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### Splish, splash

Canton Leisure Services is inviting everyone to come down, cool off and help kick off the summer when it hosts a Splash Pad Party from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Heritage Park.

This free event will also feature dancing, games and crafts, as well as a local DJ spinning family-friendly tunes. Canton Leisure Service's Mobile Rec team will also be on hand with a rock climbing wall and sports bouncer.

The Heritage Park splash pad has a zero-depth surface that does not hold standing water, so even small children and toddlers can enjoy this outdoor aquatic play area.

The splash pad is located just east of The Summit on the Park. For more information on the Splash Pad Party or any of the family fun events Canton Leisure Services has to offer, visit [canton-fun.org](http://canton-fun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Pins for Pencils

The Change Exchange will hold its first annual Pins for Pencils bowling event to raise money for two primary schools and an orphanage outside of Kigali, Rwanda, on Sunday, May 31, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The Change Exchange's Web-based program, Kids for Africa, has inspired hundreds of children across the United States and England to take action. Hannah's own students at Canton's Workman Elementary are participating in the education-oriented program and volunteering to host fund-raising and awareness events in the community.

Their Pins for Pencils event will raise money to buy school supplies, notebooks, uniforms, and to pay for school fees for children living in extreme poverty in Rwanda.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at the door for \$15, and will include two games of bowling, shoe rental, pop, and a slice of pizza. For more information about the event or the Change Exchange, visit [www.learn2dream.org](http://www.learn2dream.org) or send an e-mail to [contact@learn2dream.org](mailto:contact@learn2dream.org).

### Bottle drive

Local residents can save themselves the hassle of returning cans and bottles and support the Canton Chieftettes pompon team at the same time by donating returnables to the squad during their spring bottle drive on Saturday, May 30.

The Chieftettes will travel around neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton school district from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to collect returnable bottles and cans. Supporters can also drop off their returnable bottles and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Chieftette parent Kimberly Mabie at [kmabie@comcast.net](mailto:kmabie@comcast.net).

## Poor economy forces Agape Christian Academy to close

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Agape Family Worship Center on Geddes Road in Canton Township has been a part of Pastor Mark Moore's life for 31 years.

It was he and his parents, Earl and Bobbi Moore, who opened the doors of the church in Plymouth in 1978. Five years later, Agape Christian Academy began with 23 kindergarten and first graders, eventually adding a grade each year until it became a K-12 school with an enrollment reaching a high of 310 students. Finally, there was a move to Canton a dozen years ago.

A lot of blood, sweat and tears for the Moore family which will soon become a distant memory as the church and school fall to circumstances not unlike many homeowners in Canton, throughout

Michigan and the country.

Moore said the church and school are being shuttered because of foreclosure proceedings by Fidelity Bank in Dearborn, despite his efforts to develop a plan to catch up on a 60-day late mortgage payment. In fact, Moore said he was only three days from being current on the mortgage when the bank pulled the rug out from under him.

"With the downturn in the economy we started running into financial problems," admitted Moore. "We lost some of our base and got behind in payments for the church and school."

"Working with the bank we had a recovery plan with them, but within three days of being current with the bank in December they met with us and said they

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It's a quiet Friday afternoon at Agape Christian Academy. The school will close at the end of the school year.

## Fighting for dignity

Family refuses to accept suicide explanation for son's death

BY KURT KUBAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Bill and Amy Piepsney, Dec. 12, 2008, started like any other day. It was a Friday, and they got their two children off to school before leaving for work. Hours later, however, the day turned into the Canton couple's worst nightmare.

### PIEPSNEY FAMILY FUND-RAISER

**What:** Bowling fund-raiser to support the Dustin Piepsney Memorial Fund in conjunction with the Canton Wrestling Club  
**When:** Saturday, May 30 (check in is at 7:30 p.m.; bowling begins at 8 p.m.)

**Where:** Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Cost:** \$20 donation includes three games of bowling, pizza and pop - proceeds to help offset funeral costs and to help start a scholarship program in Dustin's name

**Other details:** There will be raffles, 50/50 drawings and other activities. Organizers are still looking for prize donations from local businesses (Canton Wrestling Club tax ID number can be used for tax writeoffs).

**More info:** Call Leanna Crum at (248) 867-9576 or Lori Gazdag at (734) 259-8431

Around 4 p.m., their daughter called them to report that their 13-year-old son Dustin, an eighth-grader at East Middle School, was missing. She knew he had come home from school because his jacket was on the floor and he had brought in the mail when he got home.

Bill and Amy both came home because it wasn't like their son to not be home and not tell anyone. They called the police and reported a missing person. While waiting for the police to arrive, the family searched the home. That's

when Bill realized his .40-caliber handgun that he kept locked up in his room was missing.

They called the police again to report the missing gun, and this time police officers arrived fairly quickly. With the help of a K-9 dog, officers searched the neighborhood and nearby woods and park, but found nothing.

Shortly before midnight, Dustin's grandfather, who had come over to help with the search, heard Dustin's cellphone ringing in the field back behind the family's Beechwood Street home. He followed the music, and found the unthinkable. Dustin was



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Dustin Piepsney was active in many sports, including wrestling at East Middle School.

laying less than 50 yards behind their home, dead with a gunshot wound to the head. The missing gun was laying at his side.

Police investigators arrived on the scene. Their initial reports suggest they felt it was a suicide. In fact, their reports are labeled "Juvenile Suicide." Boguslaw Pietak of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, who performed the postmortem examination, came to the same conclusion, and

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## Couple charged with embezzling funds from PTO

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton Township couple has been arraigned on charges they embezzled more than \$13,000 from the Fiegel Elementary PTO.

Kimberly and Robert Smith were arraigned Monday in 35th District Court in Plymouth on one count each of embezzlement of funds greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000. Robert Smith was also arraigned on an additional charge of receiving and concealing stolen property greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

Both crimes are felonies that carry a penalty of five years imprisonment and/or a \$10,000 fine, or three times the amount embezzled or concealed, whichever is greater.

"The PTO wrote a check to cover a balance to a fund-raising company and when it bounced it set off an alarm," said Canton Township Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski. "The principal (Jim Johnson) contacted Kim Smith, the treasurer of the PTO, and said he wanted all the records. She gave him everything except the check book."

Gajeski said the investigation started in March and culminated with the charges on Monday. Gajeski said Kimberly Smith wrote some checks to retail stores, though it's not known exactly what was purchased, and some checks were written to her husband.

Bond for both defendants was set at \$5,000 personal by Judge Ronald Lowe. Their preliminary exam is scheduled for May 29.

Fiegel Principal Jim Johnson declined comment until he and the PTO meet with parents on Wednesday. Johnson said he and PTO members plan to attend the preliminary exam.



Robert Smith



Kimberly Smith

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### Up in the air

Canton was transformed into Soccer Heaven this weekend as the Canton Cup Tournament has taken over local soccer fields. This year's tourney, the 27th, had nearly 580 teams playing more 900 games on 55 Canton Soccer fields. Here the CSC Blue Jays and the Plymouth Tigers in the girls under 9 yellow division battle in one of the first games of the holiday weekend on Friday. The finals will be played tomorrow.



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## AGAPE

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no longer wanted to do business with us," he said. "We feel like we were being targeted because we were a church. Other nonprofits are still doing business with them. The bottom line is they served us with foreclosure papers in February and said we were going up for sheriff's sale in March."

Moore said he was unable to find other financing for the \$3.5 million mortgage, but three weeks ago he received a call from bank president, Mike Ross, wanting to help.

"We had already announced the school was closing and we have 180 students now trying to find another school, 30 people without jobs and 350 church members trying to find a new place to worship," Moore said. "It was too late for me to

rally the troops."

Fidelity Bank President Mike Ross declined to discuss specifics of the Agape mortgage.

"We have suspended the foreclosure proceedings," said Ross. "I discussed with Pastor Moore some options he may have. He's been pursuing those and we're waiting to hear from him."

Kristin Organ and her family moved from Toronto to Canton three years ago, away from family and friends. Finding Agape was a god-send.

"These people became our family, it's like home for us," said Organ, who is PTO president. "Pastor Moore has been a real rock, and it's very sad and frustrating to hear the details of what happened. It breaks my heart."

"God always has a plan, and if it's meant to be somewhere else ... We were very loved at

Agape and we can share that love. We've been blessed with some great teachers," she said.

Graduation for 12th graders is Friday, with the last day of school for the remainder of students June 10.

"I don't know when the last service will be," Moore said. "We're going to stay in the building a while longer. We still plan to have Vacation Bible School in June. We'll probably stay until sometime in the fall unless we are kicked out before then."

Moore said there are a couple of interested parties in the building, which is on the market for \$4.7 million.

"We will try to sell most of what we can ... school desks, lockers ... and we'll try to relocate," added Moore. "We had a church in Plymouth offer to share their building. It's the end of an era for us."

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## ON THE AGENDA

### Canton Board of Trustees

The board will meet at 7 p.m., May 26 at the Canton Administration Building. Agenda items include:

- Public hearing for a Class C liquor license with Sunday sales permit and outdoor service permit to be located at 4171 S. Canton Center.
- Appointment to the Canton Planning Commission.
- Consider reappointment of Downtown Development Authority board members.
- Award bid for the renovation to the cell block intake center.
- Consider waiving the bid and award security system upgrade for cell block renovations.
- Award contract for consulting services to assess all canton facilities for ADA Compliance.
- Approve purchase of Avid Digital Editing System for cable studio.
- Budget adjustments.

## AROUND CANTON

### Fallen heroes

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold its annual Memorial Day ceremony at noon on Monday at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park behind the Canton Administration Building.

John Spencer of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association said the ceremony will last approximately 20 minutes, and include the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, and Spencer reading the names of Canton's servicemen lost in the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq.

The Plymouth-Canton Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 528) will also have representatives on hand with a color guard and a rifle salute.

### College night

Need information about local options for college? The Canton Public Library is hosting a College Night Open House on June 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. Come by and get information from 16 local colleges, including community colleges and schools with online and alternative education programs. Learn about financial aid, admissions, degree programs and transfer credits. It's not too late to make plans for

the fall semester.

Colleges scheduled to attend are Davenport Online Learning, University of Phoenix-Michigan, Central Michigan University Extended, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Walsh College Troy, Concordia University, Washtenaw Community College, ITT Technical Institute, Art Institute of Michigan and Kaplan Institute.

No registration is necessary. Call (734) 397-0999 for more information. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

### Canton Soccer Club

The Canton Soccer Club will hold a special meeting for its members at 8 p.m., May 27 at the Summit on the Park (PDC Room). At this meeting the members will be asked to vote on the proposed by-laws changes of the Canton Soccer Club. You must be in attendance at this special meeting in order to vote. There is one vote per team. In an effort to pursue these changes the executive board will accept the votes of those in attendance. For more information, please visit cantonsoccerclub.com.

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DUSTIN

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listed the cause of death as suicide.

For the family, this just didn't make any sense. Their son was a good student, active in sports, and didn't have any enemies that they knew of. Still, they accepted what the police were telling them, though they didn't understand it.

As their grief began to give way to disillusion, the family started to try to piece together why their son would take his own life. Nothing added up to that, however. There was no suicide note, and no witnesses.

DOESN'T ADD UP

As far as they knew, their son was not upset about anything. He was active in sports, including being a prominent member of the Canton Wrestling Club. The last morning they saw him alive, he talked about going to see his 10-year-old sister Ashley's play at school later that day. The Piepsneys also know, having spoken to kids he rode the bus with, that he was goofing around on the way home from school. And he was even playing Xbox with a friend (from another location) shortly before his sister got home. That friend eventually told police that Dustin abruptly ended the game by saying, "I've got to go."

The police say they interviewed neighbors, teachers, friends, family members and other students at East Middle School. Nobody could believe or had a reason why Dustin would commit suicide.

"We found no evidence of him being despondent or distressed," said Sgt. Dave Shreiner, one of the detectives on the case. "We didn't find any notes. We didn't find any evidence of disputes or bullying. Typically these are things you expect to find. But they are not popping up."

"We looked at a lot of theories. We had to stay focused on what evidence we had and what the scene provided us," he added.

And according to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, the main evidence police have is a contact



Dustin Piepsney

wound to the head, meaning the gun barrel was placed directly against Dustin's head when it was fired.

Although Boguslaw did not return calls for this story, his report draws the same conclusion.

For the Piepsneys, however, there were too many other unanswered questions.

"We know our kids inside and out. He didn't sit in his room by himself and brood," Amy Piepsney said. "We talked about everything with Dustin. We would've known something was wrong. And even if we didn't, someone would have known something."

The more they thought about everything, the more they felt the police jumped to a conclusion because of what they found at the scene.

"If Dustin was here today, he would kick us for accepting the conclusion that he committed suicide," Bill Piepsney said.

"It makes me angry and ashamed that suicide was even a consideration in my mind. It infuriates me that I could have thought that," Amy added.

A SECOND OPINION

The family felt they weren't getting the answers from Canton police, so they decided to come up with the money to hire a private investigator.

"We owed it to Dustin to exhaust every resource to find the truth. If the conclusion was the same, then that's what it is," Amy Piepsney said.

They hired J.F. Moore and Associates, and investigator Joseph Morrow — a retired detective from the Westland Police Department — took on the case. After examining

photos taken at the scene and during the autopsy, Morrow came to a startling conclusion.

Based primarily on blood patterns, he concluded Dustin's body had been moved four to five feet away from where the main blood spot was found and, in his opinion, where he had been shot. Blood had also run down Dustin's face, despite the fact that when he was found he was laying face up. The gun was also found on the left side of the body, despite the fact that the autopsy showed the bullet entered the right side of his head.

"It is this investigator's opinion that the victim fell face down with the head landing where the large blood spot was located and all blood flow stopped shortly thereafter," the report reads. "The body was turned over and moved to the southwest within an hour's time frame."

Jimmy Moore, former chief of police in Ypsilanti and owner of J.F. Moore and Associates, refused to discuss the report, but did say his staff agreed with Morrow's findings.

"I'm a lecturer of crime scene investigation at EMU and Washtenaw Community College. The people who work for me are all retired police officers. We know what we're doing," he said. "In this case, we agree with the lead investigator (Morrow)."

The findings stunned the family, who then approached the Canton Police Department to take another look at the case. They agreed to, according to Schreiner. They even enlisted the help of a Michigan State Police blood spatter expert to take a look at Morrow's findings.

A representative with the state police would only confirm that they are indeed looking at the case, but they have yet to conclude a report.

AN ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE?

While the family hasn't completely ruled out that there could have been foul play involved, they think it is likely that their son accidentally shot himself. The clip in the gun was empty when police found it. They think

it is possible that he didn't realize there was a bullet in the chamber of the gun. They also think someone was with Dustin, which Morrow's report would seem to suggest.

Morrow also concluded that it was an accidental shooting, most likely self-inflicted.

On Thursday, Santomauro and Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy met with the family. Santomauro admitted to the family that there were mistakes made, particularly in the response time to the initial call the family made. He said two people have already been suspended for their actions. He also said the case has made the department re-evaluate how it will approach similar cases in the future.

However, he is satisfied that his investigators did a good job on the case.

"From an investigation standpoint, I'm comfortable we've done enough — not only once, but twice," Santomauro said. "We just don't have any evidence to support a homicide. There is no evidence that there was anyone else there."

"We know he did it, but the question is why. We can't answer that. And I think that is what is bothering the family so much," Santomauro added.

The Piepsneys will never accept their son killed himself on purpose. Their hope is that someone will come forward with information that will help them know the truth.

A couple of months ago, the family moved from their home on Beechwood, unable to live with the constant reminder of their son's death. They moved into a condominium a couple of miles away off of Canton Center Road. Bill Piepsney said they still love the Canton community and wanted to stay. But he said they will never quit fighting for their son's legacy.

"My mission is not to point out what the Canton Police Department did wrong. My mission is to prove it wasn't a suicide, the way the public thinks of suicide," he said. "All he has left is his name and his integrity and dignity. That's what we're fighting for. The conclusion that he committed suicide is unacceptable to us."

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Newcomers make charitable donation

The Canton Newcomers donated \$2,250 to The Senior Alliance through funds raised at their monthly chapter meeting and through their Mom 2 Mom sale that took place back in March. Here Newcomer President Kelly Olszewski (left) presents a check to Lori Tooles-Carrington, program specialist for The Senior Alliance. The Canton Newcomers raise funds through multiple activities in the Canton community. Donations are disbursed numerous times a year by vote of the membership board. For more information about the program or the Newcomers — a social, civic, and charitable organization designed to acquaint area residents with other residents in the Canton area — visit <http://cantonnewcomers.org>.

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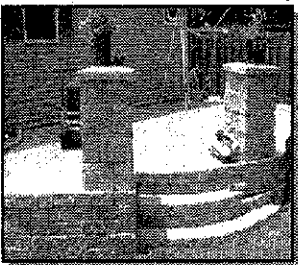
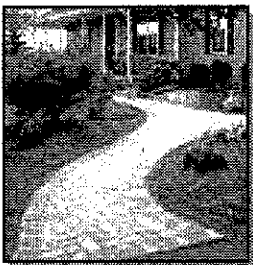
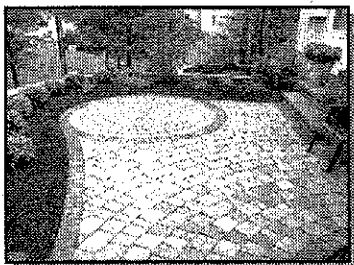
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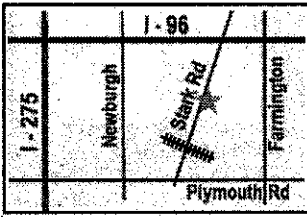
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# EDUCATION



Three teams from Canton Charter Academy won TARDEC development grants during the World Robofest Championship held at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

## Academy teams tops at annual Robofest

Three teams sponsored by Canton Charter Academy won U.S. Army development grants during the 10th annual World Robofest Championship recently held at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

The Joint Center for Robotics at the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) in Warren awarded grants to teams demonstrating creative and innovative robotics projects with entrepreneurship components.

"Events like Robofest are important to TARDEC because they help us lay the groundwork for the future of Michigan's engineering and technical workforce," said

Bernard Theisen, project manager for outreach at the Joint Center for Robotics. "Robotics is a multidisciplinary field, so students are exposed to the computer science, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, physics, and math disciplines."

Robofest, founded by Lawrence Tech professor CJ Chung, is an international competition of autonomous robots — computer-programmed to act independently and not radio-controlled. The competition encourages students to have fun while learning principles of computer science, physics, math, engineering and technology. This year some 1,700 students from 10 states and five countries

participated.

The three Canton teams competed in the junior division (grades 5-9). One three-student team named TILT (Technology in Layman's Terms) built a pinball-type game that moves in concert with a player who is seated on a large exercise ball. The Desert Eagles created an eco-friendly RoboRecycler that sorts recyclables into categories.

CCA's Dawg Botz won a People's Choice Award with CART (Carrying Autonomous Robotic Technology). This multipurpose robot uses infrared light to follow a person by employing ultrasonic and infrared sensors to avoid hitting obstacles.

## Plymouth woman's show wins two Emmys

Sport Science, the popular television series featuring WSU's associate professor of biomedical engineering and Plymouth resident Cynthia Bir won two of the five Sports Emmys it was nominated for recently at Lincoln Center in New York City.

The Sport Science team took home awards for Outstanding Graphic Design and Outstanding New Approaches and was nominated for Outstanding Edited Sports Series/Anthology, Outstanding Technical Team Studio and Outstanding Production Design/Art Design. Sport Science also was nominated last year for four Sports Emmys and won for Outstanding Graphic Design.

The series, which is in its second season, brings professional sports stars and scientists to Sport Science's elaborate sports laboratory in Los Angeles to test athletic prowess and feats of the highest level.

This season's first episode tested what generates more power — natural adrenaline or an adrenaline shot, with mixed martial arts fighter Houston Alexander agreeing to be injected with a dose of epinephrine.

"The shows are appreciated by a lot of different audiences, different age groups and backgrounds," said Bir. "In all the shows we've applied the tools developed in the lab to record, measure and map the speed, force and range of the human body, specifically the athlete. The final product is not only entertaining, but educational."

Last season the show caught the attention of many science teachers who then used it as a teaching tool. This year, Wayne State University is providing science teachers with a curriculum based on segments of the show.

Sport Science airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on Fox Sports Network.

### Party walk-through

The committee shepherding the Senior All Night Party at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hosts a walk-through for underclassman parents and any other parents wishing to see what is involved in creating the party, held annually for seniors.

The walk-through takes place 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 (the night of the event) at Salem High School. Students are not allowed at the walk-through.

The committee is also still

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in desperate need of parent volunteers to work the night of the event, which starts at 9 p.m. and runs through 3 a.m. Any adult, 25 years of age or older, is welcome to volunteer.

Volunteers can sign up at [www.pcepseniorparty.net/long.com](http://www.pcepseniorparty.net/long.com)

### College night

Need information about local options for college? The Canton Public Library is hosting a College Night Open House on June 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. Come by and get information from 16 local colleges, including community colleges and schools with online and alternative education programs. Learn about financial aid, admissions, degree programs and transfer credits. It's not too late to make plans for the fall semester.

Colleges scheduled to attend are Davenport Online Learning, University of Phoenix-Michigan, Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Walsh College, Troy, Concordia University, Washtenaw Community College, ITT Technical Institute, Art Institute of Michigan and Kaplan Institute.

No registration is necessary. Call (734) 397-0999 for more information. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

### Science, math camps

New Morning School announces two offers for this summer's sizzling summer science and math camps:

- Need-based scholarships are still available. These scholarships will be awarded on an individual basis, and may include one week or multiple week camp packages, depending on a family's unique circumstances. The scholarship also includes before and after camp care. To apply, call 734.420.3331 or download the Summer Science and Math Camp Registration Form from the school's Web site, [www.newmorningschool.com](http://www.newmorningschool.com).

- Visitors can also visit the Web site at [www.newmorningschool.com](http://www.newmorningschool.com) to download a coupon good for 10 percent off any two camp registrations.

Register siblings, register with a friend, or register your child for multiple camps.

For 19 years, New Morning School has offered a variety of enriching summer science and math camps for children ages 3 to 11. Fun and stimulating topics for young children ages 3 - 5 include Space Travel, Beach Blanket Bingo, and Fairies. Themes for children ages 6 - 11 include Magic Mystery Tour and Advanced Legos.

### Albion grads

The following local students were among the 453 graduates from Albion College:

- Matthew Baciak graduated cum laude, receiving a degree in philosophy and political science, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service and Law, Justice and Society. Baciak was one of only 34 students to receive a degree with Albion College Honors, by completing special Honors Institute requirements and writing a senior thesis. The honor of cum laude signifies that Baciak graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5.

- Matthew Baciak is the son of Jan and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

- Anthony Bosco received a degree in political science with a minor in English. Bosco is the son of Donald and Gina Bosco of Plymouth and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

- Gregory Calabrese received a degree in sociology and political science, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service and Law, Justice and Society. Calabrese is the son of James and Jean Calabrese of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

- William Fitzsimmons graduated cum laude, receiving a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. The honor of cum laude signifies that Fitzsimmons graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5. William Fitzsimmons is the son of Joseph and Julie A. Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

- Ashley Van Esley received a degree in art. Van Esley is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Van Esley of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

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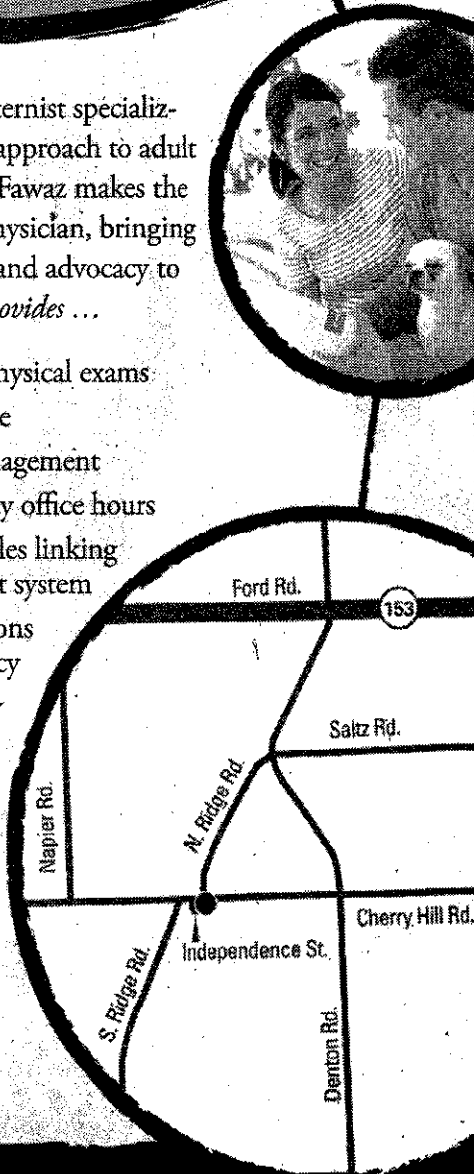
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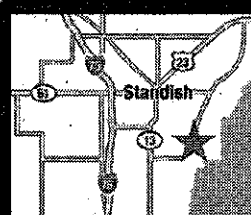


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# 'Treasure hunting every day'

St. Vincent de Paul thrift store offer bargains in hard times

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shoppers feeling the economic pinch can find what Michael Saine considers a treasure trove inside the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift store he manages in Westland.

Consumers can find brand-name clothing, Noritake crystal, televisions, Haviland Limoges china, books, furniture, cappuccino machines, sports cards, games, wedding dresses, vinyl records and a Cinderella music box among the thousands of items neatly arranged inside the store, located in a shopping center on the northwest corner of Wayne and Hunter roads.

More important in a tough economy, shoppers pay a fraction of what it would cost them to buy the items new, and it's all for a good cause. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with 10 stores in southeast Michigan alone, spends 92 cents for every dollar it earns to provide food, clothing, shelter, youth camps and other services to people in need.

Under the umbrella of the Archdiocesan Council of Detroit, the local organization receives its merchandise from donors and then sells it to bargain-hunters who need to stretch a dollar, especially as Michigan battles a 12 percent unemployment rate.

"It's a perfect redistribution of wealth without government intervention," Saine said.

He manages the store with six



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Victoria White, a 13-year-old Westland resident and Livonia Emerson Middle School student, works at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift store as part of a service project through her youth group at St. Theodore Catholic Church.

employees, including assistant managers Sharonda Smiley and Barbara Flood, and volunteers like 22-year-old Westland mom Christina Peterson, who stops in two or three days a week to hang up clothes, put price tags on merchandise and help reorganize displays.

"I also shop here for my kids' clothing and toys," she said. "You can't beat the prices."

A worldwide organization, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was started 175 years ago and has operated in the Detroit area for 121 years. In this region alone, it helps some 100,000 people a year.

Saine also proudly described the charity as environmen-

tally friendly, saying the stores "recycle" merchandise every week that might otherwise end up in landfills. Moreover, it only accepts appliances and other items that work and don't need repairs because, Saine said, it wouldn't be fair to sell broken goods that "economically challenged" patrons would have to spend money to fix.

Shoppers can find a nearly new couch for \$100, a brand-name T-shirt as low as \$1, Haviland Limoges china for \$1.99 a piece and wedding gowns for well under \$100 — a price that "doesn't take a bite out of Dad's pocket" as he helps his daughter prepare for her big day.

"We're not out to pick anybody's pocket," Saine said.

People who want to donate to the organization can take items like clothing directly to the stores or arrange to have bigger merchandise, such as furniture, picked up by calling the Society's toll free number at (877) 788-4623. The Westland store, located at 6613 N. Wayne Road, can be reached at (734) 729-3088. Much more information, including how to make a monetary donation, is available online at [www.svdpdet.org](http://www.svdpdet.org).

For those who merely want a good deal, the store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except for Sundays when it's noon to 5 p.m. As Saine put it, "it's treasure hunting every day."

# Residents support team's effort to fight cancer

Lauren and Carley Zimmerman of Plymouth have organized a fund-raiser at Canton's Max & Erma's on Wednesday, May 27 to raise money for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day.

The sisters, along with their cousin, Janine Owen of South Lyon, have created a team called Knobby's Knockers and will walk in this year's Breast Cancer 3-Day. The three-day, 60-mile walk benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund requires months of physical and financial preparation, challenge and triumph.

Participants commit to raising \$2,300 in order to participate and follow a four- to six-month physical training program.

"I decided to participate in this year's Breast Cancer 3-Day after watching my Mom do it last year. Seeing her go through the training and then the actual walk itself was so inspiring," said Zimmerman. "With Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust as beneficiaries of the Breast Cancer 3-Day, I know I'm accomplishing this by helping ensure funding is available for important research, education and community health programs. I hope to exceed the fund-raising goal with out fund-raiser."

Breast cancer will affect one in eight women in the U.S. and breast cancer knows no boundaries—be it age, gender, socio-economic status or, more broadly, the state of the economy. Michigan residents like the ladies of Knobby's Knockers recognize the need for continued support of charitable causes as



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both a broad effort and for personal reasons alike.

"The economy is bad, but breast cancer doesn't care about the economy, so we can't let that stop us," said Zimmerman. "It is and very rewarding to know our commitment has brought so many people together in support of our team's bold efforts to raise funds to end breast cancer."

All day, Max & Erma's of Canton (at Ford Road and Canton Center) will donate 20 percent of all receipts to support Knobby's Knockers walk in the Breast Cancer 3-Day. Diners must bring a ticket; without it, the restaurant will not honor the fund-raiser. Tickets can be found at [www.knobbysknockers.webs.com](http://www.knobbysknockers.webs.com) to print off the ticket.

## Patterson supports Ducks

Senator Bruce Patterson's (R-Canton) legislation that offers a Ducks Unlimited fund-raising license plate passed the Senate Wednesday.

Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration

of wetland habitat for waterfowl. Since its formation in 1937, they have conserved approximately 12.3 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States, Canada and Mexico, including over 50,000 acres in Michigan. They have identified the Great Lakes system as a priority for wetlands and waterfowl conservation.

"I am a proud member of the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited," Patterson said. "As a conservationist, I fully support their efforts to make this state and all of North America a better place to co-exist with our feathered friends."

The state does not subsidize the cost of fund-raising license plates. Ducks Unlimited would raise the \$15,000 start up fee and then the organization would receive the proceeds from the sale of the plates.

## Senior fitness

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts the National Senior Health & Fitness Day, "Fitness is a good move," 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 27, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

The day will include door prizes, raffles, demonstrations, giveaways, free blood pressure checks and more.

Events include a one-mile indoor walk from 9 a.m. to noon; Senior Exercise with Ellie 9-10:30 a.m.; Tai Chi demonstration, 10:30-11 a.m.; and a yoga demonstration, 11-11:30 a.m. Free transportation can be obtained by calling (734) 459-8888.

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## Man killed in accident at Detroit Diesel

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man was killed Wednesday by a machine he was repairing at a Redford Township engine plant.

Jeff Malins, a 51-year-old Canton resident, died at Detroit Diesel when a machine he was repairing switched on Wednesday afternoon. According

to police reports, the man was working on the machine that started to back up. Medical workers at the factory attempted to treat the man's head injury in preparation for the arrival of emergency responders.

Redford Township police and fire department officers went out to the factory, 12100 Telegraph, to try to save the man's life but were unable to do so. Malins was

pronounced dead at the scene at 4:20 p.m. and was taken from the scene by representatives of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

Redford Township Police Capt. Kraig Brueck declined to comment on the incident, saying that the accident at the plant is under investigation by the State of Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

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# Bankruptcy law gives people a second chance

**Q:** Dear Rick: I generally agree with what you say and I like your down to earth approach, however, I question one of your recent columns in which you seem to suggest that bankruptcy isn't such a bad idea. I think too many people go into bankruptcy when they don't have to. I think too many people are taking advantage of the system. I would hope that in the future you would discourage people from using bankruptcy.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**A:** I understand where you are coming from and part of me agrees with you, however, I don't think I should be discouraging people from pursuing bankruptcy where needed.

There are people who take advantage of bankruptcy laws and over the last few years bankruptcy reform has attempted to reduce the number of abuses. Most people use bankruptcy laws as they were intended.

The purpose of bankruptcy laws is to provide an individual with a second chance. Whether he/she was irresponsible with personal finances or ran into bad luck, the laws are meant to protect in either circumstance.

Bankruptcy should not be the first choice when individuals run into financial difficulty. Even during difficult economic times, there are consequences when someone goes into bankruptcy — even for those with good credit. When someone runs into financial difficulty, they should explore all options — bankruptcy is one.

It is not immoral or unethical to take advantage of bankruptcy laws when someone is in financial distress.

In this country, the economic and financial system runs according to rules and bankruptcy laws are part of this system. American businesses operate as they do in part because of bankruptcy laws.

For example, there are usury laws which govern how much interest an individual is allowed to be charged. The charge card companies have been able to exclude themselves from that law and can charge virtually unlimited

amounts of interest on charge card debt. One of their reasons for seeking this exclusion was to offset losses that occur when consumers go into bankruptcy. When consumers pay high interest rates on charge cards they have more or less bought an insurance policy on their debt. The premium is in the form of higher interest rates. Don't be overly concerned for charge card companies when

they have to take a loss due to bankruptcy because they have already been compensated by charging higher interest rates.

Businesses — large and small — factor bad debt into the equation when determining the price of their products. We all pay a higher price on goods and services to offset losses that companies incur due to bankruptcy.

I don't mean to seem cavalier

about filing for bankruptcy; however, I also don't want to be holier than thou and claim that I wouldn't recommend bankruptcy to anyone. I believe individuals, just like corporations, should not hesitate to use bankruptcy in order to get a fresh start.

There is no doubt many people misuse the bankruptcy laws. In many of those situations the individual is com-

mitting a fraud and there are legal consequences if they are caught.

Over the years, I've had mixed reactions when the topic of bankruptcy arises. There are a number of people who believe there is a moral obligation to pay back debts and that bankruptcy is never an option. I respect that belief, but I disagree.

One reason we are such a

great country is that we recognize that on an occasional basis, people need a fresh start. That is exactly what bankruptcy can do for someone.

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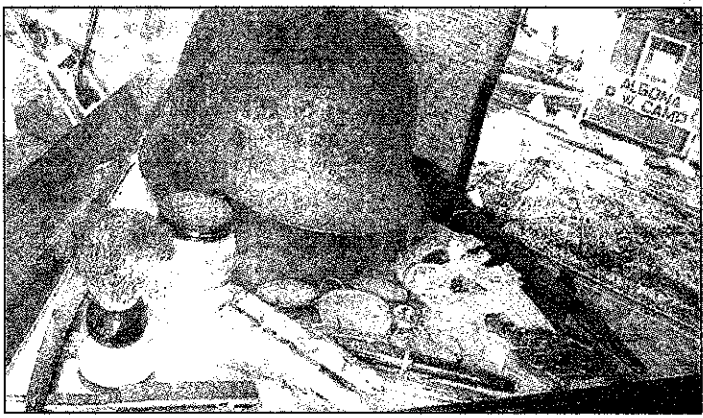
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# Rolling history lesson makes local stop

On Friday morning, a large green bus came rolling into Canton and parked next the library. While it may have looked a little out of place, the bus was actually a traveling museum housing artifacts from World War II.

Nearly 60 people visited the converted school bus, or "buseum," during its stay. They got a first hand look at what life was like for German prisoners of war. The exhibit paints a picture of POW life as captured soldiers experienced it. Using artifacts, photographs, documents, audio and DVD documentaries, it focuses on the experiences of the roughly 372,000 German POWs held in U.S. Army-operated camps across the United States.

Prisoners were sent out to harvest or process crops, build roads, fell trees, roof barns, erect silos, work in light non-military industry, lay city sewers and construct tract housing, wash U.S. Army laundry and do other practical wartime tasks. With the high rate of 19th-century German immigration to the Midwest, many of those who worked with POWs spoke to them in



The bus museum contains many artifacts obtained from Nazi soldiers after they had been captured by the American military during World War II.

their native tongue — some even had relatives or former neighbors among them. In the process, they formed friendships with their American captors. A number of POWs even chose to immigrate to the United States after the war.

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association and Friends of the Canton Public Library sponsored the buseum's visit. Admission was free.

"The buseum presents a part of American history that demonstrates how two different groups of people can have a big impact on each other

and on global relations," said Laurie Golden, spokesperson for the Canton Public Library. "This exhibit shows that how, in the worst of times, treating people with dignity brings out the best in everyone. The Canton Public Library, the Veteran's Memorial Association and the Friends of the library are happy to bring this to our community."

The TRACES' mobile museum is currently touring six Midwest states reaching schools, libraries and historical societies. The bus is being driven by Irving Kellman. "While there is quite a bit of



Canton's Lisa Lang checks out one of the World War II exhibits aboard the bus.

information about American soldiers held prisoner in WWII Nazi Germany, less is known about captured Germans soldiers held prisoner in America during the war. This exhibit tells their story," said John Spencer, president of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association.

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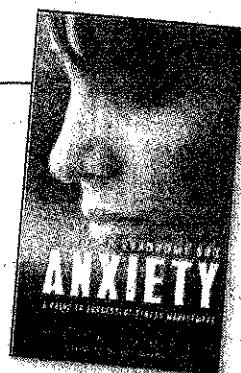
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Salem's Lee too hot to hit in KLAA final

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting that on an 80-degree afternoon that felt a lot like the first day of summer, the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference soft-

### PREP SOFTBALL

ball title was decided by a pitcher delivering high heat. Led by flame-throwing sophomore pitcher Briana Lee, Salem captured its second

straight conference championship Wednesday when it knocked off state-ranked Livonia Franklin, 4-0. The Rocks also won the final Western Lakes Activities Association title last spring. Lee silenced a robust

Patriot line-up that had won 30 of 34 games heading into Wednesday's contest. She struck out nine, walked none and yielded just one hit — Chelsea Williams' first-inning, two-strike bunt single that Lee nearly caught before it hit the

ground and back-spun away from her.

"Winning back-to-back conference championships says a lot for the program as a whole and it shows what a

Please see **KLAA, B2**

## GAME WRAPS

### Spartans rally to edge 'Cat hitters

In a Kensington Conference crossover Wednesday, host Livonia Stevenson rallied for two runs in the bottom of the 10th inning to beat Plymouth, 9-8, at Ford Field in Livonia. The victory improved the Spartans' record to 11-18 while the 'Cats slipped to 17-11.

It was 6-6 after seven innings. Each team scored a run in the ninth inning before Plymouth tallied a pair of runs in the top of the 10th to take an 8-7 advantage.

The game-winning rally started when Charlie Crockett was hit by a pitch and scored on Jeff Sorenson's triple. Mark Wagner's long double to deep left center field was the game-winner. Top Stevenson hitters included Mike Tuttle (4-for-6; three RBI); Sorenson (3-for-4; two triples; three runs); Wagner (2-for-5; two RBI); Nick Tomasi (two RBI) and J.J. Pettersson (2-for-6; RBI).

Mike Nadratowski went 4-for-6 and scored three runs to pace Plymouth.

Other standouts at the plate for the Wildcats included Travis Mewton (3-for-4; RBI); Matt Priebe (3-for-3; RBI); Cliff Buttermore (2-for-4); and Brad Lineberry (two RBI).

Josh Strautz, who went the final 4.2 innings in relief of Sorenson, got the win.

### Wildcat kickers blank Pinckney

Plymouth's girls soccer team closed out its regular season Wednesday night with an impressive 5-0 triumph over Pinckney in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played on the PCEP soccer pitch. The win improved the Wildcats' record to 11-3-2.

Kelly Dobbs and McKenzie both netted a pair of goals for the winners. Freshman Melissa Aho, who was recently promoted from the junior-varsity squad, also scored a goal.

Marissa Williams was stellar in net for Plymouth, recording the shutout.

### Canton LAX team falls

Canton's boys lacrosse team dropped a 13-8 decision to North Farmington Wednesday in a Division 1 Regional contest.

Matt Rodgers, Jordan Emery, Jason Avedesian, Riley Hoernschemeyer, Jake Underwood and Trevor Moore scored for the Chiefs.

### Coaches: Please report results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is Tuesday at 11 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

## Invaluable 'Cat'alysts

Trio of senior captains have made impact since Day 1

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most successful high school softball teams are a lot like Oreo cookies: They're extra sweet up the middle.

Case in point: Plymouth's perennially strong program, which has been blessed by a trio of heart-of-the-diamond stars the past four seasons.

Senior captains Erin Rodes (catcher), Beth Heldmeyer (second base) and Jill Brennan (center field) not only patrol key positions for the Wildcats, but they've provided a level of leadership that has proven to be priceless during the past four springs' pressure-packed games.

Each member of the Wildcats' terrific threesome has not only started since their freshman year, but they've played pivotal roles in leading the team to four straight 20-plus win seasons.

Last year, the 'Cats advanced to a Division 1 Regional final

before getting nipped by White Lake Lakeland. This year, they'll take a 27-9 mark into next week's District tournament at Plymouth.

"They're definitely going to be missed next year," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Not only because they're class acts on the field, but because they're such role models off it, too. It's going to be difficult to find anyone to fill their spots."

"I know they're all going to be successful in college because of the ladder of success they've climbed throughout high school. All three have been tremendous assets to our program."

### Catch a rising star

Canfield was able to catch a glimpse of Heldmeyer's skills before she first stepped foot on the Plymouth High School softball field.

"When Beth was in eighth

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Senior captains (from left) Beth Heldmeyer, Jill Brennan (kneeling) and Erin Rodes have played pivotal roles for the Plymouth softball team since their freshman seasons.

On the heels of a 10-0 regular season, Canton's boys golf team placed third at Thursday's Division 1 District tournament at Tanglewood Golf Course. By finishing in the top six, the Chiefs qualified for next week's Regional competition. Pictured (from left) are coach Tom Alles, Jeremy Lindlbauer, Dom Bonelli, Andrew Rickerman, Zach Conrad (the District medalist) and Brendan Muir.



## Par-fect 10-0: Chiefs ace schedule

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even Tiger Woods would be envious of the Canton boys golf team's success rate this spring.

The Chiefs reeled off a Tiger-esque 10-0 regular season before placing third at Thursday's Division 1 District tournament at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon. The stellar

effort qualified coach Tom Alles' team for next week's Regional competition.

"Our top four players have been very consistent all season," said Alles, when asked to reveal the key to his squad's success. "I had high hopes before the season started and they've exceeded my expectations."

Over the course of Alles' 16-year coaching career, this is his first team to go

unbeaten in dual meets.

"Looking back, this is definitely one of the most talented teams I've ever coached," he said. "The last time we won the conference, we went 10-1 in 1996 or '97. This team matches up well with that one."

The Chiefs have been paced by junior Zach Conrad, who carded a

Please see **CHIEFS, B3**

## Dixon throws gem at Rocks

Canton's baseball team upended Salem, 7-1, Wednesday afternoon in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over game at Salem.

Junior left-handed pitcher Alex Dixon limited the Rocks to just four hits in six innings of work. He struck out nine batters and didn't issue a walk.

Nick Tomilenko (2-for-4, RBI, run) and Zane Birchler (2-for-4, run) fueled the winners' offensive attack. Seth Tschetter sparked a three-run, two-out seventh-inning uprising for the Chiefs by lacing a two-run single.

Canton scored four times in the second off Rock starter David Hales before tacking on three in the final frame. Salem's lone run came in the sixth.

Canton outit Salem, 7-4. Both teams committed one error.

The Chiefs improved to 19-11 with the win. Salem slipped to 20-10.

Canton will take on Livonia Stevenson in a pre-



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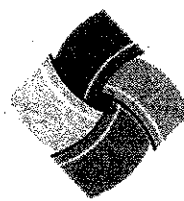
Canton junior pitcher Alex Dixon, pictured during a game earlier this season, allowed just four hits and struck out nine in six innings of work to pick up the win in Wednesday's 7-1 victory over Salem.

District contest Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Plymouth High School. Salem opens District action on May 30.

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grade, her and her dad used to come to our games and play catch out in right field," Canfield said. "I knew that was Beth Heldmeyer out there, I knew she was coming to Plymouth the following year, and I knew she was quite a player."

Heldmeyer has been a stellar contributor with her glove and bat at Plymouth. A regular member on post-season All-Conference teams the past few years, Heldmeyer chose to run cross country and track at Siena Heights beginning in the fall, making her the only member of the triumvirate who will not play college softball.

"You'd think it would have been a tough decision for me, but it really wasn't," admitted Heldmeyer, discussing her sport of choice at the next level. "I love both sports, but I've really grown to love running. It keeps you in shape more than softball and I really want to try running track next spring."

## Fabulous freshmen

Rodes and Brennan became fast friends as seventh-graders at Pioneer Middle School.

"We played on the same travel team for a while when we were younger, but then it broke up," said Brennan. "When we found out we were both going to Plymouth, we were very excited."

As soon as Brennan and Rodes met Heldmeyer, they meshed like, well, the elements of an Oreo cookie.

And their chemistry carried over to the field, where they've help establish Plymouth as one of the area's premier softball programs.

"A lot of our success is due to coach Canfield," said Rodes, who will play softball at Alma College beginning in the fall. "A lot of coaches breathe down your neck when you're doing bad, but she really knows what we're doing wrong and she knows how to correct things without being too negative. She's not easy on us, but she does it the right way."

## Doubly important role

Rodes holds the unique distinction of being a catcher/lead-off hitter.

"One summer when I was playing travel, both of our team's catchers got hurt," said Rodes, explaining how she ended up behind the plate. "I was like, 'I'll do it!' and I've loved it ever since. I like being in the middle of the action."

"I love leading off, too. I've always liked pressure and I like to be the one who gets things going."

Softball is in Brennan's blood. A golden-gloved center fielder who can slap-hit with the best of them, she earned a spot on Concordia College's softball team beginning next fall.

"I can't picture my life without softball," she said. "When I'm done playing in college, I want to get into coaching. I just love the atmosphere that comes with the sport."

Brennan said she is not looking forward to the day in the next few weeks when she walks off a high school diamond for the last time.

"It's going to be horrible," she said. "I don't want to leave everybody I've gotten to know here. I'm going to ask coach Canfield if I can come back and help next year just so I can stay close with everybody."

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## Wildcats humble KLAA South opponents

Plymouth's softball team made short work of Westland John Glenn Tuesday afternoon when it defeated the Rockets, 20-0, in a game halted after three innings due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Lauren Smith (two innings) and Miranda Oliver (one inning) allowed just one hit each.

Offensive standouts for the 'Cats were Erin Rodes (3-for-3), Amanda Burnard (3-for-3, four RBI), Jessica

Bondy (three hits, three RBI) and Tessa Heldmeyer, who went 2-for-3.

**PLYMOUTH 6, WAYNE 0:** On Monday, the Wildcats were sparked by two-hit games from Beth Heldmeyer, Bondy and Jill Brennan, and the solid pitching of Smith (four innings, three hits, two strikeouts) and Oliver, who yielded just one hit in three innings.

Stacey Klonowski added a two-run double and Marissa Blassic added

a hit and two walks to the winners' cause.

**PLYMOUTH 6, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0:** On Wednesday at Stevenson, the Wildcats were sparked by the red-hot pitching of Smith, who scattered five hits and struck out four in a complete-game effort.

The 'Cats were paced at the plate by Rodes (2-for-3, double), Heldmeyer (2-for-3, walk) and Klonowski (3-for-4, two RBI).



## Division champs

The All Saints Catholic School's girls softball team captured a CYO division title May 17 after putting the finishing touches on its second straight unbeaten regular season with a victory over St. Mary's of Wayne. The Blue Thunder will play for the CYO championship May 30. Pictured are (front row from left) Emily Sarnecky, Ashley Tatro, Elaine Gerou, Jessica Kuznicki, Jacquelyne Kuznicki, Kim Gunnis (back row from left) head coach Mike Gerou, Lauren Lukens, coach Bob Tatro, Lyndsey Gryniwicz, Alex Zelek, Alaina Stevenson, Mackenna Fahlman and assistant coach Mike Zelek.

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hard-working group of girls I have," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, whose team improved to 25-10. "They really wanted this one today because they wanted to do something no other team had done before."

"We beat a phenomenal team, just like we did when we beat Northville last year in the final game."

Lee has given the Patriots fits all season. In three games against Franklin, the sophomore has yielded just four hits.

"The first time we faced

Briana, we only got one hit, but we were able to generate a run and win 1-0," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez. "The second time we faced her we only got two hits, so we knew it wasn't going to be easy today."

"When she's throwing the ball as hard as she does, the kids want to go for the high pitches. We struck out more than I thought we would today, but a lot of that was because of her velocity."

The Rocks scored the only run they'd need in the second when Lee helped her own cause with a towering home run over the center-field fence.

The Patriots put together a mini-threat in the fourth

when pitcher Natalie Sanborn reached first on a one-out error. Clean-up hitter Briana Taylor hit a ground ball to Salem second baseman Lizzy Mazorowicz, who tagged Sanborn, but threw high to first in an effort to double-up Taylor.

Rock first baseman Emily Pitcole chased down the loose ball and fired a strike to second base, nailing Taylor to end the inning.

Salem padded its lead to 4-0 in the bottom of the fourth on a lead-off round-tripper off the bat of freshman catcher Alexis Powell — her team-high eighth of the season — and a two-run shot from Lee.

The key to Lee's mound

gem was shutting down the potent bats of the Taylor twins — lead-off batter Brittany and Briana, who combined to go 0-for-6 with four strikeouts.

"You definitely want to keep the twins off base," said Southerland. "When they get on, it seems like they end up scoring about 90 percent of the time."

The bulk of the Rocks' offense came from the heart of their batting order — 4-5-6-7 hitters Powell, Pitcole, Lee and Kelli Janiczek, who combined to get on base nine times. Powell, Lee and Janiczek all ripped two hits.

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# Local golfers perform well at district event

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Things went pretty much according to script in Thursday's Division 1 district boys golf tournament held under challenging conditions at Tanglewood G.C.

The state's top-ranked team, Northville, earned its third consecutive district crown with a four-player total of 320.

Livonia Stevenson, the only team to defeat the Mustangs in a dual match this season, finished second with 325 and will be joined at next Friday's Lakes of Taylor regional by Canton (326), Livonia Churchill (327), Plymouth (338) and Dearborn (344).

Only three players broke 80 among the 12-team field led by medalist Zach Conrad, a junior from Canton, who carded the low round with a 75.

Northville was led by Trevor Grigg's 78, while Steve Brown (80), Alex Bernstein (81) and Wes Gates (81) also figured in the Mustangs' four-player total.

"We were happy to win and come away with the district championship - our number one goal was to qualify," said Northville coach Matt



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Salem's Aaron Thompson lines up a putt during Thursday's Division 1 boys District golf tournament held at Tanglewood G.C.

Stetson, who returned three starters from last year's team, which finished third in Division 1. "We scored a little higher than I thought - but with the wind - conditions were a little

tougher. "And there was also the pressure of playing on your home course. We wanted to play very well, but sometimes it can also backfire on you."

Two of the toughest holes came on North course - the par-3 Nos. 6 and 8.

"I didn't play well on those holes," said Conrad, who was a state qualifier last year. "I played a practice round here. The greens were tricky and I had to know where to hit my tee shots in good spots. I had to hit the right distances, but the wind effected it going left to right."

Conrad, the first Canton golfer to earn medalist honors for the Chiefs since Derek Trosper did it four years ago, practices out of Fox Hills Golf Course. He plans to play this summer on the Adams Tour and PGA Junior National series.

The stellar performance by Conrad, who also plays travel hockey, came as no surprise to his coach Tom Alles.

"Zach works like crazy and plays all summer long," Alles said. "He has a ton of experience playing competitive golf. He got off to a slow start, but has been playing well the second half of the season. He's a cool customer."

The only other player to break 80 was Stevenson's Christian Debay, who came in with a 79.

Teammates Drew Mossoian and Dan Dufour each carded 81s, while Tom Cullum and Adam Giordano each added 84s for the Spartans.

Mossoian, Stevenson's hottest player of late, was an individual state qualifier last season.

"We got a good round out of Christian (Debay) and Dan (Dufour) has been playing really well," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said. "And Giordano is like Drew. You always know you're going to get a score anywhere from 80 to 84."

Churchill was led by Kevin Robinson's 80 and Matt Charnley's 81, while Plymouth relied on Justin Bauer's 80.

The All-District team included Conrad, Grigg, Debay, Brown, Bauer and Robinson.

Additional individual regional qualifiers from teams that did not place in the top six included Garden City's Ron Pummil (81) and Nick Walker (82); Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (81), Salem's Josh Perrin (82), Livonia Franklin's Chris Grund (85) and Wayne Memorial's Kevin

Sample (85).

Salem's Adam Powers, who also shot an 85, was eliminated in a one-hole playoff with Grund and Sample when he suffered a double-bogey.

It was tough day on the Rocks, who lost nine strokes and a spot ahead of Dearborn for the sixth and final team qualifying berth when a player was disqualified for rules violation (using a wind-aiding device).

"I was approached halfway through the round that I might have an issue with a player," Salem coach Rick Wilson said. "It was a device to measure the wind. I was surprised and it's something I never knew existed."

"It was a decision of the (district) golf committee. Artificial aids of any kind are not allowed. The rules of golf are clear. That's why I have a guy come in before the season from the Golf Association of Michigan and talk with our players about this stuff. I told him (the disqualified player) it was a hard lesson and we have to accept the committee's decision. He feels bad enough. He's a good player and he's a junior, so he'll have a chance to come back next year."

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS  
DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT  
May 21 at Tanglewood G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 qualify for regional):  
1. Northville, 320 strokes; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 325;  
3. Canton, 326; 4. Livonia Churchill, 327; 5. Plymouth,  
338; 6. Dearborn, 344; 7. Garden City, 348; 8. Livonia  
Franklin, 349; 10. Salem, 350; 11. Westland John  
Glenn, 355; 12. Wayne Memorial, 393.

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS  
Northville (320): Trevor Grigg, 39-39-78;  
Steve Brown, 38-42-80; Wes Gates, 41-40-81; Alex  
Bernstein, 31-40-81; Brandon Cameron, 43-40-83.  
Stevenson (325): Christian Debay, 40-39-79;  
Drew Mossoian, 39-82-81; Dan Dufour, 39-42-81; Tom  
Cullum, 39-45-84; Adam Giordano, 46-38-84.  
Canton (326): Zach Conrad, 39-36-75 (medalist);  
Andrew Rickerman, 39-43-82; Jeremy Lindbauer,  
42-41-83; Brendan Muir, 45-41-86; Dominic Bonell,  
48-46-94.  
Churchill (327): Kevin Robinson, 39-41-80; Matt  
Charnley, 40-41-81; Adam Yarber, 39-43-82; Dan  
Bostick, 48-36-84; Erik Newman, 40-46-86.  
Plymouth (338): Justin Bauer, 40-40-80; James  
Bryan, 40-44-84; Trevor Birdwell, 44-42-86; Andrew  
Overmeyer, 44-44-84; Ryan Bauer, 47-44-91.  
Dearborn (344): Evan Bowser, 40-41-81; Kosta  
Ramirez, 42-42-84; Daniel Dent, 43-42-85; Nathan  
Taschler, 48-46-94; Patrick O'Brien, 47-48-95.  
Garden City (348): Ron Pummil, 42-39-81 (rq);  
Nick Walker, 41-41-82 (rq); Mike Downey, 46-43-89;  
R.J. Wright, 53-43-96; Jared Cusmano, 49-52-101.  
Salem (350): Josh Perrin, 43-39-82 (rq); Adam  
Powers, 43-42-85; Brandon Duprey, 47-44-91; Eric  
Duprey, 47-45-92.  
Franklin (349): Chris Grund, 43-42-85 (rq);  
Jimmy Johnson, 42-44-86; Jordan Chisholm, 45-43-  
88; Jacob Wirgau, 46-44-90; Doug Nagy, 46-50-96.  
John Glenn (355): Andy Myers, 41-40-81 (rq);  
Josh Dupre, 45-43-88; Alex Rochette, 42-49-91; Tim  
Boes, 41-54-95; Conner Monroe, 53-46-99.  
Edsel Ford (373): Tom Prato, 41-47-88; Chris  
Wech, 47-43-90; Robert Neff, 48-46-94; Greg  
Barbour, 47-54-101; Nick Lyscas, 52-57-109.  
Wayne (393): Kevin Sample, 41-44-85 (rq); Jacob  
Smith, 48-41-89; Zachary Williamson, 49-55-104;  
Jarrell Williamson, 62-53-115; Shane Schooley, 56-  
67-123.  
(rq): additional individual regional qualifier.

## BOYS TRACK & FIELD

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET  
May 19 at South Lyon H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia  
Stevenson, 165 points; 2. Salem, 123.5;  
3. Novi, 105; 4. Northville, 96; 5. South  
Lyon, 25.5; 6. South Lyon East, 8.

EVENT RESULTS  
POLE VAULT: 1. John Krutty  
(Salem), 12 feet, 9 inches; 2. Garrett  
Farley (Novi), 12-6; 3. Jonathon  
Gudeman (LS), 12-0; 4. Kevin Mantay  
(N'ville), 12-0; 5. Steve Topalian (Novi),  
11-0; 6. Brent Parzuchowski (SLE), 11-0.  
HIGH JUMP: 1. Zach Gaskell  
(Salem), 6-3; 2. (tie) Al Myers (N'ville)  
and David Brown (N'ville), 6-1 each; 4.  
Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-9; 5. (tie) Nick Dyer  
(SL) and Paul Classen (Salmes), 5-7 each.  
LONG JUMP: 1. David Simor (LS),  
21-0.25; 2. Brett Kuhn (Novi), 20-5.25;  
3. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-3.75; 4. Farley  
(Novi), 20-2.5; 5. Will Burek (LS), 20-1.5;  
6. Ryan Oliverio (SLE), 19-4.  
DISCUS: 1. Dana Baltazar (Salem),  
142-6; 2. Jon Aneel (LS), 139-4; 4.  
Joe Betto (Novi), 129-0; 5. Gautum  
Muthusamy (Novi), 126-3; 6. Courtney  
Frazier (Salem), 126-0.  
SHOT PUT: 1. Baltazar (Salem), 48-  
6; 2. Ed Merhi (Salem), 46-1; 3. Aneel  
(LS), 44-9; 4. Andrew Nelson (LS), 43-6;  
5. Jacob Mehr (SL), 43-5; 6. Frazier  
(Salem), 41-6.  
3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Northville  
(Ed Clifton, Nicholas Dembicki,  
Jonathan Dalton, Noel Key), 8:17.49;  
2. Novi, 8:20.39; 3. Salem, 8:22.96;  
4. Stevenson, 8:33.13; 5. South Lyon,  
8:52.4.  
110 HURDLES: 1. Aliasghar Arastu  
(N'ville), 15:1; 2. Scott O'Connor (Salem),  
15:9.4; 3. Evan VanBuhler (Novi), 16:11;  
4. Burek (LS), 16:62; 5. Justin Hopton  
(Novi), 16:62; 6. Charles Williams  
(Salem), 16:83.  
100 DASH: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS),  
11:32; 2. Simor (LS), 11:39; 3. Austin  
White (LS), 11:51; 4. John Pauley (LS),  
11:58; 5. Patrick Patin (Salem), 11:64; 6.

DeAndre Fordham-Johns (Novi), 11:64.  
800 RELAY: 1. Stevenson (White,  
Patrick Smith, Sergison, Anagnostou),  
1:33.31; 2. Salem, 1:33.32; 3. Novi,  
1:35.47; 4. South Lyon, 1:36.78; 5. S.L.  
East, 1:44.11.  
1,600: 1. Mike Blaszczyk (Novi),  
4:35.47; 2. Frank Griffith (N'ville),  
4:35.9; 3. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:36.82; 4.  
Matt Devey (Salem), 4:38.97; 5. Michael  
Charara (Salem), 4:39.22; 6. T.J. Butler  
(Novi), 4:39.52.  
400 RELAY: 1. Stevenson (White,  
Pauley, Simor, Anagnostou), 43.23; 2.  
Salem, 44.72; 3. Novi, 45.21; 4. South  
Lyon, 46.4; 5. Northville, 46.63; 6. S.L.  
East, 47.09.  
400: 1. Arastu (N'ville), 49.63; 2.  
Sergison (LS), 50.75; 3. Key (N'ville),  
51.61; 4. (tie) Fumi Yonemura (Novi) and  
Stephen Pollard (LS), 52.08 each; 6.  
Gaskell (Salem), 52.55.  
300 HURDLES: 1. O'Connor  
(Salem), 41:01; 2. Burek (LS), 41:97; 3.  
Mark Zheng (Novi), 42:43; 4. VanBuhler  
(Novi), 42:84; 5. Williams (Salem), 43:91;  
6. (tie) Brendan O'Hara (LS) and Osama  
Al-Haymi (LS), 43:93.  
800: 1. Dalton (N'ville), 2:00.59;  
2. Dan Egner (Novi), 2:03.21; 3. Eric  
Plosko (LS), 2:03.59; 4. Charara (Salem),  
2:04.87; 5. James Smith (SLE), 2:05.38;  
6. Brett Giampa (Novi), 2:05.83.  
200: 1. Anagnostou (LS), 22.31; 2.  
Arastu (N'ville), 22.48; 3. Dominique  
Williams (Salem), 23.15; 4. Simor  
(LS), 23.4; 5. Patin (Salem), 23.45; 6.  
Sergison (LS), 23.63.  
3,200: 1. Blaszczyk (N'ville),  
9:54.82; 2. Howse (LS), 9:59.37; 3.  
Robert Swain (SL), 10:16.34; 4. Griffith  
(N'ville), 10:17.15; 5. Jason Smith  
(Salem), 10:19.75; 6. Butler (Novi),  
10:21.03.  
1,600 RELAY: 1. Northville (Key,  
Paul Gibson, Dalton, Arastu), 3:28.92;  
2. Stevenson, 3:33.0; 3. Salem, 3:34.99;  
4. Novi, 3:36.5; 5. S.L. East, 3:41.48; 6.  
South Lyon, 3:42.19.

## CHIEFS

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remarkable 75 on Thursday in windy conditions. The score earned Conrad medalist honors in a District that included No. 1-ranked Northville.

"Zach is so focused and intelligent," Alles said. "He doesn't get rattled. He must have been dead-on with his irons (on Thursday), because the conditions were not ideal to shoot the score he shot."

Senior captain Andrew Rickerman has also been stellar for the Chiefs this spring.

"Zach and Andrew have been our two best 18-hole players this year," said Alles. "All the guys have stepped up. They all deserve credit."

Rounding out Canton's top four are senior Jeremy Lindbauer and junior Brendan Muir. Senior Dominic Bonell and junior Travis Hall who have also made key contributions to the team's unparalleled success.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 24, 2009 at the Livonia Department of Public Works, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48150.

The proposed project consists of improvements within the Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities. The facilities include the Dearborn Heights Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Treatment Basin (CSO RTB), Inkster CSO RTB, Redford Township CSO RTB, River Rouge CSO RTB, and the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Interceptor System. Improvements include architectural/structural work; process mechanical systems; piping and valve replacements; heating and ventilation improvements; electrical work and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) improvements. Improvements are required to continue to comply with the communities' sewage disposal needs including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit requirements.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements within the Priority I Planning Period of 2010 to 2014 under a schedule to be established with the Rouge River Watershed Communities. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below. Communities indicated with an (\*) have costs included for improvements at their respective CSO RTB.

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
Canton	\$0.34	Dearborn Hgts.	\$6.51*
Garden City	\$0.88	Inkster	\$12.59*
Livonia	\$1.33	Northville	\$1.26
Northville Twp.	\$0.47	Plymouth	\$1.11
Plymouth Twp.	\$0.37	River Rouge	\$41.82*
Redford Twp.	\$7.92*	Romulus	\$0.14
Van Buren Twp.	\$0.23	Wayne	\$1.69
Westland	\$0.94	Oakland Cty. (Novi)	\$0.66

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, River Rouge, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 26, 2009.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 24, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities SRF Project Plan  
c/o Wayne County Department of Environment  
415 Clifford, 7th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Attention: Sue Ann Hanson, P.E.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Chiefs football camps

The Canton High School football program will host three camps next month.

On June 8-11, the Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades 7-9 will be held. Each

night from 5-7:30 p.m. at the varsity stadium. The cost is \$35. For more information, call Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

On June 15-18, the Canton Chiefs Wing T/3-4 Football Camp will be held for kids in grades 10-12. The camp, which

costs \$30, will run from 2-5:30 p.m. June 15 and from 5-8 p.m. the other three days. For more information, call Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

On June 22-25, the Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids in grades 3-6. The camp, which costs \$75, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

## HVS swap meet

High Velocity Sports in Canton will host a Swap Meet on Saturday, June 6, from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to the community. A \$2 per-person donation will benefit Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. Channel 95.5 will be on hand with promotions and giveaways. The Carnival of Inflatables will also be free to use and HVS staff will supervise children ages 4-12 while their parents shop. Those interested in sell-

ing gently used clothing, toys, sports equipment, and other yard/garage sale items should call Elaine Matthews at (734) 487-7678. Spots are available for \$20 (if you bring your own table and chairs) or for \$30 HVS will include space, a six-foot table, and two chairs. Call (734) 487-7678.

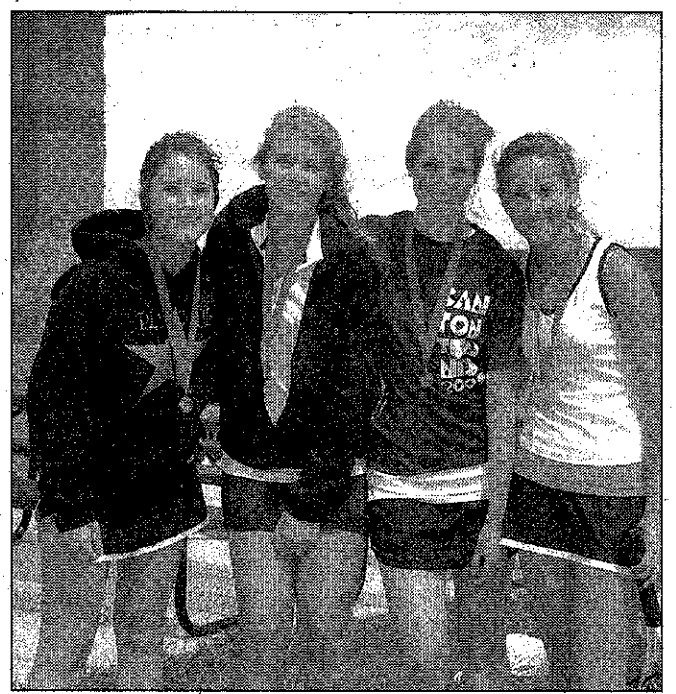
## Canton cheer camp

The Canton High School cheerleading team will be hosting a summer camp for kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade on June 22 from 8:30 a.m. (check-in) to 4 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50, which includes the clinic, lunch, an afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag.

There are discounted rates for families with two or more siblings attending.

The registration deadline is June 1. Call (734) 765-1998 or send an e-mail to carriers@comcast.net.



## Net success

A pair of local doubles teams placed first and second at the 11-team junior varsity tournament hosted by Canton on May 2. Pictured are (from left) Katie Bartek, Sydney Liedel, Breanna Hicks and Laura Schmid.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

## PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT BASEBALL DRAWS DIVISION 1 at PLYMOUTH

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Churchill vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Plymouth vs. Salem, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m.

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Garden City vs. Romulus, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m.

at MADONNA'S ILITCH BALLPARK

Saturday, May 30: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; Inkster vs. South Lyon East, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m.

at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Saturday, May 30: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10 a.m.; Championship final: Detroit Urban Lutheran vs. A-B winner, noon.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Wednesday, May 27

Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.

DISTRICT SOFTBALL DRAWS

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Garden City vs. Romulus, 10 a.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m.

at PLYMOUTH

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Salem vs. Plymouth, 10 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m.

at MADONNA UNIVERSITY PARK

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Inkster vs. (B) Dearborn Divine Child, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Livonia Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m.

at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Saturday, May 30: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10 a.m.; Championship final: Detroit Weston Prep vs. A-B winner, noon.

GIRLS SOCCER

DISTRICT DRAWS

at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Farmington Hills vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Salem at (D) Redford Union, 7 p.m.; (E) Plymouth at (F) Northville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 28: A-B winner vs. C-D Winner, 5 p.m.; Canton vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both games at Northville).

Saturday, May 30: Championship final, noon.

at LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host)

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Livonia Franklin at (B) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Garden City, 7 p.m.; (E) Detroit Western International at (F) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn Fordson vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both games at Churchill).

Saturday, May 30: Championship final, 1 p.m.

at FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON (Host)

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Farmington Hills Harrison at (B) Hazel Park, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Berkley at (D) Detroit Renaissance, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Ferndale at (F) Livonia Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.; (G) Birmingham Marlian at (H) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, TBA; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, TBA.

Saturday, May 30: Championship final, 12:30 p.m.

at DETROIT COUNTRY DAY

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Clawson at (B) Madison Heights Madison, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Clarenceville at (D) South Lyon East, 7 p.m.; (E) Detroit Cesar Chavez at (F) County Day, 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 28: Madison Heights Lamphere vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Championship final, 1 p.m.

at G.P. WOODS UNIV.-LIGGETT (Host)

Tuesday, May 26: Lutheran High Westland at Southfield Christian (Pebble Creek Park), 4 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 29: Championship final, 4:30 p.m.

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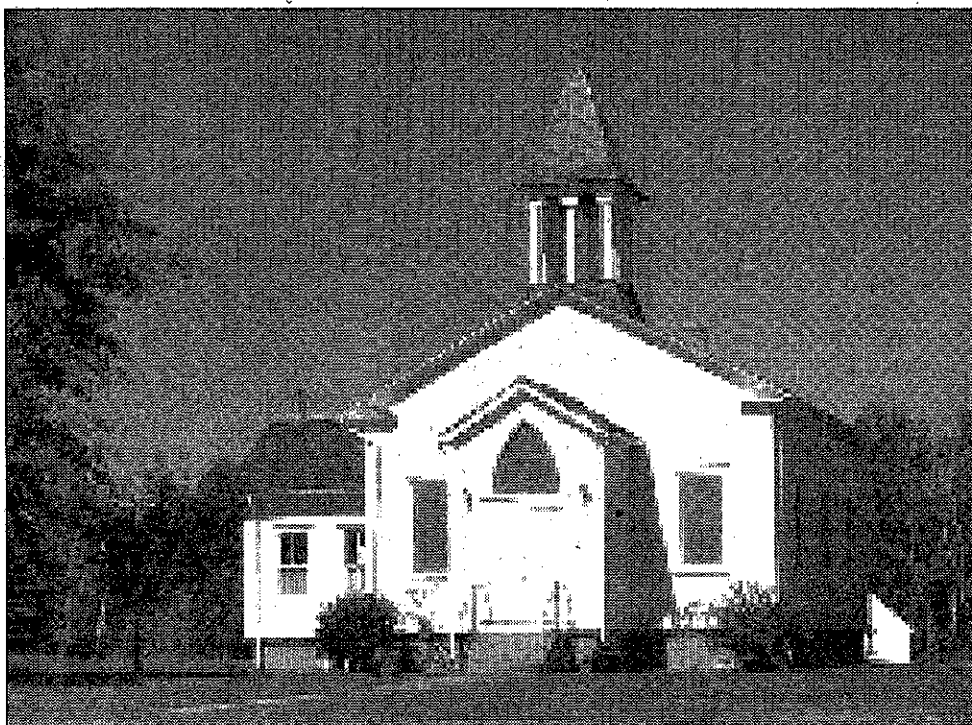
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Newburg United Methodist Church members met in this building from 1848 through 1962. The original church now stands in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

## Newburg Church lauds first pastor, celebrates milestone

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Paul Perez walked amid tombstones, reading faded stone inscriptions, as he searched the small, grassy Newburgh Cemetery on Monday.

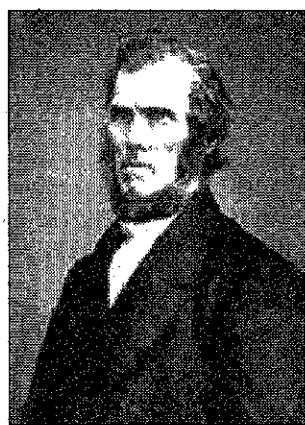
Just a short walk from the west entrance to the historic burial grounds, he noticed the polished marker, raised a few inches higher than nearby stones that lay flush with the earth.

"He was a veteran probably," he said, looking at the American Legion symbol planted near the historic grave. "This is Anna, his wife," he added, turning his attention to the old, barely legible tombstone next to Marcus Swift's final resting place.

Perez, deacon of Newburg United Methodist Church, will revisit the cemetery today, Sunday, May 24, along with other members of the congregation to lay a wreath at Swift's tomb, honoring the first pastor of the church. Swift was born in 1793 and died in 1865.

"The way that early Methodism lived and worked was that there were travelling preachers and Marcus Swift was one of them. Circuit rider was the title given to our early preachers," Perez said. Depending on how large the circuit was, a preacher might have stopped at a church once every month or every three months. Between visits lay people led the congregation.

"The first evidence of Newburg's existence was as a part of a 10 (church) circuit. That circuit was the whole length of Ann Arbor Trail," Perez noted. "It was called the Huron Circuit and it ran some 40 miles. Usually what happened was the word was sent out so that everyone knew when to expect the circuit rider."



Members of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia will place a wreath on the grave of Marcus Swift, first pastor of the church.

In addition to riding his 40-mile circuit, Swift also was an outspoken abolitionist. "I think what we celebrate is the fact that he had the courage and faithfulness to speak out," said Perez, noting that Newburg church today also has a "deep commitment to Christian service" through its outreach programs.

"I like to think that it (outreach) is a part of that heritage," he said, referring to Swift's anti-slavery work.

### IN TRIBUTE

Members plan to walk to the cemetery, place the wreath, say prayers and sing songs at Swift's gravesite.

"We'd like to see a good turnout," said Audrey Greenleaf. She and her husband, Harry, both longtime Newburg members, are on the planning committee for the church's 175th anniversary. The group has planned a special event each month during the yearlong celebration.

"We started in January and we won't stop until December," Greenleaf said. "In January we had a circuit rider arrive. In February we had a variety show."

Lenten dinners with special speakers followed in

March and April, with the gravesite tribute to Swift planned for May.

The church will round out the year with a choir concert, a "music Sunday," a church picnic complete with a time capsule burial, and more.

"It's a gift that the church has been here this long," Perez said. "This (church) community has survived and thrived since the first settlers came to the area. To be here for 175 years is saying a lot."

### LONGTIME MEMBERS

Some of Newburg's members, like Perez, grew up in the church and have stayed involved as adults. Perez left the area for undergraduate and then seminary studies, returning with his wife and son last year to join the staff at the church.

The Greenleafs, who joined 47 years ago, are among the many members with long, active histories in the congregation.

"We moved here from New York State, just like Marcus Swift did," Greenleaf said, adding that her husband had been transferred to the area by Ford Motor Co. "My son married here. He got his music start in this church and still sings in the Livonia Chorus. My granddaughter played the baby Jesus when we had a Christmas pageant. My daughter was baptized here."

Greenleaf said her family has remained with Newburg for so many years because its members are "warm and friendly."

"It has always been a warm church. We do a lot of mission-type projects and fun stuff in church. It's not super big, so you don't get lost in it," she said. "You get to know the people."

Visit the church's Web site at [www.newburgumc.org](http://www.newburgumc.org)

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### CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Trinity Church is holding another food pantry for May at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, May 26-28. Pick up day is Saturday, May 30.

### VSA ARTS FESTIVAL

The Southeast Region Committee of VSA arts of Michigan holds its annual festival Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, in a new location. The event, which features performances by children and adults with disabilities, takes place in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. This year's program includes the FAR Conservatory Band from Birmingham, pianist Raymond Wells of Plymouth, and students from the

Old Village School in Northville. Everyone is invited to enjoy the performances as well as take part in art, music and movement workshops and hands-on art activities. A touring exhibit will showcase artworks by children and adults with disabilities throughout the state. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Admission is free.

### CATWALK 2009

The Catwalk fund-raiser of Project Kitty Connect takes place Saturday, June 6, at Nankin Mills Picnic Area at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Registration is at 9 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. The suggested donation is \$15. Make checks payable to Project Kitty Connect and mail to Project Kitty Connect, P.O. Box 39050, Redford MI 48239. For more information, call (313) 550-7287 or send e-mail to [projectkittyconnect@hotmail.com](mailto:projectkittyconnect@hotmail.com). This is a sponsored walk to help support Trap Neuter Return in the community. TNR is an effective and humane way of reducing and managing outdoor cat populations. TNR humanely traps feral cats, spays and or neuters, vaccinates, and tips

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Hines Drive is closed to general traffic on June 6, but participants can get to the picnic parking area by going around the first set of barricades only. Anyone driving past the second barricade could be ticketed.

### OPEN HOUSE

Seedlings Braille Books for Children holds its 25th anniversary open house, 4-7 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 427-8552. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality, low cost braille books for children. In 1984 when Debra Bonde founded Seedlings, braille materials were scarce and expensive. Her goals were to increase the availability and lower the cost of braille books for children in order to promote their literacy skills and the love of reading. In 1985, the first year of book production, she made 221 books in her basement office. By 1990, Seedlings was producing 5,000 books per year.

## MILESTONES

### EMERSON ABBOTT MCGUIRE

Emerson Abbott McGuire was born March 26, 2009, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, to Dan and Dannon McGuire of Canton.

Emerson joins big brothers Chatham, 6, and Langdon, 3, at home.

Proud grandparents are Renee and Jerry D'Ortenzio of Livonia, Nancy and Ted Nelson of Canton and Dan McGuire, Sr. of Island Lake, Ill. Great-grandparents are Vivienne Melnik of Livonia, Jean Wells of Livonia, and Jayne and Milt Handorf of Las Vegas, Nev.



Emerson Abbott McGuire

### KING-PRIEBE

April King and Jim Priebe announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bill and Patti King of Pinckney, is a 2003 Pinckney High School graduate who attends Central Michigan University. She is a property manager for Campus Habitat Student Housing.

Her fiancé, son of Gene and Judy Priebe of Livonia, is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as golf course superintendent at Mount Pleasant Country Club.

A September 2009 wedding is planned in Pinckney and Livonia.



King-Priebe

### REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail [lchomin@hometownlife.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:email4kelley@yahoo.com), or see [groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://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](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marge Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com); Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

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Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at [wragland2@hotmail.com](mailto:wragland2@hotmail.com) or (269) 720-5679.



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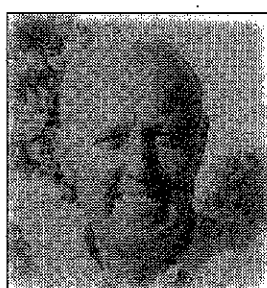
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#### WALTER F. BROWN

May 14, 2009, age 94. Of Bloomfield Hills. Born August 19, 1914 in Norwich, CT. He graduated with a degree in Business from Syracuse University which he attended on a full baseball scholarship. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy for four years during WWII, including service for two years as a PT Boat Captain in the Philippines and Solomon Islands, and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for heroism and distinguished service. He worked for Uniroyal (formerly United States Rubber Company) his entire post-war business career, retiring in 1983 as Corporate Vice President in charge of Worldwide Automotive. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Member of Beaumont Hospital, and was a member of the hospital board for 35 years. An avid and accomplished golfer, he was an active member of the U.S. Seniors Golf Association and Bloomfield Hills Country Club serving as Club President and on the Board of Governors. Beloved husband of Ena (nee Shaddock) for 64 years. Dear father of Shaddock (Joan), Bowden (Elaine) and Ena Anne Brown. Loving grandfather of Lauren, Brett, Albert and Walter. A memorial service will be held privately.

#### MARGARET BLAIR

Age 87. 5/21/09. Beloved wife of the late Ernest. Dear mother of Linda (Chris) Richardson, Tom (Pam) Blair and Janet Blair. Loving grandmother of Nicole, Pamela and Justin. Visitation Sunday 3-9 p.m. and Monday 2-6 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd (4 Blocks E. of Woodward) Royal Oak. Memorials appreciated to Beaumont Helping Hands. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

#### VIOLA JEAN RADIES

Age 81. May 17, 2009. Of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Ervin J. Radies. Loving mother of Elaine (Terry) Molloy and Steven (Phyllis) Radies. Also survived by four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In state Saturday, 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton with Funeral Services at 11:00 a.m. Visitation Friday 3-7 p.m. at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Please share a memory at [www.rgharris.com](http://www.rgharris.com)

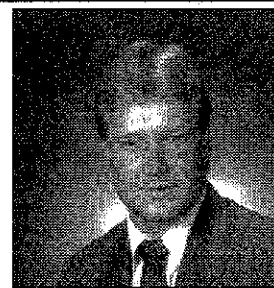
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# Dad's brunch helps to keep jazz alive

Anyone who loves jazz won't want to miss the Father's Day Brunch noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Not only will the food and jazz be great, but ticket sales help keep the music alive. The annual event raises money for the Michigan Jazz Festival held every July on campus.

This year's Father's Day Brunch is crucial to the survival

of the daylong jazz extravaganza featuring Michigan musicians.

Tickets are \$27.50, and include a gourmet buffet and music. Call (248) 474-2720. Tickets are available until June 17, or until sold out which usually happens every year.

Tom Saunders is especially looking forward to the food provided by the college's culinary arts department. The



Linda Chomin

Saunders, 61, started playing trumpet at age 7 after his older brother moved on to another instrument. His career has taken him around the world where he's eaten a variety of food.

"They put on a great brunch. The meal is phenomenal and it's a great bargain for the food and entertainment," said Saunders of Grosse Pointe Park. "It's a beautiful venue. We'd love to see them all there."

Midge Ellis can't wait to hear Saunders' band swing again. They've played the brunch before. She's partial to the group's Dixieland tunes as well. Ellis expects everyone to be singing along to *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

"It's special every year because the music is good simple jazz and whole families come and bring their dads," said Ellis, the Livonia resident known as Mama Jazz, because she never stops promoting the music. "And it's America's only art form."

Ellis and the rest of the festival committee work hard to share their love of jazz with adults and youth. At age 86, Ellis realizes the music will die unless today's kids are exposed to the art form which began in the early 1900s in the south. In addition to hosting six big bands and 23 groups on six stages, the festival offers young musicians an opportunity to play with pros like pianist Dennis Tini of

Farmington Hills.

"We select three students who play without rehearsal with Dennis Tini, a distinguished professor at Wayne State and his trio," said Ellis. "We also have a Future of Jazz stage in the cafeteria with young bands playing for exposure. Most of them are college students recommended by their professors. Those are things no other festival does. Our piano workshops are all solo pianists. Some of the best in the world. Called the Steinway Jazz Cafe, people learn about jazz. The musicians show how they can improvise, turn a tune into bebop. People can ask questions. We're trying to get young people involved, teach people about this art form we don't want to lose."

Without funding, though, the future of the festival remains in doubt.

Automotive suppliers, who generously supported the event in the past, have given notice they won't be able to donate money next year. That means this year's musicians may not be back and that leaves Ellis sad. She can't say enough about the talent of the 203 musicians taking to the stages Sunday, July 19, from noon until the Johnny Trudell Big Band closes the program beginning at 9:45 p.m.

"We're depending on fund-raisers and donations right now because we don't have enough to do it next year," said Ellis. "If you're going to do anything for dad and he likes jazz bring him here and help keep the festival going."

"We have some new people this year, Trish Sandor, a singer. I never heard anyone sing like that since Sarah Vaughn or Ella Fitzgerald. She's with Mike Karoub, Jim Dapogny, piano, just



Tom Saunders & the Detroit Jazz All-Stars play at the Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 21, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The event is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival on campus Sunday, July 19.

a piano and cello and her. Chris Collins, jazz director at Wayne, will be on reeds with just piano by Gary Schunk, a veteran player at Baker's for years. Dave Bennett plays a tribute to Benny Goodman. There's the World's Oldest Saxophone Section, Latin jazz by Soneo, Hot Club of Detroit who play Django Reinhardt's music. The musicians hang out all day, check their instruments like they check their coats. This is like old home week and we let them sell their CDs. We treat them like royalty because that's what we think they are."

Saunders is once again among the lineup that includes young musicians in the Wayne State University Big Jazz Band and the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band as well as veterans like Ron Kischuk and the Masters of Music Big Band and CSO, directed by Motor City Brass Band leader Craig Strain. He played the festival its first year at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights and every year since at the Botsford Inn and then Schoolcraft College.

Saunders serves on the board of the admission-free festival.

"What's special is all the musicians they get to hear, from soup to nuts," said Saunders. "If you're going to spend one day listening make it that day."

Like Ellis, Saunders is concerned about the fate of the festival about to celebrate its 15th year.

"Right now we're getting help from the national musicians union, the American Federation of Musicians, but we're pretty sure it will disappear. We can do it for one year but next year is kind of shaky because of the economy. We really count on donations from people and companies. If that dries up then you're on your own to play a lot of brunches and fund-raisers."

For more information about the brunch or festival, or to make a donation, call Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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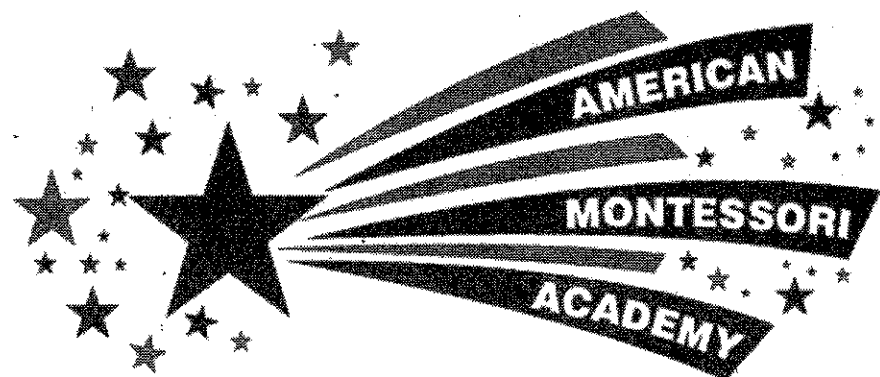
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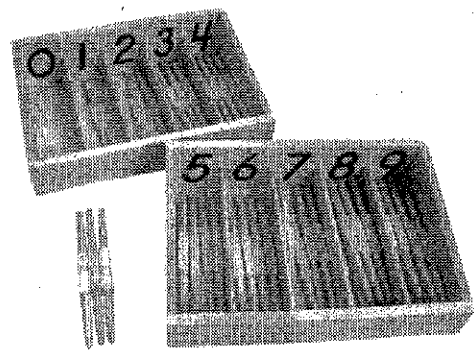
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# NEIGHBORS

## Phoenix Mill exhibit evokes memories for local women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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One of the first items in the Phoenix Mill exhibit to evoke a reaction from Margaret Dunning and Doris Richard was a vintage photograph of the open windows along the line where they sat assembling automotive parts.

The two women recently visited the Plymouth Historical Museum where the mural-size image brought back memories of the heat they endured while working at the plant in the 1930s and '40s. The sweltering environment was the reason coffee breaks were instituted to relieve the women employed there. Dunning and Richard shudder to think of those days before air conditioning.

Phoenix Mill made history for a variety of reasons not the least of which was allowing women to work outside of the home. That was something women didn't do when the plant opened in 1922. Dunning worked there during the Great Depression when nearly 70 women assembled voltage regulators and carburetor cutouts for automobiles and later parts for B-24 bombers built at Willow Run. Today she owns a collection of classic cars that includes a Model T with one of the regulators.

"Women were important in history where they weren't before," said Dunning of Plymouth. "They had smaller hands than the men. The work required an extremely fine attention to details."

### WOMEN ONLY

The exhibit tells the story of the women and Phoenix Mill, one of 19 small manufacturing plants Henry Ford established on former mill sites to produce parts using water power from the Rouge River. Ford hired mostly farmers at the plants. The exception was Phoenix Mill which employed



Doris Richard and Margaret Dunning reminisce about working at Phoenix Mill. They recently visited an exhibit on the mill at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

only women who sat on stools as they worked in the building designed by Albert Kahn Associates on the site of a grist mill which burned in 1905.

Ford paid the women \$5 a day, the same as men but they had to adhere to stricter dress codes. Dunning and Richard were among the single women and widows who were required to wear dresses,

stockings and high heels even during summer. These were women who needed to work because of financial circumstances. Dunning's father, Charles, died when she was 13 and her mother was struggling to make ends meet. They sold their dairy and potato farm in Redford Township, moved into Redford and then the village of Plymouth. Dunning gradu-

ated from Plymouth High School in 1929 and then went to the University of Michigan for two years before returning home.

"It's so long ago," said Dunning, who turns 99 in June. After leaving Ford, she went on to work at First National Bank on Penniman then Plymouth United Savings Bank before purchasing a clothing store in downtown Plymouth in 1947. Dunning is well-known in the community for her philanthropic work and funded the building and addition to the museum.

"I had come back from college and was helping my mother with finances," said Dunning. "It was the only place a woman could think of to get a job. I worked on the line with everybody else. It was interesting for me because I was mechanically inclined and it was automotive. We made valves and smaller engine parts. Valve grinding was very important but that was all a man's job not women's. Phoenix Mill was strictly a woman's plant. It's a rather startling exhibit for some of the people who were not knowledgeable about what was going on, the history there. The mill made a difference. Women could get a job. There were a few jobs teaching but that

required higher education which most of the people who worked at the Ford factory did not have. It was the only place where could you go and get that kind of money. If you got in over there that was pretty special. Ford started there \$5

a day. When I went into banking the pay was way down from Ford."

### HER FIRST JOB

Doris Richard fondly remembers Mrs. Sullivan, the woman who hired the "girls." Richard worked at Phoenix Mill in the early 1940s. She left in 1943 to marry her husband, Bruce, who worked for Ford as an engineer. Bruce volunteered at the museum every Monday and Wednesday for years and eventually became president of the Plymouth Historical Society. When the museum first opened, Doris helped with exhibits. Today the 87-year old woman still lives in Plymouth.

"It was really my first job," said Richard, a life member of the museum. "There were a lot of nice people there. All the women liked Mrs. Sullivan. They went to her for everything."

"She was a very, very strong woman," added Dunning. "We worked with very nice associates. You looked forward to lunch to talk with people. Lots of people were friends before they got to the factory because they lived in Plymouth. The mill meant a lot to the vicinity."

The display case is filled with original valves from the Model T and Model A cars. From 1936 to the plant closing in 1948 the Phoenix Mill women produced half of all cutouts and voltage regulators in the U.S.

"We're trying to save and preserve the history on women," said museum director Elizabeth Kerstens, who recently earned a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University in state and local history.

Dunning can't help think-

ing of the mill's history every time she drives by the building at the junction of Edward Hines Drive and Northville Road in Plymouth Township. Efforts have been under way to renovate the facility. A feasibility study suggested the building house a women's history museum that could be supported by leasing space to businesses and organizations in the community. The Friends of Phoenix Mill supports the plan, according to Friends president Beth Stewart.

The future of the mill is in the hands of Wayne County Parks which owns all of the mills located on the Rouge throughout Hines Drive as per a stipulation in the will of Clara Ford, Henry's widow. A statement from the Parks Division said there are not any future plans for the Phoenix Mill project.

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox supports restoring and using the building. Historic preservation and other grants could fund the project.

"Phoenix Mill would be an asset to Plymouth and the surrounding communities," said Cox. "I am in favor of the project and will continue to work with local proponents to find a way to support the project financially."

In the meantime, the parks division is using the mill as a storage facility.

"I would love to see that put back into a power plant," said Dunning. "The turbines are all there. It would be a cheap source of power if they could get that going."

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

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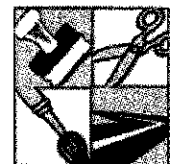
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# West Bloomfield author offers strategies to cope with anxiety

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Some days Nick Dubin has to take a moment to restrain his brain.

Anxiety is one of the common conditions that haunt individuals with Asperger's syndrome. Dubin's second book describes an incident where he backed into a car and could have blown the minor fender-bender out of proportion. He had a choice – to berate himself for the accident or reframe his thoughts by telling himself no one was hurt and the damage minimal.

A form of autism, Asperger's syndrome is a developmental disorder affecting social skills and behavior. In his recent book, "Asperger Syndrome and Anxiety: A Guide to Successful Stress Management," Dubin offers strategies that help him during anxious times.

Although Dubin wrote the book for individuals with

Asperger's, anyone experiencing anxiety and stress could benefit from the strategies.

"I just become more mindful of my thoughts and how sometimes my thoughts mislead me," said Dubin of West Bloomfield. "That's where cognitive behavioral therapy comes in, aligning one's thoughts with the reality of the situation, stepping back, observing the situation and being mindful of how one is processing the situation, reprogramming outdated beliefs. A lot are formed in childhood and we don't question those beliefs. They become ingrained. If it doesn't make sense for the current time we need to drop that belief."

Living with Asperger's is an ongoing struggle. In the book Dubin relays some of the issues he and others deal with by providing examples. A doctoral student at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Dubin remembers the disastrous student teaching experience



Nick Dubin helps individuals with Asperger's syndrome deal with anxiety in his new book from Jessica Kingsley Publishers. The West Bloomfield man was diagnosed with Asperger's in 2004.

that led him to suspect he has Asperger's. Individuals with the syndrome usually have normal or above normal IQs, but lack the ability to interact socially. He was having problems relating to colleagues at University of Detroit Mercy where he earned a master's degree in learning disabilities.

Dubin wasn't diagnosed with Asperger's until age 27 in 2004. Early on, staff in the Birmingham schools recognized his poor fine motor skills and thought he had a disability in written expression when he simply had trouble using a pen.

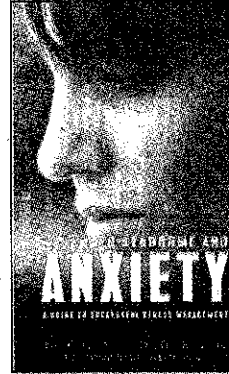
"It was the last phase at U of D," said Dubin, a graduate of Seaholm High School. "I broke the school's laminating machine, had difficulty relating to other faculty members. I thought back on my life and there seemed to be something amiss. I researched what it could be and found Asperger. Growing up I had been diagnosed with ADD, learning disabilities. Even though Asperger's was discovered in the early 1940s, it took a long time for it to be recognized."

Asperger's continues to affect Dubin's life in numerous ways but today he's controlling the

syndrome instead of it controlling him.

"Persons can go on and become successful, but there are people who don't move out of their parents' house until 40," said Dubin. "It's thought Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton had it. Socializing is a little more difficult. For me it's more of an intellectual exercise. For others it comes intuitively. For other people it's like riding a bike. Often times people with Asperger want to make connections and lack social wherewithal and basic skills."

Anxiety is created when individuals struggle with impairments that hinder nonverbal behaviors such as making eye contact. Some end up on the wrong side of the law as a result of misreading social cues. Individuals with Asperger's desperately want social contact. That's where the Judson Center steps in to help (judsoncenter.org). For the last two years Dubin has been interning in the Autism Connections Program at the center which provides services to individuals and their families. Every other week he co-leads a support group for adults with Asperger's. Originally Dubin



Author Nick Dubin is completing a doctoral degree at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology.

was hired as a public speaker by the center to give presentations about Asperger's and bullying, the topic of his first book. He currently works with individuals at the center as a mentor and coach. Dubin regularly recommends visiting wrongplanet.net whenever the need arises for interaction outside of the group. Wrong Planet is a Web community designed for individuals and parents of those with autism, Asperger syndrome, ADHD, and pervasive developmental and other neurological disorders.

"The group is a way to meet people," said Dubin. "We go over an article and discuss it and play games."

The book is a way for individuals to take control of their anxiety.

"The book is very helpful for individuals on the spectrum and for family and friends trying to understand them," said Stephanie Harlan, director of the Judson Center Autism Connections program in Royal Oak. "Nick hasn't met another individual with Asperger that doesn't have anxiety. He talks about how anxiety is worse in their heads than in reality and that it's about cognitive reframing, to be present in the moment, instead of ruminating."

"At the center we try to figure out what an individual's needs are and fit the services around those needs. A lot of needs revolve around some kind of social skills help, help to look for employment. A lot of adults with Asperger are highly qualified but underemployed because of social skills. Nick and the other therapists work on social

and interviewing skills, how to shake someone's hand and make eye contact, career assessment, how to build a job skill around what they really want to do in life, keeping in mind they have different anxieties. It can be overwhelming to make calls to employers so they're doing role plays, helping with resumes. The Judson Center also offers counseling with therapists who understand the issues of Asperger and autism so they're able to deal with anxieties and depression. It's common to have those issues going on with the diagnosis."

Dubin is currently working on a third book on depression.

"The depression I've gone through is common with Asperger's," said Dubin. "It's what we have to deal with, the unpredictability through the day. The transitions we have to make are a big deal for us."

Harlan is currently advocating for insurance coverage for therapeutic services for individuals from child to adulthood on the Autism Spectrum. She was in Lansing this week to encourage lawmakers to pass House Bill No. 4476. She works with AIM, an organization of more than 1400 Michigan residents who are supporting the autism insurance legislation.

"There are over 13,000 children diagnosed with autism in Michigan," said Harlan whose own child has the developmental disorder. "We're asking for insurance to cover children and adults. It's a lifelong issue. We're renovating our center to meet the needs of individuals and their families. We're adding new services like occupational and physical therapy. We served over 969 individuals last year. We have more adults than ever seeking services."

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Nick Dubin's book is available at amazon.com and from Jessica Kingsley Publishers at www.jkp.com as well as some Borders and Barnes and Noble book stores. The cost is \$19.95.

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- 4 Vacation spot
- 9 Sci. class
- 12 Rights movement word
- 13 Jibe with
- 14 Aleta's son
- 15 Smart-alecky
- 17 Abandon
- 19 Sushi fish
- 21 - Tome
- 22 Hide
- 25 Org.
- 29 What's that?
- 30 Not allowed
- 32 Fuzzy fruit
- 33 Bus alternative
- 35 Disgusted (2 wds.)
- 37 Chest muscle
- 38 Oil producer
- 40 Fix a shoelace
- 42 Juneau's st.
- 43 Construction toy
- 44 Motion detectors

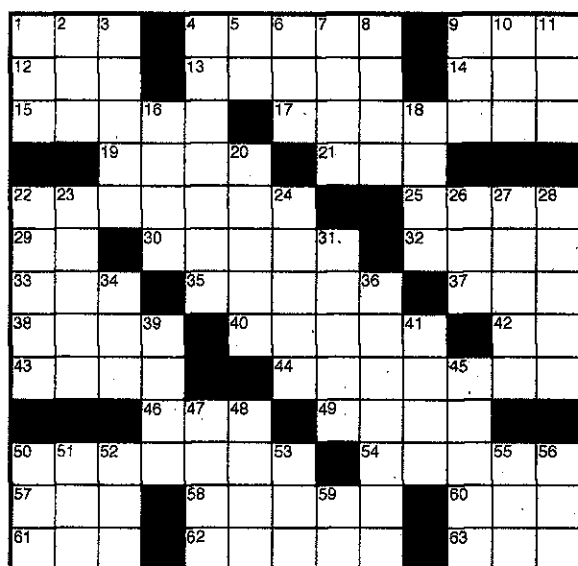
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- 2 By way of
- 3 "Peer Gynt" dramatist
- 4 Spaghetti sauce herb (2 wds.)
- 5 Cairo loc.
- 6 Pet shop sound
- 7 Corp. biggies
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- 9 Meadow murmur
- 10 Irritate
- 11 1300 hours
- 16 Cult
- 18 Marinade
- 20 It may be rattled
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- 26 Just a taste
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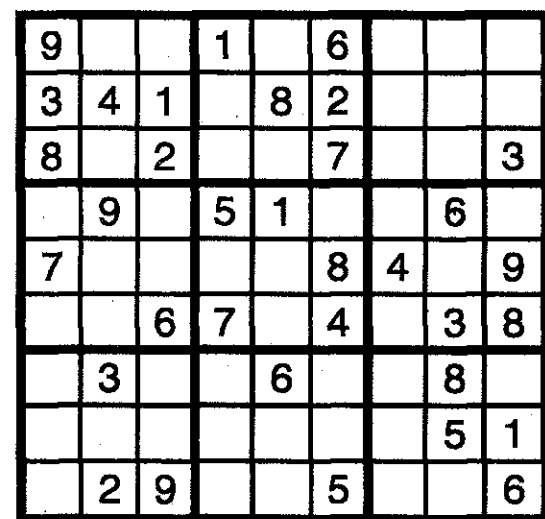
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AT REGAINS BI  
LINE ETNA TON  
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1 9 2 6 4 8 7 8 9  
7 8 6 1 9 2 7 5 3  
8 8 9 6 8 7 9 1 2  
6 1 7 8 2 9 5 9 7  
2 9 7 8 1 9 8 6 4  
8 6 1 7 9 4 7 2 9 8  
9 7 9 2 8 8 1 4 6  
2 2 8 9 6 1 5 7 6

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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS HUGE SALE**  
Thu-Sat, May 28-30, 8am-4pm. 6079 Snowshoe Cir., N. of Maple, E. of Telegraph.

**CANTON - May 28-30, 9am-4pm.** 42688 Keystone, off Lilley, btwn Ford & Cherry Hill. Furniture, tools, household, baby items & more.

**CANTON - MULTI SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE**  
3 Pheasant Run Golf Club Communities (700+ homes) - Pheasant View, Fairway Pines, and Fairways at Pheasant Run. Thurs-Sat, May 28-30, 9-4pm. Btwn Beck & Canton Center, just S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Geddes.

**CANTON - The Great Garage Sale!** 7832 Rutherford Ct, Stratford Park Sub, W of Beck & N of Warren. Thurs-Sat, May 28-30, 9am-4pm.

**CANTON 42190 Chase Ct.** Covington Square Sub, Lilley Rd. btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer. May 28-30, 10-4pm. Furniture, rugs, glassware.

**CANTON**  
Central Park Annual Subside Sale! May 28-30th, Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. S. of Cherry Hill & Beck Rd. Lots of everything!

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**CANTON Vintage Valley Sub.** 2033 Cameo Ct., S. of Ford, E. of Ridge. Thu-Sat, May 28-30, 8-4pm. 15+ families! Furniture, appl., clothes, & more.

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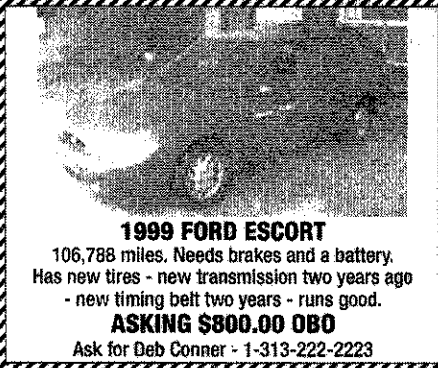
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# Pontiac G5 Is A Coupe Without Frills

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By Kevin Koloian  
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The Pontiac G5 made its debut in the 2007 model year as a twin to the Chevrolet Cobalt, which has been around since 2005.

The G5 is still a clone of the Cobalt, meaning it shares just about everything with its corporate cousin, the good and the bad.

Only Pontiac's signature twin-port grille and other brand insignia differentiates the G5 from the Cobalt.

Offered only in coupe form, the G5 has its work cut out for it going against more popular economy sport coupes such as the Honda Civic, Scion iC and Ford Focus.

The G5 provides solid standard features for enhanced safety such as standard side-curtain airbags.

The five-passenger G5 comes in two trims: base and GT. The base G5 comes with air conditioning, power windows and door locks, remote keyless entry, carpeted floor mats and four cupholders, including two in front and two in back.

Available options on the base model include anti-lock brakes, leather-appointed seats, OnStar, a seven-speaker Pioneer sound system with 10-inch subwoofer, a six-disc in-dash CD changer, cruise control, traction control, remote start, sunroof, cargo net, fog lamps, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, and 16-inch

custom spoke or aluminum wheels.

The GT model adds anti-lock brakes, 17-inch aluminum wheels, sport rocker moldings, heated seats, fog lamps, cruise control, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, leather-wrapped shift knob and a cargo net.

The GT naturally gets stiffer suspension tuning than the base car, giving it a sportier ride and better handling.

Added options for the GT include heated leather seats, a moonroof and a 228-watt, seven-speaker stereo.

Both models are available in nine exterior colors, including Midnight Blue Metallic, Nitrous Blue Metallic and Dark Slate Metallic.

XM Satellite Radio is standard on both base and GT models.

The cars sell for under \$19,000, for the most part, and as low as around \$15K for your bare-bones versions.

The G5's standard 4-cylinder engine is good for 148 horsepower. GT models get a bigger 4-cylinder boosting output to 171 horsepower. A five-speed manual transmission is standard on both models, and a four-speed automatic is optional.

With the manual transmission the GT gets 22 miles per gallon in the city and 32 on the highway.



The Pontiac G5 is the splitting image of the Chevy Cobalt.

The GT's interior features metallic accents on the gear shifter, steering wheel and doors to liven up the cabin.

Both trims feature a trip computer that provides information such as outside temperature, fuel range, coolant temperature and various warning messages.

For added ease to enter and exit the backseat, the G5 features a quick-release lever on the front passenger seat, allowing the seat to tilt and slide forward. This is a nice touch, but Pontiac doesn't offer the feature on the driver's side as well.

With a trunk rating of 13.9 cubic feet, the G5 is competitive in this segment. And for carrying more cargo, the rear seat can be folded down.

Safety is provided by anti-lock brakes on the GT. Disc/drum brakes with optional ABS come with the base G5. Side-impact airbags are standard for all G5s. GT models come with the StabiliTrak electronic stability system.

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**Pontiac G5**  
**Vehicle class:** Compact car.  
**Power:** 4-cylinder engine.  
**Mileage:** 22 city / 32 highway.  
**Where built:** Lordstown, Ohio.  
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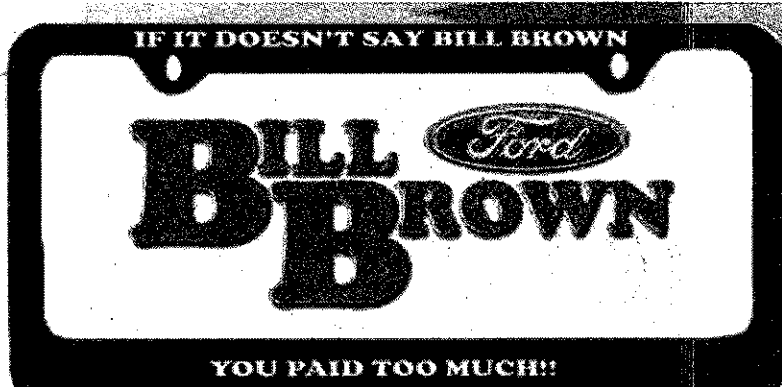
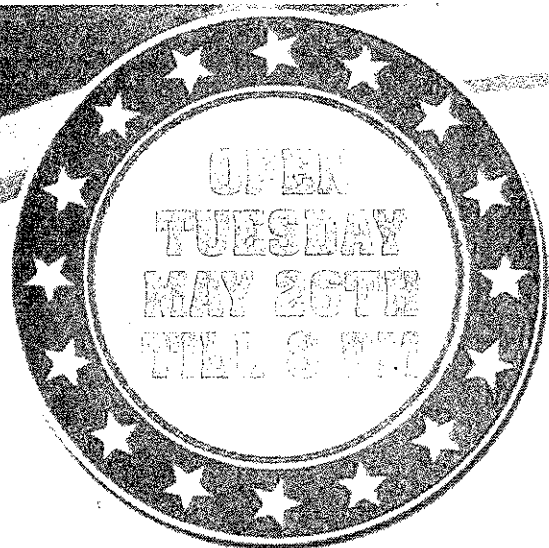
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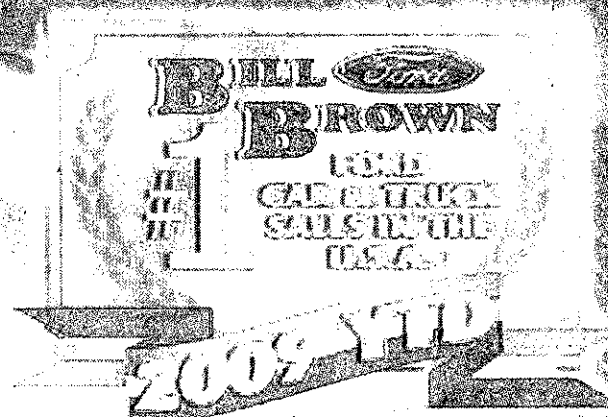
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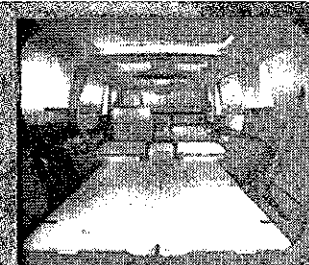


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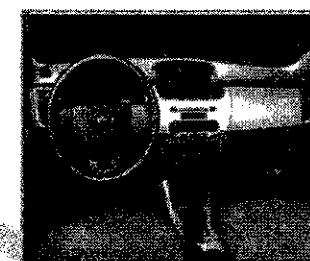


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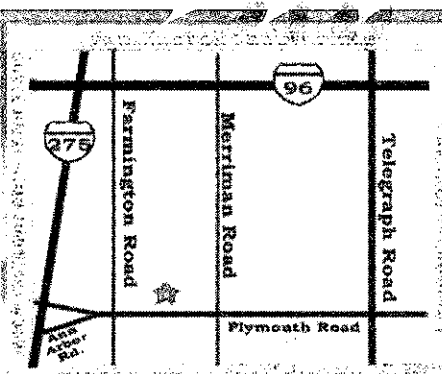
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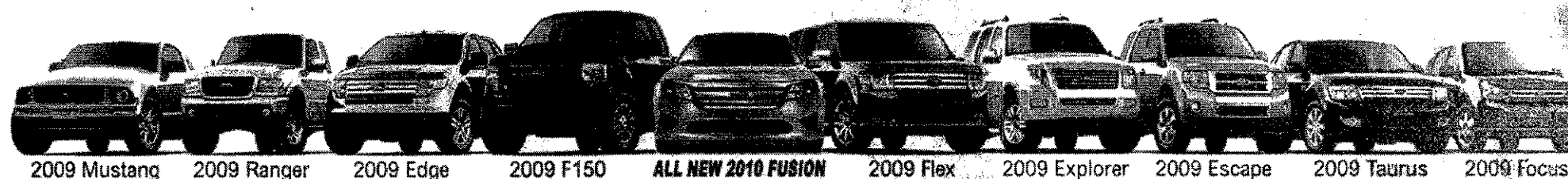
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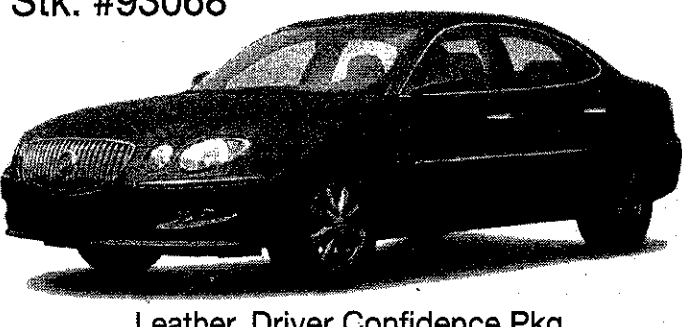
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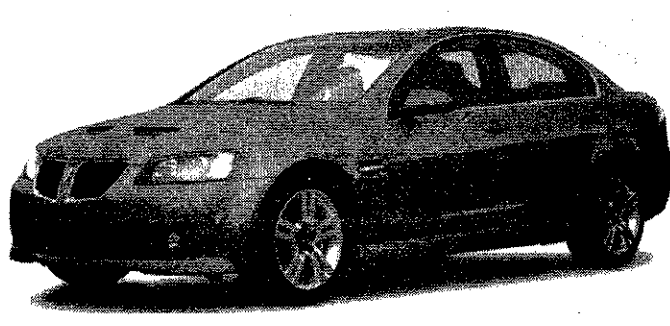
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