

# **CONNECTION**

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# Safe medicine

The Michigan House of Representatives recently unanimously passed a plan sponsored by state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Čanton, prohibiting doctors and other regulated

health care

professionals from reusing needles and

other medical equipment

intended to be used only

once on a



Slavens

single patient during a single procedure. "It is imperative that

we hold doctors and other health care professionals accountable when they engage in harmful and unethical medical practices,"

#### BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid the carnival rides, parade, concerts, fireworks and other crowdpleasing events that epitomize -Canton's rollicking Liberty Fest, it's easy to forget how the celebration helps raise money for people in need.

To be sure, residents love the hoopla, but this 18th annual festival mostly centered in Heritage Park June 18-20 – has an unwavering spirit of community support.

As always, charitable groups will be there to raise money for worthy causes such as families left homeless from fires, blind people who need leader dogs, battered women staying in a First Step shelter and Plymouth-Canton third-graders who learn new words with donated dictionaries. Township Fire Capt. Michael

Caruso said the Canton Firefighters

#### **THE FESTIVAL BEGINS!**

- What: Canton Liberty Festival
- When: Thursday-Saturday, June 18-20
- Where: Heritage Park

• Highlights: Parade Saturday, 9 a.m., down Ford Road; pancake breakfast;

Local 2289 Charity Foundation will again sponsor its spaghetti dinner 5-9 p.m. Friday in the food pavilion off Heritage Park Drive.

For just a few dollars, festival goers can pack away the pasta and take a chance on a raffle for a 42-inch plasma TV and other prizes. Firefighters also will sell shirts and hats with their logo.

"We try to hold the money for local people who are in need of financial help due to an emergency or disaster in their home, an injury or some other spaghetti dinner; Family Zone; entertainment; rides

• Notable: Catch the official Liberty Fest guide in the Thursday, June 18, Canton Observer

tragedy," Caruso said.

Festival events make charity a priority

Firefighters have paid for fire victims to stay in hotels, for funerals, for home-based ramps for disabled seniors, and they have donated to organizations that fight diseases ranging from breast cancer to leukemia.

For the first time, the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club will sponsor a "Hog Wild for Kids" event featuring pulled-pork sandwiches, noon to dusk Saturday in the park's

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Liberty Festival visitors of all ages can enjoy the annual spaghetti dinner, which benefits the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation Local 2289. It's one of several festival events that work for charity.



## Eyes on the prize

They might not be rose-colored, but Angel Dieguez is a happy graduate in her Class of 2009 specs while she waits for the Plymouth **High School** commencement ceremony at Eastern Michigan University.

said Slavens, a member of the House Health Policy Committee who worked as a health care provider for more than 20 years. "This plan will protect our residents by punishing those who break the sacred Hippocratic Oath — to do no harm."

The plan, which now heads to the Senate, is in response to a case involving Dr. Robert Stokes, an East Grand Rapids dermatologist who is serving more than 10 years in prison for widespread medical fraud. The Kent County Health Department sent letters to thousands of his former patients suggesting that they be tested for bloodborne diseases such as HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C, after witnesses testified that Stokes used unsanitary medical practices.

Violating the new provisions of the plan would be a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** Gary Steele, here talking with attorney David Lee, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in an assault on his girlfriend.

# Detroit cop pleads in assault on girlfriend

#### BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A suspended Detroit police officer accused of trying to kill his estranged Canton girlfriend pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of reckless use of a firearm.

Gary Steele, 42, could face 90 days in jail and fines when he is sentenced June 23 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Ulysses Boykin.

Numerous felony charges including torture, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault and felony firearm are expected to be dismissed at sentencing, Assistant Wayne **County Prosecutor Maria Miller** 

Steele could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had gone to trial and been

Steele remains suspended and

still could face other disciplinary actions after the case has been resolved in court, according to the Detroit Police Department.

Steele was accused of attacking his ex-girlfriend, Kimberly Ann Golematis, when he went to her home in Canton's Glengarry subdivision in March. He was jailed until he posted bond in May, but Boykin had then ordered him to wear a tether.

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# Lilley makeover part of road plan

#### BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A road resurfacing project is expected to begin as early as July along a one-mile, car-rattling stretch of Lilley between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

The long-awaited repairs top the list of \$960,923 in local road projects approved Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees - a decision welcomed by residents like Steve Hurley, who is all too familiar with the roughand-tumble ride along Lilley.

"I take it to work every day," he said, walking to his vehicle from the Holiday Market near Lilley and Cherry Hill. "Going the (40 mph) speed limit doesn't really seem like a good idea. I think the work is necessary."

Township officials agreed to hire repair project is slated for a rough Ajax Paving Industries, Inc., for the patch of Cherry Hill road between

latest round of local road projects made possible by a 0.25-mill tax allocation that was set aside starting in 2007.

Tim Faas, municipal services director, called the Lilley Road project "the big one" for 2009 and said the repairs should start sometime after the second week of July, causing temporary road closings that could force motorist to find alternate routes.

The project comes as several other road projects already are under way in Canton, resulting in the typical, seasonal traffic disruptions.

Township officials Tuesday also approved lesser projects that are expected to result mostly in temporary lane closings, starting sometime after the second week of July:

• An asphalt pavement surface

Beck and Denton.

patching is approved for certain spots on Lilley between Cherry Hill and Ford; Canton Center Road at Hanford; and Warren west of Haggerty. The latter project, the larger of these three, will encompass a 500-foot stretch of road, Faas said.

• A partial concrete pavement repair project is expected to occur along areas of Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Ford, and Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Joy.

Wayne County plans to provide assistance, such as inspecting, for the projects. Some road repairs, including the resurfacing of Lilley south of Ford, had to be delayed for now until additional funding is generated.

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# Concrete pavement-repair

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north pavilion, near the soccer fields. The group also will raffle off Wii-related items that provide a home video game console tied in with exercise.

Carol Heminger, the event's committee chairwoman, said the organization uses its money to provide about 1,500 dictionaries to Plymouth-Canton third-graders. Moreover, the group donates to places like First Step and Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"Some of the groups we help will be at Liberty Fest," Heminger said.

As usual, the Canton Lions Club will serve up pancakes and sausage 7-11 a.m. Saturday for those watching the 9 a.m.



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The America's Most Wanted Car Club car show annually draws vintage ~ cars from all over the area. The club's fund-raising activities have helped a variety of charities.

parade, which officials said will move along Ford Road from the Super Bowl near Canton Center Road to just west of Lilley Road.

Club board member John Chew said the breakfast will be served in the parking lot of Elite Eyecare, on Ford between Canton Center and Sheldon. They're asking for a \$5 donation to help people who have vision and hearing impairments.

"We have bought leaders dogs for the blind, and we bought a magnifying machine for a woman who couldn't read," Chew said.

The group also works with schools to test children for potential vision and hearing problems, among other community projects. Chew lauded Elite Eyecare for providing a spot for the breakfast.

Again this year, America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton will be located near a pond in Heritage Park throughout the day Saturday, with registration Friday evening.

Since Liberty Fest began, the club has rolled out classic cars to add some retro cool to the festival. "We give anywhere from \$5,000 or more every year to charity," President Ben Fontana said.

The club's fund-raising activities have helped send special needs children to camp, provide money for autistic children programs and Special Olympics, aid Michigan Military Moms who have sons and daughters in overseas wars, and assist the University of Michigan Medical Center with heart transplant funds, among other causes, Fontana said.

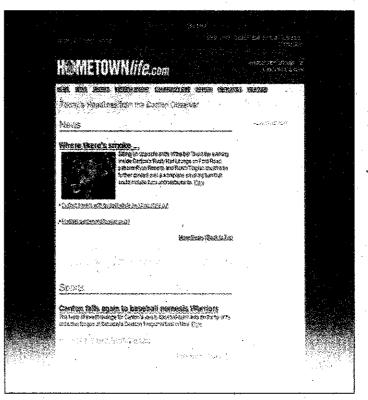
"We don't keep any of the money we raise," he said. "The way the economy is right now, a lot of these organizations don't have the money to do what they feel they need to do. The money that we donate to them helps keep them open."

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"This is something we've wanted to do for a long time," said Executive Editor Susan Rosiek. "People are very busy these days but the demand for local news is high. This will make it easy for readers and advertisers to stay connected to local news that matters."

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Go to hometownlife.com to sign up for your hometown E-newsletters and others. Subscribers will be entered into drawings June 14 through July 2 for Emagine Theatre movie passes, concert tickets at the Palace and DTE and gift certificates for dinner at restaurants throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

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#### Health screening clinic

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Appointments are required; contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

#### 3-Day fund-raiser

"Boobs for Life," a team walking in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day. holds a fund-raiser 7-11 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Cherry Martini, 50296 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Donations will be accepted at the door. The event will include raffles, a disc jockey, a silent auction and a variety of drink specials, along with free pizza.

For additional information e-mail Debbie Oaks at dmoaks@comcast.net or call (517) 404-3892.

#### Join the marching band

The Plymouth-Canton marching band is hosting its final informational meeting on Monday, June 15 for students and their parents who are interested in joining the 2009 marching band program, which is under the direction of David Armbruster, a Michigannative, who was hired by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park beginning in June. Armbruster was previously the director of bands at Northmont High School in Ohio. New band members and parents will have a chance to meet the new director at the June 15 meeting.

The marching band recruitment meeting is designed for

Golematis testified during a

preliminary hearing in April in

35th District Court that Steele

choked her, straddled her when

she fell to the ground and fired

three shots near the left side of

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her head.

# **Bright light**

Canton resident Nikita Consul, a graduate of Salem High School, poses with Channel 7 anchors Alicia Smith and Erik Smith. Consul was recognized as one of the network's Brightest & Best at a recent event hosted at the station's studios.

incoming 8th graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters on how their 8th grader can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season. Interested students and their parents should report to Plymouth High School's band room at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.pcmb.net

#### Book signing

Award-winning author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin will be autographing copies of her latest children's book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," and her other books during an appearance at the Plymouth Historical Museum 1-3 p.m. June 24.

Her other books include "Chervl's Musings: A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer," a slice of life vignette and mini writing guide which was released in 2008.

She'll also be at the Borders Express in Novi (inside Twelve Oaks Mall) 2-4 p.m. June 20, and at the Southgate Borders Express, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, June 27.

Vatcher-Martin is also the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, tutoring, instructional design, consulting, photography, editing and publishing company. Her phone number is (734) 397-1626, e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net or visit her Web site at camartin@blogspot.com/

#### Hazardous waste day

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding

She testified that Steele told her, "I will (expletive) kill you." The couple had ended a sixmonth relationship when Steele

went to Golematis' home to get the last of his belongings. The two argued, and Steele was accused of hitting her leg with a baseball bat before the dispute became even more violent.

Golematis testified during the hearing that Steele placed the gun inside her mouth and to her head before he appeared to "snap" back to reality, after she told him that he was hurting her. "He said, 'I love you. I just love you so much. I would do anything for us."

Golematis described Steele as "a good person who made a really bad choice."

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a Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Northville Public Works, located at 650 Doheny Drive, north of Seven Mile and east of South Main Street. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only.

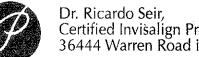
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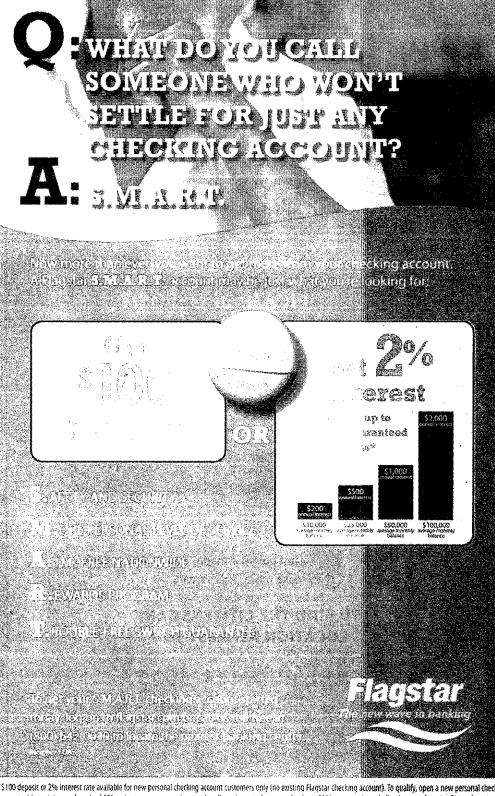
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#### Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult. One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.





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# EDUCATION

# First and last

## Photos capture start, end of grad's school years

#### BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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(CP)

Mariann Brown's memory of that day is vivid.

Her eldest son, Adam, left home for his first day of kindergarten at Smith Elementary. For the proud mother, the moment was captured forever with a front-page photo in The Plymouth Observer.

More than a dozen years later, Mariann Brown watched her son leave for the final day of his high school career, too - the commencement exercise for Plymouth High School at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

That moment, too, was recorded for posterity. Now a framed copy of that moment likely will join the framed copy of the kindergarten photo on the mantle in the Browns' Plymouth home.

"I do remember the kindergarten photo like it was yesterday," she said. "I remember watching him go

to school on the last day of school. and I could remember the first day he went to school. It goes very fast.'

Adam's memory isn't as vivid as his mom's; in fact, he doesn't remember that first day at kindergarten at all. Adam, the son of Mariann Brown of Plymouth and Mark Brown of Northville, admitted it'll be nice to have another framed memory.

"I still have that framed photo (of kindergarten), and it'll be cool to have this one, too," said Adam, who plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall but isn't sure what he'll study. "I haven't really thought about it that much ... it'll be even cooler to look back on it later."

All those years ago, Mariann Brown - whose other son, Aaron, just finished his freshman year at Plymouth, made sure there were scads of extra copies of that Observer, including the one in the



Adam Brown and the Observer photo from his first day of kindergarten.

frame on the wall. With Adam's 'high school years coming to an end, she plans to do the same thing this time.

"Those pictures will have to go up side-by-side on the mantle," she said with a proud laugh.

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Adam Joseph Brown receives his diploma. He can add this photo to his scrapbook, to go along with the photo that appeared in the Observer the day Adam started kindergarten all those years ago.



## Pennies with a purpose

Students at Tonda Elementary School raised money to help children in Pakistan and Afghanistan through the "Pennies for Peace" program. "Pennies for Peace" encourages children to be active participants in the creation of global peace. It teaches them the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. It also teaches children that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time. Tonda students accumulated \$543.29 by having a jar placed in each classroom for a month. Pictured are Kurt Tyszkiewicz (Tonda Principal) with (top row) Devyn Hill, Asiimwe Najjuma, Kendall Paz, Caroline Whitaker, Samantha McGrath (Tonda School President who spearheaded the idea) and Jordan Percy, and (bottom) Zach Doering, David Kight, Patrick McDougall, David McGrath, Nicholas Schweikhart, Christopher Kight and Ryan Hondorp.

#### **ON CAMPUS**

#### Olivet College

Olivet College recognized the best of its student body at the annual Honors Convocation held recently in the college's Mott Auditorium. Heather Michalsen, a senior from Plymouth, received the Debra Tighe Memorial Award. This award is presented in memory of Debra Tighe to the woman who, through exceptional performance and achievement in the classroom, is voted the outstanding female major in health, physical education, recreation and sport.

Michalsen also received the Donald A. Morris Award, which recognizes the top five graduating seniors at Olivet College.

#### Northwood University

Senior Kevin Frusti of Canton and four students from Plymouth were among the students to make the Dean's List for winter term at Northwood University.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

The Plymouth students named to the list were freshman Shannon Corby, senior Samantha Matheson and sophomores Blaine Paden and Andrea Spohn.





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"It's really sad, but most parents that we talk to have done real well financially, but never found the time to save for 'college, and now they're facing a bill of \$18,000-\$45,000 a year, and they don't know who to turn to," he says. "Furthermore, most of the time all they hear is to not even bother applying for any aid because they make too much money. However, most of the time, that is simply not true... even if they make a six-

figure income."

Troy man teaches free workshops to help parents avoid mistakes and save thousands in the process TROY-Metro Detroit area know, because they've student pick a career that how to double or even triple parents that are planning on worked with over 1400 will suit them and pay them the amount of *free* money corporate CEO's, and he swears he can help anyone get through the process and save a bundle ... no matter how good of a student they have or how much money

they make. "I got started in this because I graduated in the top of my high school class, but no one told us anything about how to access money for college, or even how to pick a career...so I didn't go right away. But, I vowed that I would learn the process and devote my time to helping families not fall into the same trap that we did

Simply put, we show parents the truth that they aren't hearing anywhere clse about how the college process really works, and how they Mike and the College can get their child into a top Planning Network would school easily, help that

well, and save thousands of dollars in the process." Detroit area parents will have two opportunities to hear Mike speak. He is teaching his class How to Give Your Kid a 4-Year College Education... Without Going Brokel" on + June 23rd at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. at

Novi Public Library June 25th at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at Northville Senior

**Community Center** June 27th at 10:30 am to 11:45 at Wixom Public Library.

"We'll discuss everything from the greatest myths about the college process, to how to send your student to a fancy private school for less than the cost of a junior college... it'll be like learning how to get a brand new Cadillac for the price of a used pick up truck," he grins. Topics will also include why private scholarships and 529 plans are a waste of time,

you receive from each school. and how to avoid the one mistake that will kill your chances of getting any money at all that almost every other parent will make this January, and much, much more "They will learn a ton, and

I do my best to make the class fun," he says. "It's like I'm giving them a super bright flash light to navigate a pitch black cave, while all the other parents continue to stumble blindly!

"Don't forget: the class is totally free, but seats are limited, and we turned away a ton of people in March and April. Also, I'm not sure when Pll be teaching these classes again, so come on out and see me. You can reserve seat online at

www.collegeplauningcoach. com/topcollege or by calling 1-866-210-0837 x100.

## LOCAL NEWS

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# Penny-wise Dodson students raise cash for troops

. Students at Dodson Elementary School embarked on a fund-raiser to raise pennies for packages — troop packages that is!

The results surpassed their wildest expectations, as Dodson's first- through fifthgrades raised \$891.88 for the troops. The money was presented to five Plymouth/ Canton moms who accepted the donation on behalf of the Michigan Military Moms - a non-profit, non-political group of Southeastern Michigan moms who have sons and/or daughters serving in the military.

"Four times a year, the Michigan Military Moms undertake a packaging effort, and thanks to the generosity of the Dodson Elementary students, we don't have to worry about where the funding for our next packaging effort will come from," said Merrill Griffin, a Canton resident and recently elected vice chair of the MMMs.

Griffin was one of the five moms who were on hand to receive the donation from the Dodson schoolchildren. All five MMMs present had children who went through Plymouth/Canton schools prior to joining the military. Griffin explained that funds from the Dodson students will be used to purchase some of the more high-priced packaging items for the troops - like jerky and phone cards - and to defray the cost of the postage.

Dodson students raised the money simply by making pennies king for one week; the more pennies a particular grade collected, the more that grade's standing improved, as each penny equaled one point.

And to make things more competitive, students were able to set other grades back by putting any other denomination besides pennies into the collection jars of the competing grades. Each day, the amounts for other denominations besides pennies were subtracted from that grade's overall points.

There was additional incentive for students to participate, as each participant's name was added to a jar for a drawing that took place at the end of the competition. That's when two names were drawn from the jar and those two students were given the "honor" of throwing pies in the faces of physical education teacher Dave Fedewa and the school's principal, Dan Carr. So who really won the competition? Was it the students in the grade that had the most pennies in their jar? Was it the students in

the grade that had the most money overall in their jar? Or was it the two students who got to throw the pies?

"That's easy," said Valerie Feldscher, the fourth/fifthgrade teacher who organized the fund-raiser. "We all won because we all had the opportunity to help out our troops."

Michigan Military Moms was founded in July 2002 by a small group of military Moms led by Susan Klotz, of Allen Park, MI, whose son was in the Air Force at the time. Since its founding, hundreds of Moms in southeastern Michigan have experienced firsthand the kindness and support of fellow Moms whose children are serving in the military. In February 2007 the organization incorporated in the state of Michigan as a Non-Profit Organization under the leadership of MMM Maureen Van Hooser of Dearborn. The organization is one of a kind and has branched out from its original and largest meeting location in Dearborn to add meetings in other Detroit- area suburbs, including Troy, Dundee, Livingston County, and Macomb.

For more information, go to michiganmilitarymoms. org.



Michigan Military Moms from Canton (from left) Sue Carney, Regina Adams, Merrill Griffin, Mary Jo David and Mary Rowland accept the Dodson donation.

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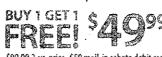


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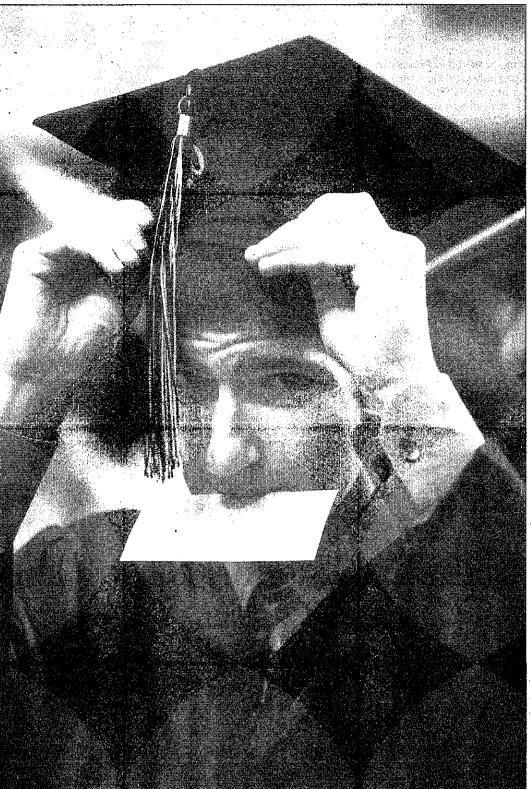
# Wildcat graduates take life's next path

Coming Thursday: Salem High School's Class of 2009

Here is the Plymouth High School Class of 2009: Melissa Ashley Abate Apoorva Aekka Sarah Emily Agar Maryam Alaradi Cayla Colleen Allen Dalal Abdul Allie Kelsey Lynn Anderson Kyle Stephen Anderson Kyle Theodore Anderson Nydia Alejandra Andrade Michael Paul Andrus Philip Jan Angelo Georgette Ansara Gina Maria Antonucci Aaron Robert Arm Abdur Razzak Asadullah Nathan William-Michael Atkinson

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Brett Beres makes last-minute mortarboard adjustments during commencement exercises at Eastern Michigan University.





The P-CEP Combined Choirs sing "Song To Tradition."



Class President Katherine Elizabeth Wiley addresses the Plymouth High School Class of 2009.

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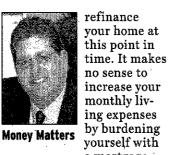
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The Plymouth High School Class of 2009 enters the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

# Refinancing isn't good way to boost retirement income

Q: Dear Rick: Our home is paid off and we have no mortgage. My husband has a pension and along with Social Security, most of our living expenses are covered. We do have to dip into our investment portfolio to supplement our income. It's that issue that leads me to our question. We have been approached by someone who sells investments. He suggests that, as opposed to using our investment to cover our shortfall, we use our home. He recommends that we refinance and take some of the money and use it to cover living expenses and then to take the bulk of the proceeds and invest it to cover the mortgage payments. One of the investments recommended was a variable annuity and I know what you think of variable annuities. What do you think?

A: It is a horrible idea to



Rick Bloom yourself with a mortgage. In addition,

under no circumstances should you buy a variable annuity. It just doesn't make sense in your situation.

One reason I oppose refinancing is the cost of borrowing is greater than the return on your investment. The return that these investments are paying on an after-tax basis is less than the mortgage. In other words, you are borrowing money (your mortgage) at approximately 5 percent and investing that money at 4½ percent. It doesn't make sense. As for the suggestion that you purchase a variable annuity and use the proceeds to cover your mortgage payments, once again it makes no sense. It is great for the individual selling you the annuity, but not for you. Variable annuities are very expensive, have adverse tax consequences, are inflexible and on the whole have poor performance.

If you need income from your investment in order to cover your house payment, that money should be invested in fixed-income investments such as bonds and CDs.

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The strategy you currently follow — using your investment portfolio to cover your income needs — is correct. My only recommendation is to make sure you have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio and that part of it is geared for long-term growth. Investors need a rising

income throughout their lifetime and that's why you should have a growth component in your portfolio.

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If you do run into financial difficulty and your investments no longer produce the income you need, I recommend a reverse mortgage versus a traditional mortgage. Under a reverse mortgage, you do not have to make payments as long as you and your spouse remain in the home.

A home is one's largest single investment and important to protect. This is especially true for seniors who are, unfortunately, more susceptible to scams than any other group. Before you take a loan out on your home, do your homework. Don't be afraid to seek independent advice. That said, the person who is selling you a product and making fees from that product can never be considered independent.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Volunteers clean up during River Day event

More than 365 volunteers participated in Canton's annual River Day event to help make it a success, according to Canton Township officials who oversaw the event.

In an effort to broaden Canton's river cleaning efforts, this year's volunteers had the option of reporting to the main host site at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road, or volunteering at nine additional subdivision sites to help with log jam removal, debris cleanup, and plantings.

During the event, volunteers from Pilgrim Hills, Forest Trails, Cherry Hill Orchards, Vintage Valley, Deer Creek, Century Farms, Rivers Edge, Fellows Creek Estates and Sunflower subdivisions removed more than 17 cubic yards of debris and 50 bags of refuse from the Rouge River. For children 12 and under, a craft tent was set up at River Day's main site where they made over 120 bird houses and participated in guided nature walks along the Lower Rouge River Recreation.

In addition, officials said,



Debris was carried away by the truckload as volunteers gathered for Canton's annual River Day event.

River's Edge volunteers planted shrubs and wildflowers around their detention basin to add a more native habitat, color, and interest to their buffer, and Pilgrim Hills volunteers helped stabilize eroded creek banks and low swale areas by planting shrubs and wildflowers at their site. A grant from the Alliance of Rouge Communities allowed native wildflower seeding, shrubs

and plugs of wildflowers to be added to the Canton Library's detention basin and creek's edge.

River Day was hosted by Canton Township and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, JJR, Wade Trim, OMI, Absopure, ITC, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, DE/ CAL, Dyna Electric, DeMaria, Chet's Rent All, WTUA and Crosswinds Marsh.



More than 365 volunteers turned out to help clean up on Canton's annual River Day event.

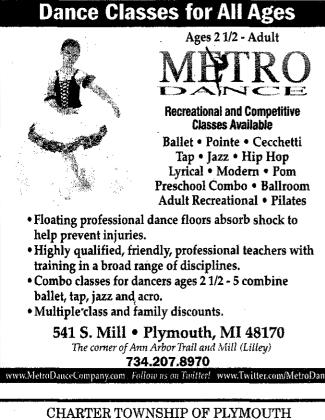
River Day is an opportunity to help preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and steams which form the upstream portion of the Lower Rouge River

Watershed. Each year Canton's River Day event has a different focus and objective based on the location and sponsor donations.

Next year's River Day is scheduled for June 5. To participate or to find out more about this event call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

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# VSA arts festival a rousing success

The VSA arts of Michigan Festival was over, but everyone from volunteers to performers vowed to come back in 2010. This was the first time the two-day celebration of arts ability was held by the Southeast Region Committee at Schoolcraft College, and all agreed it was a rousing success. More than 120 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities had sung and played their hearts out Friday and Saturday at the VisTaTech Center on campus.

The fest was especially exciting for Julie Raphael, who is serving a music therapy internship at Lincoln Park Schools and accompanied 16 second- and thirdgrade students. Raphael's twin sister Lindsey went to FAR, a conservatory for special needs students in Birmingham. Several of the FAR students performed during Saturday's program. The festival gives children and adults from around the region an opportunity to show off valuable skills they've learned in therapeutic music classes.



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Darnell Davis has all the right moves as he performs with students from the Pontiac school district.

in his baritone voice and

prints. Workshops in drumming and movement encouraged participation. "I liked the drums, painting and singing," said Smiley, 12, of Pontiac. The children were the main reason more than 30 volunteers from CVS pharmacies came from as far away as Port Huron to set up easels and count Tshirts given to performers, volunteers and committee members Jody Stark, Connie Lott, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock and Linda Ann Chomin. CVS began partnering with the national VSA arts about a year ago as part of the CVS All Kids Count initiative. "It's a kid-focused program and to me that's the most rewarding," said Judi Larabee of Livonia, administrative assistant for the CVS region manager. "They do more for me than I do for them."

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#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF THE 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD. ON JUNE 23, 2009.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE FOR THE TRANSFER/REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF THE 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THEIR CURRENT MULTI-YEAR FRIENDSHIP STATION ACQUISITION PROJECT.

CURRENT PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT FUNDS		
Multi-Year Friendship Station	\$58,070		
PROPOSED PROJECT			
Handicap Sidewalk Ramp Improvements	\$58,070		

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THIS PORTION OF THE 2008 FUNDS.

ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED USE OF THIS PORTION OF THE 2008 FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SUSAN VIGNOE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD, PLYMOUTH, MI, 48170 AND MUST BE RECIEVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009.

> JOE BRIDGMAN, CMC CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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VSA was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago to provide arts programming for children and adults with disabilities.

"I'm excited about seeing the kids perform," said Raphael, a Bloomfield Township resident and Eastern Michigan University student. "They've been learning about waiting for their turn to play, following directions and paying attention."

On Friday Plymouth Community Arts Council president Debra Madonna dropped by to see what VSA arts was all about.

"I'd like to work on a possible future collaboration to



Darius Brock adds color to a mural designed and painted by Royal Oak artist Daniel Cascardo.

offer programs for children with special needs in our community," Madonna said. One by one they took the stage. Michael Fitzhugh of Detroit delivered a spiritual

was asked to sing an encore. Fitzhugh is the VSA arts of Michigan Young Soloist for 2009.

Raymond Wells of Plymouth received several rounds of applause for a piano solo even though he made a mistake. VSA is all about the attempt.

Old Village School in Northville brought giraffe, elephant, crocodile and palm tree props to add color to their rendition of The Lion Sleeps Tonight. Art in every form was the focus of the celebration. Lenescia Smiley sat making a card for her uncle at the handson activities table. Outside the DiPonio Room was an exhibit of 25 pieces of art by children and adults from Beverly Hills to the Kennedy Center in Pontiac. Inside the room performers could make Father's Day cards and gift bags, paint a mural or make

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#### LOCAL NEWS

# New curriculum affects W-W's career center

#### BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The effect of the state's rigorous high school curriculum is being felt at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career **Technical Center where** four teachers have been laid off because of declining enrollment.

The layoffs were approved at last week's school board meeting but the decision was made reluctantly at best and with two trustees - Cindy Schofield and Shawna Walker — voting no.

Affected by the layoffs are William Heine, who teaches desktop publishing, James Holland, the auto body teacher, Zachary MacLean, who teaches electronics technology, and Kevin Ryska, computer aided drafting teacher.

Schofield said she was "disheartened" to see MacLean's name on the list. He and his students have been heavily involved in creating the award-win-

"I've had kids tell me that math didn't make sense until they saw how it applied in electronics," she said. "For some kids, career-tech is a savior. It gives them a goal and they finish their education. We're losing teachers that touch students, it's a hard thing to do."

According to Bernard LaPorte, senior executive director of human resources, the layoffs are due to a lower enrollment in the classes. Four teachers will be recalled. Three will be offered part-time positions, and one will be offered a full-time position in auto career technology

"In the past few years we've been running light in both sections," LaPorte told the board. "We did that last year, but the numbers don't justify doing it this coming year."

When asked by Trustee Steve Becher if enrollment at the center is down due to the added math requirements in high school or a decline

Westland has with other districts, LaPorte said it was "all of the above."

"Our numbers are down significantly at Career Tech because of the added math requirement or cooperative agreements," he said. "With the increase in core classes, lack of enrollment and some shared time agreements, we have barely enough students in some classes for a .5 (half-time) class."

Superintendent Greg Baracy pointed out that the district has done a number of things to boost enrollment at the Career Technical Center has been rated as No. 1 in the state and was recently featured on WDIV Channel 4's Best Schools in Michigan.

However, "students can't be forced to sign up for electives, not just at the career tech, but other electives in the school buildings," he said. "As we go along with this rigorous curriculum, we're going to students not taking career tech who need it the most."

# Family fun won't be hard to find

Parents looking for things to do with their children this summer shouldn't have to look hard or far.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Penn Theatre have seen to that. Music lovers should get their blankets, picnics and

strollers ready, because the summer concert series Music in the Park, hosted by the PCAC, returns next week for its 25th year.

Concerts are free of charge and held every Wednesday at noon from June 17 through Aug. 19. Organizers say each week will feature another unique, exciting and family friendly performer.

Headlining the first concert of this anniversary season is Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express, a perennial favorite for Music in the Park fans.

Sponsors for the 25thanniversary season include The Carl & Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian



Guy Louis and his Chatauqua Express open the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park concert series Wednesday.

Preschool Learning Program, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Lodging by the Month and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

For more information or a complete listing of the performers visit www.storytellerdesign.com/musicpark. html or contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

• Meanwhile, the Penn will showcase family fare Thursdays throught out the summer.

The Summer Cinema Matinee Series, sponsored by the Packaging Corporation of America, Plymouth District Library, Michigan Made & More and **Community Financial Credit** Union, will feature family friendly movies Thursdays at com or call (734) 453-0870.

The schedule:

- June 18 Stuart Little
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- July 16 An American

Tail July 23 - The Shaggy Dog (original 1959 version)

- July 30 Annie • Aug. 6 - In Search of the
- Castaways
- Aug. 13 Babe

• Aug. 20 - Apple Dumpling Gang

• Aug. 27 - The Muppets Take Manhattan

The box office opens one half hour before each showing; all seats are \$3. For more information visit the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre.

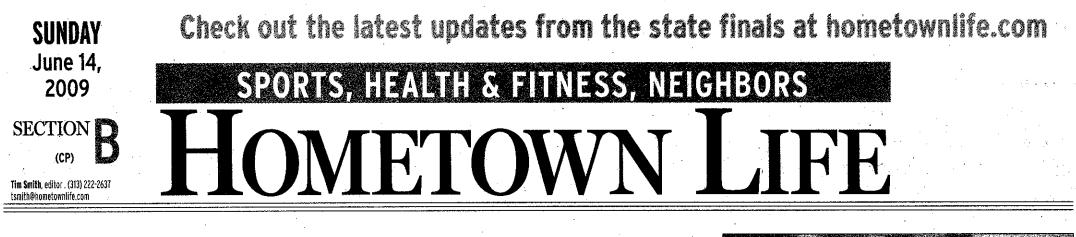




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# **Payoff: MLB Cubs draft Canton's Rusin**

#### BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

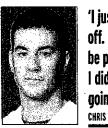
Wrigley Field might someday beckon to Canton's own Chris Rusin.

Rusin, a senior lefthanded pitcher at University of Kentucky and a Dearborn Divine Child alum, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the fourth round of Wednesday's Major League Baseball draft. Pending his signing of a contract, the 22-year-old likely will begin his pro career with the Boise Hawks of the Class A Northwest League.

"I just think hard work paid off," said Rusin during a phone interview Friday. "It was unexpected to be picked by the Cubs, I didn't know who I was going to be drafted by."

But now that he knows, he can't wait to begin.

"I think the main reason the drafted me is they have a lack of lefthanded pitching and I can move up quickly,"



#### 'I just think hard work paid off. It was unexpected to be picked by the Cubs, I didn't know who I was

Rusin emphasized. "But I'm just thrilled

to get 'er going." He said he was hopeful details of a

contract could be ironed out within the next two weeks."

Rusin, a 6-foot-2, 195-pounder, went 7-4 this season for the Wildcats with a 4.20 ERA and 108 strikeouts in 94-plus innings. He blanked Indiana State on March 7, walking one and fanning nine and had 14 strikeouts on May 2 against Tennessee, adding to his total in victories and strikeouts — where he ranks second all-time at the Lexington university with totals of 23 and 274, respectively. Rusin, whose parents are Pat and Arlene Rusin of Canton, starred at Divine Child, leading the Falcons to back-to-back state championships his junior and senior years while also being named to the All-State Dream Team each season.

The prospect said his high school coach, Tony Demare, lifted his confidence before embarking on his college career.

"He told me I had the skills to compete at Kentucky," Rusin said. "And once I got there, my coach there (John Cohen) helped me improve my skills even more."

Meanwhile, the Cubs later selected Northville native Matt Williams (a catcher from Duke University) with the 560th pick. Another area player, Northville shortstop Kyle Breault, went 682nd overall to the Washington Nationals.

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Canton's own Chris Rusin, selected by the Chicago Cubs in Tuesday's MLB draft, delivers a pitch for the University of Kentucky.

# 2009 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF TEAM



# Golfers put it all together

#### **BY THE OBSERVER STAFF**

It was another banner boys golf season for area prep teams as youngsters showcased their talents with booming drives, precision approach shots and superb touch around the greens. The result was success on several fronts as players from Farmington and Canton highlight the 2009 All-Observer Boys Golf Team.

Three Farmington players — Jordan Weinger, Ian Ellis and Shane Kestherly — lead the First Team honorees. They are joined by Andrew Rickerman and Zach Conrad from Canton, Nick Williams from North Farmington and Kevin Robinson of Livonia Churchill.

Those selected to the All-Observer Second Team include Drew Mossoian of Livonia Stevenson, Ron Pummill of Garden City, Aaron Thompson of Salem, Andy Myers of Westland John Glenn, Justin Bauer of Plymouth and Jordan Chisholm of Livonia Franklin.

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was the runner-up in two other tournaments. He shot a 74 in the regional and was ninth. A consistent top-10 placer, Weinger was a team co-MVP with Ian Ellis.

"He's quite an exceptional player," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "He was the rock of the team. If his game wasn't on, he went to work; he worked harder. Even on a bad day, he still was in the top 10. That's a pretty impressive stat for any player.

"He's a great golfer and an even greater individuál. He would never put himself above the team; he's a great role model to the younger players. He will go down as one of the best golfers in Falcon history."

lan Ellis, Sr., Farmington: Ellis was the other half of a quality one-two combination for the Falcons, who won the Oakland County Division I tourney. A four-year varsity player, he averaged 76.17 for 18 holes and 36.4 for dual matches.

Ellis, a team co-MVP with Jordan Weinger,

Salem's Aaron Thompson is one of four golfers from Salem, Canton or Plymouth high schools to be selected to the All-Observer boys golf team. Bruce Sutton of North Farmington was chosen as Coach of the Year.

Following is a brief profile of each player named to the first and second teams.

FIRST-TEAM Jordan Weinger, Sr., Farmington: Weinger was a four-year standout for the Falcons, finishing eighth in the state as a junior and contending for all-state honors again this year. He averaged 74.17 for tournaments and 37.67 for dual matches. Weinger was the Oakland County Division I and OAA White Division medalist, and he shot 74 and won the Farmington Invite, and he won a district championship with the same score. He also was the OAA White Division runner-up.

Ellis was fifth in the Pinckney Invite (75), 11th in the Eccentric tournament (80), fifth in the Seaholm Invite (74), 14th in the county (75) and 22nd in the regional at Farmington Hills Golf Club (77).

"Ian has great skills," coach Dennis Zaleski

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# **Blazin' at Bailey Park**

# Livonia Ladywood wins 1-0 in Division 2 semifinal, reach championship game

#### BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there's a will, then Livonia Ladywood's softball team always seems to way to win a big ballgame.

That was no more evident than on Friday as the Blazers moved into their first-ever state championship final following a 1-0 Division 2 semifinal victory in eight innings over Williamston at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

"This was a typical game, we've been in about 30 of them this year," said Ladywood second-year coach Scott Combs, whose team improved to 38-6 overall and earned a spot in Saturday's championship game with 34-5 Niles. "Playing in the (Michigan) Stars tournament and being in the Catholic League, our schedule allows us to compete with these teams."

The Blazers once again relied on the crafty pitching of freshman righthander Briana Combs, who struck out 14 and allowed just two hits.

And it was senior third baseman Courtney LaValley's clutch bases loaded single to right field scoring freshman Cara Miller in the bottom of the eighth that proved to be the game-winner.

The game-winning rally started when Miller led off with a hard bounding ball between short and third base that eluded Williamston shortstop Leah Hosking for an error. Miller alertly took second on the throw back to first and advanced to third when Williamston pitcher Aleksa Sedlak was called for making an illegal motion toward the plate without making a pitch.

Williamston coach Steve VanderLaan then intentionally walked both Gina Sykes and Julie Bushart to load the bases.

Sedlak got one out on a 6-2 fielder's choice (force out at the plate), but LaValley ended the suspense when she poked a ball over the second baseman's head for the game-winning hit.

"I think it was the second pitch, I'm not positive – I was just thinking get anything out of the infield," said LaValley, a fourth-year varsity player. "I just wanted to hit the ball to score Cara from third. I was happy. I took a peak at the ball and wanted to cry because I was so excited.

"Last year I had a game-winning

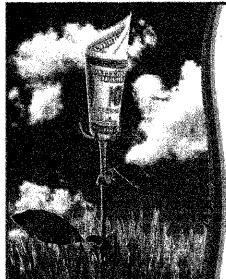
hit against (Birmingham) Marian, but that was not nearly as big as in the semis."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs said there wasn't a more deserving offensive hero.

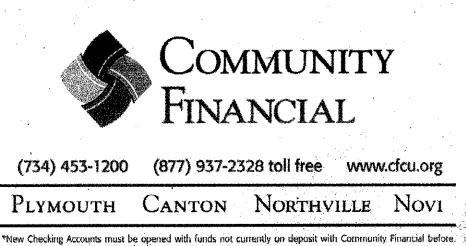
"To get that hit I couldn't be happier, especially for the senior," he said. "Courtney's really been driving the ball for us the last four games, but it's just been right at somebody."

Ladywood out-hit the Hornets, 6-2, and played flawless defense behind their freshman ace.

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Ian Eilis Jordan Weinger Farmington Farmington



said. "He'll do well in his collegiate career. His big claim was at the district with his playoff win. That was his signature on the season. He was able to keep his composure to beat a pretty darn good player from Brother Rice. That was certainly a great thing to watch. That was icing on the cake, to see one of my guys play under extreme pressure with 40-50 people watching and do exceptionally well in a playoff."

Nick Williams, Soph., N. Farmington: Williams had a sensational sophomore season and led the Raiders to the OAA White Division and Oakland County Division II championships, averaging 76.25 for tournaments and 38.57 in dual matches.

He shot 71 in the regional at Farmington Hills Golf Club, tied for second place and qualified for the D-1 state meet. Williams was the medalist in the Oakland County D-II tourney (72) and the Farmington city meet (76). He also won medalist honors in three duals and was second in two others. Williams was chosen team MVP and was named to the All-OAA White team.

"Nick put in a lot of hard work in the off season to bring his game to the level that it is today," coach Bruce Sutton said. "Can he do better? Yes, he can - and he will work evenharder during this off season to make it happen.

"Nick puts his heart and soul into his game. After being named a co-captain for next year, I am sure he will help others on the team to bring their games to the next level, also.'

Andrew Rickerman, Sr., Canton: The senior co-captain of a 10-



Andrew Nick Williams Rickerman N. Farmington Canton

0 team averaged 37.7 strokes per nine holes and 78.2 per 18, medaling at five dual meets and breaking 40 in nine

matches. Rickerman's achievements were many. He placed in the Top 10 at the Huron Valley Invitational with a 77, was medalist at the Western Wayne Invitational with a 74, was Wayne County champion (81) while also making the allconference team with a round of 74. At districts and regionals, he shot scores of 82 and 81, respectively.

"Andrew is constantly working to improve in all aspects of his game," said Chiefs' head coach Tom Alles. "He is extremely competitive and had an outstanding senior season."

Zach Conrad, Jr., Canton: Another key to Canton's unbeaten season, Conrad averaged 38.4 and 79.5 for nine and 18 holes, respectively while breaking 40 six times.

Conrad registered impressive scores of 87 at the Huron Valley Invitational, 81 at the Wavne County Championship and 78 at regionals in addition to tying for second at the Western Wayne Invitational (77). He also was Division 1 district medalist at Tanglewood (75) and made the all-conference team following a round of 79.

"Zach is a very focused, intelligent golfer," Alles said. "He is very cool under pressure, which he displayed in his consistent play this season."

Shane Kesthely, Jr., Farmington: After missing two weeks due to injury, Kesthely came on the second half of the season, benefitting from daily practice rounds with Ellis and Weinger. He averaged 78 in tournaments and 39.6 in dual meets. He was fourth in the regional (72) and qualified for the D-1 state meet.

Kesthely was the runnerup in the Oakland County D-1 tournament (71) and led

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Kevin Robinson Shane Kesthelv Farmington Churchill

the Falcons to the team title.

"Shane had a slow start but a great finish," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "At mid season, he just started to play. He was in the shadows of Jordan and Ian last year. He realized 'I can play with these guys.' They helped him along. Any time Shane had to play with Ian and Jordan, he was in tournament mode, in pressure mode, to excel, and it became a habit. With Shane, the only way he knew how to play was in tournament mode. Whenever he played, he was under pressure whether it be an event or

Churchill: The senior, bound for Madonna University, was medalist in four dual matches and averaged 39.1 per nine.

Robinson took fourth in the district (80) and shot an 80 at the Kensington Conference tourney.

standing student athlete these past four years," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "His competitive nature, work ethic and leadership this year transpired toward his teammates, as the co-captain was unanimously named MVP this season."

seventh at the Division 1 district took 12th at the Lakes of Taylor regional with an 80.

Mossoian also shot an 80 tourney held at Salem Hills.

His dual match average was 39 and his 18-hole tourney average was 80.

"For Drew's standards, he was not as good as last year, but a lot of it was weather related," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski. "But next season he'll have a breakout year and be a candidate for All-State.'



Drew Mossoian Stevenson

Ron Pummill, Sr., Garden City: A senior, Pummill was every coach's dream – and, in this case, father's dream - competing in his fourth varsity season for the Cougars. Consistency was the name of the game as the two-year Cougars' captain fired a season-low 37 on two occasions and not higher than 42 the rest of the way. In addition to helping the Cougars to their fourth straight league championship, Pummill earned medalist honors in state district play with an 81 at Tanglewood and fired a 77 at the league meet.

"Having coached him for such a long time, I just love his tenacity and commitment to both the team and winning. said his father and Cougars head coach Ron Pummill. "And getting better every year, every time he played, I'm really proud of the way he conducted himself all four years."

Aaron Thompson, Jr., Salem: Thompson had a consistent season for the Rocks, averaging 39 strokes per nine holes and 78 per 18 holes at dual meets, noted Salem coach Rick Wilson.

Highlights for the junior included being medalist at three invitationals. He finished with a 75 at the East Lansing Classic, held at Forest Akers West. In addition, Thompson medaled with scores of 78 both at the Huron Meadows Farmington Invite and Western Wayne Invitational.

Andy Myers, Sr., Westland Glenn: The senior, headed to Siena Heights University, earned All-Kensington Conference honors when he fired a 76 at Salem Hills.

His 78 at the Division 1 regional held at Lakes was just two strokes off qualifying for the state finals. Myer shot an 81 to place seventh at the Tanglewood district.

Myers averaged 79 per 18 holes and 37 for nine.

"He worked harder than anybody on team, he'll continue to improve and I expect even better things for Andy at the collegiate level," Glenn coach Steve Pilon said.

Justin Bauer, Soph., Plymouth: The sophomore was a Division



Ron Pummili Garden City

Salem

1 state individual qualifier after shooting a 76 at the Lakes of Taylor regional.

But Bauer, described by Plymouth coach Chris Moore as a hard-working athlete with a "great demeanor on the course," also earned all-conference honors with a 78 at Salem Hills and placed in the top five at the Tanglewood districts

"At the state tourney, he was feeling under the weather," Moore said. "Yet he still fin-ished both days with a respectable score of 175.

"As a coach, I could not be prouder of a student-athlete. He works hard at the course and also in the classroom (4.0 grade-point average). Jordan Chisholm, Sr., Liv.

Franklin: The senior averaged 39.8 per dual match and 83.3 in 18-hole events.

He was medalist six of 10 dual matches with a low round of 36 and recorded an 80 at the Kensington Conference tournament held at Salem Hills. Chisholm also shot a 78 to win the Fellows Creek Cup. Chisholm plans to enroll in

Ferris State's Professional Golf Management program.

"Jordan was a very hard worker, a good leader on the course," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. **COACH OF THE YEAR** 

Bruce Sutton, N. Farmington: Sutton guided the Raiders to their best season in years and one of the best in school history. He was named Observerland Coach of the Year as a result. North Farmington won the OAA White Division and Oakland County Division II championships, and it had first-place finishes in the Farmington city meet and Bay City Invite. The Raiders also were second behind Brother Rice in the district, 312-314.

"In my 20 years of coaching boys golf, this has to be one of the most gratifying seasons I have ever had," Sutton said. "I think it's also a tribute to the 2009 team and all of the hard work we did over the season. I am excited for the next season to begin already. I think the 2010 team may be able to achieve even more than the 2009 team did.'



Bruce Sutton

N. Farmington

**Justin Bauer** Aaron Thompson Plymouth

#### **ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF**

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Zach Conrad Canton .

He was consistently one of Farmington's top four players in dual matches, too.

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"Kevin has been an out-

#### SECOND-TEAM

Drew Mossolan, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior placed at Tanglewood with an 81 and

at the Kensington Conference



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# Local women golfers enjoy competition at Western

#### BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's all about the competition. Western Golf & Country Club in Redford played host to the 11th annual GAM Women's Mid-Amateur June 9-10 and even through two-day tournament concluded with a familiar face atop the leaderboard, the real competition could be found among various locals with impressive games of their own.

Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, women's golf coach at Michigan State University, captured her fifth consecutive Women's Mid-Amateur title by four strokes as she carded rounds of 73 and 76 for a two-day total of 149. Her steady play on the second day held off charges from Kim Kester and Julie Massa, who placed second and third, respectively, in 'A' Flight competition. Slobodnik-Stoll proved to be

Slobodnik-Stoll proved to be the best in the field at escaping trouble when landing in Western's long and and snarly rough and thus kept her grasp on the coveted trophy for another year.

Two local participants, Claudia Cenko of Beverly Hills and Sue Keller of Farmington Hills, finished in the middle of the pack among 'A' Flight competitors and praised the ability of Slobodnik-Stoll to negotiate her way around the fair, but testy,

#### Plymouth YMCA baseball

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its Summer Baseball leagues for children ages 4-9. Leagues include T-ball (ages 4-5), coach pitch (ages 6-7), machine pitch (8-9) and softball for girls ages 8-9.

There is one practice and one game per week for the cost of \$71 (for YMCA members) or \$103 if not.

All participants will need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey (\$15). The deadline to sign up is June 18. Please call (734) 453-2904. par-72 layout of the Donald Ross designed course. "The rough was tough because

if you got in there, the ball would sit down and would add one more stroke to your total," said Cenko, who was no stranger to the event having participated the past four years. "I know the course didn't pose any problems for her (Slobodnik-Stoll), but there was trouble out there."

"The rough was pretty thick," agreed Keller, who carded rounds of 85 and 86 to finish in a tie for 10th-place. "I know a couple times I felt I had a good round going and then got into trouble when I found the rough.

"But I really enjoyed myself and really enjoyed this course because it's an old-style course with big trees, tight fairways and tiny greens.

Both Cenko and Keller agree the way the Golf Association of Michigan organizes such events is a huge factor in their repeat participation.

"Many times when you play at your own country club, it's tough to compete with people of the same handicap," said Cenko, a six handicap and member at historic Oakland Hills Country Club. "I belong to the Women's District Golf Association and I like to compete and when you're playing in these events you really get hooked and want to play and play better each time, unfortunately, I'm always around that 10th spot. But Western is really a nice course, and fun course to play."

The visit around Western's pristine layout was the first for Christine Edwards of Plymouth, who was steady as could be both days, recording rounds of 84 to place second overall among B' Flight golfers. She said she enjoyed the overall experience and the way the course was setup proved fair to all players.

"That course was in great shape," said Edwards, who competed for the third time in the Mid-Amateur. "It wasn't set up all that long and there weren't any tricky holes. The rough was penalizing and with so many elevated greens you were forced many times to go up a club to get there.

"Tve been working hard on my golf game and this was my best finish," continued Edwards, who played on the women's golf team while at Oakland University from 1997-2009. "I was pretty consistent the first day (shooting 42 on the front and 42 on the back), but had a little trouble with the speed of the greeens.

"Then the second day I shot 38 on the front and 46 on the back. I hit five fairways and five greens on the front and only one fairway and no greens on the back. The rough really made a difference."

#### PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA

# Summer programs and camps

The Plymouth Family YMCA also is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics.

The summer programs (from July 13 through Aug. 17) will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by pro-

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gram but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

■ Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA. Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

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Williamston, getting only two base runners on for the first six innings, mounted only two real offensive threats.

With one-out in the seventh, clean-up batter Kelsey Grace ripped to a line drive shot that Miller tracked down in deep center field.

"I'm glad we had that 6foot girl (Miller) with the big glove," Scott Combs said. "It scares you every time when hit see a hit like that. Your heart jumps. She (Grace) hit the crap out of the ball. After that I came out to the mound to settle things down."

In the top of the eighth, the Hornets put two runners aboard with one-out on a bizarre set of circumstances.

Home plate umpire John O'Hagan awarded Jordyn Morales a one-out walk when Ladywood catcher Jordan Searcy threw down to first base after what appeared to be a miscommunication on the ball-strike count.

"The umpire told me it was only a 3-1 when she (Searcy) said she was told it was 3-2," Scott Combs said. "The ump explained she made a play on an unoccupied base and that's an automatic ball on the batter. She's automatically trained to throw down to first base on a third strike, but I don't know. Maybe she thought were back Catholic League and it was the 3-2 count. We just had to forget about it and move on."

Jessica Franco then bunted Morales over to second base on a sacrifice for the second out. The next batter, Michaela Marble, got on when Briana Combs hit her with a pitch.

But the Ladywood freshman fanned lead-off hitter Danika Markell to end the game and put the Blazers in their firstever state final against Niles, which ousted Clio, 8-1. (Game time is 10 a.m. at Bailey Park.).

"She (Briana) puts all of her 104 pounds into it," Scott Combs said. "She's a hard worker and she's in the best shape. I never fear how long she can go after the sixth inning. She's got an 0.17 ERA in the Catholic League so I know she can compete with anybody. She's also pitched in two national tourney Final Fours last summer, so I know this wouldn't faze her."

The Hornets, meanwhile, were coming off a 10-3 quarterfinal win over Carleton Airport, but their bats couldn't solve Combs.

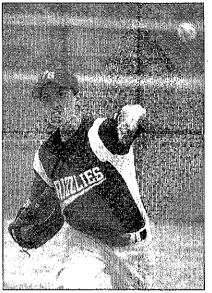
"We knew she liked to get ahead in the count, then go low and away, and we could not pull the trigger," VanderLaan said. "She's not overpowering, but her location is the key. She spotted the ball and moved it around. Give her credit."

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## **Grrrr-eat!**

The Plymouth-Canton Grizzlies baseball team dominated last weekend's USSSA Canton Classic AA, which was held at the Canton Softball Center. Their 47 runs in five games helped them to a 5-0 record in the tournament to clinch the U14 Championship. Big reasons for that success included a home run by Scott Gring, strong pitching by Michael Stafford (photo at right) and the defense of shortstop Brendan Swanson. The Grizzlies (8-2), led by head coach Rob Sudz, and assistant coaches Phil Bocketti and Dale Ebeling, have been playing together for four years. In the team photo above, the Grizzlies enjoy the championship. In the front row (from left) are Casey Sudz, Shawn Sudz, Matthew Janke, Brad Bocketti and Michael Stafford. In the back row (from left) are coach Bocketti, Scott Gring, Kyle Penn, Brendan Swanson, Chad Schroder, Ian Lefebvre, Austin Ebeling and coach Sudz. Not pictured are Jacob Miller and Kyle Rhoades.



Prep stars to shine at Comerica

While the Detroit Tigers are on the road, the games continue at Comerica Park. This Tuesday, June 16, Michigan all-star high school baseball players will showcase their talent in the 28th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic.

Plymouth's Brad Lineberry and Salem's Sam Ott are among the 36 top senior players from public and private high schools throughout Michigan to suit up. All 36 were selected by the coaches association.

Since 1981, the MHSBCA has hosted an all-star game featuring the top baseball talent in the state of Michigan. For the third consecutive year, the game is presented by the Detroit Tigers Foundation, an affiliate of Ilitch Charities, in an effort to strengthen the game of baseball in the state while Michigan's best players are on display.

The All-Star Classic annually features Michigan draft prospects. This year, five players — Daniel Fields (U-D Jesuit and son of former Tigers coach Bruce Fields), Derek Dennis (Forest Hills Central), Mike Schaaf (Arthur Hill), Almon (Victor) Roache (Lincoln), and Patrick Biondi (Divine Child) — were selected in the 2009 Major League Baseball draft. Fields, Roache and Biondi were drafted by the Detroit Tigers organization in this past week's Major League Baseball draft.

Tickets are available for \$5 at the door. Kids who wear their little league uniforms gain free admission. The game begins at 7 p.m. with gates opening at 6 p.m.

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#### Fox Hills Junior Camp

Hurry up and go to www.foxhills.com to sign up for next week's Junior Golf Camp, which is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

#### PCEP alumni lacrosse

The fourth annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Men's Alumni Lacrosse Game is fast approaching, with game time slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

It will be an "alumni vs. alumni" matchup, with teams picked prior to the start of action — so players should try to get to the PCEP Varsity (Turf)

Field no later than 12:30 p.m. Each players should bring a stick, helmet, full pads and any practice penny one might have. Officiators and scorekeepers will be provided.

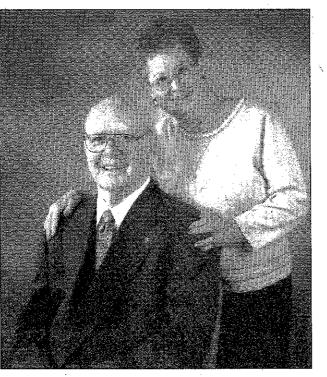
For more information, contact PCEP Alumni Booster Nina Smithpeters at nsmithpeters@wowway.com.

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#### MILESTONES



John and Marvann Clark on their wedding day.



John and Maryann Clark of Livonia.

#### **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

John and Maryann Clark of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 18. They met in 1948 on a blind date and were married in 1949. In 1961, they moved to Livonia and still live in the same home. John retired from Ford Motor company and Maryann is a home maker. They have five children: John (Debbie) Clark of Howell;

Michael (Terry) Clark of South Lyon; Carl (Sheri) Clark of Farmington; Craig (Martha) Clark of Livonia; and Deborah (Mike) Sharon of Livonia.

They have six grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

The Clarks will be celebrate their big day with a family dinner.

#### WYLIE-LAWRENCHUK

Mallory Wylie and Michael Lawrenchuk announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Mary Wylie of Canton, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and is employed as program manager at Greater Detroit Area Health Council.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. Donald and Elaine Lawrenchuk of Livonia, is a University of Michigan graduate and is employed at Materialise in Ann Arbor.

An August 2009 wedding is planned in ment. Ann Arbor.

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#### **WYLIE-JONES**

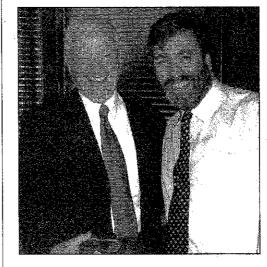
Melissa Wylie and Steven Michigan Health System. Jones announce their engage-The bride-to-be, daughter

Her fiancé, son of the late William and Mary Jones, is employed by PTS tool company in Hazel Park. An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. Edith in Livonia.

Courtney Cahill and Lindsay Satchell, of Livonia, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Alistair Arthur Cahill. He was born at 11:10 a.m., May 18, 2009, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Named after two of his great-grandparents, Alistair weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Kay and Terry Satchell of Hendersonville, N.C., and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills.



**Alistair Arthur Cahili** 



60th anniversary David R. Haslam, (right), a Plymouth resident and president of the Livonia-based Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters Club, welcomes Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey to the group's 60th anniverary celebration on Saturday, May 30. Kirksey was the keynote speaker for the event that drew current, former and regional Toastmasters International members together for an evening of speeches, a trivia contest and a dinner at Station 885 in Plymouth. Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For more information, contact Milena Cankovic at (248) 478-2691 or visit the club Web site www. dearborndynamic.com



#### ANGELA KU

Age 85 of Ann Arbor, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on June 3rd, 2009. Beloved wife of William Ku, dear mother of Ernest, Althea and Michele and loving grandmother of An. Private services were held by the family at the Nie Family Funeral Home in Ann Arbor. Donations in Angela Ku's memory may be made to the Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, Attn: Marsha Gilman, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. www.niefuneralhomes.com

#### **CAROLINE AGLIA** KAPTUR

Of Pinehurst, NC died peacefully at her home on June 5. Mrs. Kaptur was born on Jan. 9, 1931 in Dayton, OH. to the late Harry Herman and Hedwig Pauline Weaver. She received a B.A. in psychology in 1976 and diplomas in nursing in 1967 and anesthesia in 1973. She practiced anesthesia for 22 years in North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 vears, Vincent Daniel Kaptur, II in 1996. Her greatest pride and joy were her four children and her four grandchildren. She loved to sing in the choir, sew, grow flowers, and cook for her family and friends. Her children and grandchildren meant more to her than life itself. Mrs. Kaptur is survived by her daughters: Terese Ann Kaptur of Ft. Collins, CO., Dr. Paulina Eve Kaptur of Germantown, MD., and Nicolette Marie Kaptur of Birmingham, MI., and her son Vincent Daniel Kaptur, III and his wife Lisa of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Her grandchildren are: Nicole Windsor Ross, Scott Harrison Kaptur, Lauren Allegra Houlik, and Vincent Damiel Kaptur, IV. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Health Hospice of Pinehurst. Online condolences may be made at: www.bolesfuneralhome.com

FRANK B. HOLOWICKI Of Fort Myers, Florida (formally of Plymouth, Michigan) went to be with the Lord on June 6th, 2009 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jenny Holowicki; daughters Christine Holowicki (Warren Hecht) and Andrea Hug (Gerry); sons Frank Holowicki, Jr. and Paul Holowicki; two loving grandchildren, Emily and Kara. Frank was one of nine children, five brothers and two sisters. Frank was a U.S. Navy navigator in the South Pacific during WWII, retired City of Detroit police detective, and a retired Ford Motor Co. investigator. He also received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. Frank was an avid golfer, umpire, referee and story teller. Memorial service will held in Fort Myers, Florida at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, (239) 489-3973. An additional Memorial service will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan at St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church, (734) 761-8606, on June 19th, at 10:30 a.m. with a lunch-

#### JOSEPH INATOME

Age 84, June 6, 2009. Died Saturday at his residence in Estero Fl. He was born June 3, 1925 in San Francisco, CA. Retired as an engineer and Founder of Inatome & Associates, Founder of Inacomp, Found of Computer City and was a Chairman of American Speedy/Allegra. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit. Mr. Inatome was a Veteran of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence having served during WW II and received the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He earned an Engineering Degree from Wayne State University. Hobbies included Chess and Computers. He is survived by his loving wife Atsuko Children Rick (Joyce) Inatome, J.C. Inatome. Proud Grandfather of Dania (Winston Justice), Evan, Blake, Jaron, esse (Angie) Griffith and Tyler Cole. Great-grandfather of Selah Justice. Predeceased by his daughter Lisa Inatome, parents Masakichi and Masa Inatome, sister Etsako Kim and broth-

of Robert and Mary Wylie of Canton, is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and employed as a pharmacy technician at the University of

#### **PRZYBYLSKI-ANDES**

Lisa Ann Przybylski and Michael Joseph Andes announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kevin and Carol Przybylski of Zeeland, graduated from Jenison High School, Western Michigan University, and the University of Toledo. She is employed by Lakeshore Communication Disorders Center.

Her fiancé, son of Kirk and Luann Andes of Canton, graduated from Livonia Churchill High School, and Western Michigan University. He attends Madonna University and is employed by the Canton Police Department.

An August 2009 wedding is planned in Livonia.

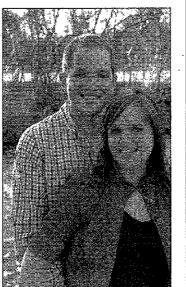


Avery Louise VanWashenova

Przybylski-Andes

#### Andrea and Dale VanWashenova of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Avery Louise VanWashenova. She was born at 11 p.m., May 19, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Avery weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches

long. Proud grandparents are Joyce and Mario Galindo of Livonia, Lorna VanWashenova of South Rockwood, and great-



#### AVERY LOUISE VANWASHENOVA

grandpa, John Hughson of South Rockwood.

The dress Avery wore home from the hospital was the same dress her mom, Andrea, wore home from the hospital when she was born. Andrea's dad Mario bought the dress for his little girl to wear home, never dreaming that one day his granddaughter would come home in the same dress.



#### DAVID J. MARTIN

Age 59, of Redondo Beach, California. formerly of Plymouth, passed away June 6, 2009. Beloved son of Dee and the late Bud Martin. Loving brother of Scott Martin. Survived by his wife Cindy and Stepson Mark. David gradated from Plymouth High School in 1968. A memorial service will be held in Redondo Beach, California at a later date. Share memories at:

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eon to follow. Call the churches for details. Memorial contributions can be made to American Diabetes Association

#### FREDERICK CARL JANZ

Age 89, died Friday, May 29, 2009. He was borh on April 30, 1920 in Lansing, MI. A Certified Public Accountant, Frederick was a founding partner of Janz & Knight. He received Bachalor's derree from Michigan a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Frederick was Treasurer and Director of the Birmingham Community House from 1976- 1977. Frederick was active at Kirk in the Hills as Treasurer and Trustee from 1980-1989. He was also the co-founder and officer of the Garden Guild at Kirk in the Hills from 1976 - 2002. Frederick co-founded, directed, and was an officer for both the Bloomfield Hills Baseball League as well as the Boosters Club. He Wabeek Pines the directed Condominium Association for 16 years, where he was President for seven years. With his wife Lorraine, he co-chaired the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Community Education Commission in 1975. He is prede-ceased by a son, Richard Janz. Frederick is survived by his wife Lorraine Copeland Janz of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Surviving children 'are: Michael Janz of Plymouth, MI; William Janz of Oceanside, CA; Carol Janz of Longmont, CO; and Linda Janz Faison of Oldsmar, FL, along with 10 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. A memorial service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Memorial tributes may be made to Leader Dogs as well as Kirk in the Hills Garden Guild. Arrangements made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. – Mount Clemens.

er Massahiro Inatome. Funeral Service 12 Noon Friday June 12, 2009 at the A.H.Peters Funeral Home 32000 Schoenherr at Masonic (131/2 Mile Rd)Warren with Pastor Doug Olsen Officiating, Military Honors will follow. Visitation at the Funeral Home Thursday from 3pm until 9pm. www.ahpeters.com

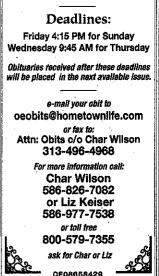


#### MABLE MARSH MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Mable Marsh on Saturday, June 20th, at 10 AM at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Mable retired from Talbots at 88 after over 40 years in retail in Birmingham stores. She passed away December 15th at the age of 100.



The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)



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# **NEIGHBORS**

# **Backyard bliss**



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Liz and Jim Danko take time out for a glass of lemonade under the spacious gazebo in their Livonia backyard.

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# Livonia couple tend, enjoy, share their flower-, art-filled garden

#### **BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER**

Liz and Jim Danko's home is just two houses away from I-96 in Livonia, but their half-acre garden, buffered by mature maple trees, pines and flowering shrubs, seems miles from civilization.

Bird songs, the sound of water tumbling over rocks, the buzz of insects and the crackle of fire at night keep nearby traffic sounds far away from the serene and secluded yard.

"Every morning before I go to work, I take a walk out here. Even if I only have two minutes before I go, I take that time and just walk out. This is my serenity time," said Liz, who spends eight to 10 hours weekly tending numerous garden beds. "I love to walk out every day and go, 'Oh, look at it. Look at the blue. Look at the purple.' I feel like I'm sitting in an artist's palette."

The couple sold their separate Redford homes when they married and bought the house on the city's southwest side in the fall 2007. It's the only Livonia site on the upcoming annual Trailwood Garden Club's annual Plymouth-area garden walk.

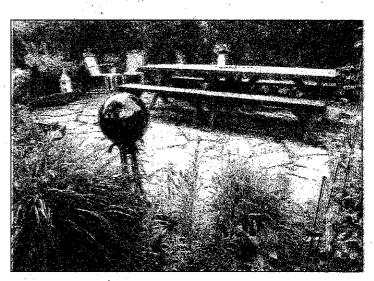
"They have a wide range of gardens they showcase," Liz said, referring to the walk. "I was impressed with it last year when I went on it."

It was her first summer in the new house and she was a bit overwhelmed trying to put her own stamp on the mature yard last year. Looking at other gardens on the Trailwood walk inspired her and reminded that "you make it your own by digging in it." With a friend's nudging, she even talked with a Trailwood volunteer about participating in this year's walk. "They came out, looked at it

and said we'd love for you to be on the walk," she said. "I said, 'I'm not even in Plymouth' and they said that was OK."

#### **MAINTAINING IT**

Liz, who works as a special education paraprofessional for Livonia Public Schools, spent the first spring and summer learning what grew in the backyard. Jim, a CAD/CAM designer, worked at keeping



The yard has specific areas for different activities. This patio area features a very long-picnic table that can accommodate a crowd.

the fish in the 1,300-gallon pond from freezing in the winter and becoming heron food the rest of the year.

They've battled "helicopters," seeds from backyard maples that whirl their way into the pond, on shrubs and into flower beds, and mosquitoes that search out exposed arms and legs in the early evening.

They've plucked weeds. shoveled compost, mulched, fertilized with miracle grow and added a bat house to attract the insect-hungry flying mammals to the backyard this summer.

Liz planted about \$300 worth of annuals near the tiered deck, in pots and hanging planters. There isn't much room for new plants in the flower beds of showy columbine, roses, cone flower and

other perennials planted by its previous owners. Fifty hydrangea plants, trees and shrubs bloom in the summer in shades of blue, white, pink and burgundy.

The couple occasionally adds a piece of art to the landscaping that's dotted with statuary, a sundial, a clock, benches and more.

#### **DIFFERENT VIEWS**

A brick path winds through the property, starting at the deck and leading through distinct seating areas - near the pond, within view of the multi-tier fountain, under the gazebo, at the fire pit and by the picnic table at the barnstyle shed with its outdoor rabbit hutch and adjacent vegetable patch.

Liz, who works for Real Life Farm in Canton during the summer, wanted live chickens, too, but settled for chicken figurines amid the tomato and bean plants.

The garden has seen one wedding and two wedding photo sessions. Last summer, 35 high school students posed for photos in the yard.

"We want to share it," Jim said. "It's the fruits of our labor.'

'What's the point if you don't have people over to enjoy it?" Liz added. "I tell my friends it's here to enjoy."

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What: Trailwood Garden Club's 14th annual garden walk When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

Where: Several private homes, primarily in Plymouth

Tickets: \$8 presale, \$10 day of the walk; available at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and Home Sweet Home, 852 W. Ann Arbor Trail, all in Plymouth. Club member Kate Kerr also has tickets. Call her at (734) 455-6867 Details: In addition to Liz and Jim Danko's Livonia garden, visitors will see:

 A garden on Palmer with extensive perennials and a vegetable patch. A Sheridan Street residence with a garden designed to reflect the home's Tuscan motif and colors • A Japanese-style garden with pond and waterfall on Fellows Creek Drive · A pond, lower level patio, numerous flower beds and a sunroom at a home on Green Valley • A rose garden, maple grove and conifers, native Michigan plants and perennials in a yard on Weston Drive

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

# If you love gardens, landscaping, ponds, plan to check out these other tours

#### BY SHARON DARGAY

Dig outhouses? Tony Panepucci does.

The privy historian will excavate at Hill House, the 1850s farm house located at Greenmead Historical Park, during the Livonia Garden Walk, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

"He goes around and digs behind old houses and finds all kinds of interesting things," said Janet Bennett, president of the Friends for the Development of Greenmead. "On the day of the walk, he'll dig at the place of the privy at the historical farm house.

"One of our members heard him speak and suggested we try to get him for the walk. He was more than happy to dig behind the old farm house."

He'll talk about what he finds with visitors while digging. He has unearthed everything from pieces of china to children's toys at other digs throughout Michigan.

In addition to the outhouse excavation, ticket-holders will view seven gardens throughout Livonia.

"We have large and small yards. Manicured and more natural settings and ponds and fountains," Bennett said.

Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event. Buy them from committee members, any Livonia library, the Greenmead office and Department of Community Resources at Livonia City Hall.

All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead.

"We've accrued close to \$300,000 and that has gone to the restoration of the old Blue House," Bennett said, explaining how walk proceeds have been spent in the past. "It's actually a buff-colored house. It's named after Judge Alexander Blue, who was a justice of the peace in the 1870s."

For more information about the walk, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

#### IN GARDEN CITY

Garden City Garden Club's 16th annual walk features seven gardens, including one in Westland, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Tickets are \$8 each and are available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Garden City Hall and at any of the homes during the tour. Ticket-holders will see a garden dedicated to "Days Gone By," a yard with a Koi pond and waterfall, a shade garden, plants that draw butterflies, a 1924 farm house with vegetable garden, herbs, flowers, camp site and much more.

The Garden City Historical Museum at 6221 Merriman will be open during the walk. Visitors may use its restrooms and browse exhibits and its gift shop.

Club member Paula Relich is looking for residents who want to show off their gardens next year. Call her for more information at (734) 525-2524 or (734) 776-6258.

#### IN REDFORD

The Beautification Commission will present its 14th biennial garden walk, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Tickets are \$5 each and available at the Redford District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile; town hall, 15145 Beech Daly; and the community center, 12121 Hemingway.

Janet Watson, commission chairwoman, said visitors will see 10 gardens.

"Some of them are the usual small Redford gardens, but people have done wonderful

More moms.

things with them," Watson said. "We have five homes in the golf course area. They're larger homes with nice landscaping. A couple of them have ponds."

Watson is seeking residents who want to serve as hosts or hostesses during the upcoming walk. Call her at (313) 550-2578 or e-mail to janetwatsonsgarden@yahoo.com

#### IN NORTHVILLE

The 16th annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. See seven gardens, visit a garden market, hear live music and have refreshments at historic Mill Race Village.

Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets in advance are \$10 at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be available July 8. They'll cost \$12 and will be sold only at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville.

#### HIGH FLYING DADS

Members of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 113 have served pancake breakfast on Father's Day for 45 years and next Sunday, June 21, will be no different.

"It's a fund-raiser and the funds we raise we use for scholarships for children going into aviation careers," said Dave Buck, chapter president. "In the past we have served 700 to 1,000 or more."

Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee cost \$5 and will be served from 7-11:30 a.m., at Mettetal Airport, 8550 N Lilley, Canton MI

Buck said some members will fly in for the event.

"That's pretty standard practice. There's breakfast all over the state, all summer long," he said.

But you don't need an airplane to enjoy the annual Father's Day breakfast. Airplane and helicopter rides will be available at the event and members will open their planes for tours.

#### STUDENTS WANTED

Most teachers might pray for a small class, but volunteers coordinating the Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia, wouldn't mind seeing a lot more smiling faces when the weeklong program

#### starts Monday, June 15. "We are decorating all week in preparation for our Bible school and right now we only

have 23 kids signed up," emailed Pam LaDuc, communications and evangelism team leader, last week.

Youngsters will feel like they're in a game show at this year's Vacation Bible School. Its theme is "Studio GO!" and it will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for children, ages 3-12. The church is located at 30650 Six Mile. Register in person or online at www.holycrosslivonia. org. (734) 427-1414

#### **WOMEN'S STUDIES**

A one-week study group based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women," starts Monday, June 15, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The program, for women of all ages and faiths, will run 9:15 a.m. to noon in the church's convent meeting room, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. This is the church's first summer session of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program. Child care will be available during each class. Materials cost is \$60, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, e-mailing swilliams@livoniastmichael.org or online at www.endowonline. com.

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#### JOINT PAINS THAT LAST FOR YEARS

There are some patients who have their joint pains for years. In most instances the pattern of that joint pain and the changes that occur over time in the joints, allows a doctor to make a diagnosis and institute treatment.

Thus, aching in the hands may precede rheumatoid arthritis, but usually in weeks to two months the finger joints swell in a manner that allows the doctor to make the diagnosis. The same holds for osteoarthritis and psoriatic arthritis: an onset of aching eventually gives way to joint inflammation sufficiently distinctive to identify the cause of the problem.

However, a small group of patients exist who carry their pain for years but change in the joints does not occur. Certain characteristics of this ongoing pain allow a physician to make a good estimate of the cause and how to treat it. For instance, in the case of the hands, if the pain is present over years but the individual has not noted any increase in glove size, then the likelihood of have a serious arthritis is small.

If swelling of the involved joint(s) occurs after vigorous activity, but the joint recovers overnight or within 12 hours, then the outlook is good. In contrast, if both hands swell periodically, then the likelihood is high that the person will have rheumatoid arthritis.

Individuals with joint pain over a prolonged period, with no eventual swelling probably have experienced an insult to the body that the body almost but not quite, has overcome. In such instances, the best medical treatment is to withhold drugs and allow the body to complete its work, even if that means waiting for months to years. www.drjjweiss.yourmd.com

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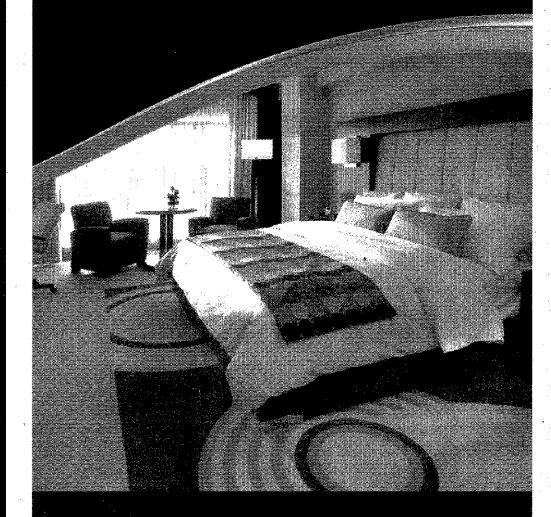
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The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife. com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

#### **Birmingham Groves** Class of 1969

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

#### **Brighton High School** Class of 1989

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

#### **Clarenceville High School All Class Reunion**

10 a.m. to park closing, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale,

Shelter T. Bring a dish to pass for 1 p.m., potluck lunch. BYOB for adult beverages in non-glass containers. 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

#### or (269) 720-5679. **Dearborn Fordson High School** Class of 1964

45th Reunion 6 p.m. to midnight (dinner at 7 p.m.) Aug. 8, 2009, at Stitt American Legion Post #232, 23850 Military, corner of Telegraph and Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door. Casual attire. Beer, pop and DJ provided. BYOB and wine. RSVP and send payment by July 23, payable to Sylvia Skelton, 1607 Edwin, Westland, MI 48186. For information, contact (734) 326-3964 or silly1021@comcast.net, or Barb Weide at (734) 416-9176.

#### **Dearborn High School** Class of 1969

40th Reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus O'Kelley Hall, 23663 Park Street,

#### Dearborn, 48124. Tickets are \$45 each. For information, call Tom Gillespie at (313) 418-6070 or e-mail Maryann (Taylor) Manduch at mmanduch@ wideopenwest.com.

#### Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com

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

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

#### **Detroit Mumford** Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008. **Detroit St. Brigid** Class of 1959

#### Class of 1959

3-p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school Planning a reunion and looking for tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley;

#### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ROAD ENGINEERING SERVICES Community Development Block Grant**

In compliance with Federal requirements, the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for Engineering Services to assist in the implementation of roadway and other large pavement projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant program.

The Scope of Services shall include coordination and assistance of the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant program specific to roadways and other large pavement projects. This shall include coordination, design, field inspections, staking, administration and any other related engineering services. All services shall conform to the laws and regulations of the United States Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program including all required ADA regulations. The term of contract shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Any firm desiring to be considered for this project and having the capabilities for this work shall submit three (3) copies of proposals containing information on the qualifications and experience of the firm. Proposals received will be reviewed against the following criteria:

- Familiarity with the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant Program projects.
- 2. Understanding and interpretation of project requirements and familiarity with federal rules and regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- З. Success, if any, of the firm with respect to past performance on other work for the Charter Township of Plymouth.
- The firm's prior experience with the Community 4. Development Block Grant Program.
- Professional experience of principal personnel which will 5. be assigned to the Charter Township of Plymouth specific projects
- Availability of adequate staffing levels, staff resources 6. and present work load to complete the projects as assigned.
- Geographical proximity of the main office or the active 7. branch to the Charter Township of Plymouth.
- 8. Pricing information.

All proposals shall be submitted to the Division of Public Services to the attention of Patrick Fellrath, Township Engineer, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 prior to 4:00 pm on Monday, June 29, 2009, and clearly marked "CDBG PROJECT PROPOSAL-ROAD ENGINEERING".

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

#### Garden City High School Class of 1960

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

Class of 1989 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@ hotmail.com.

#### **Garden City West** Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland, Classmates should register on the private Web site, http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@ yahoo.com.

#### Lincoln Park High School

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

#### **Livonia Bentley High School** Class of 1957

52-year reunion, Friday, June 19, with a tour at 3:30 p.m., of the Livonia Recreation Center, Hubbard and 5 Mile, and dinner at 5:30 p.m., at Subu's Leather Bottle, Farmington Road near 8 Mile. A morning game of golf has been planned for Saturday, June 20. Also on Saturday, at 2 p.m., a picnic will be held at Rotary Park on Six Mile. Call Nancy (Streeter) Thompson/Dick Thompson at (231) 264-5526 or e-mail nathomps@charter.net for details.

#### Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009; golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12, Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@ specilobal net.

#### Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, 1-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

#### Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core. com.

#### Class of 1989

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

#### **Milford High School** Class of 1978

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

#### Milford/Lakeland

Class of 1989 The two high schools team for a 20year reunion, Saturday, July 25, at 59 West Banquet Facility. For more information visit www.lakeland89.com or www.milford89.com

#### **Mother Of Our Savior**

#### All class reunion

Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information. Call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

Verizon Wireless proposes to construct a 100-foot tall monopole telecommunications tower and equipment compound located at 40111 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Verizon Wireless invites comments from any interested party regarding the likelihood that the proposed construction would adversely affect historic properties. Comments may be sent to: G2 Consulting Group, LLC. Attn. K. Bouchard 1866 Woodslee Drive, Troy, MI 48083. Comments must be received by June 30, 2009.

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#### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS** ENGINEERING SERVICES **Community Development Block Grant** In compliance with Federal requirements, the Charter Township of

Plymouth is seeking proposals for Engineering Services to assist in the implementation of projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant program.

The Scope of Services shall include coordination and assistance of engineering matters and projects for the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant program, exclusive of road and large pavement projects, such as pedestrian bridge design, pathway location cross section and grading, design, field inspections and administration of sidewalk ramps, etc. All services shall conform to the laws and regulations of the United States Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program including all required ADA regulations. The term of contract shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Any firm desiring to be considered for this project and having the capabilities for this work shall submit three (3) copies of proposals containing information on the qualifications and experience of the firm. Proposals received will be reviewed against the following

- Familiarity with the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant Program projects with evidence of experience with ADA compliance regulations.
- 2. Understanding and interpretation of project requirements and familiarity with federal rules and regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Success, if any, of the firm with respect to past 3. performance on other work for the Charter Township of Plymouth.
- prior experience with the Community 4 The firm's Development Block Grant Program.
- 5. Professional experience of principal personnel which will be assigned to the Charter Township of Plymouth specific projects
- Availability of adequate staffing levels, staff resources 6. and present work load to complete the projects as assigned.
- 7. Geographical proximity of the main office or the active branch to the Charter Township of Plymouth.
- Pricing information. 8.

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Class of 1979 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail nfhs1979@gmail. com. **Garden City High School East** 

classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959

wowway.com.

at (248) 770-1271.

North Farmington

St. Thomas

with any information about classmates.

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion.

All upper and lower classmates invited.

Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at

JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-

0148. or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@

Reunion for anyone who attended

Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to

midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The

American Polish Cultural Center, 2975

E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete

sit-down dinner including all drinks and

music. The cost per person is \$45. For

information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik

Award of this project shall be based solely on evaluation of these initial proposals. Proposals shall contain pricing information. Costs for these Engineering Services will be negotiated with the selected firm.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status or handicap. The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part, any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to act in the best interests as determined by the Plymouth Township Board. This announcement is being made for the purpose of conforming to the United States Housing and Urban Development Procurement Regulation 40 CFR Part 85.36.

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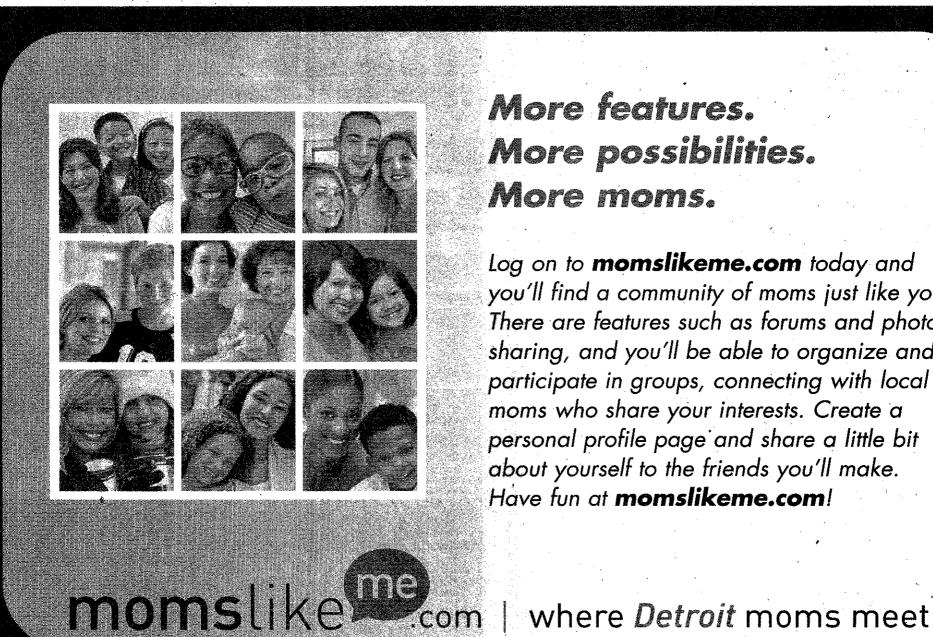
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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Milk Products for the 2009-2010 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center (attn: Milk Products Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2009. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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



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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### JUNE 15-21

#### Educational seminar

physician,

Coronary Artery Disease: Advances in Treatment, a free educational seminar presented by St. Mary Hospital at the Livonia Community Recreation Center 10-11 a.m. Monday, June 15. The speaker is Ed Motley, Manager Heart and Vascular Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8950.

Fibromyalgia and chronic pain Health class takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. No charge but limited to 15 guests. Reservations requested. Call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic

ALS of Michigan fund-raiser Join ALS of Michigan (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for its 4th Annual Lou Gehrig Day at Comerica Park 4:05 p.m. Saturday, June 20. A limited number of tickets are still available for this nationally televised game between our Detroit Tigers and the Milwaukee Brewers. Proceeds will enable the nonprofit to provide Michigan programs and services to

benefit people with ALS and their

families. It also helps support research into the cause, treatment and cure of this devastating disease. Two ticket packages are available at \$50 and \$100 per person, and include a ticket and a commemorative Lou Genrig Day T-shirt. The \$100 package includes a baseball buffet luncheon and silent auction at Hockeytown Café from 1:30 p.m. to game time, with several retired Detroit Tigers on hand for a special meet-and-greet. For information and to order tickets, call (800) 882-5764, Ext. 225, or visit www.alsofmichigan.org. ALS attacks the motor neurons in the

brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe, while the mind stays fully aware. Gehrig, the legendary New York Yankee, succumb to the

## disease.

#### **JUNE 22-28** The key to health

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Whole Foods, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. The key to health is a fully functioning digestive system. The key to restoring health naturally will be discussed along with simple solutions. Limited to 20 guests. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic physician, No charge.

#### Lumbar Spinal Stenosis

Learn about getting relief from this medical condition that is caused by gradual narrowing of the spinal canal, at an educational event, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, at Botsford Hospital's Administration Building, Community Room 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. This is an opportunity for patients with spinal stenosis to meet with an expert and learn more about the management and treatment of their disease. (877) 477-DOC1

#### ONGOING Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively

is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org. Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

#### Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

#### Wayne metro caregiver support Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

#### Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

#### **CPR** classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need

CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh. org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314. 'Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

#### **Tai Chi classes**

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530. Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Wainut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield, Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, communitybased organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or email marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contri-

#### butions collected. Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232. Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland, Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

#### **Health enhancement classes**

Classes for exercise (including voga). CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center, For more information. call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free

#### blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

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#### Free mask fitting clinic

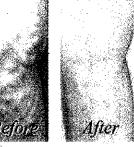
For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, No appointment needed. For information. call (734) 458-4330.

## **Healthy You!** "I thought it was normal for my legs

to ache at the end of the day."

You may have a medical condition covered by insurance known as Venous Insufficiency if you experience any of these

- -Pain/aching/throbbing -Heaviness or fatigue
- -Non-healing ulcers

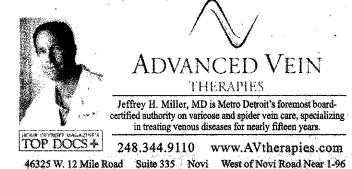


Studies have demonstrated that there is a significant deterioration in the quality of life for persons with chronic venous insufficiency and this can be severe. Don't wait to get treated.

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# Visiting Nurse group gives meningitis shots

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is offering meningitis vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays, at its office at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, in Oak Park.

Each year, bacterial meningitis strikes as many as 3,000 individuals in the United

States, with college freshman living in dorms six times more likely to contract the disease. Meningitis is a rare but potentially fatal infection of the lining around the brain and spinal cord that can result in serious, permanent disability including amputation of the arms and legs, stroke, seizure

#### and death.

The cost for the vaccination is \$115 payable by cash or check. Walk-ins are welcome, however pre-registration is preferred. For groups of 10 or more, VNA can send a nurse to your location.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's

Advisory Committee on **Immunization Practices** recommends the meningitis vaccination for adolescents 11 years and older, college freshmen and adults age 55 and younger. For more information or to make an appointment, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8755, or visit www.vna.org.

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"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford

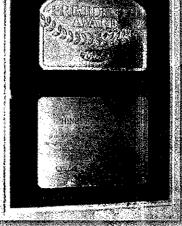
For over a century, Ford has stood for people working together - on the line, in the communities, and on our showroom floors. Now more than ever, teamwork and strong partnerships are essential for success. And it is the strength of these partnerships that will continue to propel Ford Motor Company, as well as Hines Park Ford, into the future.



Drive one

While Ford Motor Company has aligned with its partners to produce segment-leading vehicles, Hines Park Ford remains focused and committed to create a partnership with each and every customer and deliver a best-in-class ownership experience to each and every individual.

In fact, it brings us great pride to mention that we were recently awarded the coveted "President's Award" for the ninth time, as well as the "Partners in Quality" award for the third time. These awards recognize excellence and dedication to providing customers with an outstanding ownership experience. In addition, we were also awarded a spot in the "Top 100," putting us in the top three percent for overall sales volume. None of which would have been possible without the partnerships we've built with our customers.



The President's Award. "In recognition of outstanding customer satisfaction through progressive management, dedicated employees, and high standards of operational excellence.

Today, as in the past, I'm proud to say that we are part of the Ford tradition that is building the future.

CEO Alan Mulally assured all of us when he said, "The real difference is in our plan, the strength of our great new products, and our quality, fuel efficiency, safety and value." And with more five-star safety ratings than any other automaker, the most fuel-efficient SUV in the world, most fuel-efficient midsize sedan in the U.S., and plans for a 2010 electric vehicle launch, it appears that we are doing just that.

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Sincerely,

Dave Kolb, President, Hines Park Ford

#### **About Dave Kolb**

Dave serves as the President of Hines Park Ford. While the I-96 and Milford Road dealership opened in 2000, his father began the family-operated business in 1970 when he founded Hines Park Lincoln Mercury. Their approach to business can be summed up in the mission statement originally crafted by his father:

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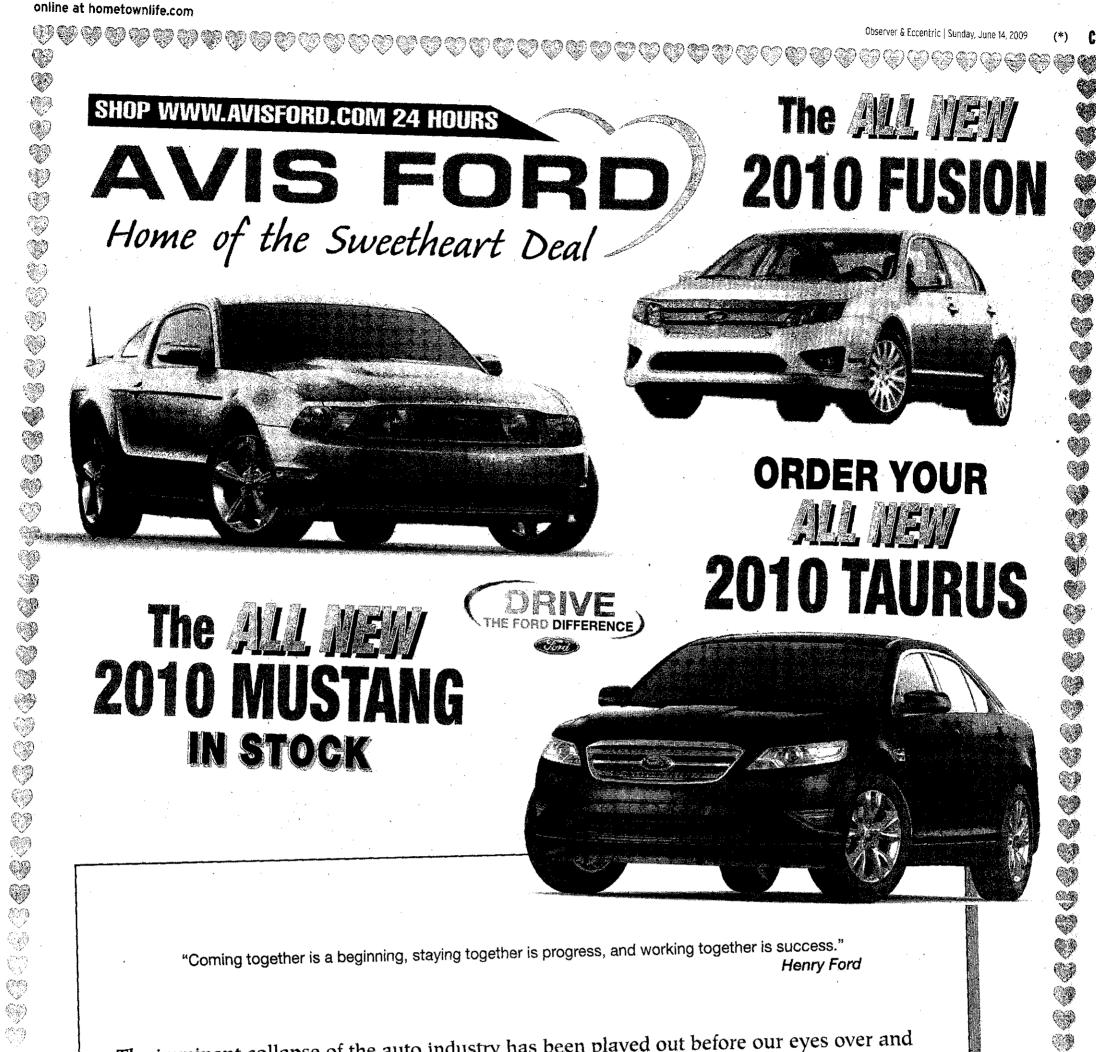
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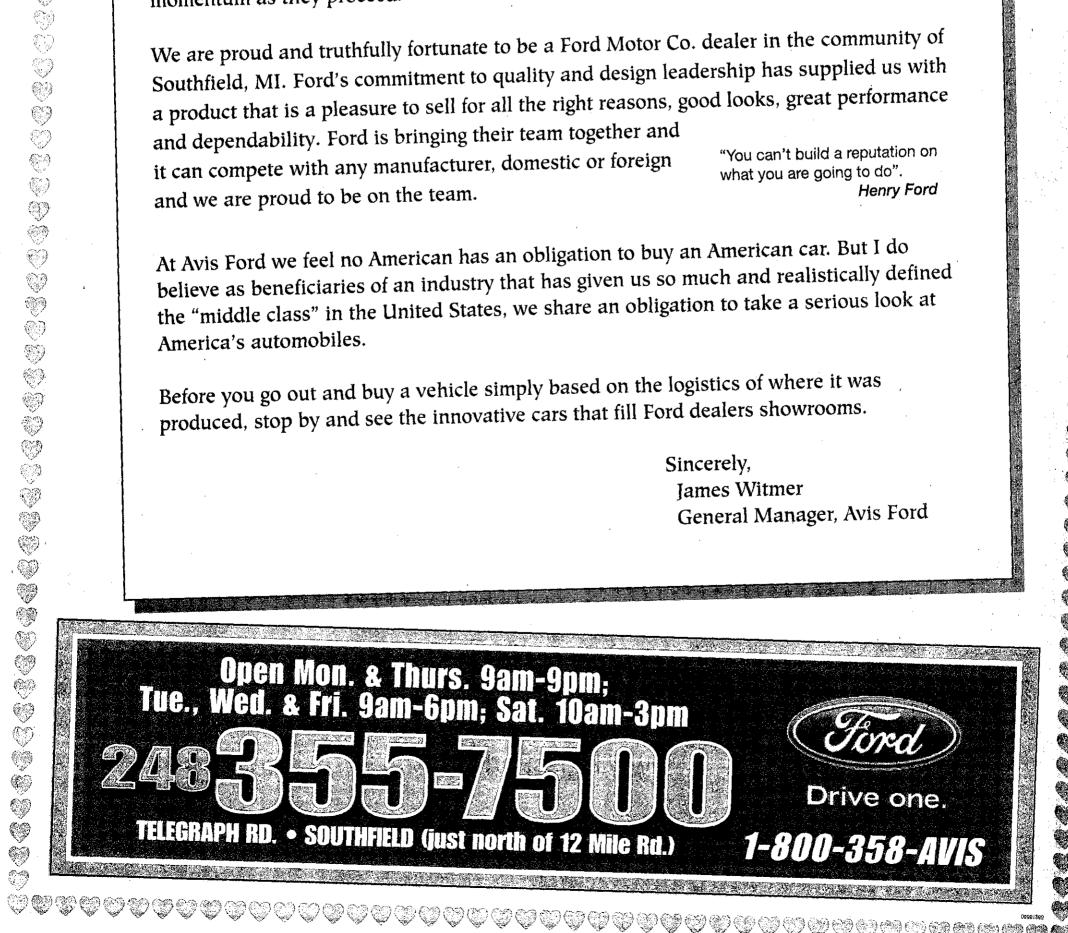
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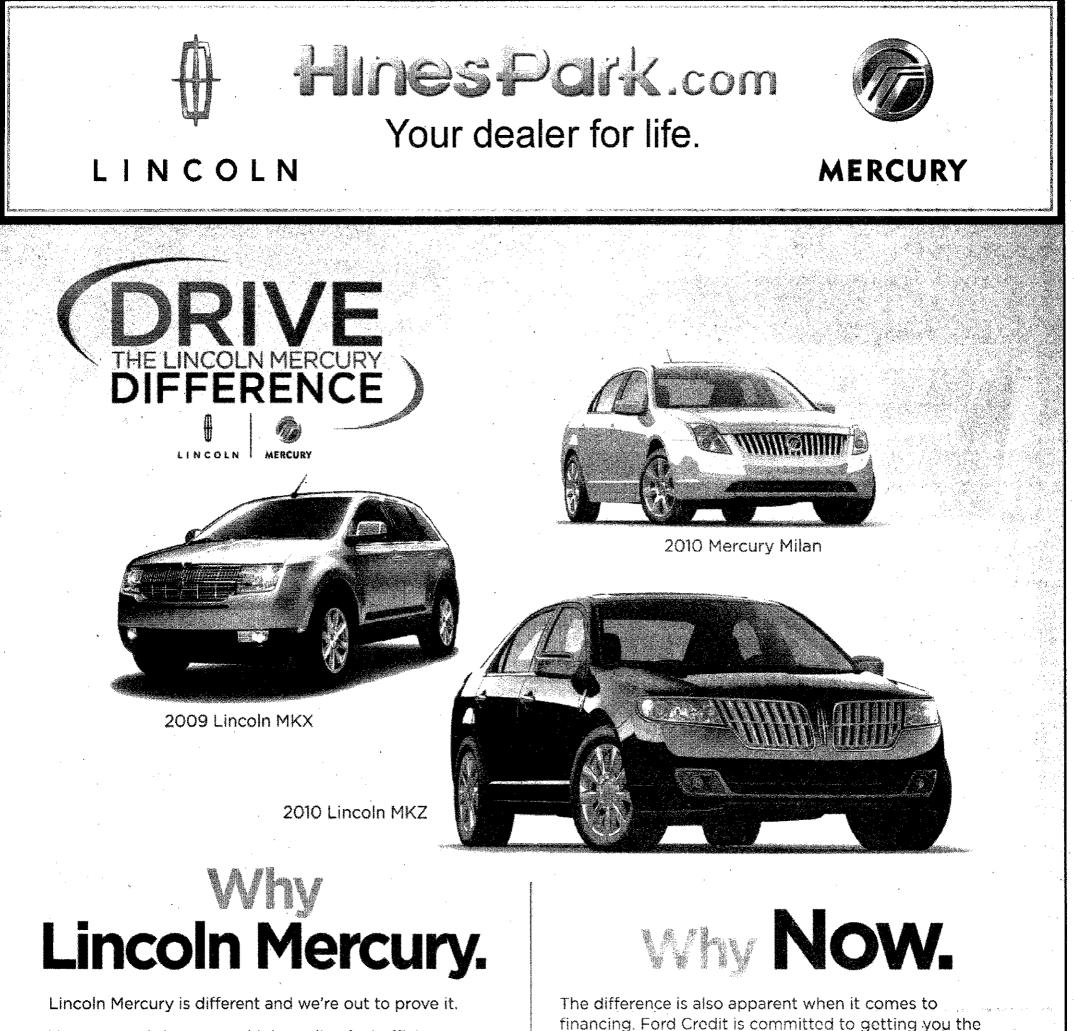
> We are proud and truthfully fortunate to be a Ford Motor Co. dealer in the community of Southfield, MI. Ford's commitment to quality and design leadership has supplied us with a product that is a pleasure to sell for all the right reasons, good looks, great performance and dependability. Ford is bringing their team together and "You can't build a reputation on it can compete with any manufacturer, domestic or foreign what you are going to do". and we are proud to be on the team. Henry Ford

> At Avis Ford we feel no American has an obligation to buy an American car. But I do believe as beneficiaries of an industry that has given us so much and realistically defined the "middle class" in the United States, we share an obligation to take a serious look at America's automobiles.

Before you go out and buy a vehicle simply based on the logistics of where it was produced, stop by and see the innovative cars that fill Ford dealers showrooms.

> Sincerely, James Witmer General Manager, Avis Ford





You can see it in our new high-quality, fuel-efficient vehicles that we're delivering to you with the lowest financing possible.

When you step into our showroom and grab the wheel

of any Lincoln or Mercury vehicle, you'll see and feel the difference right away. Ford/Lincoln/Mercury has quality that can't be beat by Toyota/Lexus/Scion.\* And it continues with features like our EcoBoost™ technology designed to deliver the fuel efficiency of a V6 engine with the power of a V8. We also offer the most fuel-efficient midsize sedan in America, the 2010 Mercury Milan.\*\*

As a Lincoln Mercury Dealer, I'm proud to be a part of this new direction. But the difference doesn't just end there. CEO Alan Mulally put it like this: "The real difference is in our plan, the strength of our great new products, and our quality, fuel efficiency, safety and value." you 0% APR financing as well<sup>†</sup>

We invite you to Drive the Lincoln Mercury Difference today, and are so confident that one test-drive is all it

financing you need, when you need it.

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury has been serving Plymouth and the surrounding communities for almost 40 years. We have evolved into the 2nd largest volume Lincoln Mercury dealer in the nation and have won Ford Motor Company's top award for customer satisfaction an amazing 15 times! No other dealer in Michigan can make that claim. Lincoln Mercury is building world class vehicles and Hines Park is supporting those efforts with world-class customer service. If you are in the market for a new vehicle, we hope you'll visit us and see for yourself why Hines Park should be "Your Dealer for Life". Drive the Lincoln Mercury Difference. Drive the Hines Park Difference.

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# **Vehicles** only Ford vehicles better than every other dealer in the U.S.A #1 Ford Dealer in the country Total retail sales 2009 YTD, per Ford Division **PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 106TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORD** WHY FORD? WHY NOW?

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We are proud to be associated with the Ford UAW workers who are working hard to bring to market the vehicles that Americans want to buy. Americans have made the F150 the best selling vehicle of ANY type in the USA for the last 27 years; outselling #2 Silverado by 50,000 and #3 Camry by 79,000. And did you know that Focus, Mustang, Fusion, Escape, Edge, Econoline and F-Series are all Segment sales leaders in Metropolitan Detroit both in 2007 and 2008?

The Ford UAW worker has bought into quality and efficiency. The quality of Ford brand vehicles is unsurpassed by Toyota and Honda and Ford has more top safety rated vehicles than any other manufacturer ever in US history!

After 911, the Detroit Three and Harley Davidson gave \$40 million-plus emergency vehicles to the recovery efforts. What was given to the 911 relief effort by the Asian and European Auto Manufactures? \$0 Nada. Zip!

**How about gas mileage?** Another stereotype. Put the Ford models head to head against the imports; Ford Focus vs Toyota Corolla or Ford Escape vs. Honda CRV, etc. and Ford vehicles are better, equal to, or within about 1 mpg. and this is before Ford's new Eco-Boost engine technology, a winner of Popular Science Magazine's "Best of What's New for 2008" award, goes into production. The Eco-Boost engine will give you V8 performance with V6 fuel economy.

#### Want more new technology? We have it and more is coming soon.

 SYNC This award-winning voice activated communications and entertainment system developed by Ford and Microsoft integrates Bluetooth-enabled mobile phones and digital media players into the vehicle. SYNC incorporates 911 Assist, which can notify a local 911 emergency operator in the event of an airbag-deployment incident and new for 2010 SYNC with traffic, directions and information – all without a monthly fee!

#### Safety is a must and we lead again!

- Collision Warning with Brake Support Uses radar to help drivers avoid rear-end accidents.
- Blind Spot Information System (BLIS) Uses two multiple beam radar modules when backing out to alert drivers sooner of nearby traffic.
- Intelligent Access with Push Button Start Allows the driver to enter the vehicle and start the engine without using the key. The driver simply carries a key fob which the vehicle detects.
- Active Park Assist With the touch of a button, driver can parallel park quickly, easily and safely without ever touching the steering wheel.
- SecuriCode Keypad Touch sensor on driver's door allows you to unlock the doors without a key. Ford is the only manufacturer to offer this convenient feature!
- Rain Sensing Wipers Use an optical sensing system to gauge precipitation and automatically activate and adjust the wipers.

## DRIVE QUALITY

Ford has more trucks on the road with 250,000 miles than any other brand. Ford quality is on par with the Japanese automakers and the BEST of the domestics. Ford brand quality improves at a rate faster than the industry average according to the JD Power's initial Quality Survey.

# M DRIVE GREEN

Ford Fusion hybrid is America's most fuel-efficient mid-size sedan, beating the Camry hybrid by 8 mpg in the city and 2 mpg on the highway. Ford has 7 car, truck and SUV choices that get 25 mpg or better. Escape Hybrid is one of the most fuel-efficient SUVs on the planet. FMC expect to put 500,000 EcoBoost vehicles on the road in the next 5 years.

## **ORIVE SAFE**

More Ford Motor Company vehicles are rated "Top Safety Picks" by the IHS than any other automaker. Ford has received more 5-star crash test ratings than any other company in US history. 2009 model year F-150 was dubbed "America's Safest Full-Size Pickup."

## O DRIVE SMART

Ford SYNC with 911 Assist and Vehicle Health Report was named "Bluetooth SIG Best of CES 2009 User's Choice Winner." Ford Work Solutions was named "31 Feature for 2009 Half-ton Pickup Trucks" by www.pickuptrucks.com.

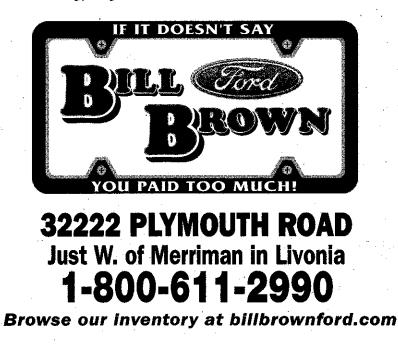
Ford is making technological strides, setting new records in quality and continuing to find new ways to go green – all while remaining a leader in safety.

From the latest hands-free SYNC system to the most fuel-efficient SUV, you might be surprised what's new at www.forddriveone.com

We could go on and on. There's a lot to be proud of with Ford and the work being done by each member of the Ford Team, from it's leaders in Dearborn, to the hardworking UAW members throughout the nation. When you are in the market for a new car or truck we ask that you consider Ford and Bill Brown Ford. **Bill Brown Ford** is proud to be your local Ford dealer. We've been serving you for 68 years while employing 170 of your friends and neighbors. In an industry where the average sales staff turns over yearly, our sales consultants have been with us over 12 years on average, with many over 20 years. You can expect that when you buy a car from us we will be here when you need service on that vehicle and when your are ready for your next one. For the year 2008 Ford Division ranked us as the #1 Ford dealer in the nation in new car sales, and # 3 in total new vehicle sales all while being in the top 3 in the nation for customer satisfaction.

# WHAT YOU DRIVE DRIVES AMERICA

**Bill Brown Ford** has been Pro-American since the first day we opened our doors back in 1941. We constantly support our troops, our community and America. Our message of what you drive, drives America is not a marketing scheme, it is the truth. We invite you to do some research at *www.levelfieldinstitute.org* and see the facts surrounding American car companies. Auto jobs matter to America. Nearly 5 million U.S. jobs depend on automakers. They are America's number one exporter, a leading buyer of parts and materials and our largest source of research and development. **Our** *buy American message is what we strongly believe. If you do not want to buy American to help support our country, buy American because it is BETTER!* 



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