOR COLLEGE

Ken Smith of Livonia was taking lots of notes especially about the Michigan Education Savings Plan since it only takes a minimum of \$25 to start accumulat-

ing money for college. Bloom said, start teaching kids as young as 9 about money and credit cards. He suggests the sites planetorange.com and misaves.com.

“I want to look at MESP for my only son, age 11,” said Smith. “I want to go home and have him set up an investment account.”

Kevin Pope is going to research the Michigan education plan for his 10-year-old son, but also plans “to do something” with his 401(k)s from previous companies. First he was going home to create a cash flow spreadsheet.

“I didn’t know what to do. I lost so much money,” said Pope, “but I’m thinking about rolling it into a Roth.”

Ed and Judy Dobson of Livonia planned to look into the MESP for the youngest of their three grandchildren. Ed spends as much as two hours a night studying products like mutual funds. He and Judy have been investing since the 1970s.

“I liked his attitude,” said Judy Dobson. “He put a time line on things getting better.”

Maureen Perri of Plymouth was encouraged by Bloom’s

comment “about our economy being the best in the world.” She is working on saving six months of personal expenses in case of emergency.

Jody and Ray Perez “learned not to be afraid, that things will rebound.” The Livonia couple both work full time.

“We have houses in foreclosure around us and it’s sad,” said Jody Perez. Their son, the Rev. Paul Perez, scheduled the speakers for

the series with the approval of Newburg senior pastor Marsha Wooley. Bloom ended it on a high note.

“This is the most resilient economy, the most resilient country,” said Bloom. “Don’t bet against it.”

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For a patient with arthritis, walking is not a recreation but is a therapy as important as any drug prescribed and like a medication, needs to be done on a daily basis, seven days a week. The best time to walk is early in the morning, since with that timing the biochemical benefit achieved gives the body a momentum that can carry through the day.

For patients with psoriatic arthritis walking outdoors brings an added benefit as the skin’s response to light and sun causes the psoriasis to recede. For people with Lupus, early morning walking has the advantage of being outside before exposure to the heavy rays of sun can initiate a lupus flare.

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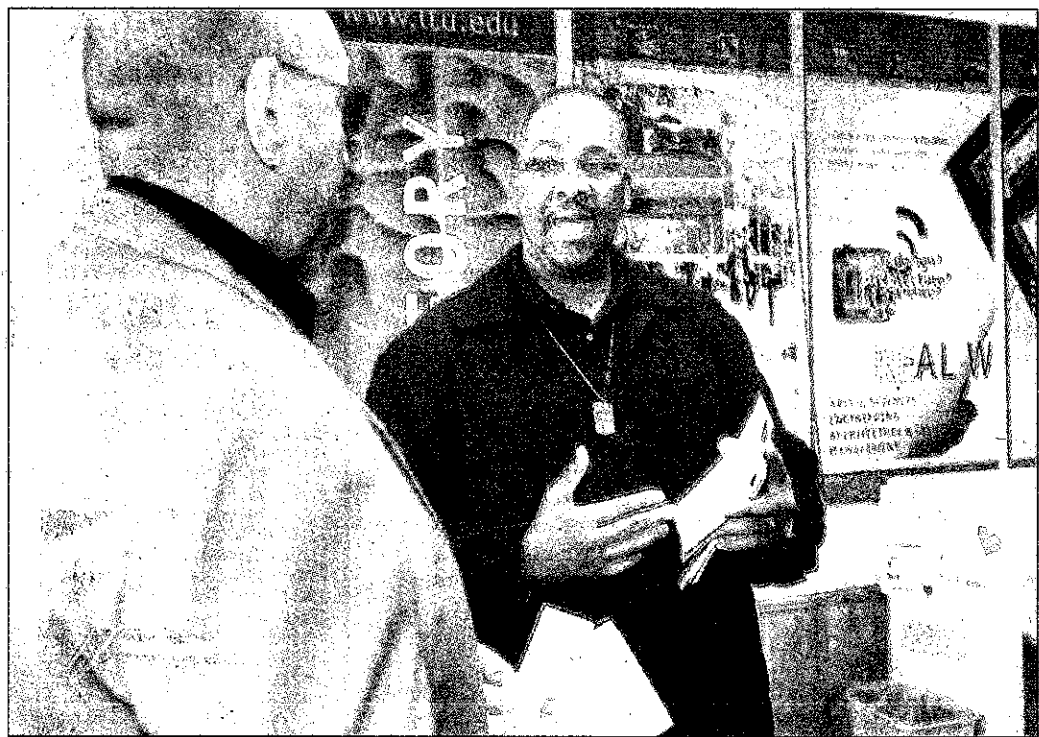
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Johnny Gonder passes out information on organ donation at the Southfield branch of the Secretary of State.



Cliff Yelder (right), recipient of a double lung transplant, talks to Larry Bragg about signing up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Yelder and Johnny Gonder, who received a kidney, were passing out literature at the Secretary of State branch in Southfield on Wednesday.

Campaign urges residents to join organ donor registry

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Cliff Yelder might not be here today if not for an organ donor. That's true of Johnny Gonder too. Both were alive and passing out information about signing up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry at the Secretary of State in Southfield on Wednesday.

The Tell Us Now campaign continues through April and May at 31 branch offices in Wayne and Oakland counties. About 50 volunteers are still needed, according to Tammie Havermahl, grant coordinator and project manager for Gift of Life, the Michigan organ and tissue donation program.

Yelder and Gonder went through training but Havermahl says that's not necessary as a manual is provided to volunteers interested in saving lives. As of March 1, 3,004 Michigan patients were waiting for organ transplants. One donor can save as many as eight

lives. All it takes is applying a red heart sticker on your license.

"They do not have to be knowledgeable about tissue and organ donation," said Havermahl. "Within 30 seconds or less they can sign up. A lot of people don't realize how simple it is."

Tell Us Now campaigns in Kent, Saginaw and Genesee counties saw a 400 percent increase in residents who made their wish known to donate organs after death. Signing the back of a driver's license no longer registers a donor as of 2007. Individuals must sign up to receive the red heart designating them as a donor.

Yelder and Gonder couldn't be more grateful to their donors. Yelder received a double lung transplant March 25, 2008. He was diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in 2001 after struggling for breath one Saturday morning. Today, at age 52, he spends three to four hours a day at the gym six days a week.

Yelder is determined to take good care of his donor's lungs and spread the word about transplants and organ donation. He volunteers for Gift of Life as well as the Henry Ford Hospital program, Transplant Living Community, for which Yelder shares his experience with patients starting the process.

"My first year out the chances of living were 50 percent," said Yelder of Southfield. "I was on the list three months but the odds were against me getting a donor because of my height and blood type. The transplant is the best thing that ever happened to me. Otherwise I would be dead. They gave me two to three years to live. This gift of life gave me a chance at another life. I work out to live."

Gonder was on the waiting list nine years after suffering kidney failure in 1998. He was forced to retire from teaching math in Detroit Public Schools and underwent dialysis for 3 1/2 hours, three times a week. The 57-year-old Southfield man received a kidney

from a cadaver Jan. 7, 2008.

"We're sharing our story, information, answering questions," said Gonder.

"The most asked question is will they take my organs while I'm still alive. No, they won't but some people don't know that. I try to ease their fears. I tell them, what greater gift than giving of yourself, to give an organ so someone else can live. I feel blessed to receive this gift."

Monique Lord-Harrington already had a red heart on her driver's license when approached by the two survivors on Wednesday.

"It's all about love and sharing," said Lord-Harrington, 38. "If you could save a life, why not?"

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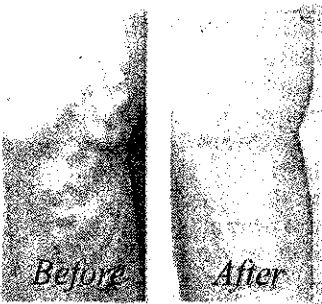
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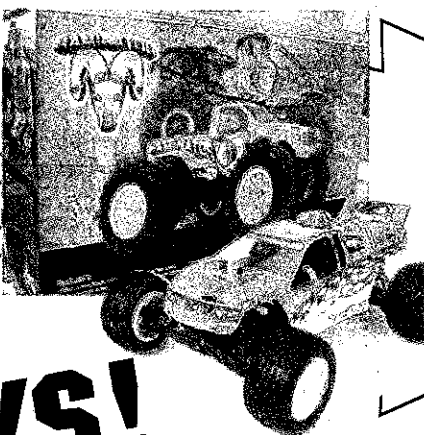
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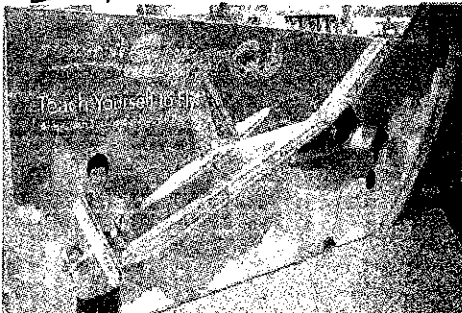


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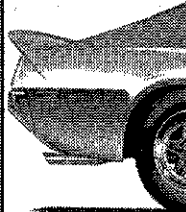
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- 20 Composure
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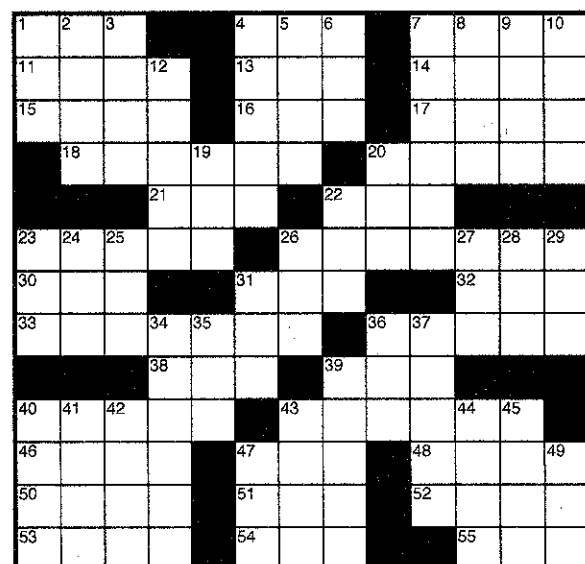
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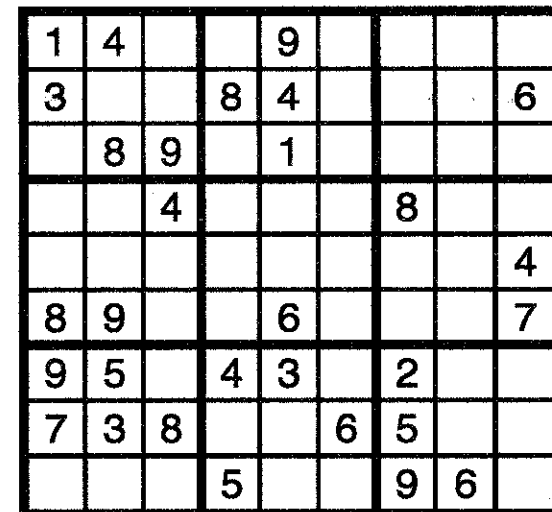
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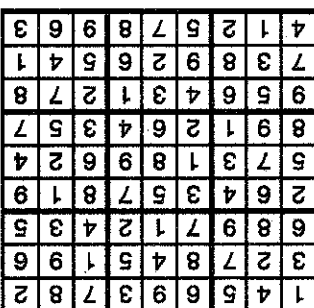
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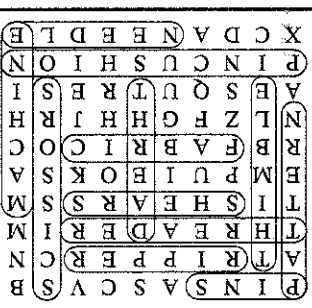
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