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Roman feast

Antonio's Cucina Italiana, located on Canton Center just south of Ford Road, invites the public to a "Roman Feast" — a special evening of food and wine beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22. It will be a celebration of the best of Italian culture and family cooking with an Italian Roman feast.

Enjoy a four-course menu of Antonio's signature foods paired with great wine — featuring the award-winning wine of Celani Family Vineyards of Napa Valley, which is owned by Vicki and Tom Celani who will be the special guests.

Proceeds from the event will benefit survivors of the recent earthquake that devastated much of the Italian countryside.

Space is limited for the event, so call for reservations at (734) 981-9800.

Indigo Girls

The Indigo Girls, who are on the road promoting their new release, Poseidon and the Bitter Bug, this spring/summer and will be in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, April 22, at the Michigan Theater. The group is partnering with the Humane Society of Huron Valley, which serves Canton Township, and are asking for donations of pet food.

According to a statement, the Indigo Girls realize many pet owners have been faced with tough decisions about caring for their pets due to foreclosures and job losses, the same reason the HSHV started a pet food assistance program last October called Bountiful Bowls.

"Michigan has been one of the hardest hit states in this recession, and we've seen a large increase in pets being relinquished because of economic circumstances. It's heart-breaking for people to lose a job and then have to decide if they can afford to keep their pet," said Deb Kern, marketing director of HSHV.

Items most sought by the HSHV include high quality, nutritional dry cat and dog food in small bags (i.e., Science Diet, Iams, Eukanuba, Purina), high quality canned cat food, and gift cards to pet supply stores.

To learn more about the HSHV and Bountiful Bowls pet food assistance program, including how to apply to receive the supplements, visit www.hshv.org or call (734) 662-5585. For more information about the Indigo Girls and their tour, visit www.indigogirls.com.



Indigo Girls

A \$50,000 pitch

Owners of Kickers to transform Diamonds into 'high energy' sports bar

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new fare and flair will be coming to the Canton Sports Center restaurant next month.

The owners of Kickers Restaurant in Livonia — Billy and Pete Stoyanovich — will turn the current Diamonds eatery into a sports venue at the end of May.

"We're going to be adding 25 plasma TVs, have tent parties and bring in live bands to create some energy," said Duane Owens, marketing and promotions manager for Kickers. "There will also be a new menu there, including our house favorite at Kickers, prime rib."

"While Kickers is the ultimate first date with the dining room, comedy and dance club, the new restaurant will be a dress casual, high energy sports bar," he said.

Canton Leisure Services Director

Ann Conklin said the contract for Diamonds ends May 25 and the township decided to go out for bid. She said the owners of Kickers developed a strong proposal.

"Their financials were stronger, their initial investment of capital was stronger and they are going to expand the business, which we thought was in the best interest of the Canton community," Conklin said. "They are going to spend \$50,000-\$60,000 on some major renovations. The new operators have an intent to capitalize on what surrounds the restaurant — the softball diamonds owned by the township and the privately run ice rink and soccer facilities — with a strong sports theme."

Diamonds restaurant is open from 4-11 p.m. and closes several days a week during the winter season. Kickers owners plan to expand the menu to include lunch, possibly

breakfast during the softball season, and stay open all year long. That could mean more revenue for Canton Township, which has owned the softball complex since 1999.

"We are guaranteed \$55,000 a year from Kickers or 13 percent of the gross sales," Conklin said. "The best we've ever made is \$50,000, and Diamonds only offered us 10 percent of the gross."

"The Kickers people have great ideas to open for lunch, which is a great opportunity for added revenue," she said. "And they're talking about adding comedy and cross promotions with the Village Theater (at Cherry Hill)."

Owens said community involvement will be a part of the plan for the new restaurant, just as at Kickers which allows nonprofit groups to raise money by selling tickets for comedy nights.

"The typical nonprofit makes

\$1,500-\$4,000 an event," said Owens. "Last year, nonprofits raised over \$300,000. We'll be doing something similar for nonprofit groups in Canton at the new restaurant."

The name of the restaurant has yet to be established. Owens said they will take over May 26 and begin operations May 29 in outdoor tents while renovations inside take place. He said the restaurant should be open the first week of June.

The restaurant name Kickers has significance for the Stoyanovich brothers. The Crestwood High School graduates both went on to become college football kickers — Pete at Indiana University and Billy at Michigan State. Pete Stoyanovich played in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Rams, while Billy kicked in the Arena Football Team. Both wore No. 10.

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'Rocky Dust Gal'

Local distributor's organic products replenish the soil

BY KURT KUBAN
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Earth Day is a big deal to Maria Wine. In fact you might even say taking care of the planet is a 365-day-a-year effort for the Canton resident and mother of four.

While she does all the things most environmentally-conscious people do, such as recycle and conserve on water, she is also concerned about the soil. That is why a couple of years ago, she decided to start using organic fertilizer in her garden.

In particular, she started using Gaia Green products, which she discovered during a trip to Canada. The Western Canadian-based company sells a number of odd-sounding products, including fruit bat guano and worm castings — in other words, bat and worm excrement — and glacial rock dust. Wine had such success with the products, she decided to start selling them here in America, and she is now the only distributor in the entire Midwest. The products have received Michigan Department of Agriculture approval and are safe to use anywhere in your garden or lawn.

"My kids and our pets run around outside all summer long. I don't have to worry about them getting sick from any chemicals because there are no chemicals in these products. Everything is natural," said the 52-year-old Wine, who lived in Plymouth before moving to

GAIA GREEN PRODUCTS

Canton's Maria Wine is the Midwest's only distributor of the Gaia Green products. Her organic products can be purchased at Plymouth Nursery and Lucas Nursery in Canton, or can be ordered directly through her by calling (734) 667-2936 or e-mailing rockdustgal@yahoo.com. For more information about the products, visit www.gaiaorganic.com.

Canton. "In fact, my kids really like to help me apply the products to our garden. We mix a few spoonfuls of rock dust in potted plants, around flowers and just sprinkle it into the grass."

According to Wine, adding Glacial Dust (mineral-rich sediment collected from the remnants of receding glaciers) to the soil, for example, isn't just good for the soil — its minerals are also excellent for the plants that grow in the soil. That means it's great for gardens and ultimately those who eat the produce.

"Instead of giving your kid a vitamin, you give this stuff to your plants and they will be healthy the way they should be. It will be healthy food," she said.

Having grown up on a 50-acre farm just outside of Ann Arbor, Wine has always had an appreciation for the relationship people have

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Canton's Maria Wine, known as the 'Rock Dust Gal,' distributes worm castings and bat guano, as well as glacial rock dust.

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Volunteers needed to repair homes owned by seniors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's *Extreme Makeover Home (Canton) Edition*. Similar to the popular Sunday night ABC television show, in which a crew is given a week to rebuild a home for a needy family, Canton's Christmas in Action chapter does much of the same type of work — but in one day.

"It's the fifth year we've been doing it," said Jim Cisek, president of the Canton Christmas in Action chapter. "So far we've repaired 37 houses absolutely free of charge for financially strapped senior citizens or somebody severely handicapped."

"Sometimes all we do is repair flower beds, rake and cut bushes," he added. "At some homes we replace asphalt and concrete driveways, put in new hot water tanks and furnaces or install new windows ... whatever it takes to help somebody in need."

What it does take is plenty of volunteers. Depending on the weather, Cisek said they get from 100-250 people to help on the one-day project. Christmas in Action is looking for volunteers to meet at Canton Township Hall at 7 a.m.



Volunteers for Canton's Christmas in Action chapter pose in front of one of the 37 homes they have fixed up over the last four years. They will be at it again on Saturday, and are in need of more volunteers.

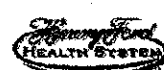
Saturday for a work day that will end at 5 p.m. "We're looking for skilled and unskilled volunteers," Cisek said. "We also get teens who need

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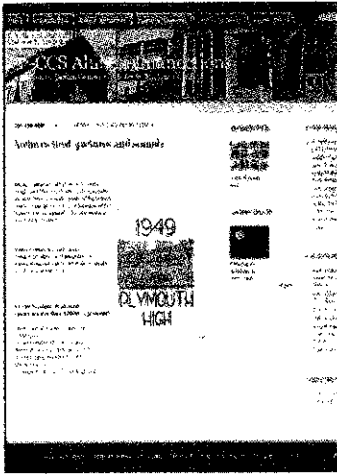


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The school district's new Web site is aimed at bringing alumni into the fold.

District launches Web site aimed at P-CCS alumni

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth-Canton school district launched its new alumni Web site recently, there's no evidence Steven Sneideman or Mark Even lit cigars to cel-

ebrate the birth.

But the pair undoubtedly felt like proud new parents.

Sneideman, a Board of Education trustee, and Even, the district's technology consultant, were the driving forces behind P-CCS Alumni Connections, a Web site the

district hopes will draw interest — and, to a lesser extent, perhaps some donations — from alumni around the country.

"It started out as being about money, maybe, but then we realized how much more it could do," said Even, a P-CCS alum himself. "There's a lot (on the site) already, and yet comparatively speaking (to what it could become), there's almost nothing there. The structure is there and now we can keep filling up the container. It's exciting."

The previous board had added a development (fund-raising) position, but it was cut in a round of budget reductions. The district's development budget dropped from \$175,000 to some \$50,000, according to Sneideman.

Since Sneideman had an interest in that area, he started looking into ways to manage it in the tighter economy. One of the things he discovered, he said, was the district wasn't doing much reaching out to alumni.

Sneideman believed alumni were an important asset, not just for donations, but for things like guidance and even job opportunities for current students.

"We didn't have a good mechanism for reaching out," Sneideman said. "We wanted to continue alumni reach-out, not just for money, but to bring them back in for other things. (But) it needed to be done at low cost or no cost."

Using a printed newsletter was cost-prohibitive, Sneideman pointed out, so attention went to the Internet, where the district already had a Web site. What the district also had was a contract with Harris Connect Inc., a Virginia firm that put together a 2007 Alumni Directory.

The company had its own Web site and, maybe more importantly, some 8,000 e-mail addresses for alumni. That got Sneideman and an ad hoc committee thinking about an electronic newsletter. Mark Even looked at a variety of universities and other entities to see how such a thing was done.

Eventually, the official home page for Plymouth-Canton alumni was born. The page offers sections for alumni "what are you doing" notes, historical archives (there's one cool video from 1945 put to music from the same era), image, video, audio, newspaper stories and alumni "Memories."

There's also a place where the district partners with the Educational Excellence Foundation so alumni can donate to the district. And all submitted information flows through Harris Connect's Web site as a sort of filter, from which school district officials pick and choose to add to their site.

"Harris is doing the heavy lifting," Even said. "Harris already had the whole mechanism set up ... it was easy to use that service."

One of the things Even likes about the site is the way it can get even current students involved. The district's video team, a Web team and photography students have all contributed to the site, and some history students will produce a special project over the summer, Even said.

Goals for the site, according to Sneideman, include building an Alumni Committee, offering online merchandising opportunities, coordinating reunions, establishing links with online social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.com, and expanding student involvement.

"We hope to load it with more and more content," Sneideman said. "We don't know what alumni have in their attics. I'm sure they have some pretty good stuff. It will be a growing, breathing thing we hope will continue."

Check out the site at www.alumni-plymouth-canton-schools.net.

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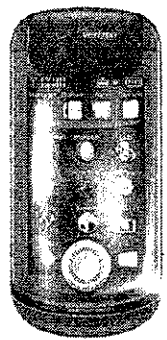
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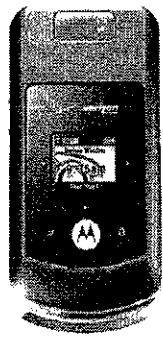
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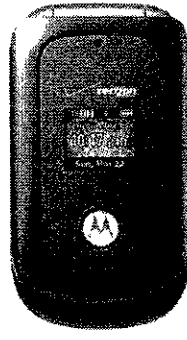
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Plymouth High fund-raiser

The Plymouth High School baseball and football boosters will host a Texas Hold 'em fund-raiser April 23-30 at the Shark Club on Ford Road in Canton. The event will feature cash games and blackjack, and will have cash payout to players. The PHS baseball and football programs receive 50 percent of the proceeds. Times for the fund-raiser are Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m.-2 a.m. and Monday through Thursday 6 p.m.-2 a.m.

Year in review

The Canton Board of Trustees will host a study session at 7 p.m., on Tuesday evening. The main topic of discussion will be to review 2008. They will specifically look at the performance of the Public Safety and Human Resources departments and the executive director, John Santomauro.

Leisure Services registration

Canton residents can begin registering for spring/summer 2009 Leisure Services programs and classes online starting Wednesday, April 22, at 6 p.m. Interested individuals can register at <http://leisure.canton-mi.org>, where complete course descriptions are also available in the Discover catalog, which was recently mailed to Canton residents.

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.opendoorfoodministry.com) and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

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

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

Senior safety meeting

The Canton Senior Safety Coalition will meet at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Canton Police Department, Conference Room C.

Sgt. Mark Gajeski, who is the department's Community

Relations Coordinator, will coordinate all Senior Safety Coalition meetings. This month's agenda will include an update on community policing, and address any comments and concerns.

Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee (Wayne 11th CDRC), which serves Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, will host a fund-raising Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner on April 30 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The evening's featured speaker is Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser and the keynote speaker is Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television's Off the Record. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and a table of 10 is \$450.

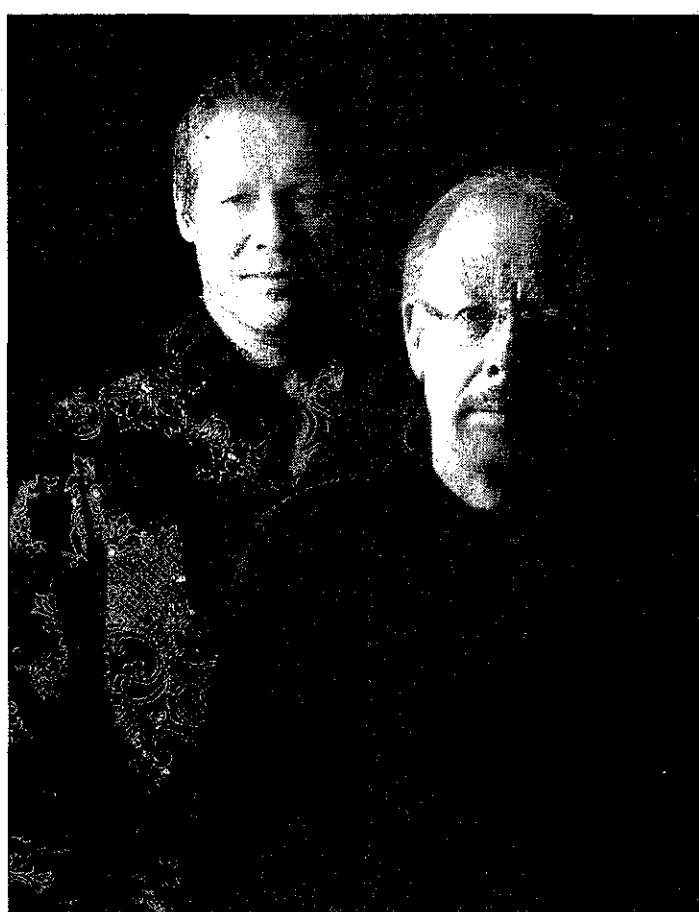
Weiser, founder of the real estate company McKinley Associates, retired as the CEO and chairman in 2001 to become the U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Since his return from the foreign service in 2005 he has been actively involved in political campaigns and non-profit work.

Skubick is anchor and producer of the weekly public TV series Off the Record. He has anchored this weekly public TV series since 1972 and is the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps. The show is seen on Michigan Public Television stations and has an audience of 100,000 viewers each week.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Pattie Coughlin at (248) 474-3525 or Coughlanlvn@att.net, or Carl Berry at (734) 354-6075 or xcop97@wowway.com.

Little Lambs enrollment

Little Lambs Christian Preschool, which provides a Christ-centered education for 3, 4, and young 5 year olds, is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year. Every Tuesday evening in April the school will host an



The Tequila Mockingbirds

The Tequila Mockingbirds will bring their classic rock sound to Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Friday, May 1 as part of the theater's First Friday Concert series. Tickets for the show, which starts at 8 p.m., are \$12 and can be purchased online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, at the Village Theater box office or at the front desk of the Summit on the Park. For more information on The Tequila Mockingbirds, visit the group's Web site at www.myspace.com/tmbirds.

open visitation between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Contact Shari Jackson at (734) 414-7792 for more information. LLCP is located at 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, just south of Joy Road, inside Charisma Life Church. You can visit the school's Web site at www.pbcplymouth.org.

Adopt-A-Road clean-up

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.gcgreen.biz for more information and to volunteer.

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'The Pajama Game'

Local theater group Spotlight Players will present the musical comedy "The Pajama Game" between April 24 and May 9 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13-\$18. To RSVP call (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Concert to end hunger

The Birchler Family will host its "Jammin To End Famine" concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger (www.feedingchildren.org) on Friday, April 24 at Monaghan's, Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia (www.livoniakofc.com). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy pizza, salad and a

cash bar along with the music of Mark Edwards (singer/songwriter), The Shawn Riley Band (performing a tribute to the music of the fifties), The Paisley Fogg (featuring Motown and the sixties sounds of America), British Beat 66 (British invasion sixties music), and 2 Dayz Gone (eighties rock n' roll).

Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the door or in advance by contacting Tom Birchler at tbirchler@twmi.rr.com or John Birchler at johnbirchler@wideopenwest.com.

Farmers Market to open

Preparations are underway for the opening of the Canton Farmers Market third season on Sunday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will then be open every Sunday from April 26-Oct. 25 rain or shine at this historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including: fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include Aunt Violets Cottage offering mosaic tile work; Sansonetti Gourmet Foods offering pasta sauces, appetizers, mustards, barbecue sauces, salsa, and dipping oil; Sun River Natural offering homemade bath salts and lotions.

Returning vendors include Baubles by Barb, Boblin Honey, John the Wood Guy, Just for Fun, Kapnick Orchard, Linda's Lighthouse Beads, Paluch Farm, Parran's Greenhouse and Farm, Skin Essentials, Vena's Greenhouse and West Farm.

Special activities are planned for the opening including the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout, where all you closet chefs can show off your culinary skills. While at the market, be sure to purchase a Farmers Market tote made from recycled materials, while supplies. The public is encouraged to attend and there is no admission to enter the Market.

Canton Farmers Market is

always looking for new and unique vendors to add to our outdoor market, especially meat, cheese, seafood, and dairy vendors. Applications are still being accepted for the 2009 season. Vendor market applications and registration forms are available at leisure.canton-mi.org or by contacting the market manager at spaylo@canton-mi.org or (734) 398-5570 extension 5.

Relay fund-raiser

The Westwood Community Church is doing a Relay for Life fund-raiser on May 5 all day at Carvel Ice Cream, 41990 Ford Road, Canton. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Relay for Life, which is scheduled to take place May 16-17, 2009 at Heritage Park. For more information, call (734) 983-9120.

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.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

These are the profiles of the three candidates who are vying for the one-year term on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the May 5 school election. The candidates are incumbent Steve Becher and challengers Angela Hoops-Cossey and John Goci.

Goci: Business experience will benefit WW

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I am committed to seeing our children reach their full potential. Giving back to the community means everything to me. My extensive business experiences give me insights into the financial and administrative sides of the school district. I will bring to the school board strong leadership skills, dedication, and the ability to solve problems effectively.

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I will bring a business sense to the district and the community. My tireless work ethic with strong leadership, dedication and effective problem solving are skills I have developed and can offer as a school board member. I am the parent of middle school and elementary students, I understand the challenges facing our students.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

1. Active parental involvement is critical for children to succeed in school and achieve high academic standards. 2. As a business owner, I understand the importance of building partnerships in the community. Partnerships provide greater opportunities

JOHN GOCI

Who: John Goci, 39, of Westland

Employment: Owner of the US 12 American Grill

Family: Married with four children

Education: 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School, attended Schoolcraft Community College and Henry Ford Community College 1989-92

Community Involvement: Patchin Elementary PTA, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Lions Club.



for students and greater resources for schools.

3. Funding. We need to make sure that teachers have adequate facilities, educational materials and the necessary resources from the administration. Funding should also be directed to individual student needs, including children with special needs.

4. How would you address those issues?

1. The school board must take the lead to encourage active parental involvement and reach out to parents who

feel less connected.

2. We need to build partnerships with our local community businesses and organizations. We must not overlook the value of small organizations and individual volunteers who can enrich children's education.

3. I would work with the school administration and elected representatives to restore the millions they recently cut out of our budget. I would like to pursue other sources of funding, such as charitable gaming.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

I have interviewed with the Wayne-Westland Education Association for their endorsement, but the most important endorsement to me is the one that is given by the people that live in our community.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I have lived and worked in Wayne Westland area for 30 years. I was raised and educated and have chosen to raise and educate my family here. I have a huge stake in our schools and our community as a citizen, parent and employer. I will always put our kids first and I will make sure that our teachers have the necessary material and facilities to give our kids the best education.

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I believe that my five years on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education - four of which I have served as Treasurer - gives me the experience and knowledge to best serve the people of our district. The critical financial dilemma facing public schools today demands experienced people familiar with school funding to lead their districts forward. I believe that I have that experience and knowledge. We must keep our district and our money well managed while providing a first class education for our children.

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I believe my unique qualities bring knowledge and experiences that no other candidate brings to the board. My wife and I are both retired teachers from the Wayne-Westland Community School district. We both taught elementary as well as middle school. Both my children attended Wayne-Westland schools from kindergarten through graduation from John Glenn. I also served a three-year term as president of the teacher's union.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

The major issues facing the school district are adequate funding, especially for the districts like Wayne-Westland with declining enrollment,

STEVE BECHER

Name: Steve Becher, 63, Wayne

Employment: Retired teacher from Wayne-Westland (30 years)

Family: Married with two children

Education: Graduated from high school in 1964, received a bachelor of science degree in 1969, master of arts degree in 1972 and educational specialist degree in 1984, all from Eastern Michigan University, Levels 1, 2, 3 Michigan Association of School Boards Board Certifications, 2004-2005

Community involvement: Chairman of the Food Distribution Program, City of Wayne, 5 years; Member of the Wayne Zoning Board of Appeals, 17 years; member of the City of Wayne Local Officers Compensation Committee, 6 years; Treasurer of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, 4 years; member of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, 5 years; treasurer of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, 6 years, and former member of the Wayne Kiwanis Club.



community regarding the unpleasantness of the strike and recall movement.

4. How would you address those issues?

The board must be willing to lobby our state representatives to ensure that fair and equitable funding be given to Wayne-Westland. We must provide all assistance necessary to ensure that all our students are able to pass the new rigorous demands of the state high school requirements. We must be visible in the community reminding our citizens of ALL our successes and what a great district we are.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

I am seeking endorsements of all registered voters in our district. I believe that I have been a valuable member of the board for the past five years and I hope the voters will agree.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a doer. I have lobbied our state legislators for more money for our district. I have attended nearly 100 activities on behalf of the board during this past year, promoting our district. I believe that I am fair and open to new ideas and thoughts about improving our district. I am always available to answer questions from my constituents. I believe that my record speaks for itself and I am asking for your support.

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Hoops-Cossey: Focus on better education for students

Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I am currently a teacher at Huron Valley Catholic School, a private school in Ypsilanti, but have taught in public and charter schools as well. I hope to, in the near future, serve in the administration aspects of a school. My decision to run for the school board comes from a personal interest in school government, a desire to put children first and provide quality education for all, and to ensure that the fine arts remain a part of the curriculum.

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

The qualities and skills that, I feel, suit me well for this position are: (1) my chosen career and the knowledge I have acquired from teaching in public, charter, and private schools; (2) my attention to details, organization, and ability to listen,

ANGELA HOOPS-COSSEY

Who: Angela Hoops-Cossey, 29, of Wayne

Employment: Band/music teacher at Huron Valley Catholic School in Ypsilanti.

Family: Married with a six-month-old daughter

Education: 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School; bachelor's degree in music education, 2001, Western Michigan University; master of science degree in educational leadership, 2007, Madonna University

Community Involvement: Centers on her teaching profession



communicate, and provide constructive feedback; and (3) my supportive, yet achievement-oriented, style of leadership.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

The top three issues that I feel we are faced with are: (1) the budget crisis, (2) the loss of students, and (3) class size.

4. How would you address those issues?

The budget crisis affects all other areas of school management and I would take action on this issue by carefully monitoring our revenues and reviewing the amounts allocated to certain projects and categories. I would expect that, with hard economic times, we would need to keep our visionary goals in mind and make decisions for increased student achievement. I would also encourage district residents and school officials alike to write our legislators about our funding before even more cuts are made under Gov. Granholm's recent school aid proposal. With regard to the loss of

students, I would propose that we conduct an exit survey to determine the reasons families are leaving so we have some kind of data for analysis and decision making purposes.

Class size is an expensive issue to discuss, but I do feel that smaller class sizes can be afforded through a strategic budget plan that sets it as a top priority and there is substantial research that shows a relationship between class size and standardized test scores.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

As of now, I have not pursued endorsements.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a qualified, organized, and hard-working candidate who has experience in education. My focus is on the betterment of education for students and the community.



Battle of the Books victors

All Saints Catholic School hosted a Battle of the Books for its sixth graders on Thursday, April 2. The winning team was the Reading Red Wings comprised of (pictured) Olivia Sanabria, Nolan Gerou, David Bindon, Connor Schumrick from Mr. Arnould's class. They won Border's gift cards and earned a pizza party for their whole class. Runners-up were the Red Hot Readers (Nick Peterson, Glenn Plot, Megan Makarewicz, Kailey Savona) from Ms. O'Connor's class, who earned a giant Hershey chocolate bar. The battle was a culmination of eight weeks of reading and preparation with the top two teams 'battling' for the championship with their knowledge of eight selected books.

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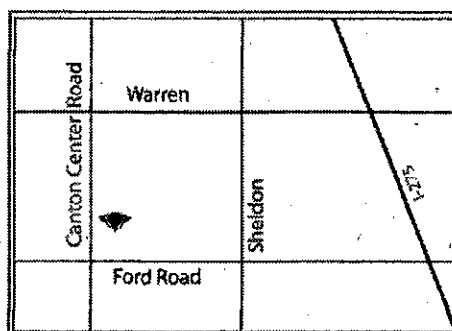
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EDUCATION NOTES

Former educator honored

Canton resident Sandy Downs will be honored as 2009 Woman of Distinction by the Plymouth-Canton chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society with a dinner at Fox Hills on May 5.

Downs is retired from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools where she taught math for 35 years. She has participated and been recognized nationally for development of Outcome Based Education, especially in math. She has served on and chaired North Central Accreditation teams. She received the school district's Extramiler Award in appreciation of her work.

At the local Delta Kappa Gamma level she has served as vice president, secretary, and chairwoman of the chapter's scholarship committee. She coordinated the group's annual fall craft show which produces the funds for local high school scholarships.

At Canton High School, Downs served on the curriculum and text selection committees, cheerleader coach and hiring committee.

In retirement, Sandy continues her interest in young people but has also taken up the production of fine handmade costume jewelry.

Open house/science fair

All Saints Catholic School will host a spring "Open House" and "Science Fair" on Thursday, April 23. Stop by either between the hours of 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

Visitor will have the opportunity to meet with school staff and view the science projects completed by the school's fifth through eighth grade students.

For more information, contact Barb Martin at (734) 459-2490. All Saints Catholic School is located at 48735 Warren Road, in Canton.

VBPS community HUG

Two years ago, concerned community members of the Van Buren school district came together to Help Unity Grow and the community HUG was born. The first year more than 700 students, parents, and community leaders joined hands in a symbol of strength and unity. Last year more than a thousand members of the community gathered to share in the commitment to Protect Everyone's Access to Community Education (PEACE).

This year there is a call for "A Day of Caring" as the HUG continues to gather momentum during hard times and stand together for a bet-

ter community.

This year the HUG committee has partnered together with the Salvation Army for a community food drive that will run through May 2, the day of the 2009 Community HUG, which will take place at Belleville High School.

"This year the HUG committee wanted to do more than create a positive symbol," said Paul W. Henning, communications specialist with Van Buren Public Schools and co-chair of the event. "We are keeping the pancake breakfast and HUG that were popular the last two years and adding the food drive to help the families in need during these difficult economic times."

They will also be adding a community resources expo on the day of the HUG.

All donations to the food drive will benefit community residents in need. Items needed include dry and canned foods, and personal care items (baby wipes, baby wash/shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothpaste, etc.).

Canned food and supplies can be dropped off at any of the following location during the month of April at the administration building, and various schools in the district. For more information contact Henning at (734) 697-9123, ext. 225 or The Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

Student wins award

Several Canton students were successful in the recent Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America, which is in its 52nd year. More than \$20,000 in scholarships is awarded each year, ranging from \$250 to \$2,600. Students take a two-part examination from topics in high school mathematics.

Canton High's Willa Chen received a \$250 Scholarship and Nicholas J. Wasylshyn received an honorable mention.

Salem High's Akshay A. Amin, Nikita Consul, Peter Su, and Scott X. Su all received a \$250 scholarship. Natasha Consul, Suray D. Nagaraja, and Jason C. Yu received an honorable mention.

The official Web site of the competition is www.svsu.edu/mmpe and contains all information about the program including scheduling, registration materials and previous exams with solutions. Part I of the competition is given in the fall of each year. Contact your high school mathematics teacher if you are interested in taking the exam next year. The Michigan Section's web site is www.michmaa.org.

GREEN

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with the earth. She wishes more people understood the impact they have on the soil, especially those who use chemical or synthetic fertilizers, which she says is like adding poison to the soil and harmful in the long run.

Wine, also known as Rock Dust Gal, likes to quote Theodore Roosevelt, who she says once said: "A nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself."

She hopes more people turn to organic products, whether they are from her or some other source.

"I know we have a lot of smart people who care about their yards, their bodies, their

world," she said. "Now is the time to start making choices to take care of the Earth. It's the only one we have."

Wine will be at the Green Street Fair in Plymouth May 3-4 with her products. For more information on how glacial rock dust, bat guano or worm castings can be used in your garden, e-mail Wine at rockdustgal@yahoo.com or call (734) 667-2936.

VOLUNTEERS

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community service hours. We will work rain or shine because we have a lot to do."

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carpenters, plumbers and roofers. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work and painting.

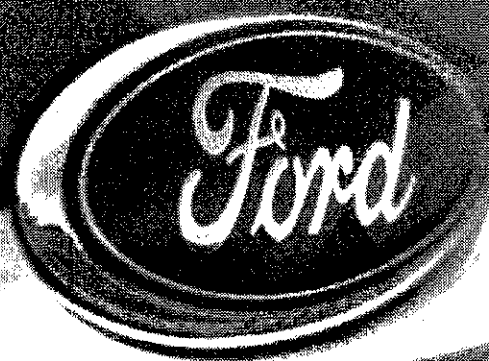
Pete Nestor, owner of Pete's Stump Removal in Canton, has volunteered all five years removing tree stumps.

"A lot of older folks can't afford to do the things

(Christmas in Action) does," Nestor said. "I enjoy helping people out, the satisfaction of taking care of some folks who can't do it themselves. It's giving back to the people of Canton."

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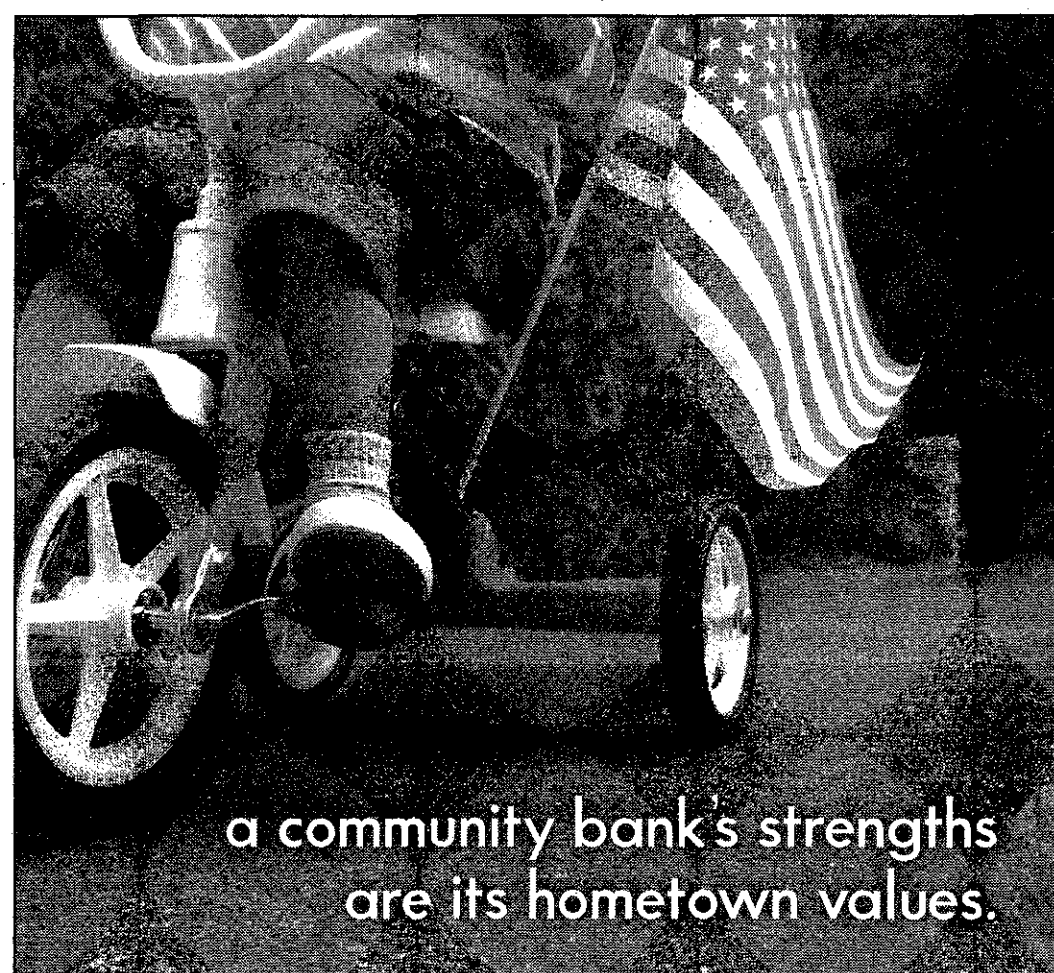
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LEAP progress means MEAP success for our students

If you read the MEAP results story in the April 5 issue of *The Observer*, you know that Plymouth-Canton Community Schools had another solid year on this important state evaluation exam.

These things do not happen by accident, and this year's scores (and our upward trend of academic achievement) are the result of hard work and planning by our entire team. That starts with our Board of Education and includes our teachers, staff and administration.

While we are extremely pleased with our scores, we always are exploring ways to improve. With the outstanding curriculum and support we



Dr. Craig Fiegel

In the 28 areas scored, compared to the Fall 2007 results, P-CCS posted an increase in 21 areas, stayed the same in five areas and declined in only two areas. In the five areas where the district remained the same, four of the areas already had 89 percent of the students or more proficient.

have in place for our students, I believe we will see continued growth. This year we are beginning to see some trends that make us optimistic for the future.

In grade six (total English Language Arts) P-CCS students declined one point to 89 percent proficient, and in grade eight science declined to 89 percent from 91 percent proficient in Fall 2007.

Of particular note, 100 percent of the students in grade four at Bird Elementary were proficient in math. At Tonda, 100 percent of the students in grade three were proficient in math, including 14 students with disabilities.

I believe one of the main reasons for the gradual increase in scores is the implementation of the Literacy Early Achievement Program just four years ago. Since that time there

has been a 3-percent decrease in students with learning disabilities and a 5-percent decrease in students with speech and language disabilities district-wide.

That difference was noticeable in this year's MEAP results, and we expect the impact to be more dramatic each year.

For those of you who are not familiar with the LEAP program, it was developed to put strong focus on literacy development in the early school years. The idea is that if students read and write well, they will do well in all subject areas. To accomplish this, additional staff was added to the kindergarten and first grade classrooms

in all 16 P-CCS elementary schools.

As one of Michigan's best school districts, we must constantly change and evolve to stay on top. That's hard work and the staff in this district has proven they are capable of meeting the challenge. This community should be extremely proud of the work its school district is doing to educate children. To view a complete list of MEAP scores, please visit the MEAP page on the district's Web site at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/district/meap/meap.asp>

Dr. Craig Fiegel is Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He can be reached at (734) 416-2700.

Boerma right pick to head Plymouth-Canton bands

As the Associate Director of Bands at the University of Michigan for five years in the recent past, I worked with the Plymouth-Canton high school bands, and I was always extremely impressed with the quality of Amy Boerma's instruction and musicianship.

Before coming to Michigan, I had known about the Plymouth-Canton high school band program for decades. Although its marching band continues to place in the finals of the national championships, its Wind Ensemble's notoriety has become that of mediocrity when compared to years earlier, when this band would perform at the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic, the Michigan Music Conference, and other prestigious events.

Those who pay close attention, however, notice that the middle two bands, under the direction of Amy Boerma, have earned straight first-division ratings at all district and state festivals since she arrived 14 years ago, an accomplishment achieved by none of her colleagues.

Music teachers throughout Michigan now discuss the Plymouth-



Steven Davis

Canton band program because of its marching-band-heavy lopsidedness, not because of the quality of the overall program. Plymouth-Canton has become known throughout the nation as the quintessential model of dysfunction, based upon poor administrative and booster leadership. Recent events make it apparent that the community needs to become aware of the legacy that is being killed.

Although Amy Boerma was hired 14 years ago as the Co-Director of Bands (equal to the other director), administrative personnel changes several years back caused her to be overlooked as the obvious person to lead the program when the last two marching band directors were hired. Ask any leader in the high school and university band world who should have been leading this program for the past eight years; Boerma has always been the obvious choice.

Although Boerma is already a faculty member, she decided to apply for this position, at the encouragement of

Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski, to avoid being passed over again. I know for a fact that several nationally respected university Directors of Bands then wrote letters of recommendation to the administration, urging them not to overlook her again.

Unbelievably, the administration chose to fail the search and hire neither Boerma nor Montoya after two outside applicants backed out of the process at the last minute.

In their attempt to feebly justify not hiring Boerma, the administration is now organizing a witch-hunt against her.

Let me preface the following information with the fact that I have not been in recent contact with Amy Boerma about these issues. I have, however, heard from an extremely reliable source that one of the current attacks being orchestrated against Boerma claims she has spoken unprofessionally to band parents about her previous colleagues' decisions (or lack thereof) regarding the direction of the band program.

As has been the case with every band director who has taught in the

Plymouth-Canton schools, when the administration refuses to act upon obvious problems, relevant discussions with boosters inevitably happen, since these parents have historically had more influence on the administration than the school's own teachers. For some shocking reason, Mrs. Boerma is suddenly being reprimanded for these alleged communications, despite the fact that her colleagues have done the same for years with no retribution.

While I believe it is true Boerma has voiced repeated concerns to the administration about the steady decline in the quality of leadership and instruction, as evidenced by a consistent and dramatic drop in student audition scores, it is clear that her concerns for the students have fallen on deaf ears.

Almost humorous is the reprimand Boerma recently received regarding an analogy made in her class. For some reason, one or two students in the back row of her band misheard the analogy and reported to the administration that she called another student an inappropriate name. Anyone who has taken even a moment to get to know Amy Boerma

knows she adores her students as if they are her own kids and would never say anything to hurt them. Over 25 other students in her class then wrote letters to the administration, stating that, in fact, Mrs. Boerma did not call a student this name.

For 14 years, Amy Boerma has earned PERFECT evaluations from her administrators. This year, when finally put in charge of the program on an interim basis, Boerma's organization of the program has been superb. Her students' musical successes speak for themselves.

Amy Boerma is the obvious choice to lead this program out of its slump. It's time for the athletically-minded administration to wake up and do the right thing for music education, not basing philosophy on an activity that helps with the mastering of synchronizing feet, and stop using Amy Boerma as its scapegoat for its flailing program.

Steven D. Davis is a former Associate Director of University Bands, University of Michigan and is Director of Bands, Conservatory of Music and Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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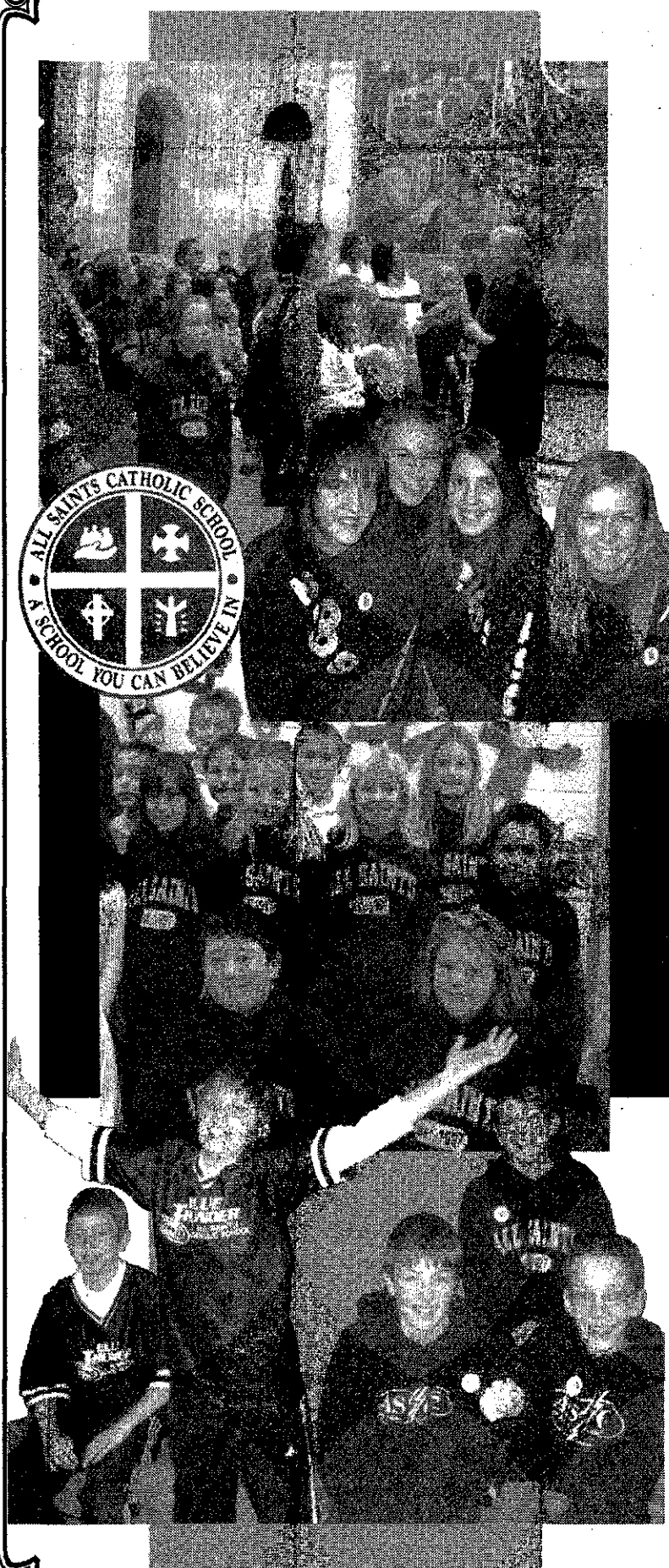
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Love stories

BeckRidge Chorale brings 'upbeat' program to life in annual spring spectacular

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Matt Landes' initial reaction to being asked whether he's nervous about his upcoming solo performance in the BeckRidge Chorale's concert, Love Stories, was to shake his head and say, "Maybe a little."

Then he smiled. "OK, a lot," the Plymouth resident said, laughing.

Landes will take on Stephen Sondheim's *Marry Me A Little* when the chorale takes the stage at Northville High School for its annual spring spectacular April 24-25. It's the first time Landes has even *auditioned* for a solo, much less sung one, but the song choice brought out the volunteer in him.

"It's a song I've always liked ... a pretty song," Landes said. "It goes well with the theme of the show. I wanted it in the show, whether I sang it or not."

The theme of the show is Love Stories, though choral director Michael Gross is quick to point out they're not the "sad, lamenting" love songs.

In fact Gross, for some 30 years the choir's musical director/conductor, said the concert will be an uplifting one that will continue a string of upbeat performances the group has put in lately.

Gross chose the playlist from among music he likes. The concert features Sondheim, Henry Mancini, Cole Porter and others.

"It's all just based on music I like," said Gross, who assumed his position in



Norm Kindred, Tom Schwartz, Bill Kondoff and Stan Kovacheff rehearse for the BeckRidge Chorale's spring concert.

SPRING FLING

- **What:** BeckRidge Chorale's annual spring concert, Love Stories
- **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25; 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26
- **Where:** Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile
- **Cost:** Tickets are \$16 and \$13
- **Details:** Visit www.beckridgechorale.org or call (734) 416-9885

1978. "These aren't sad love songs, they're fun songs. All of our concerts have been upbeat this year."

The upbeat tempo of the show appeals to choir members, as well. Kathy Norred

of Livonia has been a choir member for some seven years, and she likes the fact the chorale "does something different every time."

"I love this one ... it's a very jazzy type of program," said Norred, who now sits on the BeckRidge Board of Directors. "It's growing on all of us — the songs, the melodies. It has some old classic tunes mixed in with some new."

The BeckRidge Chorale was founded in 1973 as the Plymouth Community Chorus. The group has been a silver medalist in Johnny Mann's Great American Choral Festival, twice toured Washington, D.C., with invitational performances

at Washington's National Cathedral and has been invited to perform at the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City.

The troupe has also performed with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony. Its community service concerts include benefit performances for Children's Hospital of Detroit, Angela Hospice, The Salvation Army and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

In 2006, the Plymouth Community Chorus became the BeckRidge Chorale in order to recognize the organization's regional outreach in serving all of

southeast Michigan and specifically the communities of Plymouth, Canton and Northville. The name "BeckRidge Chorale" reflects this regional emphasis by combining "Beck" and "Ridge" — two major roads passing through all three communities.

The group's 110-voice choir will tackle Love Stories, up some 15 percent in membership, according to Gross.

"People are getting back to things in their community and things they enjoy doing," he said. "Instead of getting caught up in the (bad) news, they're going out and having fun."

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Nancy Whitecar accompanies the BeckRidge Chorale as members get ready for their annual spring concert.

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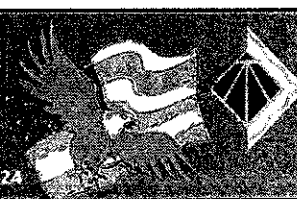
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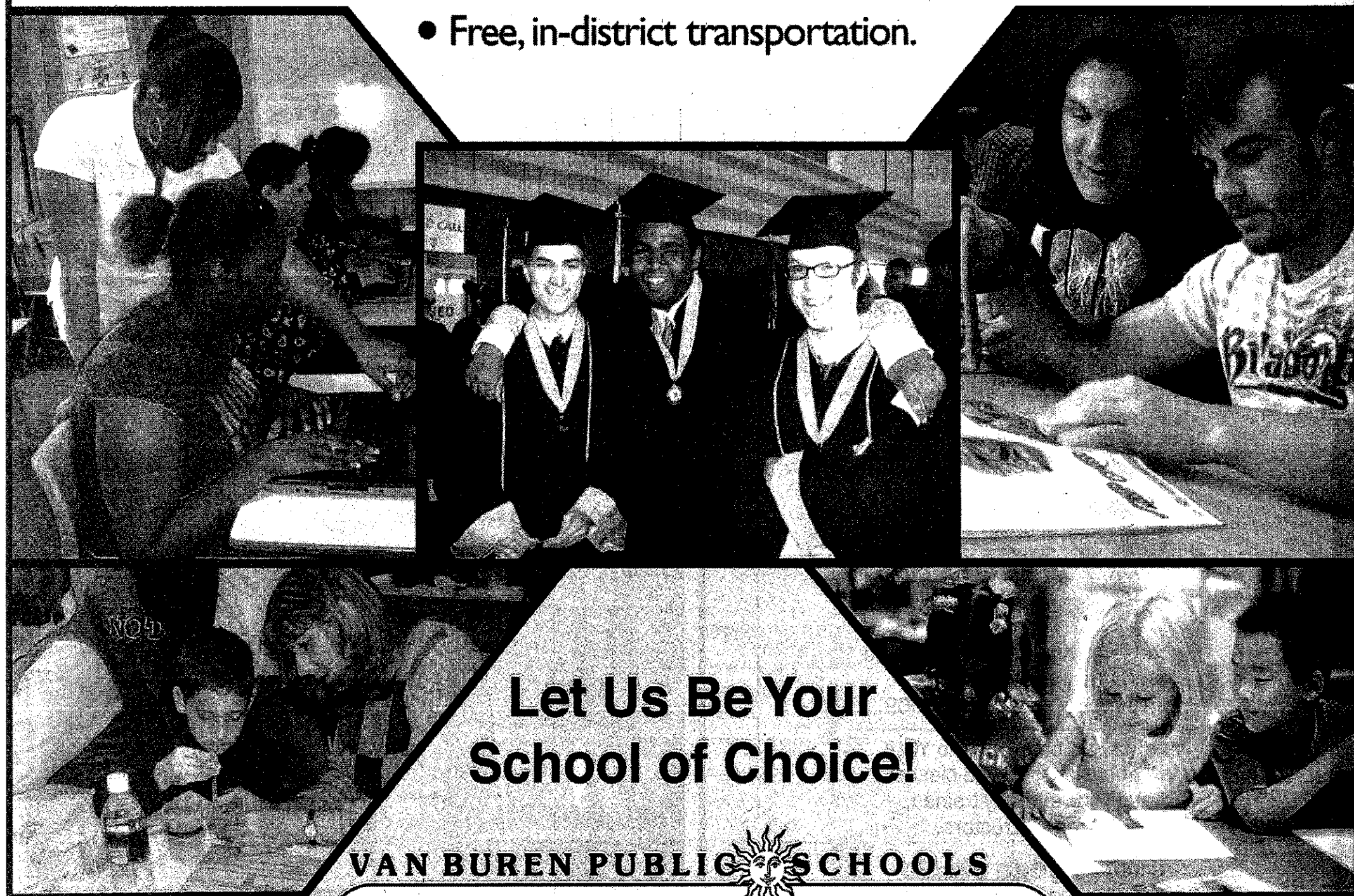


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Single-stream curbside recycling to begin this week

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With Earth Day coming Wednesday, Canton Township officials thought it the perfect time to begin efforts to increase curbside recycling by instituting single-stream recycling starting with trash pickup this week.

Currently, the recyclables are picked up by Canton Waste Recycling in a two-compartment truck. The operator has to manually sort through the materials in the green bin at the curb, with newspaper separated from cans, glass and plastics.

Single-stream recycling involves putting all the recyclable materials together in the green recycling bin — no need to separate — with all of it dumped into a single garbage truck, where it will be sorted at a newly constructed recycling facility in Huron Township.

"There are more materials accepted in this program than we had before," said Tim Faas, Canton's municipal services director. "That's something residents have been asking for."

"We want to make this as simple as possible for resi-

RECYCLING DOS AND DON'TS

Acceptable recycling materials: Cardboard, junk mail and office paper, household plastics/jugs/bottles (numbers 1-7), steel, tin, aluminum cans, clear glass, plastic bags, newspapers, catalogues, and magazines
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dents. You don't have to squash the cans and remove the labels and take off the neck rings and remove the caps," he said. "And there's no cost increase to the residents. Through negotiations with Canton Waste Recycling, in exchange for an extension to the contract, we were able to build in single-stream recycling into the current price structure."

Among the items that will now be accepted are cardboard, paper board, magazines, catalogues, phone books and household plastics with numbers 1-7 on the bottom of the container.

"If one recycling bin isn't

enough for your particular home, you can put additional materials into a clear, plastic bag and set it inside or adjacent to the bin," Faas said. "You can't just put out the clear plastic bag because the drivers need to see the green bin. That's their visual clue to stop the truck and pick up recyclables. Otherwise they might think it's garbage."

Paul Denski Jr., owner and president of Canton Waste Recycling, said recycling bins that contain materials that aren't recyclable will be left at the curb.

"It is of the utmost importance that we rely on each and every citizen in the community to put only the correct materials in the bin," Denski said. "The goal here is to have 100 percent reclamation of everything put in the recycling bin."

Information on the new program, which begins Monday, and which materials are accepted, is on Canton Township's Web site at http://www.canton-mi.org/municipalservices/ss_recycling.aspx.

Questions can also be directed to Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 or Canton Waste Recycling at (734) 397-5801.



Conductor Nan Washburn leads the Plymouth Symphony in a benefit concert Friday at the Penn Theatre.

Flintstones, Jetsons top symphony concert list

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"Friends of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra are generously donating their services to support us," Stewart said. The concert will "help us raise funds to keep these programs going strong."

The concert, under the direction of music director and conductor Nan Washburn, features

such TV classics as theme songs from *The Untouchables*, *Peter Gunn*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Miami Vice*, *L.A. Law*, *Dynasty*, *Dragnet* and others.

Concert-goers will also be able to sing along, Stewart said, to themes from shows like *Cheers*, *Friends*, *Howdy Doody*, *Beverly Hillsbillies* and *Gilligan's Island*. The concert will also feature serious music such as classical music used for television from themes from *Masterpiece Theater* and *Monty Python*.

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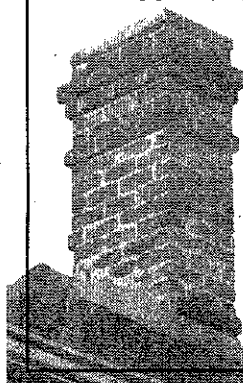


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Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

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Q: How can I get a copy of a tax record?

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An individual may request public documents under the Freedom of Information Act by submitting their request for public records of the Wayne County Treasurer to: Terrance A. Keith, Chief Deputy Treasurer, Wayne County Treasurer's Office, 400 Monroe, Suite 550, Detroit, MI 48226.

Filing tax return electronically gets an earlier return

Q: Dear Rick: I filed my federal tax return over a month ago and I still have not received my refund. I read that you should get your refund back within two to three weeks. What should I do?

A: According to the Internal Revenue Service, if you file a return using the traditional paper method, it takes approximately six weeks to receive your refund. If you file electronically, it typically takes half that time to get a refund. Therefore, the first question is how did you file your return? If you filed by paper in mid-March you can expect your refund by the end of April. On the other hand, if you filed electronically, you should have received your refund by now and it is time to be proactive.

The IRS has an excellent Web site in regards to taxes. Not only can you obtain all



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status of your refund. Go to www.irs.gov and click on "my refund." If the IRS has already sent you your refund and you have not received it, then you could have a problem. It is possible that your refund, if it was mailed to you, got lost in the mail or worse, someone got to the mailbox before you. In those situations, call the IRS.

The IRS has become easier to deal with and is taxpayer-friendly.

Q: Dear Rick: Every

time I open my bank statement I am hit with new fees. In addition, I'm receiving very little interest on the money I have in the bank. Recently, a friend of mine opened an account at a credit union. Do you recommend credit unions and are they as safe as banks?

A: I have no problem with credit unions. I believe that many people should consider using them. The first thing to understand about credit unions is they are nonprofits and operate in the best interest of their members. If you have an account at a credit union, you are a member, in effect, you are part owner. Because members are part owners, credit unions tend to have lower fees and pay higher interest rates on deposits than a traditional bank. Furthermore, when you

need a loan — mortgage, home equity line of credit, new car loan or personal loan — credit unions tend to be more competitive than your traditional bank.

Just as a bank insures your account to \$250,000, the same applies to credit unions. The only difference is the money in a bank is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) while money in a credit union is insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). Both of these agencies are quasi-government agencies and backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Your money is safe.

One myth about credit unions is they are difficult to join. Although in the past that may have been the case, it is no longer true. Virtually, anyone can join a credit union. There are many credit

unions in southeast Michigan and, although, you may not be eligible to join every one, as some do restrict membership, it should not be difficult to find a credit union.

Visit the National Association of Credit Unions Web site — www.joinacu.org — to search for credit unions that you are eligible to join.

Credit unions offer virtually the same services that banks do including ATMs.

In today's difficult economic times where people are attempting to get better rates of return on their money while keeping their fees low, credit unions are an option to consider.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Students earn designation as a Michigan green school - Neighbors, B5

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Local gymnasts vault to glory

The Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics team's history of excellence continued at the 2009 State Meet for Level 8, 9 and 10 gymnasts held March 28 and 29 in Grand Ledge.

Several Splitz competitors qualified for the national regionals, which are being held this weekend in Muncie, Ind., and April 25 and 26 in Findlay, Ohio.

Nine of the team's 10 Level 8 athletes qualified for regionals. Alyssa Peters of Canton placed second on vault and floor and was the state champion in the all-around with a score of 37.275.

Taylor Cortis of Farmington Hills finished third on the vault and was state champ on the bars (9.35), the beam (9.45) and in the all-around (37.125).

Canton's Kate Jung was third on the beam and the all-around and was the state titleist on bars with a score of 9.25.

Ann Arbor's Katie Radulovic placed second on the bars and fourth on the floor; while Ann Arbor's Corey Wellik was fourth on bars.

The following Level 8 Splitz gymnasts earned state championships in single events:

Ypsilanti's Tori Huehn (9.40 on floor); Canton's Nikki Pilmer (9.35 on bars); and Plymouth's Jeani Hatkow (9.425 on floor). Hatkow also placed fourth on the vault.

All four Splitz Level 9 competitors qualified for the regional portion of the national competition.

Canton's Lindsey Russell took eighth on vault and third on floor.

Canton's Kelsey Stamm placed seventh on vault, uneven bars and beam; and fourth in the floor exercise and the all-around.

Northville's Lindsay

Williams took eighth on bars and the all-around.

And Kayla Spicher of Canton was the state champion on the uneven bars, registering a 9.575.

Two Level 10 performers competing in their first state meet also qualified for regionals. Among them was Canton's Megan Valentini, who placed third on beam and eighth on floor.

The team's head coach is Eileen Spicher, the owner of Splitz Gymnastics.

Gym America third Three local Level 8 gymnasts helped Ann Arbor-based

Gym America to a third-place finish at last month's state meet.

Jacquelyn Bryden, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, won the vault (9.5) and floor exercise (9.4) and placed fourth in the all-around.

Olivia Ozeranic, a seventh-grader at East Middle School, earned a silver medal on the vault (9.45) and a bronze on the beam (9.225) before placing fourth in the all-around competition.

Paige Wright placed fourth on the beam (9.225) and eighth on the floor (9.20).

GAME WRAPS

Chiefs sweep Tigers

Canton's baseball team improved to 4-2 Thursday afternoon by sweeping Belleville, 4-1 and 10-0. The Tigers slipped to 0-7.

Senior right-hander Dane Staples dominated Belleville in the opener, limiting the Tigers to two hits while striking out four in five innings. Junior center-fielder Kevin Delapaz ripped a pair of hits and junior third baseman Andrew Tidwell contributed a two-run double.

Delapaz stifled the Tigers' bats in the nightcap, which was limited to six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. Offensively, the Chiefs were led by Delapaz (two hits, three RBI), Alex Dixon (two hits, two runs) and Nick Tomilenko, who chipped in with a pair of hits.

Rocks split twinbill

Salem's baseball team evened its record at 3-3 Thursday after splitting a double-header at Fowlerville.

The Rocks won the opening game, 6-2, behind a strong mound effort from senior southpaw Sam Ott, who struck out seven in six innings of work while allowing just three hits. Ott improved to 2-0.

The winners' 11-hit attack was paced by Dave Hales, who drove in three runs on two hits. Ott and Joe Posler also ripped a pair of hits for Salem, which scored a pair of runs in the second, third and fourth innings. Fowlerville scored single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Salem was flawless in the field while Fowlerville made three errors.

The Rocks dropped the nightcap, 8-6, despite a strong plate effort from Ott, who went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles.

Justin Bashi suffered the loss on the mound for the Rocks, who traveled to Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday to play a two-night double-header in the city's minor-league baseball stadium.

Canton basketball team honored for academics

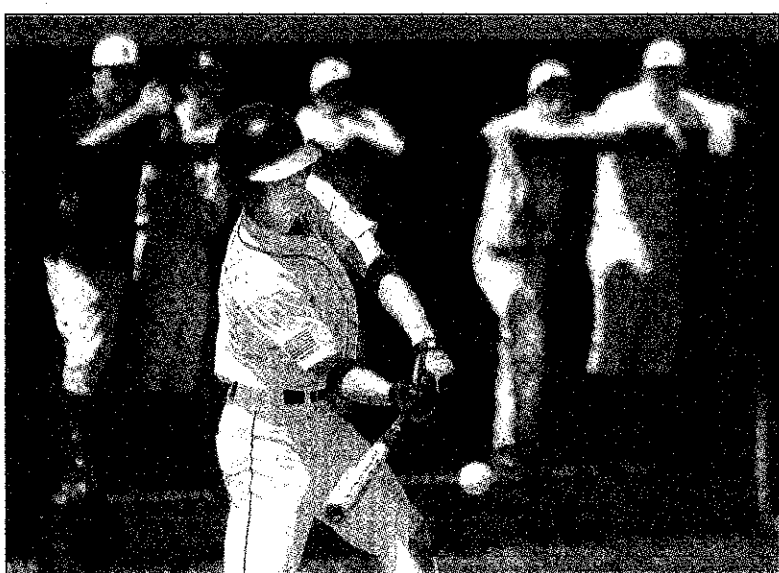
The Canton girls basketball team, which finished 20-3 and won a Class A District title, was recently lauded for its work in the classroom.

The Chiefs finished with the third-highest team grade-point average (3.766) among all Class A schools.

Traverse City Central was first with a 3.78 GPA while Rochester Stoney Creek was second with a 3.77 mark.

Canton is coached by Brian Samulski.

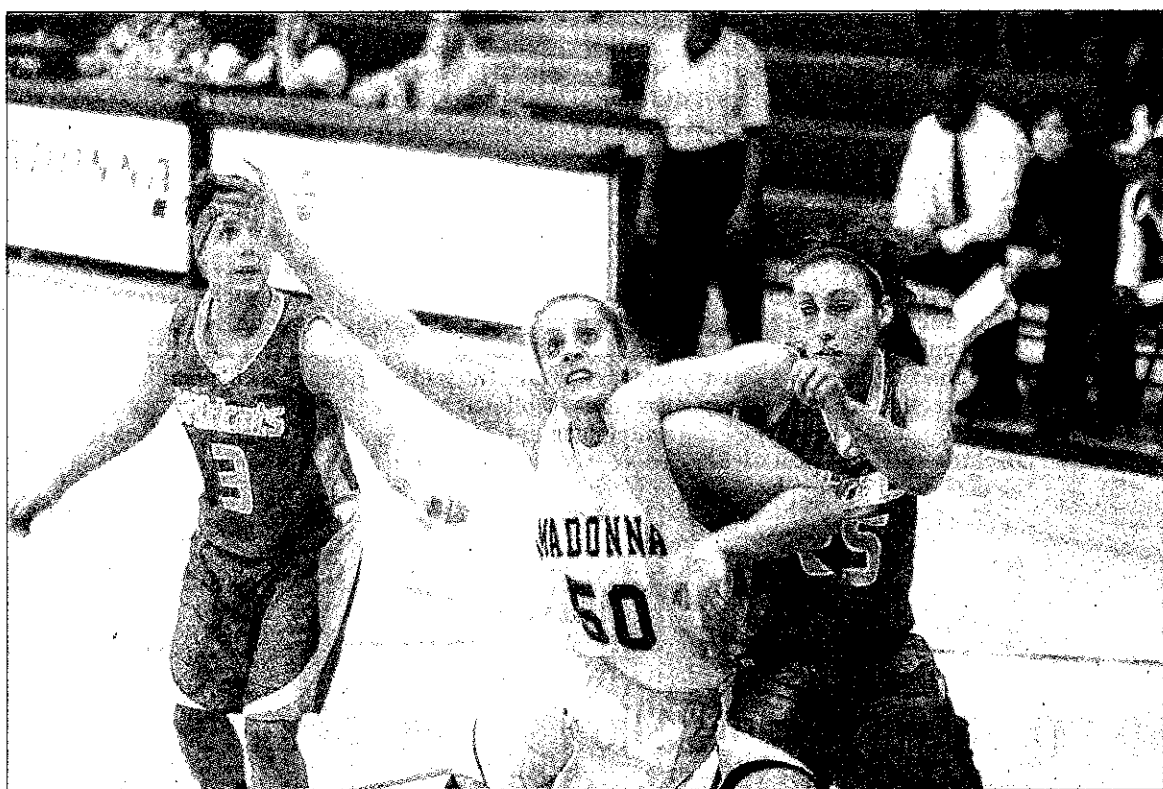
Canton Agape Christian earned honorable mention recognition in Class D as the Wolverines registered an impressive 3.397 team grade-point average.



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'Cats on the prowl

After Tuesday's double-header with Lake Orion got rained out, Plymouth's baseball team returned to the diamond Friday when it hosted a double-header with Chippewa Valley under cloudless, blue skies. At right, Luke Mirandi is pictured rounding third and headed for home during action in the opening game. In the above photo, Alex Minch takes aim at a low fastball. Unfortunately, results of the double-header were not available at presstime.



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

All-America honors for Olech

Madonna University's Kim Olech (No. 50), a graduate of Plymouth High School, was recently named to the NAIA third-team All-America squad following an outstanding inaugural season with the Crusaders. Olech is the first MU player to be named to an All-America team since Sarah Thompson was selected to the second team in 2005. Olech, an All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-team selection and the recipient of the WHAC's "Newcomer of the Year" award, led MU in scoring (11.5 points per game) and her 10.4 rebounding average was 14th in the nation. She also led the WHAC in blocked shots with 1.5 per contest. She registered 13 double-doubles for the Crusaders, who finished 15-17.

Salem netters turn in gold effort in Monroe

The Salem girls tennis team won the Monroe Olson Classic on April 11 by racking up 21 points, seven more than co-runners-up Canton and Monroe (14 points each).

Livonia Ladywood and Detroit Cass Tech both notched 12 points in the eight-team tournament.

The Rocks went 8-1 in singles competition. No. 1 player Alli Carpenter went 2-1 while No. 2 Linda Ling, No. 3 Anna Norman and No. 4 Morgan Spencer all went 3-0.

In doubles competition, the No. 1 duo of Ariel Rojo and Rachel Norman; and the No. 3 tandem of Katie Fletcher and Ashley Davis turned in 3-0 effort. The Rocks' No. 2 doubles team of Kerry MacDonald and Victoria Brotz; and the No. 4 team of Bethany Haller and Rachel Pawlowski went 2-1.

Rounding out the standings were Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (nine points), Livonia Franklin (eight) and Farmington Hills Harrison, which compiled five points.

The Rocks won the competition despite the absence of several regular players.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hulett named coach

Canton native Erin Hulett was recently named head coach for the Brimley High School softball team. Brimley is located in the Upper Peninsula near Sault Ste. Marie.

Hulett graduated from Livonia Ladywood in 2004. She was voted the Blazers' most valuable player and earned all-District and All-Catholic league honors her senior season.

She went on to play four

years of collegiate softball at Lake Superior State University, where she received the Bud Cooper Coaches Award for leadership in sports, academics and community. She also was a two-time recipient of the LSSU Team Leadership award, which is presented to the player that emphasizes hard work, team leadership and teammate support on a daily basis.

Canton football camps

Three Canton High School football camps will be held in June.

The Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades seventh through ninth will be held June 8-11 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. To pre-register, contact coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

The Canton Chiefs Wing-T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

The Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp

will be held for kids entering grades third through sixth June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$75. To pre-register, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

Plymouth football skills camp

The 8th Annual Plymouth Football Skills Camp will be held Monday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 24, at the PCEP turf stadium.

Fifth- through ninth-graders will go from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

and 10th- through 12th-graders will go from 7-9 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt and three days of instruction.

Each camper will need cleats and a water jug to participate.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call (734) 582-5696.

Wildcats football parents meeting

There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all levels of the Plymouth

High School football program on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Parents will be given all of the necessary paperwork for their student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season.

Parents will also receive booster information and there will be Wildcat merchandise on sale before and after the meeting.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com.

MU's Irwin sets strikeout record

Jess Irwin bettered her own single season strikeout record Friday as the Madonna University women's softball team improved to 17-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a pair of wins at Siena Heights University.

Irwin struck out 11, raising her season total to 227, and allowed just two hits and two walks in six innings as MU captured the opener, 8-0.

The Monroe sophomore is now 21-5 overall.

Offensively, Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Tori Turner added two hits for MU.

Rachael Kethe, Kathleen Smiley and Kelly Lesko also knocked in runs for the 17th-ranked Crusaders.

In the nightcap, Ashley Shay went 2-for-2 with a homer, while Tedi Johnston went 2-for-4 with an RBI as MU downed the Saints, 5-2.

Sidor and Lesko also knocked in runs for the Crusaders, who improved to 39-7 overall.

Winning pitcher Hallie Minch (18-2) allowed just three hits, walked one and struck out eight.

The loss drops Siena Heights

to 11-31 overall and 1-13 in the WHAC.

MADONNA 8-6, UM-DEARBORN 0-3: Pitcher Jess Irwin recorded both wins as the Crusaders (37-7, 15-1) team swept both ends of a WHAC double-header Wednesday at home against University of Michigan-Dearborn (11-12, 8-6).

Irwin tossed a one-hitter in the opener as the Crusaders downed the Wolves in a five-inning mercy, 8-0.

Irwin struck out 10 and allowed four walks.

Offensively, Cat Sidor went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Kathleen Smiley went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Kelly Lesko also added two his and an RBI.

Irwin came to the rescue in relief of starter Hallie Minch as the Crusaders rallied from a 2-0 deficit after three innings to beat UM-Dearborn, 8-3.

Minch, the freshman from Garden City, was roughed up for two earned runs on six hits in 3.1 innings.

Irwin (20-5) came on and worked the final 3.2, allowing one earned run on three hits. She struck out seven and walked two.

Sidor and Brittney Scero (Canton) each went 3-for-5 with two RBI apiece.

Smiley clubbed a 2-run homer in the fourth inning and Ashley Shay contributed a solo shot in the fifth. Tedi Johnston also had two hits for MU.

Danielle Stabnau went 3-for-4 with an RBI for UM-Dearborn.



Future Titan

Plymouth resident Kathleen Weishar recently signed a Letter of Intent to run cross country and track for the University of Detroit Mercy. Weishar, who attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, was accepted into UDM's five-year physicians assistant Masters program.

Former Chiefs Little, Khasawneh contribute to Crusaders' DH split

Livonia Franklin High grad Chris Boertje played the spoiler role Thursday as the No. 12-ranked Madonna University baseball team settled for another double-header split with Siena Heights.

The junior right-hander from Westland threw a five-hitter as Siena Heights earned a 2-1 victory over the Crusaders in the opener.

Boertje used a mix of fastballs and curveballs to improve to 3-4 to keep MU off balance. He struck out four and walked three.

MU starter Trent Pohl (2-2) who went six innings, allowed just three hits. He walked four and struck out three.

Mark Pauwels had an RBI groundout in the first and Kevin Harrington added an RBI single in the fourth to account for both of the Saints' runs.

Ryan Morrow's RBI groundout

in the fifth cut the deficit to 2-1.

MU unloaded for 15 hits in the nightcap en route to a 12-2 victory.

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) went 3-for-3, including his ninth and 10th homers of the year, to go along with four RBI to lead MU's offensive attack.

Dominic Benavides, Shawn Little (Canton), Aaron Hacias and Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) each added two hits for the Crusaders, who improved to 29-6 overall and 8-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (tied for first with Indiana Tech).

Winning pitcher Robert Fraser, a freshman from Westland John Glenn, improved to 3-0 by going the first 5.2 innings. He allowed just hits, walked two and struck out two.

Siena Heights, meanwhile, falls to 16-24 and 4-8.

Emenhiser promoted to Madonna head hoop coach

Madonna University Director of Athletics Bryan Rizzo announced earlier this month that Noel Emenhiser has been selected as the Crusaders' new head men's basketball coach.

Emenhiser, who has been serving as the department's assistant athletic director since October of 2008, will assume his new duties immediately, taking over for Myron Brown, who completed the 2009 season as the interim head coach.

He replaces his father-in-law, Chuck Henry, who

resigned during the season.

"It is very exciting to see our all-time leading scorer take over the program," Rizzo said. "Noel is a highly motivated coach who will put all his energy into building a winning program. I am confident that we have made a great choice for Madonna University."

Emenhiser - whose 2,198 career points lead the Madonna record books - just completed his second season as the top assistant on the coaching staff. His work with the perimeter players has led

MU to two of its most successful seasons in program history, including a berth in the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament.

Emenhiser spent four years at Madonna and then played one year in Portugal, playing professionally with the Sporting Club of Braga.

"I am excited about being a part of the Madonna University family," said Emenhiser following the announcement. "It is a great privilege to be a part of vision that the athletic

department has for student-athletes and the community."

Emenhiser inherits a team that lost just three seniors following the 2009 season and finished fifth in the WHAC.

"This is a great choice for Madonna," said former MU head coach Bernie Holowicki, who recruited Emenhiser to MU as a student-athlete. "He is great with kids and is probably the best recruit I ever had at Madonna. He was not only a great player, but a great coach and a great guy."

S'craft coach nabs 4 new recruits

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball program hopes to be back on the road to redemption following the signing of four new recruits for the 2009-10 season.

The Ocelots, 7-22 last season and 3-24 in 2007-08 under coach Randy Henry, have added two players from Redford Thurston High and two others from Allen Park.

Henry's biggest catch is first-team All-Observer selection Greg Morgan of Thurston, a 6-foot guard who averaged 14.5 points and 4.4 rebounds while shooting 53 percent from three-point range.

Also in the fold is Morgan's teammate, 6-5, 225-pound forward Cameron Mitchell; 6-4 Trevor Zacny and 6-6 Aaron Felsner, both of Allen Park.

"Morgan can shoot the 'three' and can take the ball to the basket," Henry said. "He's real muscular and is not scare to go to the basket.

"Mitchell is a tough guy inside, not afraid. He's got to get more acclimated to get the ball in his hands. He's capable of scoring. He's got good strength and can jump. He played football."

Zacny, according to Henry, can play three different positions.

"He's multi-faceted, he played the point all year and has great vision running the floor," the Schoolcraft coach added. "He's near a 20-point scorer. He plays hard and loves the game."

Felsner, meanwhile, will help give the Ocelots some post presence.

"He can play inside, but can also hit the jumper at the free throw line," Henry said. "He's played mostly with his back to the basket. I also like his tenacity to rebound."

The combination of Zacny and Felsner could have an immediate impact.

Henry also said that Livonia Churchill's 6-7 senior center Cameron Norscia will also join the Ocelots as a walk-on.

The name Pam Jones appears at or near the top of practically every leaderboard in just about every bowling center in which she has competed in league or tournament play.

And Jones has now added two more venues to her list.

On March 28, the Livonian bowled in the Michigan Women's State Tournament in Bay City where she rolled a 299 game in doubles competition at Eastland Lanes. Her series was 726.

Only a week earlier, Jones fired a 279 in the team event at Monitor Lanes.

"They told me that nobody would top that 279 game," Jones said. "I told them 'we'll

see about that.'"

Jones made good on her word as she topped her own score with only a stubborn 7-pin short of perfection on the final ball.

■ Wixom's Lee Snow also has left his indelible mark in high places in both league and tournament competition, recently led his team to the championship in the Ray Melnick Invitational Tournament held at Oak Lanes in Westland.

Lee's team was comprised of



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Al Harrison

Krista Snow, Justin Snow, Tim Bishop and Mark Konopatski.

"This win was very special to me, by winning while bowling with my two kids," he said. "That feeling is very easy to relate to for those of us who have raised our own children, while giving them the opportunity to excel at bowling and be able to enjoy the sport for many years to come."

■ Mayflower Lanes in Redford boasts one of the top men's senior leagues with the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic.

Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury was the second-half winner and defeated first-half champ Hunt's Ace Hardware for the overall championship in the season finale roll-off.

Hunt's squad is comprised of Larry Best, Ozzie Hovsepian, Abe Borborian, Jesse Macciocco and Walt Witkowski.

■ Mayflower Lanes also offers some great summer action with the Detroit Tigers Party in the Park mixed league.

The \$15.95 per week fee includes three games of bowling, free league record sheets and sea-

son-ending pizza bash.

And on Saturday, Aug. 29, each bowler also receives a ticket to the Tampa Bay game at Comerica Park, a pass to the Pepsi Porch party, burgers, dogs, cole slaw, chips, soda, along with 90-minute unlimited party prior to 4 p.m. start.


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Football is secondary in NFL player Shaw's life

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville Jaguars line-backer Tim Shaw is going against the grain when it comes to the perceived NFL lifestyle, which is sometimes clouded by the glitz and glamour.

Shaw, who spent his first season in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers after going in the fifth round, believes he has a greater purpose in life.

"It's not about what kind car you drive, all the type of possessions you have," said the former Livonia Clarenceville High stand-out, who went on to play at Penn State. "Having all those fancy things is not my thing. I feel like I should be doing more with the position I have and the platform I've been given as a professional athlete."

And as long as he's on the NFL stage, he's going to prune away the material things that may get in his way and plant some worthy seed.

As part of a group from Score International, Shaw embarked last month on a five-day outreach mission to San Jose, Costa Rica.

Shaw was accompanied by three fellow NFL players and a pair of team chaplains from the Jaguars and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, respectively.

"I was thinking about doing a trip to fit my football schedule and I had a conversation during the last week of the season with our team chaplain, Anthony Johnson, during our team bible study," Shaw said. "He suggested Score International. It's a group that uses athletes to share the gospel and do projects."

Shaw, ever the workout warrior going back to his days at Clarenceville, found the perfect mission on the



Members of the Score International construction group including former Livonia Clarenceville standout Tim Shaw (far right), take a break during their recent mission trip to Costa Rica.



Tim Shaw remains devout in his faith and hopes he made a difference during his recent mission trip to Costa Rica as part of a group with Score International.

outskirts of San Jose. Joined by Jaguars quar-

terback Paul Smith, defensive back Nate Jones of the Miami Dolphins and offensive lineman James Lee of the Bucs, the group's task was to erect a security fence around the perimeter of a piece of property that will eventually house a bible school, soccer field and gymnasium.

"We had to build the fence because of the all crime around," Shaw said. "I had never done anything like this before. It was amazing."

The fence was constructed in roughly in two days and it was done old-fashioned way.

"We used manual post hole diggers — mixing concrete, using shovels and wheelbarrows," Shaw said. "We were dead tired and hurting by the end of the day, but there was a great sense of good

will and joy. To be able to see the fence go up and see your work finished was cool."

Shaw, born in England, had visited Europe, but had never been to Latin America.

San Jose, located in the Central Valley, is the capital and largest city in Costa Rica (population 346,000) with an elevation of 1,161 meters above sea level. Temperatures hovered near 80 during the work day before cooling off at night.

The NFL players also got a chance to visit the rural enclaves on the fringe of San Jose. It was an opportunity to get a first-hand look at the poverty and depravity of life.

"It was an eye opener, it

blew me away," Shaw said. "Gates and bars around every building, every window. I'd never been anywhere like that. It was a new experience, one of the most humbling things to see. It adjusted my perspective on things and how important it is to be thankful what we have here."

The Score International team then visited an area what Shaw was and the players were told was simply called, "The Hole."

"We had to drive to the top and drop back down into a place where there were Nicaraguan refugees," he said. "We gave out food. It was a rough area of town. Kids were kicking a ball around, but it was a rolled up into plastic bag of trash. We went to a school where we gave out three or four Rubix Cubes. You'd had thought to them it was a bar of gold."

During his one season in Carolina, Shaw got involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs in Charlotte. He plans to do the same in Jacksonville where he was signed late last season as a free agent for the final four games. Shaw played exclusively on special teams where he recorded three tackles.

Shaw vows his mission will intensify, which is to spread the word of God and help those in need.

"There's a bigger picture," said Shaw, who is currently in Jacksonville during the off-season doing voluntary workouts. "Just to see how blessed I am — I feel there's so much more I'm going to do because God has put it into my heart. The people I met the relationships and I made on this trip were amazing. It adjusted my perspective on things and what is really important."

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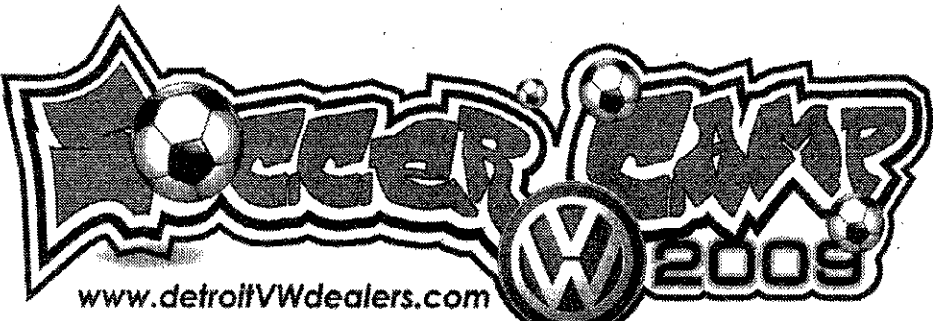
Extreme-ly good

The Club Extreme ASICS U16 volleyball team finished first at the nine-team Club Extreme U15/16 AAU tournament held last month in Novi. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Haley McNiven (Plymouth), Auldon Sweeney (Plymouth), Ashley Williams (Farmington), Meghan Ronayne (Farmington Hills Mercy), Lindsey Fox (Northville), Rachel Zinkosky (Northville) and (top row) coach Danielle Pfeffer.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Redford Day Camp	July 27-31	9:00 am - 12:00 or 3:00 pm
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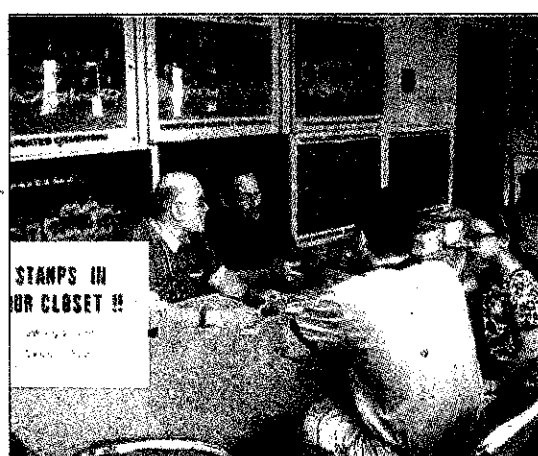
Dubin, who's handling



"They get all these stamp albums and they don't know what to do with them," said Dubin, a Ford Motor Co. retiree. The service is first-come, first-served, and he said people last year were

Collecting often drops off when people are in high school or college, but they pick it up again later. The West Suburban Stamp Club has a number of women, Dubin said.

One local former junior collector, who was a stamp dealer at a young age, went to Georgetown University. "He has stayed with the hobby," Dubin said of Alex Haimann, now a curator for the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and active in the American Philatelic Society. Haimann will be the banquet speaker for the club in Plymouth the show weekend. The society is promoting



Strzalkowski said the show will draw 600-800 people, especially from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, on

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NEIGHBORS

Students earn designation as a Michigan green school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The lunchroom at Our Lady of Good Counsel School probably won't be any less noisy than it was before Easter break, but it sure promises to be greener.

Starting Monday, students will measure and weigh the waste from their lunches. There should be less because for weeks they've been learning about reducing, reusing and recycling. That not's a new concept for the 624 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The junior high has been recycling paper since 2001. The effort is one of a dozen reasons Our Lady of Good Counsel recently earned a Michigan Green School designation, a state program which began with Gov. Jennifer Granholm signing the Michigan Green Schools Act in May 2006. Private and public schools must achieve at least 10 of 20 energy-saving and environmental tasks.

Throughout the school, students have been busy conducting energy audits of classrooms. In Marcia O'Malley's first-grade class, groups of students were quietly working on posters instead of playing during indoor recess.

GETTING INVOLVED

"The kids have been very involved," said Kay Reilly, principal of the school in Plymouth Township. "We have two teachers, Marcie O'Malley and Kaelah Lesnau, who are especially involved with kids to reduce their trash and understand their impact on landfills. We planted a native Michigan garden last year and hope for it to be in full bloom soon. We also adopted a polar bear, an endangered species, and hosted an ecology speaker



School volunteer Laurie Catanzaro gathers lunchroom trash at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. The school hopes to reduce lunchroom waste during its Eco-Friendly Lunch Week April 20-24.

who spoke about wild woodlands and brought a possum. We are committed to this. It's part and parcel of what we do every year."

This year the school hopes to reduce waste even further during its Eco-Friendly Lunch Week April 20-24, in recognition of Earth Day Wednesday, April 22.

Will Taylor always brings a sandwich in a plastic bag for lunch but is switching to a recyclable container. He and Robert Barnes and Brendan West were proudly displaying their poster in the school library. The images of endangered animals such as tigers, elephants and bears were recycled from magazines. Will wishes people would stop hunting these species.

Cara Forfinski and Regan Thorp were just as concerned about endangered animals. They were showing off their Save the Earth poster made for Pat Rossow's third-grade class. Flipping through magazines they found a photograph of gorillas.

"The whole week is to create a focus for kids to be more aware of what they can do to become eco-friendly," said Reilly. "They're encouraged to bring lunches in Tupperware

and reusable materials. We're also going to integrate math projects, religion, social studies and science with protecting God's creation. If we change kids' attitudes, we're going to change the next generation. We're big into being good stewards of God's creation. If we can make kids aware of being good global citizens, we realize that's the key to getting people to change their behaviors."

Reilly hadn't thought about lunchroom waste until O'Malley brought her concerns about the Styrofoam trays to the principal's attention.

CAN-DO ATTITUDE

"She told me the trays were filling up landfills. I started looking and found recycled cardboard trays which are a little more expensive but the reduced costs of a new pizza vendor nearly offset the expense. We did not have to raise the prices of lunch," said Reilly. "I told the teachers 'We can do this.'"

O'Malley's class actually did an experiment to see if the recycled trays break down. The first-grade teacher is always looking for ways to introduce lessons about saving the environment whenever possible. The 28-year-old

Canton woman is going for a master's degree in ecological teaching at Lesley University in Massachusetts. As part of the graduate program, she spent three weeks in Maine studying habitats. It was a life-changing experience that she brought back to the 6- and 7-year olds to inspire them. On the floor in one corner of the room friends Rebecca Espinoza, Gabby Price and Amberley Schlude were putting the finishing touches on a poster. They were learning water bottles were bad for the environment. A bin of crayons sat nearby.

"We need to start forming habits early, to start small to get as close to zero waste as possible," said O'Malley before Easter break. "Today I opened lunch boxes and found lots of plastic bags with pretzels, yogurt cups, plastic utensils. The plan is to weigh the waste before and after to notice the difference. We're going to take the food scraps out to Maybury Farms, banana peels, for the pigs. These kids are going to be our leaders and need to work on problem solving. We want to get them excited about nature and where they live with science demonstrations, projects like hiking. Last October, we picked up trash along Tonquish Creek and found more than half (of the trash) could be recycled."

Dylan Snyder recycled the plastic bags and candy wrappers he found into a poster.

"This is what you don't want if you want to keep the earth healthy," said Dylan, 6, as he held up the trash-filled poster on saving the earth.

For more information about the Michigan Green Schools designation, visit www.michigangreenschools.us.



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First-grade teacher Marcie O'Malley is leading the green revolution at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth Township.

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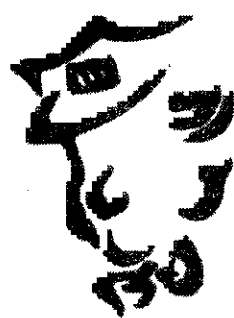
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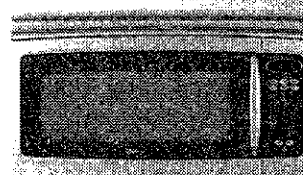
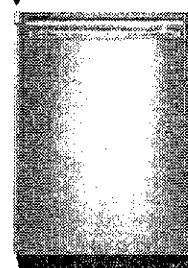
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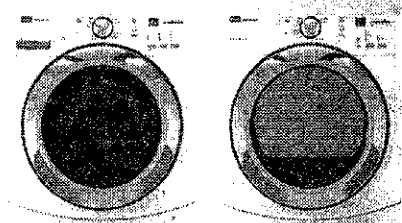
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Local students give peace a chance

All that the young students were trying to say was give peace a chance, as one by one they read their award-winning essays Tuesday night at Unity of Livonia. The event concluded the search for today's brightest minds to speak out against war and find pathways to peace through conflict resolution. It was a special night for

the high school and college students who were recognized by Citizens for Peace, sponsors of the competition, and it was a special night for me because I was invited to speak about the importance of writing and how it can make a difference. The students reminded me of the Vietnam War era when students across the country held sit-ins on campuses like



Linda Chomin

Schoolcraft College. The students on Tuesday night moved the audience with their words. Molly Fessler of Canton won first place in the high school division for her essay on peacemakers, Nelson Mandela and Sophie Scholl, a young student who spoke out against the Nazi party during World War II and eventually was executed. She wrote that war is caused by fear and can only be eradicated through understanding.

Fessler was one of the student journalists who wrote for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers series last year. "I used their words to show they were successful in creating pathways to nonviolence," said Fessler, a 16-year old junior at Plymouth High School. "They were still able to speak out and make peace even with adversities."

In this day and age Fessler has taken a different path. In September 2008 she founded her high school's peace club. Richard Fessler is very proud of his daughter. He sat in the audience snapping photos as

the winners received their awards.

"She's very talented and a thoughtful young writer," said Richard Fessler. "She has a strong interest in writing. She's a peace activist."

State Senator Glenn Anderson said he was proud to be in the company of folks whose mission is peace. "The young people recognized tonight are great examples and have such a positive impact."

BOOKS ON PEACE

Rosemary Doyle, a member of Citizens for Peace, told the audience how the idea for the essay contest came about late last year. The group has spent the last couple of years assembling the Peace Collection of more than 500 books available at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Doyle was hoping to create awareness of the collection by encouraging the students to use the books as a resource for their essays. When the group first started researching books on peace they found war topics were far more prevalent.

Lauren Schwarz, a Madonna University student, quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in her essay, which won first place in the college division. She wrote that lack of respect and under-



RICHARD FESSLER

Molly Fessler, a junior at Plymouth High School, won first place in the high school category of the Citizens for Peace essay contest. Vincenza Mueller, the group's vice president, presented Fessler with the award on Tuesday.

standing leads to war. People need to educate themselves about religions and cultures to promote a culture of non-violence. Violence begets violence. Peace begets peace.

PEACE AT HOME

Annie Robbins, a second year nursing student at Washtenaw Community College, admitted to not knowing the answer to the question — How do nonviolent practices promote peace? — when she began research for the essay.

"It starts at home," said Robbins. "We all have the same basic needs. We need an understanding of the other person's perspective."

Arthur Burse, an 11th grade student at University Preparatory High School in Detroit, took third place in the high school category with his essay about choosing nonviolent practices over violence.

Two of the winners couldn't attend Tuesday's nights celebration. A friend of Raja Al-Merai, a senior at Universal Academy Detroit, read that violence is never the key to any solution. Nonviolence is the only solution to every problem. Al-Merai won second place in the high school division.

George Mills concluded the program by reading the essay by Kevin Szawala, a graduate student at Wayne State University.

"We must realize we are all the same race, the human race."

The night was filled with good advice for all of us. If only we would heed their words.

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Ursum-Brady

The Rev. Kimberly Ursum and Floyd Brady announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, formerly from Livonia, attended Bentley High School and graduated from Churchill High School. She attended Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, from Flint, received his G.E.D. from Carmen-Ainsworth Adult Education.

They met at Family Worship Center in Swartz Creek. The Rev. Ursum is youth pastor and her husband-to-be is worship leader there.

The couple will wed in July 2009 in the Flint area.



Van Bynen-Estheimer

Nicole Christine Van Bynen and Timothy O. Estheimer announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Randy and Ellen Van Bynen of Canton. She attended Salem High and Eastern Michigan University, and is a branch manager for Chase Bank.

Her fiancé, son of Donald and Charlotte Estheimer of Southgate, attended Melvindale High and Napa Valley College. He owns Primo's Pizza in Allen Park.

A May 2009 wedding is planned at North Congregational Church, Farmington Hills.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Observer Newspapers wants to know what's going on in your neighborhood. Send items to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226-3124 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.

HELP AVAILABLE

Food is available for those in need during this economic crisis. Trinity Church in Plymouth is once again offering a food pantry in April. Deadline is Thursday, April 23, for the Trinity Church Food Pantry on Saturday, April 25. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 Monday-Thursday, April 20-23. Trinity Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth.

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

SOCCER BENEFITS

Garden City High School soccer is hosting a no limit Texas Hold 'em tournament Saturdays, April 25 and May 2, at Bumpers Bar and Grill on Newburgh in Westland. The tournament will be a fund-raiser to help support the soccer teams at Garden City High School. It costs \$30 to buy in with one \$20 rebuy. Dealers will be provided. The cash payout will be determined by the participation. The event starts at 1 p.m. with check in from noon to 12:45 p.m. For more information, contact Coach Torni at gcvsoccer@aol.com or (734) 522-4094.

BARBERSHOP CONCERT

The Renaissance Chorus holds its spring show 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church on Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$14 for seniors, and available by calling Frank Adams at (248) 477-2782.

This year's show features a retrospective of songs the chapter sang over the years including *Under The Boardwalk*, *Dream A Little Dream*, *Lida Rose*, *America the Beautiful*, and *Are You Lonesome Tonight*. Additionally, the show spotlights a step-out quartet and the guest quartet, Chordiology, the 2007 district champions. Past members also will be recognized.

The chapter always is looking for new members who enjoy singing. It will hold a guest night 7:30 p.m. Tuesday May 19, at Kirk of our Saviour Church on Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh in Westland. It welcomes all men — even those who simply enjoy singing along with the radio or who like the harmony of different voices. Prospective members do not need to be a music major or know how to read music.



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DOG OF THE WEEK

Gus is the featured dog at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption this week.

He's 3 1/2 years old and is very affectionate. To learn more about adopting Gus, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org.

Adoption days are scheduled noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Pet Supplies Plus, 29493 W. 7 Mile, Livonia, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Canton Pet-Co, 43435 Ford Road.

Adoptable greyhounds also will be on hand at Pets & Bets, a fund-raiser for no-kill rescue groups 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 25, at Bentley's Restaurant, 5586 Drake, south of Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Admission is free from 1-6 p.m., and pets are welcome. Tickets for the evening activities are \$20 for casino only, \$30 dinner only, \$50 for both. They're available in advance. For details, call (248) 636-PETS or visit <http://PETSandBETS.org>.

BIRTHS

Michael Donat Deschaw was born Oct. 13, 2008, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

His parents are Genevieve Leclair and Ryan Deschaw of Plymouth.

Proud grandparents are Diane Leclair of Plymouth, Teresa Deschaw of Plymouth, Don (Barb) Leclair of Plymouth and Larry (Wanda) Deschaw of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are June and Herb Lazarus of Venice, Fla., Chris and Mary Seward Whitmore Lake, Barb and Don Leclair of Knoxville, Tenn., and Gus and Thelma Deschaw of Lincoln Park.



Michael Donat Deschaw

Alyson Giuliana Masters was born March 10, 2009 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of David J. Meuleman, Deceased.
Date of birth: February 14, 1954.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, David J. Meuleman, who lived at 41630 Haggerty Woods Court, Canton, Michigan, died March 10, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ann Jendryk, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward, Detroit, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Personal Representative: Ann Jendryk, 1923 Nottingham Ln., Wheaton, IL 60189.

Attorney: Steven M. Hyder, Attorney P69875, P.O. Box 373, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Telephone: (734) 474-1195.

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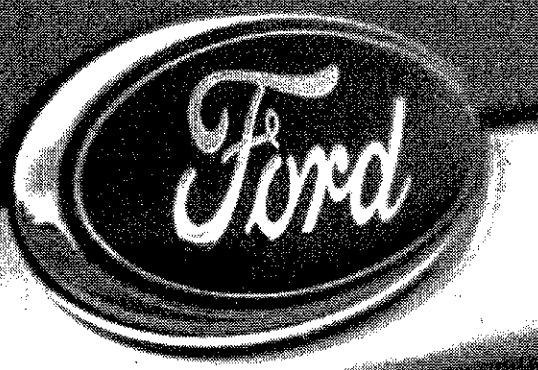
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ALYCE MARIE COLE

Age 87, lifetime resident of Bloomfield Hills. April 14, 2009. Loving wife of the late Howard. Dear mother of Dr. Susan Gail Cole, Douglas (Peggy) Cole, and Linda (Jay) Donaldson. Cherished grandmother of Howard, Cynthia, George, Kathryn, and Lauren. Alyce is also survived by her sisters Edith Nielsen, Mary Lou (Jack) Pascoline, and Ellen Brown. Funeral service Monday, April 20, 2009 - 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Alyce will be in-state at 10:00 a.m. until time of service. The family will receive friends Sunday 2-7 p.m. at Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell Rd., Orion. Private family interment at White Chapel Cemetery. Suggested memorials to Beaumont Hospice or Mental Illness Research Assoc. (MIRA) On line guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



BARBARA M. DAVIS

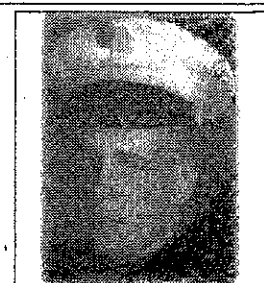
Of Grand Blanc, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, age 76, died peacefully Saturday, April 11, 2009. Barbara resided at Clare Bridge of Grand Blanc. Barbara was born July 29, 1932 in Elgin, IL to Monroe and Eleanor Thompson. She was the youngest of five girls. After graduating from Olivet Nazarene College with a degree in Education, Barbara married Edward Davis on December 22, 1955. They lived in Grand Rapids, MI for several years before moving to Plymouth. Following a short teaching career, Barbara was a secretary and homemaker. She enjoyed needlework, gardening, antiquing and traveling with friends. Barbara was a long time member of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene located in Farmington Hills, MI. She was the "unofficial greeter," always smiling and greeting people with a warm hello. She is survived by daughters, Melinda Weber and husband Larry of Flushing, MI, Lisabeth Hillman and husband Brian of Sherman Oaks, CA; grandchildren, Emily Weber, Grant, Troy and Tate Hillman. She is also survived by sisters, Juanita Thompson and Virginia Carron. She was preceded in death by husband, Edward Davis, as well as sisters, Lucille Thompson and Dorothy Chellev. The family would like to offer their sincere gratitude to Dr. Braver, the entire Clare Bridge staff and Home & Hospice Advantage. The love and care they gave to our mother will always be remembered. Those desiring may wish to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory. Barbara will be buried along side of her husband in Plymouth, Michigan. Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

MARGARET MYERS (NEE SZASZ)

Age 84, of Garden City, MI, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2009 surrounded by family members after a courageous battle with dementia. She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Charles, beloved daughters, Betty Myers, Sharon Myers Shaw and Susan Myers Probert, grandsons Christopher & Alexander Probert, brother Andrew Szasz Jr. and nieces Debbie, Suzie, Betty, Kathy and Kelly. Margaret was the proud, supportive wife and mother to her family members who remember how she loved to play the accordion, garden and cook. Margaret was the child of Hungarians who came to live in West Virginia and was greatly loved and will be missed by her family and friends. Services were held. Arrangements by the Santeu & Son Funeral Home.

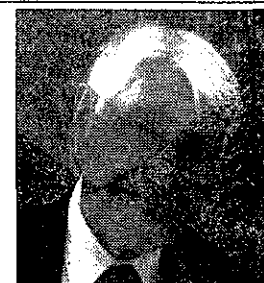
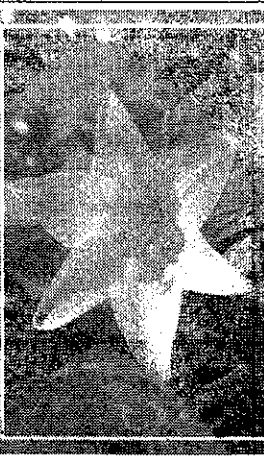
DAVID R. POSTER, SR.

Age 70, Of Luzerne, formerly of Westland. Passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at home surrounded by his wife and children. He was born April 17, 1938 to the late John and Cecilia of Wayne, MI. He was employed by Hayes Wheels of Romulus as a machinist and served in the Army for 10 years. In 1960, he married Nancy Winnie. He is survived by his wife; his children, David R. Jr. (Debra) and Cynthia L. (Matthew) Bartz of Westland, Brian S. (Judith) of Commerce Twp., Joseph F. (Donna) of Canton and Nanette L. of Westland; three brothers, four sisters, 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers John, George, and Thomas. Visitation will be Sunday, April 19 from 5-9 p.m. and Monday, April 20, 3-9 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, April 21 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI where he will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. with Mass at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will be at 2:30 p.m. at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan.



RUSSELL P. ROBINSON, JR.

Age 80, 2/8/29-4/3/09, served in Korean War 1950-1953 - Chosin Reservoir Campaign, retired from sales at New York Carpet and Clyde's Carpet, did route sales for Cook Coffee, Sanders and Awreys. Graduated from Franklin High 2006 with grandson Raymond P. Jr. Beloved husband (58 yrs) of Gayle L. Dear father of Kathleen M. (Paul) Law, Linda L. Cinader (Laura Moore), Debbie A. (Gary) Fox, Mary K. Robinson (formerly Sturm), Rickie G. (Judy), Randy J., Raymond P. Sr., Robert P. (Monique Ulych), Ronald G. (Heather) and the late Russell C. Also survived by 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one brother, four sisters and one deceased brother. Interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Funeral Mass was at St. Bernardine Siena Catholic Church. www.griffinfuneralhome.com



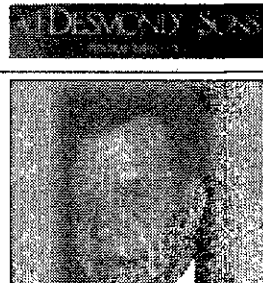
BENNETT W. ROOT, SR.

Long-time resident of Birmingham, died peacefully Monday, April 13, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. He is survived by loved ones Barbara Evans, his four children, Ben Jr., Tom, Jim and Anne, daughters-in-law Helen, Laura and Kathy, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was married to Mary E. Mayfield of Flint, MI. Ben was born in Birmingham to Edwin and Elaine Root on April 24, 1917. After graduating from Birmingham High School and University of Michigan (BS Chem. Eng. '37), he worked at Exxon, assisting in the development of synthetic rubber. He and Mary, his wife of sixty years, wed in May, 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, studied meteorology at MIT and served as a Lt. jg. in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he returned home to raise his family on Webster St. and Bradford Rd. Until his retirement, Ben worked at the U.S. Rubber Co. (Uniroyal) Jefferson Avenue plant where he developed prototype and enterprise computer based quality management systems in conjunction with IBM. He served his community as a member of the Birmingham Planning Board, a member of the Birmingham School Board and a Vestryman at St. James Church. He was a lifetime member of the Senior Men's Club. Ben, a trumpeter in the Michigan Marching Band, loved classical music, especially opera. He was also particularly fond of gardening, cultivating bonsai and serving as a caretaker of a portion of the gardens at the Cranbrook Institute of Art. Services will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Maple Avenue, in Birmingham on Tuesday April 21 at 11:30 a.m. Remembrances may be made to Clark Retirement Community—Benevolent Fund, 1551 Franklin Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49506. [Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, Wyoming, MI.]



GEORGE E. SCHUBERING

April 15, 2009. Age 86, peacefully at home in Bingham Farms. Proud veteran US Navy serving during WWII. Retired after 34 years as an account executive for Levi Strauss & Co. Former board member of the Birmingham YMCA, the Birmingham Lions Club and the Venice, FL. Rotary Club. Beloved husband of Margaret L. (nee. Netzorg) for 60 years. Dear father of Susan Flynn (Thomas) and Rebecca McNaughton (Jack). Grandfather of Maddie, Sarah and Grant. Brother of Terry Koerns, Marian Shadler (Larry), Lewis Schubering and Lonna Mentzer (John). Uncle of David Netzorg and many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile), Tuesday 3-8 p.m. Funeral service Wednesday 11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ROBERT H. WATKINS

Age 65 of Westland. Passed away at home January 6, 2009. Please join family and friends for a celebration of Bob's Life at V F W Harris-Keher Post No 3323 (Wayne Rd. & Avondale) on April 25th from 12-3 pm. Arrivals may begin at 11 am.

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Loyal readers drop a note on washers, refrigerators

Thanks to the several dozen readers who have dropped me a note these past two weeks. You have kept me busy.

Staying with the subject of clothes washers, here's what Marlene had to say after she followed my advice:

"Hi, Mr. Gagnon, I thought I would report back to you on what I did purchase and my thoughts so far. I did go with your suggestion and bought a Speed Queen top loader. Again, having had a front loader for nine-plus years it has taken time to readjust my washing habits. I think this is the biggest adjustment people have to make either way they go. They should understand that the two washing methods are very different. With the top loader, I love the fact that I can just drop in the clothes and add to it if needed and it's much easier on the back. There are no fancy bells and whistles on this machine but I find I have only used two of the four modes for washes. I am finding I must be overloading this machine because the clothes get all tangled up. Still working on that. I am appalled by the amount of water it uses but I wonder how my front loader washed with so little. I also find the clothes are damper than they were with the front loader. I really liked the spin power on my old machine. I could also put more clothes in the front loader. I didn't get the Speed Queen front load model because the door was so small and low in front. On my old washer the front door opened for easier access. I'm



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Craig's list and a repair man picked it up for parts. I'm glad parts of it may have a new life and it didn't end up in a land fill.

Connie writes: "Joe, you have helped me in the past and I need some advice on purchasing a new refrigerator. I currently have an 18 cubic foot Amana refrigerator that is over 22 years old (always trouble free). I have always believed if you purchase a quality product you will have many years of service-free problems. I am looking to buy a new 22 cubic foot refrigerator now, with a top freezer and just a simple ice maker, in Bisque. Those all seem to be difficult criteria, because most new refrigerators now are either side by side or French door styled, and the color options frequently are only stainless steel, black or white. I finally decided I would purchase a Whirlpool refrigerator hoping this was a quality product. When I went to the Internet I found hundreds of 2009 complaints regarding the melting of the relay switch (which I know was a recent

massive recall), and lots of complaints about the ice makers. In addition, many people are stating the interior shell is cracking because of shrinkage to the insulation underneath. They are saying Whirlpool does not consider this to be a warranty issue, because they consider this a "cosmetic" issue. Joe, what brand refrigerator would you recommend as a quality product, for an average consumer who can't afford a \$3,000-\$5,000 refrigerator with all the bells and whistles they seem to be adding to them now? Thank you for your advice."

My dear readers, you make it very difficult for me to recommend brand name products to you. I wish I could with a certain amount of assurance that the product you buy will last for years with trouble-free service. To be dead honest with you, I can't anymore. I, like you check out the complaints logged on the Internet and they just reaffirm the many columns I've written in the past 20 years. At one time I was so ashamed of the unethical repair companies there used to be in my industry. I did something about it but the quality of today's products is a detriment I will not be able to cure. Stay tuned.

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

GARDEN CALENDAR

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

At English Gardens

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

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.

Herbs

Vicki Hicks Home and Garden Services will present "The Wonderful World of Herbs: Growing, Preserving

and Using," at 7 p.m., April 22, at Rosemarie's Massage, 595 Forest, Suite 6A, Plymouth. \$3 fee includes refreshments made from herbs. (734) 591-0209 or e-mail to vhlchicks@aol.com.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

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

Worms!

Kids, grades 4-6, can learn how to recycle food waste with live worms and learn how to maintain their own pet worm bin, at a free class, at 2 p.m., April 25, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Registration required, call (734) 397-0999.

Plant sale

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) will hold its 29th Annual Spring Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, and noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Nearly 25,000 pots of perennials, native plants, accent annu-

als, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, edible offerings such as strawberries, rhubarb, onion and shallots sets, seed potatoes, and other plant varieties will be sold. MBGNA members may attend a party and plant sale from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 8. Along with volunteers and area Master Gardeners providing information and advice at the plant tables, local garden experts and MBGNA staff will offer free demonstrations on a variety of garden topics Saturday and Sunday:

- Karlee Shafer, edible gardens, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m., Saturday.
- Nicole Lloyd, container gardening, 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday.
- Kris Adler, pruning, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday.
- Janet Macunovich, perennial combinations, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sunday, \$5 per person; \$3 for U of M students; free for MBGNA members; call (734) 647-7600 to register.
- T.J. Smith, rain barrels, 2:45-3:15 p.m., Sunday.

Children's activities 1:15-4 p.m., Saturday.
For more information, visit www.mbgna.umich.edu or call (734) 647-7600.

REUNION CALENDAR

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

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969

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

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

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

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959

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

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Contact Kayniliu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-cc.com.

Dearborn Heights Riversiders

Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets

for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952

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

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

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

Detroit schools

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

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at Pjcrulsin@wowway.com.

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostles, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

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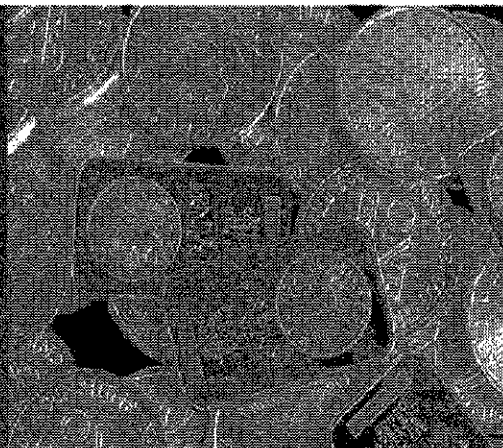
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Celebrate Mother's Day at area Metroparks

Treat mom to a special day at the Metroparks on Mother's Day weekend. Special programs on Mother's Day weekend are:

"That's My Mom," Saturday, May 9, at 1 p.m., Kensington Metropark Farm Center near Milford/Brighton. Visit the moms and their newborn

babies at the Farm, and learn how these moms provide for their babies. Then make a craft for your mom or a special person. Fee: \$3 per child. Registration is not required. For additional information, call (248) 684-8632 or (800) 477-3178.

"Welcome Home Bird Bash: Celebrating Migratory Birds," Sunday, May 10, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Marshlands Museum and Nature Center of Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown. Come for early bird or lazy afternoon walks, speakers, special exhibits, craft sessions and more. Donations appreciated. For the schedule of activities, call (800) 477-3189 or (734) 379-5020.

"Horse-Drawn Hayrides," Kensington Metropark Farm Center, near Milford/Brighton, Sunday, May 10, noon to 4 p.m. Visit the farm animals, and then take mom on a relaxing horse-drawn hayride past the fields and through the woods. Hayrides are \$3 per child, \$5 per adult. For more information, please call (248) 684-8632 or (800) 477-3178

"Mother's Day Wildflower Hike," Sunday, May 10, at 1 p.m., Activity Center of Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter/Ann Arbor. Take a guided hike to discover the spring wildflowers in the park. Fee: \$2 per person, moms are

free. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, call (800) 477-3191 or (734) 426-8211.

"Mother's Day Teas," Sunday, May 10, at 1 p.m., Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center near Flat Rock. Treat mom to a fun program on the history of tea including a variety of teas to sample. Fee: \$4 per person. Pre-registration required. For more information, call (800) 477-3182 or (734) 782-3956.

"Rookery Watch," Sunday, May 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wildwing Lake of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton. Come to the Wildwing Lake boardwalk near the Nature Center to look through spotting scopes at the great blue herons building their nests. For more information, call (800) 477-3178 or (248) 685-0603.

"Toddler Trek with Mom," Sunday, May 10, at 2 p.m., Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. Enjoy a simply sense-stimulating walk with your toddler while searching for the feels, smells, colors and sounds of nature. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, contact the Nature Zoo at (313) 852-4056. A Metropark interpreter offers this program at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, operated by the Detroit Zoological Society.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is \$20 annually for regular admission, \$12 annually for seniors, or \$4 daily. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling (800) 47-PARKS.


NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
WEEDS TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2009, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 32.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2009, without further notice to the property owners.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: April 12, and 19, 2009

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES OF 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using \$29,850 of un-programmed year 2008-2009 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund

PROPOSED YEAR 2008-09 PROJECTS:

The City currently has \$29,850 of un-programmed 2008-2009 CDBG funds that must be spent by December 31, 2009. City Administration has identified the following potential project for use of these funds:

1.	Installation of ADA compliant entry doors at the west and south entrances to Plymouth City Hall	\$29,850
TOTAL		\$29,850

PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed project listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2008-2009 un-programmed CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on May 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 201 S. Main Street.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: April 19, 2009

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings scheduled for January 20, February 17, March 10 & 24, April 21, May 12 & 26 and June 9 & 23 are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 22, February 15, March 8, April 19, May 10, and June 7, 2009

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for Moving Bentley and Tonda Elementary Schools.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on or after April 12, 2009. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. and Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Walk-Through on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Tonda Elementary Cafeteria located at 46501 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

Publish: April 12 and 19, 2009

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for *Diving Board Platforms for Salem High School Pool*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Harry Lau of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Salem High School Pool, 46181 Joy Road, Canton 48187, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids are due to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Salem Diving Platforms), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2009. A notarized familial disclosure statement and valid bid bond must accompany all bids. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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Parkinson's series informs patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

When Harry Knitter was diagnosed with Parkinson's 18 years ago he and his wife Nancy knew nothing about the disease. He had been walking the dog and noticed the left side of his body felt weaker. It took a while to rule out possible causes but eventually he learned he had the disease which causes the loss of dopamine-producing cells in the brain. The news came when he was 55-years old. At a loss to understand what was happening to him, Knitter and his wife Nancy sought help from the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. They attended a series of lectures on living with the disease and found hope. Beginning April 28, patients and their families can learn about the chronic, progressive neurological disorder during educational programs held on five consecutive Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center.

"At first the medication seemed to help," said Nancy Knitter of Rochester Hills. "We thought he could do okay then he started to require more medication and began having some of the side effects."

By 2001 Harry Knitter decided on deep brain stimulus surgery and ended up writing the book, *Never Give Up: New Hope for Parkinson's Patients*. Nancy co-founded the Rochester Parkinson's support group with Pat Yarnold who was diagnosed at age 21 after becoming involved with the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation. She scheduled the speakers and facilitates the Livonia series.

"When Harry was diagnosed there wasn't much out there," said Knitter. "We went and learned a lot. These days people are coming forward shortly after being diagnosed. We want to give people good and



Dr. George

accurate information and to know they're not alone in this disease. There are places they can go for support, groups, the foundation to direct you to different doctors. Everyone is different. My husband never had a tremor, always rigidity. Today he's doing well. He still can get himself dressed and showered."

Parkinson's patients need to stay positive and informed.

"Doctors work with you as an individual looking at your symptoms and try to address those and over the years as those change," said Knitter. "Progression varies from person to person. Some stay at one stage for the rest of their life. Others progress at varying rates but there is help. At the Foundation we like to say, You may have Parkinson's disease but it doesn't have you. You still might be able to enjoy golf if you play."

Dr. Edwin George has seen the advances in Parkinson's treatment over the years which have improved quality of life. He saw his first patient as a resident in 1987. Today the neurologist serves on the faculty of the Wayne State School of Medicine and treats patients in the university's health center which is part of the DMC. A movement disorder specialist, George also has a PhD in pharmacology so stays up to date on the latest medications. He'll present an overview of Parkinson's Disease which can cause rigidity and slowness or difficulty in movement.

"Parkinson hinders the brain's ability to send messages and make movements happen," said George of Bloomfield Twp. "I'm going to talk about the loss of neurons and why some people

lose those neurons. We all lose some as we age, but people with Parkinson lose half of them. There could be a genetic cause and family history. We don't totally understand what those genes do. The other 9 out of 10 (patients) don't have those genes. There probably are some other genes not identified that make people susceptible."

Even though research on the cause is still ongoing physicians today have many more medications to treat the disease.

"People do very well for many years and years longer than they used to because of medications and surgery. We have maybe more than 3 times as many medications now," said George. "All medications have side effects in somebody. One patient may tolerate side effects, some not so now we have other medications which do the same thing, and we have a number of medications to control side effects."

"The other big advance is in surgical treatment. Before CAT and MRI scanners we were unable to access deep parts of the brain. We can now implant very fine wires and provide stimulation in areas to control the motor system. Other areas are still emerging and still experimental. In medications we'd like to find something to stop the loss of the neurons to slow or modulate the progression of the disease. Encouraging is the surgical area where people are trying to implant cells to take the place of lost neurons. Stem cell is thought to be very useful but not established yet. There's also research going on to genetically modify the supporting cells around the dopaminergic neurons."

Physicians have learned a great deal over the years about the complexities of the disease by treating patients.

"There are other things affected like blood pressure,

the gastrointestinal system. We have ways to manage these non motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease," said George who also sees patients at the John Dingell Veterans Administration Hospital. "There's a greater incidence of depression and memory problems. A lot of benefit can be obtained from physical, occupational and speech therapy, and lifestyle changes. How much difference it makes to get exercise. Patients can benefit from regular activity for constipation and blood regulation, and drinking plenty of fluids. With some medications they need to pay attention to protein intake. Some types of protein interfere with medication getting to the brain."

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation was founded in 1983 to support patients trying to decipher the myriad of information surrounding the disease. The nonprofit organization was actually an outgrowth of the Living with Parkinson's Disease series starting April 28 in Livonia.

"The series was first presented in 1982 when there was nothing for people with Parkinson in Michigan at this time. Patients were saying we want a support group, an organization and we ended up developing the foundation. We now have over 50 support groups in Michigan. The program helps to provide



Nancy Knitter facilitates a series on Parkinson's at the Livonia Senior Center beginning April 28. Her husband, Harry, was diagnosed with the neurological disorder 18 years ago at age 55. The Rochester Hills couple are strong supporters of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

people with good information to get them started in understanding the complexity of the disease. Everybody's course is different. It's very frustrating to have because you don't know what's going to happen from day to day."

Pre-registration is required for the Living with Parkinson's Disease series. There is a fee. Call (800) 852-9781

For information about the Rochester support group, call Nancy Knitter at (248) 852-

8464 or Pat Yarnold at (248) 652-4620. Ruth Butler facilitates the Livonia group and can be reached at (734) 421-4208.

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is based in Bingham Farms and can be reached at (248) 433-1011. The organization holds a walkathon and 5k run May 17, at Northville High School to raise funds. For more information, visit www.parkinsonsmi.org.

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- 10:30 AM** — Craig Gordon, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., Clinical Oncology Associates, will present **New Ideas in Breast Care**.
- 11:30 AM** — Ted Tenenbaum, Cancer Center Administrator and the Radiation Oncology physicians, will present an overview of the **Radiation Oncology Services**.
- 12:30 PM** — Richard Zekman, D.O., The Oakland Medical Group will present **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**.
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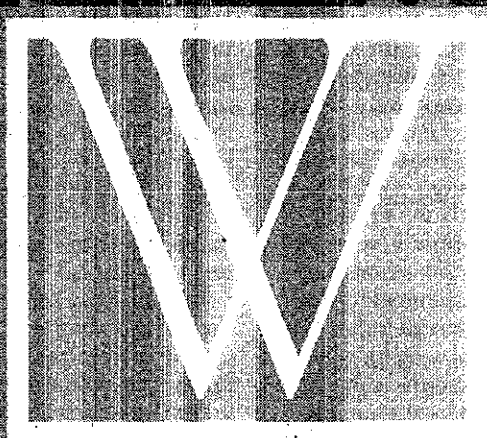
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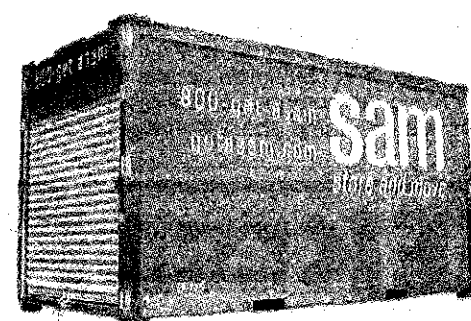
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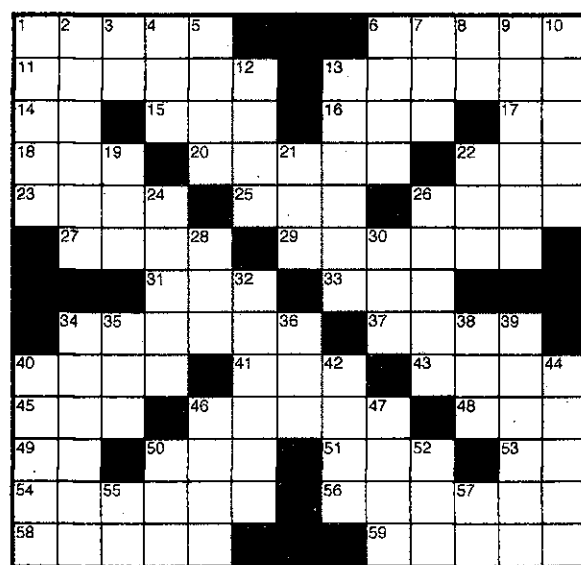
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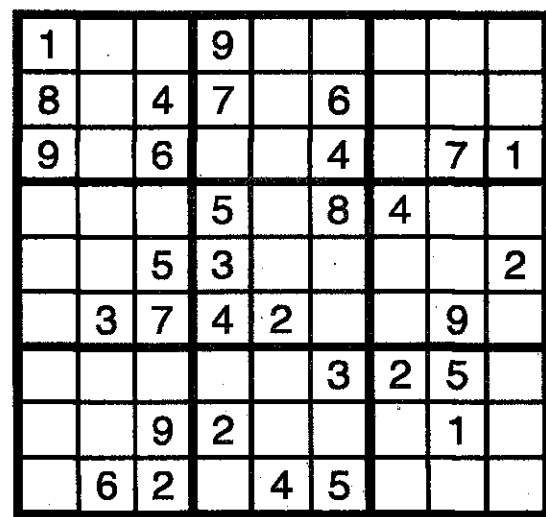
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SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282115**

WIDOW
Widowed WF, 54, 125lbs, blonde/green, down-to-earth, enjoys fine dining, muscats. Seeking SWM, 55-74, with similar interests, for possible relationship. **2312020**

CLASSY LADY
SWF, 70 years young, 5'6", NS, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SWM, 70-75, NS, who is not beautiful, but a well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Life is a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **2307314**

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE
Hi, I'm a 56 year old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historic places, quiet evenings at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very caring and considerate person. **23137067**

AFFECTIONATE WOMAN
SWF, 59, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SWM, 50-71, for fun and friendship. **2306561**

DIVORCED GETTING ONE?
DWF, 55, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 48-58, 6'1", 225lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, marly gentleman. **2305549**

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, NS, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, NS, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **2274519**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
SWPF, 48, educated, BF proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, NS, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. **2311355**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, BF proportionate, Christian values, NS, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **2310924**

TIERED OF BEING ALONE
DWF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, NS, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests. Wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. **2311753**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **2267824**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, NS, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2260561**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 160lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **2284368**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2281217**

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **2283805**

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. **2299111**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, NS, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **2299793**

LADY OF QUALITY
SBF, 30-something, 5'7", luscious, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. **2310218**

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 55, 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **2301247**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for a nice, clean, spunky and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2305217**

DRAMA-FREE
SWF, 48, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking very serious SBM, 27-40. Are we compatible? **2310633**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 27+ - 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **23147056**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, waiting to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, enjoys cultural, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 38-43, to share what life has to offer. **2298002**

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, NS, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-50, for friendship first, maybe more. **22770132**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6', smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2286442**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **2281972**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, 5'7", luscious, mature man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **2283172**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
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Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273603**

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking a gentleman, 40-50, for friendship or more. **2299151**

PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **2294943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **2295025**

SEEKING STRONG BM
Can you handle me? SBF mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-52, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **2285568**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **2296421**

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBPF, 35, NS, ND/nurs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **2300680**

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **2306228**

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBHM, 18-27, for possible relationship. **2311174**

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 19-22, who is tired of playing games. **2311076**

DEF SEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-55, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. **2310736**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, NS, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other. **2287187**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **2217234**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, NS, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **2282161**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **23113901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who lives movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271065**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-55, with the same qualities: minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2271971**

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

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, NS, for friendship or more. **2282444**

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **2292258**

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2292940**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
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PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **2298970**

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Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-55, with all interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **2293781**

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, NS, seeks one good man, 29-51, NS, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **2285509**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, like travel, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet NS WM, 50-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2303080**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS, please LTR. **2305760**

I NEED A LOVE...
To keep me happy, please, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring. **2308059**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 59, blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **2310194**

HI THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **2288278**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **2296569**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **2273294**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, pasthuism, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, NS, ND/nurs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275845**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SM, 55-65, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **2285770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **2283345**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'8", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

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IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowboarding, and more. **2288886**

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BF, 55, 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **2284318**

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SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **2284371**

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Happy SF loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWM/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **2284932**

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SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287866**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBHM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287598**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature bodymind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBWM, 19-30, who shares my lust for life. **2300110**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-59, NS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2271234**

SEEKING SBM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **2303211**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, NS, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282618**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 6'1", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first. Call me, let's talk. **2307550**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2311319**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. **2247784**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candle-lit dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2259646**

WORTH YOUR CALL!
DM, 58, 5'7", 135lbs, recently retired, hoping to meet a petite WF, late 40s-early 50s, who enjoys classic cars, motorcycles, animals, outdoors, quiet times at home. Seeking SF, 48-59, for possible relationship. **2312442**

LOVELY, GENUINE HEART
SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **2287587**

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HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **2296097**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 44, 5'7", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. **2297143**

LET'S MEET
SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skiing. Looking for similar SF, 29-40. **2312103**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
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Saturn Sky: A Great American Roadster

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The Saturn Sky Roadster is basically a more stylish and a \$3,000 more expensive version of the Pontiac Solstice with more standard amenities.

The Sky may share its chassis and powertrain with its corporate cousin, the Pontiac Solstice, but that's where the similarities end.

The Sky has razor-sharp lines, which creates an aerodynamic-looking design. The Solstice's shape is more rounded without as much definition. The Solstice still looks nice -- just not as sporty as the Sky.

There's good reason the Sky has a distinct look that separates it from the Solstice. The Sky's exterior reflects the virtual facelift of Saturn. This aggressive look is shown from the Aura sedan to the Outlook SUV. The new visage is especially evident at the vehicle's angular front end.

The Sky's beautiful body also evokes images of the 1960s European roadsters it was inspired by, with a contemporary touch, of course. Keeping with the Euro-roadster's formidable formula, the Sky is rear-wheel drive, with two seats, a cloth top and a reverse-opening clamshell hood. No bells and whistles here.

The base model's 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine makes the Sky just about as powerful as its rival the Mazda MX-5 Miata. It comes as a five-speed manual transmission, but is also available as an automatic for those who would

rather have convenience than control.

There are two trim levels available for the Sky, the base model and the Red Line, which tops out at about \$30K. Standard equipment for the base model: 18-inch wheels, a manual cloth top with a glass rear window, automatic headlights, keyless entry, cruise control, power windows and mirrors, air-conditioning and a six-speaker audio system with a CD player.

The Saturn Sky Red Line caters more to those who seeking a thrill ride with a sport-tuned suspension, performance tires and a standard limited-slip rear differential. Sporty handling aside, it's similarly equipped to the standard Sky, but has special interior and exterior styling details.

The cars now offer a powerful seven-speaker system with an MP3-compatible in-dash CD changer as well as the option for satellite radio. The eye-pleasing, Premium Trim package adds leather seating, a leather-wrapped steering wheel with mounted audio controls, and metallic-trimmed pedals.

Either model you choose gets relatively good gas mileage. The standard Sky gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 25 on the highway, while the Red Line comes in at 19 mpg in the city and 28 mpg for highway driving.

Steering is precise and remains tight when thrown into a corner. The ride can get a little choppy when go over rough road surfaces, though.



With sharp lines and a clean, sleek surface, the Saturn Sky offers a European look. Add to that decorative hood vents that hints at its dynamic performance and you've got a real head-turner.

The weight of the car coupled with soft suspension makes it dip and dive, but its handling is still balanced with plenty of grip.

Although roadsters aren't designed to have roomy cabins, the Sky boasts enough room for taller occupants to sit comfortably with 43 inches of legroom and 39 inches of headroom. A wraparound dash, high-sitting windows and bolstered seats give drivers their very own commanding cockpit.

The interior is driver-focused with easy-to-use controls and displays. And with its chrome and shiny black surfaces combined with optional leather seats, the driver is rewarded in style.

The Sky's manually operated fabric roof folds under a clamshell cover behind the passenger compartment leaving no visible evidence the car has a top stowed away.

Raising the top seems a bit tedious as it requires anchoring two bolts at the rear -- one on either side of the car. Saturn engineers should have borrowed from the Mazda Miata's manual top design, which can be raised or lowered while sitting in the car, instead of the repetitive entering and exiting just to feel the breeze in your hair. What if you're bald?

In addition, the Sky's trunk area, which the top folds into, can hold very little with the top down and provides just 5.4 cubic feet of space with the top up. But, then again, as soon you

decide you want a roadster you sign away your rights for cargo space.

Anti-lock disc brakes and stability control are standard equipment, as is OnStar. Side airbags aren't offered on any Sky roadster.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash testing, the Sky scored four stars out of five for both front- and side-impact tests.

The Sky is equipped with a Passenger Sensing System, which automatically turns off the front passenger airbag based on the passengers' weight and position in the seat. Other safety and security features include remote keyless entry system including a panic alarm, and engine immobilizer with the PASSKey III theft deterrent feature.

If you want a comfortable roadster that isn't short on style reach for the Sky, you won't be disappointed.

Kevin Koloian covers General Motors for Avanti NewsFeatures and allopinionsallthetime.com. Distributed by Fracassa News Group @2009, Fracassa Communications.

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4x4, loaded \$15,850
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2006 Limited, Moon, leather,
Hemi, White, Was \$20,995,
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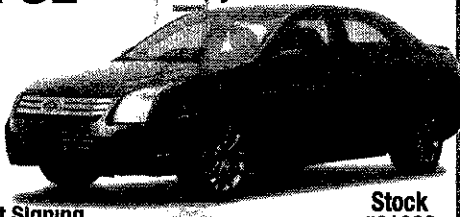
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36 Months/
36,000 Miles
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OR...
\$195* PER MO.

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New 2009 Ford F150 Supercab 4x4

Was \$33,985

A/Z Plan
Purchase

\$24,352**

36 Months/
36,000 Miles
Lease

OR...
\$404* PER MO.

\$2921 Due at Signing



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New 2009 Ford Focus 4DR SE

Was \$17,690

A/Z Plan
Purchase

\$11,541**

36 Months/
36,000 Miles
Lease

OR...
\$163* PER MO.

\$1575 Due at Signing



Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91920

New 2009 Ford Edge SE FWD

Was \$26,905

A/Z Plan
Purchase

\$19,332*

36 Months/
36,000 Miles
Lease

OR...
\$321* PER MO.

\$1833 Due at Signing



Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91017

New 2009 Ford Flex SE

Was \$29,755

A/Z Plan
Purchase

\$21,281*

36 Months/
36,000 Miles
Lease

OR...
\$316* PER MO.

\$1857 Due at Signing



Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91600

New 2009 Ford Ranger XLT Supercab 4x4

Was \$25,770

A/Z Plan
Purchase

\$18,694*

36 Months/
36,000 Miles
Lease

OR...
\$275* PER MO.

\$1694 Due at Signing



Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91667

New 2009 Ford Escape XLT FWD

Was \$25,370

A/Z Plan
Purchase

\$18,109*

36 Months/
36,000 Miles
Lease

OR...
\$293* PER MO.

\$1743 Due at Signing



Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91461

New 2009 Ford Mustang GT CPE

Was \$32,840

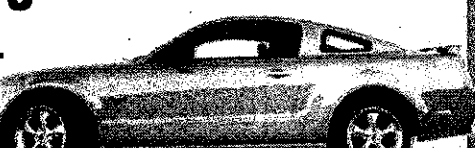
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Purchase

\$24,226**

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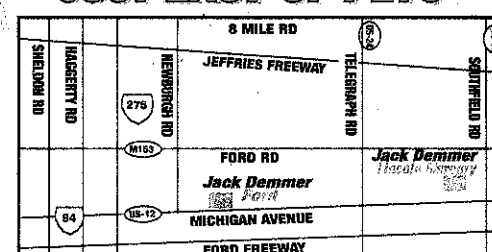
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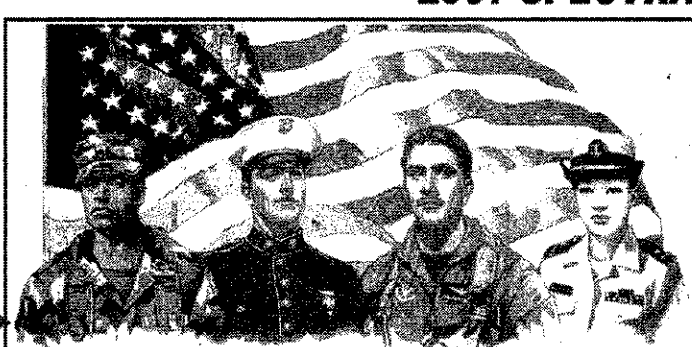
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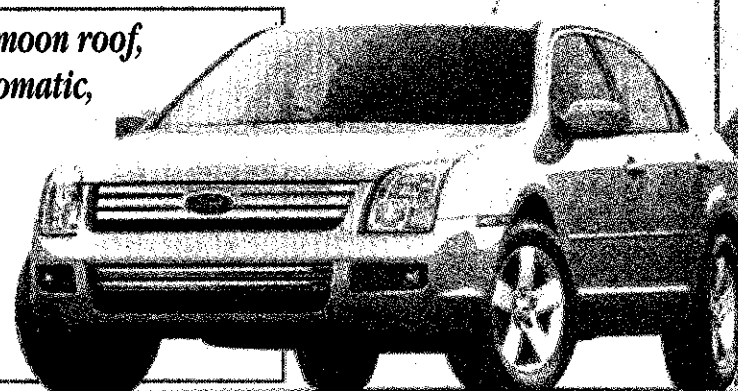
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remote start, automatic,
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locks, speed
control.

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285 available



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\$1,000 DOWN

\$332³⁶

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Featuring: Remote start,
power windows, locks,
tilt wheel, speed
control.

4 at this price
118 available



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BUY FOR...

\$20,532⁺

\$1,000 DOWN

\$372³⁶

\$1,455 DUE AT DELIVERY*

SIGN & DRIVE

\$412³⁶

we make your first payment

Featuring: Remote start, power
windows, seat, locks, speed
control, tilt wheel.

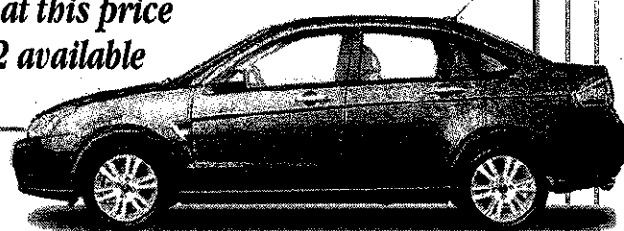
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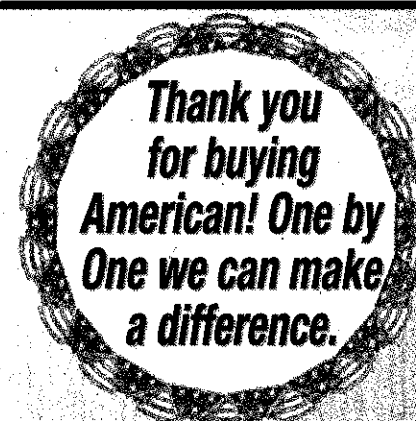
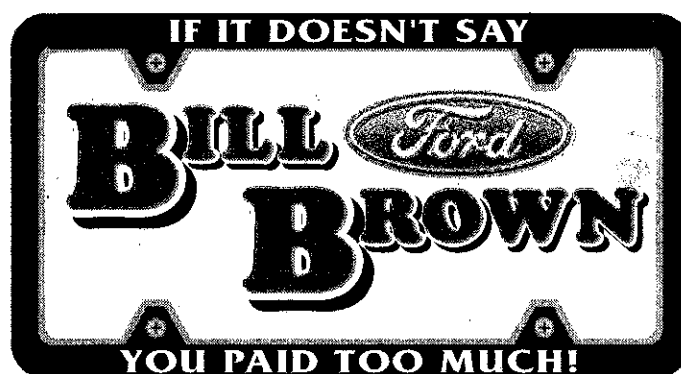
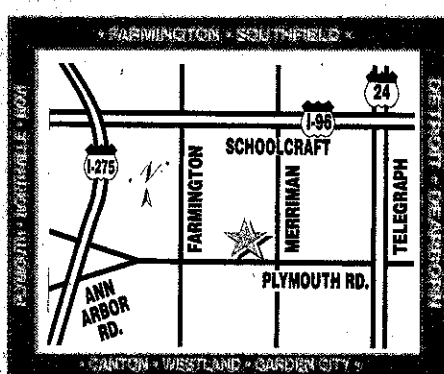
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37 MPG




PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
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NOW	48mo... \$197*	
\$12,999*	36mo... \$206*	\$210* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 PONTIAC VIBE

Stock #90152

29 MPG




PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$19,480	60mo... \$186*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$201*	
\$14,499*	36mo... \$211*	\$231* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 PONTIAC G6

Stk. #90116

33 MPG



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$21,255	60mo... \$206*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$229*	
\$13,299*	36mo... \$255*	\$242* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 PONTIAC G8

Stock #90177

24 MPG




PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$28,875	60mo... \$311*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$338*	
\$21,900*	36mo... \$311*	\$381* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2008 PONTIAC SOLSTICE CONVERTIBLE GXP

Was \$31,990

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2009 BUICK LUCERNE CX

Stock #93093




PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$30,525	60mo... \$307*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$337*	
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	\$0 Down Payment	

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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$26,390	60mo... \$274*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$307*	
\$18,200*	36mo... \$354*	\$311* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL FWD

Stk. #93059



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$44,835	60mo... \$483*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$542*	
\$34,300*	36mo... \$599*	\$558* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 GMC ENVOY


Stk. #95036



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$31,650	60mo... \$320*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$363*	
\$20,855*	36mo... \$417*	\$389* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 GMC ACADIA SLE

Stock #95098



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$32,700	60mo... \$344*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$385*	
\$24,600*	36mo... \$418*	\$410* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 GMC YUKON SLE1

Stock #95111



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$38,345	60mo... \$395*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$445*	
\$25,975*	36mo... \$506*	\$444* PER MO.
	\$0 Down Payment	

2009 GMC SIERRA 1500

Stock #95073



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
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