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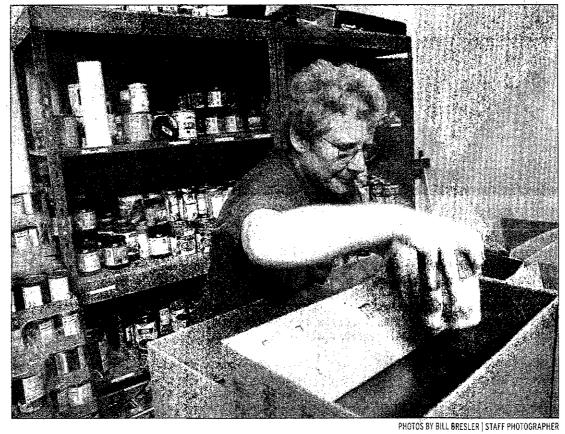
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Open Door Ministry volunteer Sue Smith packs canned goods for distribution to hungry people. She is a resident of Westland.

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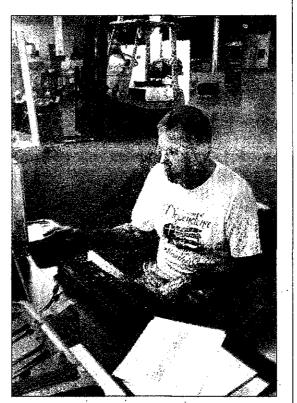
BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Canton food bank has found a way to continue serving hundreds of financially troubled families as its leaders work with township officials to address building-code problems.

Open Door Ministry, spearheaded by Cantonbased Connection Church, has initiated a plan officials hope will ease any lingering fears of whether the food bank will survive.

"Things are moving quite rapidly in a favorable direction." ministry Director Steve Darr said.

Until the organization can fix dozens of building issues, it has halted its practice of having



Fiegel's review reflects tough first year

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Between uncertainty over the state's education funding, dealing with the swine flu and learning his way around a new school district, it's been a bit of a bumpy year for first-year Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel.

It didn't get much easier when the Board of Education went through his first annual review Tuesday night.

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest), Fiegel

scored higher than 4 in three of six rated areas. The board gave him a 4.4 in curriculum/instruction; 4.3 in administrative services; and a 4.3 in community relations, all areas where established department heads are responsible for carrying out the details. But in the area for which



Fiegel

Fiegel alone is graded - leadership - the board graded him out at a 2.8.

While board members were satisfied in general with his performance, a bumpy budget process appeared to drag down the rating.

The budget seemed to be a major factor," said board Vice President Barry Simescu, who headed the board's review committee. "He had a participatory budget process he mentioned in his interviews, and we had hoped to get into it. I think we were looking for a new approach, and it took longer than we had hoped for everyone to get comfortable with where the budget was before we can go to the new approach."

That particular score left Fiegel "a little disappointed.'

"I didn't think the budget process went all that smoothly, either," Fiegel admitted. "Jim (assistant superintendent for business s James Larson-Shidler, who crafted the budget) was new, I was new. It was a difficult year with the state. We were doing things differently, and (board members) wanted something very similar to what they were used to." The development of a new leadership model at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and continued academic successes led to the 4.4 rating in curriculum/instruction. Favorable results from the bond program, work on energy stimulus grants and a creative approach to energy conservation produced a 4.3 in administrative services. Favorable media coverage and the launch of an alumni Web site were among the reasons for a 4.3 rating in community relations.

Wanted: recipes

Food always seems to taste better outside. Maybe that's why Fourth of July celebrations are remembered for their great dishes shared with good friends and family.

What is your favorite takealong dish for picnics, barbecues, family parties, etc.? E-mail your recipe by Tuesday, June 30, to Canton Observer features editor Sharon Dargay so we can share it with other readers.

Include your name, address and a daytime phone number in case we have questions.

families come inside the building cardboard factory on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue — to pick up their donated food.

Instead, families drive up near a garage door, and volunteers standing outside use a two-way radio to place an order that is brought from inside the building to the waiting recipients.

It's essentially a drive-through service, Darr said. "They don't come in the building."

Open Door provides food for about 320 families – or around 1,000 people – every Thursday. It has put other services, such as job-hunting assistance and a clothing bank, on hold for now.

The ministry already has taken certain steps to address building problems, such as having its fire extinguishers certified, tearing down old interior walls and ripping out aging stairways that didn't meet township codes, Darr said.

Open Door also has initiated plans to improve and mark its exits with proper lighting, and Darr said the organization is exploring with township officials all the steps that may be required before people can be allowed to congregate inside the building.

"That's still being worked out," he said.

Township officials were stung by earlier concerns that they might shut down Open Door Ministry, saying that was never their intention. Rather, they said they simply wanted to work with ministry leaders to fix building-code problems and ensure a proper certificate of occupancy.

Steve Darr organizes the operation that will distribute food for 1,000 people on this one night.

To that end, the township even found an architect firm to work without pay to help the ministry address the issues.

"We're doing everything we can to assist them," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Thursday, adding that Open Door Ministry provides a "very important" service to people struggling with basic necessities.

Darr remains hopeful the entire situation could be resolved within two to four months, although he couldn't say with certainty.

LaJoy had previously said that while there may be obstacles, "we think we can work through those."

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"I was pleased with some of their comments (in those areas)," Fiegel said. "That certainly reflects the hard work the staff is doing in the district.

"I think it was a good year," Fiegel added. "We had a few growing pains, but we're looking forward."

Simescu agreed there was a lot to like and expressed faith in Fiegel's ability.

"I think he's done very well for the first year in a rather complex district," Simescu said. "It's a difficult place to get a handle on in one year. I think he's going in the right direction."

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BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton workers scrambled late in the week to fix a Heritage Park baseball field damaged when Liberty Fest motorists parked on rainsoaked land.

With the youth baseball season in full swing, one coach, Dale Ebeling, described himself as "shocked" at the damage to ball field No. 1, but he said the township seemed proactive by trving to make repairs as weekend games drew near.

"If these fields are not fixed properly," he had said, "the risk of injury to players will be great.'

Brad Sharp, park and facility maintenance manager, said huge crowds descended on Liberty Fest June 18-20 and forced the township to start using the ball field area for parking even earlier than it had in previous years. Then came the rains.

"That field took some damage - no question," Sharp said.

Workers hurried late in the week to smooth

out ruts caused by vehicle tires. Although Ebeling was troubled that parking was allowed on "valuable and scarce resources," he said it appeared the township was "jumping through hoops" to fix fields he described as some of the area's best.

It's a dilemma: Township officials want the community to enjoy an ever-growing festival, yet they have to provide parking to accommodate the crowds – even when Mother Nature tosses in a rainstorm that increases the potential for property damage.

Barring more repair-hampering rains, Sharp said ball field No. 1 was expected to be used over the weekend by younger players who need a smaller infield, allowing workers to erect temporary fencing to keep children away from outlying areas that sustained more damage.

The field would not be used unless it is "absolutely safe," Sharp said.

Weather permitting, workers in coming days will make the larger repairs to restore the field to its full use, he said.

Game rescheduled

A vintage baseball game to raise money to fight ALS, commonly called Lou Gehrig's Disease, had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather Thursday, organizer Bob Mosher said.

The game between the Northville Eclipse and the Early Riser Base Ball Club of Detroit is now scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, in Canton's Heritage Park.

There is no set admission price, but donations will be accepted to benefit ALS a research.

Food drive

All during July, a Canton hair salon, Great Clips, will give \$1 off haircuts for anyone who brings in non-perishable food donations to help local food centers and shelters,

The salon is located at Canton Premier Center, 46018 Michigan Avenue.

For more information call (734) 495-9446.

Mobile playgrounds

Canton's Mobile Playground Program is underway offering a wide variety of recreational activities for children ages 5-15 all summer long. Kids throughout Canton are invited to visit any of nine supervised playground sites Mondays through Fridays right through the annual Parks-A-Palooza Bash Friday, Aug. 7.

Special activities will be planned, including weekly themed days, sports and games for all ages, field trips to Super Bowl and Skatin' Station, creative arts and crafts, and weekly visits from Canton's Climbing Wall and Recreation Station.

Mobile Playground locations and times are as follows:

• Heritage Park and Flodin Park, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Hulsing Elementary and Central Park, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 2-5 p.m.



Historical significance

Five students from the Talented and Gifted program at East Middle School – Andrea Ringer, Andrea Mathew, Calgary Haines-Trautman, Meghan Hoffman and Shannon Guo – competed nationally at National History Day (also known as Social Studies Olympiad) and finished eighth of 98 national finalists in the group performance category. The quintet created a group performance documenting the impact of a photographer from the depression era, Dorothea Lange. Their group performance, titled 'Dorothea Lange: A Photographer for the People,' was one of two group performances from Michigan to compete in the national competition. The group created a 10-minute performance that chronicled the influence that Lange's photographs had on migrants in California during the depression of the 1930s. Their work earned them an 8th place finish amongst all national finalists in the junior group performance category.

• Royal Pointe and Miller Elementary, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Field Elementary, Cherry Hill Village and Freedom Park, Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5 p.m.

Mobile Playground Program, formerly known as the Supervised Playground Program, offers tons of fun for just a one time materials fee of \$10 per child. For more information on this summer's Mobile Playground Program, contact Canton Leisure Services Playgrounds at (734) 394-5460, Ext. 1221.

Textile art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is very proud to present an exhibit of textile art created by the Cherry Hill Quilters as well as other talented quilters on display in July at the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This exhibition, which juxtaposes traditional quilts and contemporary textile art, runs July 1-26.

Showcased artworks created by the Cherry Hill Quilters include: the Carolina Lily; Wedding Ring; Log Cabin; Whole Cloth; Amish styles; and more. Also included in the exhibit

are 14 quilts by featured artist Desiree Vaughn, who hails from Suttons Bay, Mich.

This latest art exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during public performances, except for holidays. For more information about this latest art exhibition, call (734) 394-5300 or visit canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

'Whimsical' Wednesdays

After enjoying Music in the Park in Kellogg Park on a hot summer Wednesday, visitors can cool off the kids with a children's story read aloud by the local author.

"Whimsical Wednesdays" at the Plymouth Historical Museum began Wednesday. Each "Whimsical Wednesday" starts at 1:30 p.m. and features an exciting children's story with one Wednesday dedicated to a book on fun history about the city of Plymouth.

The schedule: • On July 1, Plymouth Historical Museum's Education Coordinator Anna Lopez reads *Footsteps in History*, a short historical story about Plymouth and how our community changed and grew to become the great area

it is today.

• On July 8, Peggy Price Heiney reads her book about a teddy bear experiencing his own adventures after his companion Elizabeth forgets to take him back home with her to Seattle following a vacation at her Grandpa's house in northern Michigan. Heiney's book, *Lonely Teddy*, is available on Amazon.com.

• On July 15, first-time children's book author Beth Conway shares Rachel's story in her book *Rachel and the* Magic Beads. While on vacation with a dear friend and her family, the idea to write a book about Rachel, her friend's child with Down syndrome, was born. While Rachel's brother Johnny watched as his sister danced around with her beads, the author and he decided they wanted to capture her fun in this little book. Twenty percent of the proceeds of the sale of the book go to an organization called the "Belle Center" in Chicago, which mainstreams children with disabilities.

Other Whimsical Wednesday adventures are being planned. The cost of admission to Whimsical Wednesdays is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 5-17, and \$10 for families. After each book reading, attendees can tour the Museum and see the "In the Presence of Lincoln" exhibit.

For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, tollfree (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet,net.

Spotlight auditions

The Spotlight Players are getting ready to present *Oliver*, written by Lionel Bart and directed by Barbara Bloom.

Auditions take place Sunday, July 12 (for youth up to age 16). Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Auditions for all adult roles (age 16 and Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a very dark Dickens tale.

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Rock opera

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents a new work, *Video Games: A Rock Opera*, July 10-12 and July 16-18.

Local musician, R. Mackenzie Lewis wrote the music and directs Video Games. The book is by Stu Rase and it is choreographed by Brian Carbine. The play, according to Lewis, is "about two brothers, Tony and Anthony, who venture into a video game world via a portal in their living room to follow a nearsighted ninja who captured Anthony's love interest."

Performances are 8 p.m. July 10; 2 and 8 p.m. July 11; 2 p.m. July 12; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. July 16; 8 p.m. July 17; and 2 and 8 p.m. July 18.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill (at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads) in Canton.

Tickets can be purchased at The Summit at The Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater or at the door. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26 for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles. Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.



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over) are Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, registration each night begins at 6:30 p.m. Performance dates are September 18-20, 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 504300 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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Bidding farewell Former Wildcat 'excited' about Farmington High School gig •

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Julie Kaminski says she is "thrilled" about being appointed Farmington High School principal.

"When I became aware of it, it was a job that I was immediately excited about," said Kaminski, who leaves Plymouth High School after seven years as assistant principal. "The Farmington Public Schools have an outstanding reputation." The Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education

approved the appointment at its meeting on Tuesday, June 16. "To have someone with her

background and qualifications and glowing recommendations is a real coup," said school board president Priscilla Brouillette. The search for a new principal began when current Farmington High School principal John Barrett announced he would retire on June 30, after 42 years with the district.

The appointment is effective July 1. Kaminski has already been working with Barrett to acclimate to her new duties.

"I think she's got a lot of enthusiasm and excitement," said Barrett, who was on the selection committee. Kaminski and her husband

Kaminski and her husband, Ken, have two sons, Connor, 4, and Nolan, 2. They reside in Canton, where she grew up. Kaminski is a graduate

of University of Michigan -Dearborn, where she received a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. In May 2008 she earned an educational specialist degree in school administration and leadership from Oakland University. She said a teacher and project supervisor at O.U., former Farmington Supt. Bob Maxfield, furthered her interest in the district. "He always talked so highly of Farmington Schools."

Kaminski began her teaching career as an English and social studies teacher at Annapolis High School in Dearborn Heights District #7 in August 1997.

She served as assistant principal and athletic director at Allen Park Middle School before going to Plymouth High School.

"My love is high school and working with high schools and teenagers," she said. "I have a lot to learn. I'm excited to get started."



Farmington High School's new principal Julie Kaminski is 'thrilled' to start her new job in Farmington.

Canton won't raise rates despite Detroit water hike

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents, already hit with a 14.7 percent water-sewer rate increase on May 1, will not see additional increases following Tuesday's rate-hike vote by the Detroit City Council, officials said.

Township officials already had set its new water-sewer rates at \$8.20 per 1,000 gallons based on earlier projections, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

The average customer using 32,283 gallons of water every three-month billing cycle will now pay \$33.90 more each quarter compared to last year, Faas said.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved the earlier rate hike to help offset increases from outside sources, including the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and

to accommodate rising internal costs, Faas said.

Local leaders settled on a smaller, 14.7 percent rate hike following earlier talks indicating that township water customers could be socked with increases as high as 20 percent.

According to earlier reports, the township chose to partially offset this year's rising costs by using about \$500,000 from the water-sewer fund balance, leaving it just under \$12 million.

On Friday, township Finance Director Rick Eva said local water users won't see any additional rate hikes this year. "We will not redo our

rates until next year," he said.

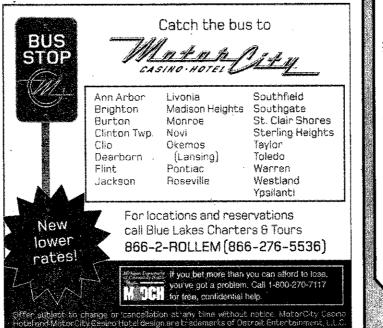
Each year, township officials analyze water-sewer rates based on the latest financial information on the cost of providing service.

"If we come up a little

short, of course we'll have to raise our rates next year," Eva said, "but I do know that our rates will not

change for the rest of this year."

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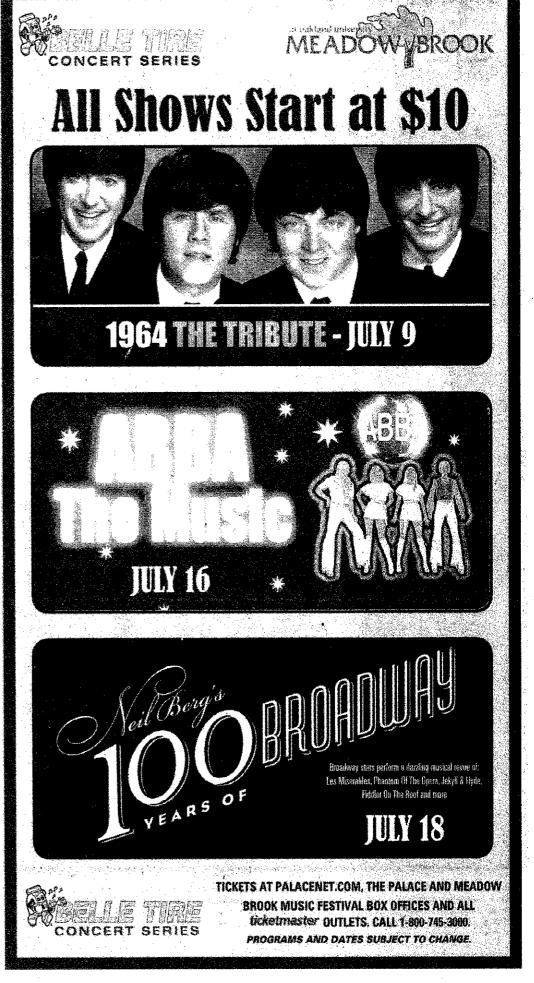


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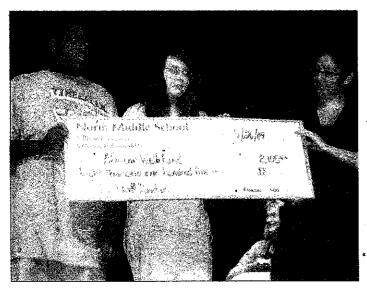


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Education

Middle schoolers raise money for African project



Seventh-graders Kris Scott and Robin Seav present a check to Lara Wineman, African Well Fund Representative.

The seventh-grade students at North Middle School set out again to make a global difference, setting their sights on sponsoring the building of a well for a rural Ugandan school this year.

The monetary goal was \$5,500, enough money to install a well at the school and educate the recipients on its use. But they managed to do much more than that.

The students raised \$8,105, enough money to build the well at the Uganda school, educate the recipients on its use, and fund half of another well in Africa.

The initiative was started last year by seventh-grade teachers Ron Hoepfner and Steve Hudock as part of a cross-curricular unit on Africa. Last year's class efforts raised \$7,700, enough money to have three wells installed in Zimbabwe, Africa.

"This program is a great opportunity for students to take on a leadership role within their community while raising money for a worthwhile cause," said Hudock.

Students and teachers partnered with The African Well Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building and maintaining wells in water-sparse regions in Africa. Now that the funds have been raised, AWF will drill, install and help to maintain the well. Students participated in a variety of fund-raising activities including a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and visiting other classes/schools throughout the Van Buren school district to practice their public speaking by making the case for the well to other students and teachers.

A letter writing campaign was launched by the students that taught persuasive writing skills as they made their case to the community, local newspapers, elected officials, celebrities, and family members for donations and support. Michigan House of Representative member Diane Slavens, D-Canton, attended the spaghetti dinner fund-raiser, and Michigan Gov. Jennifer Graholm sent a response to a student along with a personal donation. Piggy banks and savings of the participating students were gladly donated to the cause as the seventh-graders learned to care for those who they haven't even met.

"This project has been more than just one that raised money for an African school," said Hudock, "It was a project that brought together our community and also instilled a sense of pride and respect among the students. It taught them that they can be an active member in society and they can bring about change on a global scale.

"A big thank you to all who have donated to our fund," he added. "Our students have learned quite a bit from this project and have grown as humans."

"Water," as posted on the African Well's Web site, "We drink it, cook with it, bathe in it, sprinkle our lawns with it, fill our backyard swimming pools with it - even create theme parks based on it.

"We take its abundance for granted, but in much of the world, especially Sub-Saharan Africa, access to clean water is a luxury. More than half of Africa's villages lack access to a clean water supply. In many of these villages, women must walk up to 10 miles every day to retrieve the day's supply of potable water for their households."

Visit http://www.africanwellfund.org/ for more information on the African Well project or to donate to help sponsor a well.

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Math competition

Michigan's team of 28 high school mathematics students, including Canton High School students Natasha and Nikita Consul, competed in the American Regions Mathematics League Competition.

The national competition was held on the campuses of the University of Iowa, Pennsylvania State University. University of Georgia, and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. A total of 130 teams of 15 students each represented various regions of the United States and Canada plus 16 additional teams from seven foreign countries. This is the 20th year Michigan has participated. Michigan competed at Iowa and was divided into two teams, the A division the Reals and the B division, the Naturals. The Michigan Reals placed 13th nationally out of a field of 44 in the A division. They were tied for first place in the A division in total points with Chicago A team, for teams not in the first nine nationally. Michigan Reals member Nikita Consul of Canton High School received the Douglas Cameron Baker Memorial Award for helping the team make the most of the ARML experience, by love of mathematics, enthusiasm for the competition, and team spirit.

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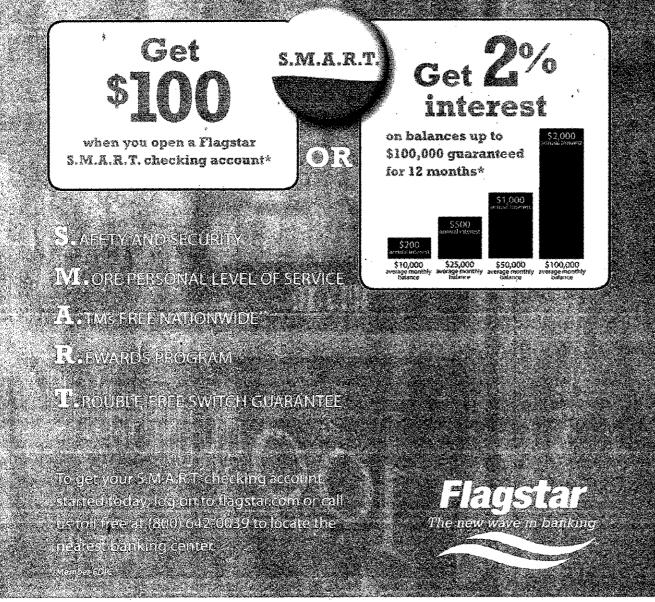
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Hillsdale College

Nicholas Plescia, a sophomore majoring in political science at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2009 semester.

Plescia is the son of Frank and Carly Plescia of Canton and a 2007 graduate of Plymouth High School.

Michigan State University

Phi Sigma Theta announced Cory R. Hurst, the son of Gary and Becky Hurst of Plymouth, has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Michigan State University.

Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

Madonna University

The following Canton students were named to Madonna University's Dean's List in recognition of superior academic achievement during the winter 2009 term:

Fernando Joseph Adams Chelsea Danielle Archibald, Danette J. Barancewicz, Erin Marie Berbas, Sherry Catherine Browning, Kirsten Marie Cappabianca, Luis Abraham Carrera, Nicole Lavonne Carrera, Renata Bachi DaCosta, Roberto Martin, Lisa Jean McBride, Deborah June McCoy, Robert Wayne McCoy, Meghan Nicole Miller, Jessica Rose Molnar, Kirsten Pilar Moss, Lorela Myftiu, Fadi Nader, Ryo Nishijima, Britany Lynn Norris.

Kathleen Therese O'Day, Kimberly Ann Olech, Becky R. Pakos, Seol-A Park, Binaki B. Patel, Sengmany N. Phantharangsy, Emilie Marie Pickert, Johanne Ray-Hepp, Rachael Anne Reyes, Nancy Ruth Richards, Nicole Riedel.

April Lee Sawyer, Carly Elizabeth Scanlon, Tamara Marie Shirey, Alyson M. Sloane, Danielle Kathryn Suhy, Liza M. Terkoski, Robin Marie Tramel, Sarah Tupacz, Ashley Lynn Van Conant, Mark Varney, Gustavo Roman Vasquez, Dwiti Nitin Ved, Carolyn L. Verla.

Anna Vivenzio, Charles Lacey Walker, Kelly A. Walker, Brittany L. Warner, Courtney Adams Weld, Jeanne Marie Winn, Julia Marie Zahn, Amy Christina Zavala and Christine Diane Zuerner.

Albion College

Sarah Jose graduated magna cum laude, receiving a degree in economics and management with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management along with a minor in Spanish. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Jose graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75.

Sarah Jose is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

Northwood University

Andrew Steven Halinen of Canton and Jeffery Ky Willman of Plymouth were among students granted degrees as members of the graduating class of the Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management during the spring commencement ceremony.

Dick DeVos, founder and president, The Windquest Group, Grand Rapids, was the commencement speaker and received the doctor of laws, honoris causa.

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Never fall in love with your investments

Q: Dear Rick: You used to recommend funds such as the Janus Fund and the American Century Ultra Fund. 1 know you no longer like these funds. At this time do you have one favorite mutual fund?

A: I no longer recommend Janus Fund and American Century Ultra Fund for a variety of reasons, most importantly performance. As investors we should never fall in



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

stress the importance of having well-balanced and diversified portfolios. I always recommend that investors have a variety of investments within their portfolio covering a whole range of asset classes. Therefore, I generally don't have one favorite fund. I have a favorite within each asset class.

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Many times I am asked which fund I would invest in if I were only allowed one. Because I believe in diversified portfolios, I generally recommend either a balanced fund such as the Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund or Vanguard Wellington, or a fund of funds. A fund of funds invests in a variety of different mutual funds. For a long-term growth investor I recommend the T. Rowe Price Spectrum Growth Fund, while for an income type investor I would recommend the T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund. In today's ever-changing financial world, investors must always be flexible and never hesitate to make changes where necessary. It's OK to have a favorite fund as long as you recognize that your favorite fund today may not be your favorite fund tomorrow. Good luck!

Q: Dear Rick: I took your advice and sold my General Motors Bonds. Thank you. I am now sitting on almost \$150,000 in cash and I have no idea what to do with it. At the present time I have it in the that I believe in the not too distant future we will have inflation. I do not recommend locking into a CD for long-term purposes. If you decide to use CDs, I suggest staggering the maturities - one for six months and one for a year. It pays to shop around for

CD rates. As long as the CDs are federally insured it doesn't matter where they are located. Therefore, don't just consider

local banks but also credit unions, out-of-state banks and even Internet banks. It might be a little more of a hassle to use an out-of-state or an Internet bank, however, the extra money earned may be well worth it. Of course, after vou do receive competitive rates, there is no reason you can't go to your local bank and ask them to match it. Regarding the annuity, in

principle I have no problem using a fixed or equity indexed annuity. Like the CD, the advantage of the annuity is you cannot lose the principal. Annuities are insured up to \$100,000. In your situation, you can invest in two separate annuities assuring that 100 percent of the money is protected. The advantage of the annuity is it will grow tax deferred until you need the

money. You only pay taxes when the money is withdrawn. The downside is most annuities have a minimum investment period that is longer than CDs. Typically, at a minimum, you must lock into a fixed or equity indexed annuity for at least five years although that does not mean you can't take money out for five years. Just about every annuity policy has a provision that allows you to

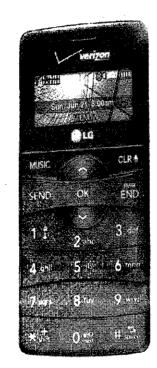
withdraw up to 10 percent of your money on a year-by-year basis without penalty.

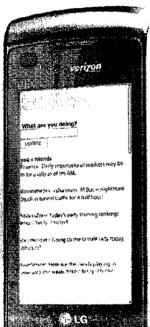
While CDs may be purchased directly by an individual, annuities must be purchased through a representative of the annuity company. If you need the name of an annuity representative or a referral e-mail me at Rick@ bloomassetmanagement.com. Good luck!

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bank. I don't need the income but I don't want to lose any money. I figure in about two to three years, I will begin to need some money. My bank where the money is at has recommended CDs or annuities. What do you think?

A: I have no problem with CDs or annuities as long as they are the right ones. Regarding CDs, considering how low the interest rates are and the fact





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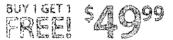
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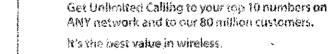
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LOCAL NEWS

Family events highlight Recreation Month schedule

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has designated the month of July as Park and Recreation Month.

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The staff at Canton Leisure Services will use July to celebrate the kick-off of its many summer programs, as well as a time to pull the community together to volunteer and get involved in great outdoor physical activities.

"As we observe Park and Recreation Month, we recognize the important contributions of employees and volunteers throughout the township who assist Canton Leisure Services facilities, events and programs," said recreation specialist Jennifer Provenzano. "These dedicated support-

ers keep our parks clean and safe, organize and coach youth sports teams, provide educational programming, fundraise for local improvements and much more."

As part of a summer full of nationwide activities and community celebrations, staffers offer a few ways to take part in this special month-long celebration:

• National Recreation and Parks Month Concert (Thursday Series in Heritage Park) - July 2, 7:30 p.m., bring blankets or folding chairs while you relax and enjoy the concert on the amphitheater lawn.

• Tuesdays Are Terrific, July 7 and 21 - This popular lunchtime tradition for elementary and preschool audiences is full of music, magic and more! Bring your sack lunch, a blanket and sunscreen at noon to the Heritage Park amphitheater.

• Backyard Beats - Local bands hit the streets at 7 p.m. and perform in the scheduled neighborhoods' shared green space or park.

July 8 at Nottingham Forest July 13 at Fairways at

Pheasant Run July 22 at Fellows Creek

July 29 at Royal Pointe West • Tiny Tot Olympics, July 8 -Children ages 2-6 will participate in "Olympic" events that

Canton's Recreation Month observance will include Old Tyme Farm Days July 25.

- In partnership with Smooth Jazz 98.7 WVMV and the DDA, these concerts take place in parking lots of various shopCherry Hill School. Then find a shady spot on the lawn for the tuneful melodies of the Canton Concert Band.

 Summit Lifeguard Competition, July 25 - The lifeguards that you see every day will be competing from 8 - 10 p.m. Not only can kids and adults cheer on their favorite staff, but they can take part in several of the games and activities. • Historical Hike, July 26 - Step back in time and stroll through the heart of Canton's Cherry Hill Village. Explore the Cady-Boyer Barn, Bartlett-Travis House, Cherry Hill School, Methodist Church and more from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.





BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Rep. Dian Slavens applauded General Electric's decision to locate its new facility in her district.

Slavens applauds GE site decision

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, this week applauded the announcement by General Electric that it will locate a new advanced manufacturing and software technology center in Wayne County.

The new facility, which is expected to open later this year, will be located at the former Visteon Village site in Van Buren Township and is expected to create more than 1,100 good-paying, high-tech jobs.

"We have the best workforce in the world and now our workers can build the advanced turbines that will power our nation's future right here in Van Buren Township," said Slavens, who represents Van Buren Township. "Michigan is a trailblazer when it comes to renewable energy and advanced technologies, and today's announcement will go a long way toward keeping our state on the cusp of emerging, high-tech industries."

state on the cusp of emerging, high-tech industries." The new GE facility will house scientists and engineers who will develop the next generation manufacturing technologies for the company's leading renewable energy, aircraft engine, gas turbine and other high-tech products. The site also will focus on software development, data architecture, networking, business intelligence and program management.

The state is providing more than \$60 million in incentives over the next 12 years to bring the new GE facility to Michigan.

Garden Hootenanny

There's wonder to be found through the garden gates this summer during the Garden Family Hootenanny, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at The Whitney.

Seeds of music will be sown in the gardens of the historic restaurant with live performances by the Mydols and Cello-Bella!, a *Music Together* demonstration, and plenty of fun for children of all ages. As parents dig into food and drink at the outdoor cafe, kids will discover bubbles, games and crafts blooming along the garden path.

A "hootenanny" is defined as a social gathering or informal concert featuring folk singing and dancing. The Garden Family Hootenanny is the latest in a series of Hootenanny concerts and CDs organized by April Boyle, lead singer of the Mydols, to celebrate music both children and parents can enjoy. Since 2001, Detroit Family Hootenannies have brought together talented musicians to jam with full audience participation. Acts have included Dan Miller, Pas/Cal, The Sirens, Loretta Lucas, Jawbone and Liz Mitchell. The concerts gave rise to two critically-acclaimed compilation CDs, Detroit Family Hootenanny: Detroit Folks Playing Old and New Music for Kids in 2006, and Holiday Hootenanny in 2007.

This year's entertainment includes all-mom band the Mydols, who entice kids to join in on songs like *Run Crazy Baby* and *Three is a Magic Number*. Cello-Bella! will play family faves like on the *Crad Chin Lelling and Varian Crat Prime din Magn*

are just the right size for them from 10-11:30 a.m. at Heritage Park. Each participant will get their very own "gold" medal. Fee is \$3.

• Jazz Concerts, July 10 - 13

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Ice Cream Social, July 14
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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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• Family Camp Out and Movie Night, July 17 - Families are invited to set up tents around the Heritage Park amphitheater and enjoy a movie at dusk. Before the movie enjoy games and activities for the entire family beginning at 6 p.m.

• Old Tyme Farm Days, July 25 - Celebrate Michigan's rich heritage of agriculture with this unique display of antique engines, tractors and machinery. The event is held at the historic Bartlett-Travis House property.

For more information on Park and Recreation Month, log on to www. nrpa.org or visit cantonfun.org. On the Good Ship Lollipop and You've Got a Friend in Me on cello and acoustic guitar.

Melissa Bila Regan of Harmony and Me and Merrily Gechter of Music Together with Merrily will share musical instruments and offer a taste of the early childhood music classes they conduct in Birmingham, Plymouth and Canton.

The Whitney will provide garden fare, cocktails and mocktails for purchase.

The Garden Family Hootenanny is sponsored by ecostore USA, provider of eco-friendly cleaners, bath, body and baby care items at www.ecostoreusa.com.

The Garden Family Hootenanny will take place at The Whitney Restaurant, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit (www. thewhitney.com). Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for parents; free for children 12 and under. Call Emily Driscoll to reserve your spot at (313) 832-5700. For more information, visit www.thefamilyhoot.com.

Canton chamber seeks poker volunteers

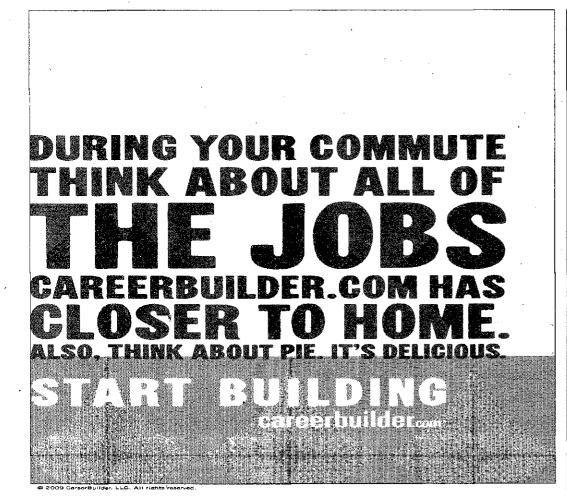
The Canton Chamber of Commerce is participating in the Charity Poker (Texas Hold'em), and chamber officials are looking for volunteers to work. Charity Poker will be held at Rose's Restaurant every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. beginning Aug. 7. There are several non-profit groups participating. The Chamber's dates are Sept. 17-19 and Oct. 29-31.

A variety of volunteers are needed. Willing volunteers should send name, address and phone numbers to chamber President Dianne Cojei.

If all works well, Rose's will continue

holding the Charity Poker Room in 2010. Cojei said if enough volunteers sign up, the chamber will continue to be a participating group.

To volunteer or for more information, contact her via e-mail at diannec@ cantonchamber.com or phone (734) 453-4040.



PUBLIC NOTICE AMENDED FINAL STATEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 2008 PROGRAM YEAR

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth decided on June 23, 2009 to amend the projects for funding from the 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

| Location | Original Projects 2008 Project | Allocation |
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| 201 S. Main 3850 Second | Senior Services | \$ 11,124 |
| 525 Farmer | Transportation Program | \$ 26,106 |
| 42375 Schoolcraft | Senior Center Pre-Commitment* Multi-Year Acquisition | \$ 58,070 |
| 9955 N. Haggerty | Administration | \$ 10,700 |
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LOCAL NEWS

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Canton woman lobbies in D.C. against hunger

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A recent trip to Washington, D.C., was more than sightseeing for Barbara Fichtenberg of Canton and her daughter, Ingrid, 24.

The women traveled to the nation's capital for the Bread for the World national gathering. "It was at American University," Barb Fichtenberg said of the gathering for the national Christian anti-hunger group. Bread for the World does advocacy rather than direct aid.

Barb Fichtenberg, a Canton resident, has been to about 10 such gatherings, and Ingrid — a Ph.D. student at Indiana University in anthropology — had gone at age 7 during a family vacation. This was Ingrid's first time as a participant. The June 14-16 gathering included

Barb Fichtenberg panel discussions, ple-

nary sessions and workshops. "We had really interesting speakers. There was the ambassador of Benin," the elder Fichtenberg said.

They heard Andrew Natsios, former administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Michael Gerson, a *Washington Post* columnist, also spoke.

Barb, a medical technologist at Garden City Hospital, enjoyed the worship sessions with a multicultural choir, "just a lot of interesting and informative activities."

That Tuesday was Lobby Day and included meetings with the legislative directors for Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin, as well as U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. Both Stabenow and Levin are Democrats.

The participants appreciated meeting the legislative directors.

"They're the ones that are assigned to work on the issues," said Barb Fichtenberg, who also serves on the board for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. Her church, Geneva

Presbyterian in Canton, had an offering of letters on May 17 related to reform of U.S. foreign assistance. Fichtenberg noted the impact many letters have on legislators.

Lobby Day is an annual event for Bread for the World, and the gathering is held every other year. She was impressed with their welcome at all three legislative offices.

Fichtenberg noted the Michigan group included students and scholars from the University of Michigan who talked about the impact of aid in places like Uganda and South Africa. Such aid helps to keep children in school, she said, as well as providing antiretroviral drugs to fight AIDS.

"It was a really great experience," she said of the D.C. trip. There was also a fatherdaughter team, a father-son team and a mom with a son just 3 months old.

"It was a good experience for us." Fichtenberg and others hope to reform the foreign assistance law, not done since 1961.

"It needs to be reorganized and made more transparent," she said.

Many people have the misconception that development aid is a large percent of the federal budget when, in fact, it comprises less than 1 percent, she said. Foreign aid has done much good and could be even more effective if it could be streamlined and made more efficient.

It's currently administered by 12 departments, 25 agencies and 60 offices. Fichtenberg cited HR 2139 which has been introduced in the House of Representatives and is gaining co-sponsors. A companion bill will be introduced in the Senate later this summer.

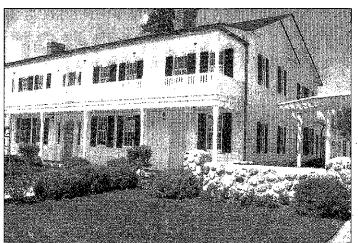
Poverty-focused development assistance promotes stability in an unstable world, she added.

For more on Bread for the World, visit www.bread.org.



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The Botsford Inn has been restored to its original beauty.

An American celebration Botsford bricks tell local tales

With the Fourth of July approaching, many Americans are looking forward to fireworks, barbecues, baseball games and various other events marking the history, government and traditions of our country.

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As part of this celebration of history, Botsford Hospital is focusing on one of Michigan's great treasures, the Botsford Inn and offering a special holiday discount to those who wish to join the celebration of the Inn.

For generations, families and friends celebrated special days at the Botsford Inn on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills - engagements, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, holidays and Sunday dinners. Built in Michigan's pioneer days of 1836, the Inn has been witness to more than 170 years of Michigan history. Its current owner, Botsford Hospital, has restored the Inn's exterior to its 1925 Henry Ford era appearance.

The Botsford Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Botsford Hospital, is inviting members of the community to purchase a commemorative brick in the plaza directly outside the Inn honoring a special event, person or memory. A purchase of a brick will help to write a new chapter in the history of the Inn by supporting the renovation and restoration of its interior.

Bricks include a personalized inscription and will be available for purchase only in 2009. 4" x 8" bricks are \$250 and 8" x 8" bricks are \$400.

To celebrate America's 233rd birthday, Botsford is offering a \$50 discount on these prices through Friday, July 31.

For more information on how you can honor or remember a loved one with a brick and to receive your discount, call (248) 442-5065 or visit www.botsford.org. Facebook users can also join the group "Botsford Inn Commemorative Brick Plaza" to reminisce about the Inn, post photos or share stories.

Funds from Botsford Hospital will not be used for the renovation of the Botsford Inn. All money for this project will be raised through community support.

Taking action!

Film studio, Specs Howard answer Hollywood's call

BY STACY JENKINS Observer staff writer

Some were looking for a new career path; others hopeful to get to work, in this dismal economy, while others are pursuing their dreams of working in the film industry.

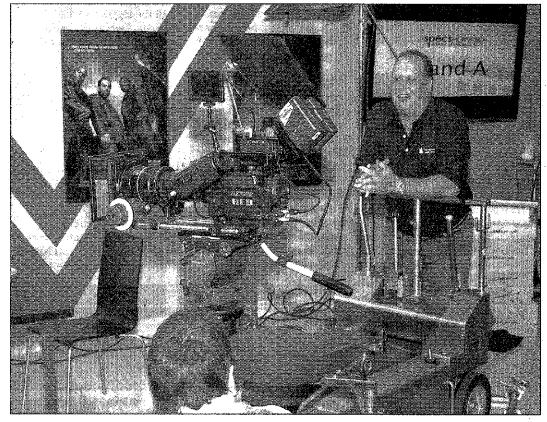
A pair of informational meetings Wednesday drew plenty of curious people, many unemployed, to the Studio Center motion picture production complex in Farmington Hills, where Specs Howard School of Media Arts will hold workshops in film production this summer.

Studio Center is a hub for film production, with adjoining industry-related businesses Grace & Wild, Detroit Power & Light and Fletcher Camera. The sevenacre campus includes three soundstages, post-production facilities, film processing, camera rental and lighting and production offices. It's the only active studio production lot in Michigan.

"This is where the action is for all of the stuff going on in Hollywood," said Steve Julin, director of curriculum development at the Southfieldbased Specs Howard School.

"Specs Howard On Location" courses will be held at Studio Center, offering an eight-week film workshop and a seven-week advanced editing course, starting July 13 and July 21. Both are hands-on and serve as an introduction to film production.

"We're teaching you the language of film," said Julin. "It's



Steve Julin, director of curriculum development at the Southfield-based Specs Howard School, talks about various things students will learn in the 'Specs Howard On Location' workshops in film production and advanced editing.

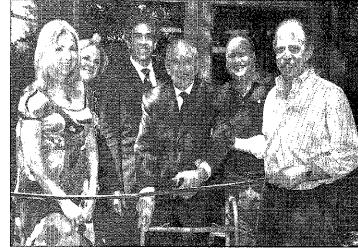
tion and it's very hands on." Students will use professional film equipment during the workshop.

"I'm not going to show it to you on a white board or a chalk board — I'm going to have you do it," said Julin.

Michigan has seen an increase from \$2 million in film industry investment in 2007 to \$125 million in 2008, after Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bill allowing up to 42 percent tax incentives for film crews to come to Michigan,

"We're so excited, because this is only year two of the incentive," said Julin. "Bringing Hollywood to Michigan is where it's going — and we're the leaders in education, so when a film crew comes here, they know to come to a very reliable source (for workers). When a film crew blows into town, there are lots of jobs."

Gaining the basic knowledge of the film industry will enable



Officially cutting the ribbon for the 'Specs Howard On Location' program, from left: Lisa Zahodne, Specs Howard School President & COO; Char Kernen, Specs Howard School CFO; Jonathan Liebman, Specs Howard School President & CEO, Specs Howard, Specs Howard School Founder; Steve Julin, Specs Howard School Director of Curriculum; Marty Liebman, Specs Howard School Corporate Vice President.

Woods, Wednesday's informational meeting was just that — to get information about a possible career change.

"I'm out of work," said Licko, who was in the steel industry. COO of Specs Howard School. "Production crews are filming here now, so it makes sense to provide training now. Over the course of several weeks, our students will learn the

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many people to apply for those jobs, he added.

Michele DerMiner, of Southfield, is hopeful she'll reak into the film industry ome day.

The unemployed photographer hopes to learn more about film production, specifically editing. "I've always had a love for movies, so I thought this would be something to pursue," she said. "Since films are coming here, I really want to be a part of it."

Scott Jensen, of West Bloomfield, who has a degree from Specs Howard already, hopes to learn more about film industry post production as well.

"I want to get to ESPN, that's my long shot," he said. "This is just another lead to get me to where I want to go." For David Licko, of Harper "I heard about a new industry with possible new opportunities, so I wanted to check it out."

Jovita Moffett, of Southfield, attended the session with her sister, Lichelle Laws, of Detroit. Both are interested in pursuing new careers.

Moffett said the growing film industry in Michigan is exciting and much needed.

"I think it's fantastic," she said. "With the auto industry in the state it's in, at least this is giving folks something to look forward to and something that will reduce our unemployment."

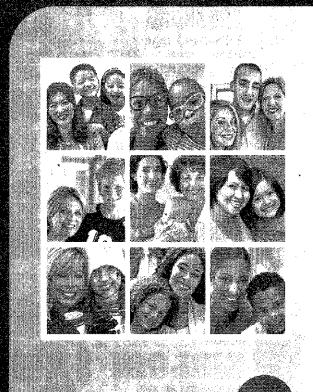
The workshops are just the beginning for these prospective students.

"Our workshops will offer a breadth of instruction on the film industry not currently found anywhere in the state," said Lisa Zahodne, president/ language and craft of film; preparing them for success as they enter the movie making field in Michigan."

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Davenport serves hundreds of students at new Livonia location

About 1,000 students enrolled for classes last fall at the newly opened Davenport University location in Livonia.

Davenport was thrilled by how quickly the community embraced a university new to the area. With a first-fall enrollment higher than expected, Davenport realized the great potential to serve people in this growing area who are seeking a relevant curriculum that prepares them for in-demand careers or career advancement.

The 40,000-square-foot, three-story academic building, at 19499 Victor Parkway, includes 26 classrooms and computer labs, meeting rooms, a Library Information Commons and onsite free parking.

Davenport University committed to community

Davenport University is committed to this community. No matter which DU location students may attend across Michigan, they all are enrolled at Davenport University and receive the same quality education.

Davenport's commitment to the area is demonstrated by its construction of a facility rather than rental of space in an existing building.

"Davenport University has been a great partner with the Farmington/ Farmington Hills community since opening its Livonia location in 2008," said Mary Engleman, president and CEO of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. "Davenport's strong commitment to our community has been apparent from its involvement in our communities and the quality of education offered to our residents."

The university is dedicated to the success of students and making education accessible. Flexibility, convenience and support are designed to serve students with quality.

Tuition is among the very lowest of

private colleges and universities in Michigan, which combines with quality and service to make Davenport the best value in private education. Davenport also assists students with financial aid and a generous program of scholarships.

The university considers higher education to be a major economic driver. Programs are relevant to the demands of today's knowledge-driven economy, in which an increasing number of jobs in our state's emerging industries require a college education. The ultimate measure of success is students who graduate and fulfill career goals in our state and communities.

"Livonia is fortunate to have campuses and satellite locations of seven quality colleges and universities that serve a total of 25,000 area students and prepare graduates for careers at the many leading businesses in our community," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "Davenport University has been a great addition."



The Davenport University location in Livonia includes 26 classrooms on three stories and onsite parking.

Why Davenport University is unique

Davenport University serves approximately 11,000 students through its campus in Grand Rapids, locations across Michigan and online. Davenport is a private, nonprofit university offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs and a practical curriculum designed to prepare students to excel in today's knowledge-driven economy. Davenport University offers the following advantages:

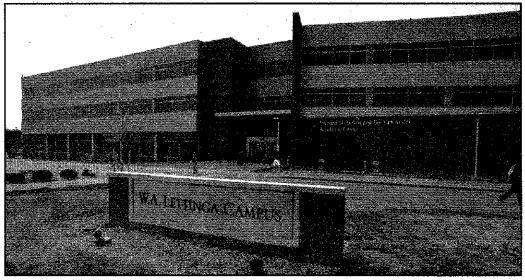
A growing campus in Grand Rapids

 Convenient locations statewide where students live or work, plus online courses
 Personal attention through small class sizes (averaging 15 students)

- Relevant, career-focused curriculum and internship opportunities
- Flexible class scheduling: days,
- evenings, weekends (or online 24/7)
- 15-week semesters and 7-week sessions
- Faculty with experience in the fields they teach
- Many financial aid and scholarship
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 Acceptance of transfer credits that benefit students' continued educational pursuits

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Davenport University's W.A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids is the centerpiece for statewide educational opportunities for traditional-age students and adult learners.

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Graduates recommend DU

Following are comments from Davenport University graduates who responded in a 2008 survey that they would recommend Davenport without reservation:

"Davenport is one of the few universities that actually teaches real-world concepts, not just theories."

"It is a great program for the working adult or adult looking to go back to school."

"Davenport is a highly respected university with a wide variety of degrees and programs. DU allowed me to take evening classes and work full time, which is not an option at other universities." "Davenport was a wonderful experience for me, and I have really enjoyed the entire process."

"Smaller class size allows the opportunity for students and teachers to interact. The thought of being 'just a student number' is nonexistent."

" I have gained a vast wealth of knowledge and experience here at Davenport. Throughout my program the administrators and faculty have shown great concern for my success. They have been very inspirational in keeping me moving forward."

Reasons students like DU*

- · Low student-to-faculty ratio in classes
- The outstanding condition of new building, facilities, laboratories, computer labs and libraries
- Technology that supports learning
- One-on-one interaction with faculty who have real-world experience
- Ability to prepare for a career that is growing in the economy
- · Quality of the course work and faculty
- Staff and faculty attitude toward student service
- * Reported in annual student satisfaction surveys



Davenport a leader in career education

Davenport is the only university in Michigan specializing in business, information technology and health professions – all vital to our emerging economy. Davenport has a 140-year tradition of preparing students for successful careers that continues today:

The curriculum addresses 17 of the top careers on the Michigan Top 50 Hot Jobs list.

The 37 percent first-attempt pass rate on the CPA exam for DU accounting students far exceeds the national average of nine percent (2007 results).

Health Information students' 88 percent pass rate on the RHIT exam is higher than the national average.

Davenport was among the first in the nation to offer networking and biometric security degrees.

The university's business and MBA enrollments are among the highest in Michigan.

DU Business Professionals of America students won first place in 21 of 46 events at the 2009 state competition, and took a record nine first-place awards at the 2009 national event.



Davenport supports Automation Alley member employees

To help Michigan's workforce invest in its education, Davenport University offers a 25 percent discounted tuition rate on undergraduate and graduate programs to all Automation Alley member organizations' employees.

Automation Alley, of which Davenport is a member, is Southeast Michigan's technology business association, connecting government, business and education. It represents more than 1,000 technology companies, acting as a catalyst to enhance the image of the region and help member companies expand their business opportunities.

"Employers throughout Michigan are looking for ways to cut costs, and often higher-learning benefits are the first to go. We are excited to partner with Davenport University to facilitate the progress of Southeast Michigan's workers, sustain them in their careers and prepare them for Michigan's evolving economy," said Ken Rogers, Automation Alley executive director.



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Fans turn out to see crowd-pleasing Cavaliers

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

On the field at Wayne Memorial High School, the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps practiced piece by piece their performance for last Thursday's Thursday evening's the Glassmen All-Star Review at the University of Toledo. In the stands, an appreciative audience took note of the group's precision.

"They're not my favorite, but they're pretty good," said Jason Jakary of Plymouth Township. "First is the Santa Clara Vanguard, the Phantom Regiment comes in second."

Jakary, a sophomore at Salem High School, was at the Wayne-Westland high school with a group of friends Wednesday evening to watch the 150 all-male group practice. A trombonist with his high school band, he could relate to the group's rigorous training schedule. Their practice which started at 9 a.m. went until 10 p.m.

"This would be like a Saturday practice for us," he said. "We do a mini camp in the summer that's eight hours a day for a week, but it's 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday during the school year."

As for the 90-degree plus weather, "Temperature doesn't matter, you practice anyway."

And practice they did, earning applause from the almost 200 people who filled the stands at the football stadium.

"These kids are great," said Wayne-Westland music teacher Irene Fritz. "They're so committed, their work ethic is amazing, even in this 90-degree heat.

It was the second trip of the day to Wayne Memorial for Fritz, who will add its vocal music program to her assignment this fall. She had been there in the afternoon to bring brownies for the group "plus I like seeing good stuff."

Nancy Kubin, retired Livonia Franklin High School band director, also marveled at Cavaliers members' commitment. The group ranges



Jason Jakary (with sunglasses) and Shelbie Torok, both of Plymouth Township, sat in the top row of the bleachers to take in the Cavaliers' evening practice. Both are members of the band at Salem High School.

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Turner had a front row seat to

watch the practice. Like Fritz,

he had been at the high school

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Cavaliers.

in age from 16 to 21 and each member auditions for a spot on the team. They also pay almost \$2,000 to be involved and begin preparing for the competition season in January-February.

"I love bugle corps," Kubin said. "When I was at Franklin, we had a competition marching band and went to Indianapolis and

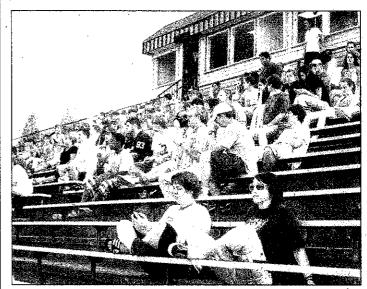
"This is only the second year and I've been here for it all," said Turner.

With him was Brad Wolf of Wayne who was a member of Wayne High's drum line from 1989 to 1991.

"It was a lot of fun, but it was a lot of work," said Wolf, who had gone to a "totally cool" weekend drum camp with the Cavaliers while in



Aaron Spevak found some shade under the tree where the percussion unit practiced during the day before moving to the football field for rehearsals with the entire 150-member Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps.



A crowd watches as The Cavaliers work through their routine, section by section, before doing a complete run through.

high school. "These guys are on another level, they're on a totally different level than I was. These guys are really professional.'

This was the first time Shelbie Torok of Plymouth Township has seen a group like the Cavaliers perform. A sophomore at Salem High and flutist on the high school band, she agreed with Jakary's assessment.

"They're pretty good," said Torok, also a sophomore at Salem High.

While Wayne High band boosters manned the concession stands, some members of the band watched from the stands.

"I think this is great for our kids, for our program and for

our community," said Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr. "This is like our football team practicing with a Super Bowl team before they go into play. It's good for our kids to see a disciplined group of athletes, it gives them something to aspire to."

The Cavaliers' visit was coordinated by Wayne Memorial band director Matt Diroff. It's one of two such events happening at the school this summer. The Vanguard will be at the school for a one-day visit on Aug. 3. It could rate a return visit

by Jakary.

"I'll probably be here," he said.

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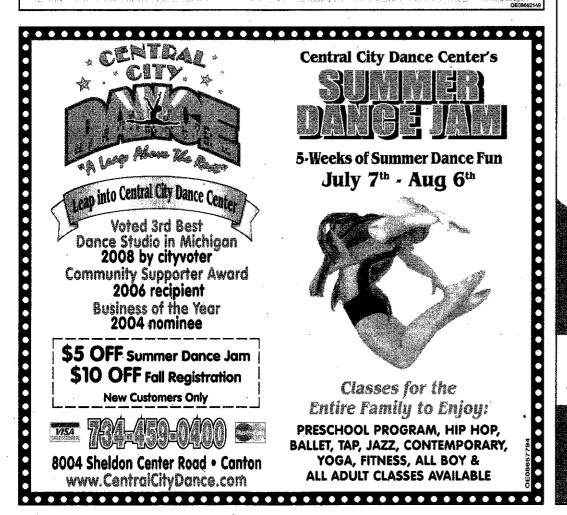
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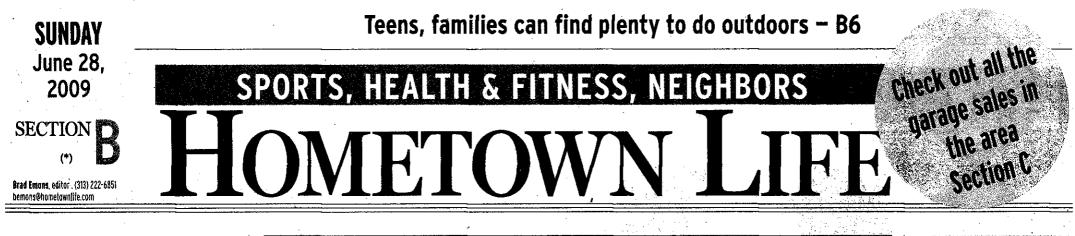
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Mattson returns home to pursue his NHL dream

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Austin Mattson doesn't need Mapquest to figure out his most direct route to his desired destination - the National Hockey League.

The Livonia native, after spending two seasons away from his family, will return home to play for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. The 18year-old right winger was recently signed as a free agent and will report to Whalers' training camp, which begins in late August.

It will be just a short commute down Six Mile Road for Mattson, who attended Stevenson High School for two years and grew up in the Compuware youth system where he played with current Whalers Beau Schmitz, R.J. Mahalak and Tyler J. Brown.

"I was a Whalers fan," Mattson said. "I went to a lot of their games because I played out of Compuware (Arena)."

Mattson appeared in 53 games last season for the Sioux City (Ia.) Musketeers of the U.S. Hockey League where he came on during the second half of the season to finish with 12 goals and 16 assists. He rebounded after battling an ankle sprain - suffered in team's season opener - and didn't get healthy until the holiday break.

During the 2007-08 season, Mattson scored five goals and added 14 assists with the Marquette Rangers of the North American Hockey League.

And during his sophomore year – while attending Stevenson - he played for the Motor City Chiefs of the Central States Hockey League where he was one of the youngest players in the league scoring 15 goals and adding 23 assists in 44 games.

Mattson called his two-year stint away from home "a great experience." He attended Marquette High School as a junior and Sioux City North High (where he graduated).

"Marquette was really cold, but in Sioux City it got cold and icy, a lot of wind," he said. "But it was a lot of fun."

Although he isn't expected to go in this weekend's NHL Entry Draft, Whalers



Plymouth Wildcats varsity assistant coach Brian Rochen offers advice to young guarterbacks Brent Piligian (left) and Jamarf Eiland during one of the football camp sessions.

Wide-eyed Wildcats

Camp offers aspiring youngsters gridiron education

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Make no mistake about it. Jamarl Eiland and Kevin Justice wouldn't want to be anywhere else on a 90degree day than the football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Not even a swimming pool could compete with the Wildcat Football Youth Camp last week. Jamarl and Kevin were among about 130 kids in grades 5-12 who honed up skills and collected helpful tips during a myriad of short, snappy drills.

"Soft hands, *soft* hands," one of the coaches said, throwing hot passes at

carrying the ball and making spinarama transitions.

"It's been pretty fun," said Jamarl, 14, a quarterback with the Canton Lions rec league team who will enter ninth grade at Plymouth High School. "I've learned a lot of things, quarterback drills and things that should help me."

BACK IN THE SWING

According to 12-year-old Kevin, a Plymouth-Canton Steeler linebacker entering seventh grade at Pioneer Middle School, the late-afternoon no-pad sessions were helpful refresher courses that he'll remember when

you're throwing footballs around, you're doing drills. It really gets your mind set back on the game.

Jamarl said the sweltering temperatures didn't take away from the enjoyment of doing drills and scrimmages, where he threw "a couple nice passes."

"I like the heat, I prefer the heat," Jamarl said. "It helps keep me loose."

The camp, under the watch of Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk and assistant coaches, helps players with varsity aspirations (such as Jamarl) to find out about terminology and pass defenses in an unofficial way since the Michigan High

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MU SIDs saluted

Madonna University's **Sports Information Directors Patrick Moore** (current) and Matt Fancett (former) teamed up to create the nation's best volleyball media guide in 2008-09, according to the National Association of **Intercollegiate Athletics** (NAIA) and Sports Information Directors of America (SIDA). Madonna's vollevball

publication was selected by SIDA from some 30 entries.

In addition, the MU women's soccer guide, also created by the pair, was ranked sixth nationally by SIDA out of 21 entries.

"It is nice to see the hard work these gentlemen put in rewarded with earned honors," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said.

Cieslak earns honor

Northwood University junior distance runner Kylen Cieslak (Livonia Churchill) has been named an Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Cieslak, who maintains a 3.93 grade-point average, was placed on the Women's Track and Field Collegiate Division's third team.

Earning Academic All-America honors is the latest in a long line of accomplishments for Cieslak, who became the first women's track All-American at Northwood since 1987 by placing sixth in the 3,000meter run at the 2008 NCAA Division II outdoor championships.

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This year, Cieslak became a two-time All-American at the outdoor championships in the 10,000 meters. She also was the first NU runner to earn first-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic

coach and general manager Mike Vellucci believes Mattson is OHL ready.

"He's already played two years in Juniors, one year in the USHL and one in the NAHL," Vellucci said. "He had a great second half of the season (in Sioux City) where he had 28 points in something like the last 30 games. I feel he's ready to make the jump and be an impact player."

If Mattson were a scout, he rates himself as somebody with "speed, good passing ability, good hands" – somebody similar to the Red Wings' Darren Helm, his favorite NHL player.

"He's a fast skater," Vellucci said. "I love players with speed and skill. That's where I've always built my teams on - and he has both. And on top of that he has the heart and desire, which are two great ingredients

"He's a right winger, but he can play both

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contract recently with the Plymouth Whalers.

kids dashing out from the sideline stripe toward the middle of the Turf Field surface.

At one end zone, prospective linemen worked on their footwork and stance. Yet another station, with water always close by, featured kids

football season rolls around. "This is really different," Kevin

said. "I like it, it's fun, it's short (three days) and it gets you back into football after basketball and baseball.

"It's good because you're doing conditioning on the football field,

School Athletic Association prohibits official coaching until August. But younger kids who just love football also are welcome to come out and learn.

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Farmington's Nemes on All-America team

BY DAN O'MEARA **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Besides being cousins, Josh and Chris Nemes were once teammates in the sport of lacrosse and then rivals on opposing teams throughout their prep careers. They're together on the same team

again today - the US Lacrosse High School All-America Team!

Josh Nemes of Farmington Hills is one of three University of Detroit Jesuit players to receive the national honor. Cousin Chris of Novi did likewise as a member of the Catholic Central squad.

"Chris and I have been good friends for a long time," Josh said. "We were pretty excited about it. I called and said 'Congratulations!' He said, 'Yeah, it's real cool we both got it.' On the field, we have a little bit of a rivalry, so it's fun."

The Nemes cousins attended St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills attack position and

led the Cubs, who were Division 1 state finalists, in goals scored (55) and total points this year. He also had 32 assists.

Nemes

Chris was a midfielder, so the two sometimes went head-to-head when their teams played. U-D, which had a 14-9 record, won both games with CC.

"There were a few times we'd go for a ground ball," Josh said. "He plays primarily offense. I didn't see too much of him from my position in terms of playing against him. When we did, we made sure we gave it our all."

Both approached those games with maturity and a serious attitude. There was no trashing the other player or team, he added.

"Chris and I know it's a big game in terms of a lot of things," Chris said. "It was two top teams, so it meant something for the standings, the rivalry and the whole cousin thing. We both looked forward to it, but there was no smack talk or anything like that."

Josh gives credit to his older brother, Luke, for having a role in him becoming a lacrosse player and eventually an All-American.

Luke Nemes, a 2006 graduate of U-D, is a former Cubs quarterback and lacrosse player who is a member of the club team at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

"He was pretty good," Josh said. "Luke played middle school (lacrosse) and is the one who sparked an inter-

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Conference honors in cross country, finishing second at the conference meet.

Cieslak led the Timberwolves to their highest finishes in school history in cross country at the conference (fourth) and regional (fifth) championships.

She currently owns a total of nine NU school records (two cross country, three indoor track, four outdoor track). She is also a twotime winner of the GLIAC Commissioner's Award.

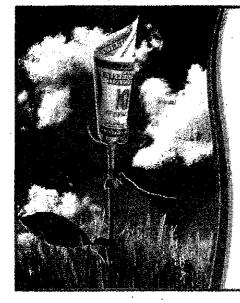
Cahill among best

North Farmington senior Charlotte Cahill was among the top sprinters at the Midwest Meet of Champions June 13 at Jackson High School's Withington Stadium.

Cahill was the runner-up to Ohio's Erika Schmidt in the 200-meter dash. Schmidt ran 24.62 and Cahill 25.2.

Cahill finished third in the 100 dash with a time of 12.44. Ohio's Mahogany Jones (12.05) and Lauren Macer (12.4) were ahead of her.

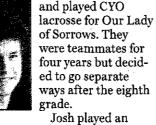
Cahill, who will compete for the University of Michigan, is the Division 1 state champion in the 100 and runner-up in the 200. She was the All-Observer choice in the 100.



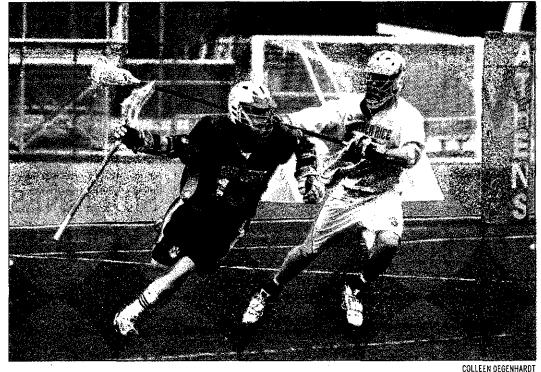
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U-D's Josh Nemes of Farmington Hills is on the attack and trying to maneuver around a Brother Rice defender in the Division 1 state final.

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est in me. I always wanted to be like him. I actually said thanks to him. It was mostly him who got me into it, so I guess I can give him a little credit there."

As a senior, Josh became more than a go-to guy; he became a good leader, according to U-D coach Sean Leary.

"He learned to do a lot more than just score goals this year," he said. "He sparked our offense when we needed it; he settled things down when we needed it. He did a good job of leading the team on the field

and also in practice. "Josh grew up a lot this year,

not just as an athlete but as a person. That led directly to him becoming an All-American. He always scored goals, but he was a great lacrosse player and teammate."

Josh will attend Michigan State, which has a club team and doesn't recognize lacrosse as a varsity sport. Chris is set to continue playing at Detroit-Mercy.

"I'll be happy being more of a regular student at MSU," Josh said, adding it's still pretty intense playing for the club team. "They work out three days a week in the off season and travel all over the place. It's serious but not quite the

time commitment of playing varsity. That's what I like."

Josh will have another Nemes on his team at MSU. Patrick Nemes, the older brother of Chris and a former All-American at CC, began his collegiate career at Syracuse but will transfer to MSU.

The other U-D All-Americans are junior Stephen Degenhardt (Troy) and senior Jon Marsalese (Huntington Woods). Seniors Joey Centlivre and Matt McClain, both of Plymouth, were named academic All-Americans.

Leary was voted the Coach of the Year honor by the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association.

COLLEEN DEGENHARDT

Five members of the University of Detroit-Jesuit varsity lacrosse team earned All-America recognition from US Lacrosse. The five are (left to right) Stephen Degenhardt, Troy; Josh Nemes, Farmington Hills; Jon Marsalese, Huntington Woods; Joey Centlivre, Plymouth; and Matt McClain, Plymouth. The first three are All-America players; Centlivre and McClain are academic All-Americas.



Woodruff named Crusaders assistant

Madonna University head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced recently that former volleyball All-American Tera (Morrill) Woodruff has joined the Crusader coaching staff as an assistant.

Woodruff replaces Ed Tolentino who left the Crusaders' program for a similar position at Georgia Tech.

Tera brings experience having been a head coach at the high school level and a club coach," Abraham said. "She brings a great work ethic and leads by example. I think that the kids already respect her and can learn by her approach. Her style of coaching is aggressive and her knowledge of the game is very good. I was happy to add in a qualified and quality female coach to work with me on a full-time basis." Woodruff lettered at MU

from 2000-2004 and was named to the NAIA All-American team in 2002 after helping the Crusaders to the NAIA Final Four for the first time in program history.

In addition to taking home a pair of All-Region VIII honors as well as being a threetime All-Wolverine-Hooiser Athletic Conference first-team selection (2002-04), Woodruff was twice named to the All-WHAC Academic and the NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete teams.

She currently ranks in the top-10 of four records at MU. Since her graduation from

MU, the former Livonia Franklin High standout has the varsity coach the past five seasons at Dearborn Heights Crestwood where she also serves as a math teacher.

"The volleyball program at Madonna University is considered one of the NAIA's best," Woodruff said. "They are perennial top 25 finishers and in contention for a national championship year-in and year-out. As a former player for coach Abraham, I understand the dedication and hard work needed to keep this program running at the highest level. I am excited about the opportunity and am looking forward to continuing my coaching career at the collegiate level."

Woodruff and her husband Chris, a former All-American baseball player at MU, reside in Livonia.

Pinta steps down as Spartans coach

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

After eight seasons at the helm of the varsity girls soccer team, Chris Pinta has decided to step down as coach at Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans are coming off a 9-11 season after reaching the Division 1 district final at Northville before falling to Canton, 3-0.

"He would like to spend more time with his family," said Stevenson athletic direc-

SWIMMING RESULTS

BEVERLY HILLS 326 BEECHVIEW BREAKERS 238 June 22 at Beverly Hills Beechvlew single winners – Girls: Katie Romero, 9-10, 50 Free, 38.39; Mikayia Doepker, 11-12,

50 Free, 34.03; Miranda Doepker, 15-18, 100 Free, 1:04.31; Marina Borri, 13-14, 50 Breast, 1:13.97; Erin Grubbs, 15-18, 50 Back, 34.65; Boys: Charlie Zink, 9-10, 50 Breast, 50.87; Tyler Roshak, 11-12, 50 Fly, 35.73; Peter Romero, 13-14, 50 Free, 30.05. Beechview double winners – Girls: Caroline Reamer, 11-12, 50 Back, 39.38; 100 IM, 1:22.88; Madison Ruffin, 9-10, 50 Fly, 40,41; 50 Back, 43.30; Marissa Doepker, 15-18, 100 IM, 31,17; 50 Flv, 31,42; Marissa Doepker, 1946, 100 km, 51,17, 50 km, 51,27 Boys: David Ratze, 9-10, 50 km, 40,04; 50 Back, 41,65 Becchview relay winners - Cirls 66-year 200 Free Relay (Erin Grubbs, Katie Tyler, Miranda Doepker, Marissa Doepke), 1:58,95.

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Becchview single winners – Girfs: Dayna Borregard, 8-under, 25 Breast, 31,68; Julia Borri, 11-12, 50 Breast, 45,31; Emily Brunett, 11-12, 50 Fly. 36.89; Caroline Reamer, 11-12, 100 IM, 1:24.50; Miranda Doepker, 15-18, 50 Back, 34.25; Miranda Shelfey, 13-14, 50 Fly, 33.69; Marissa Doepker, 15-18, 100 IM, 31.17; Christine LaBelle, 15-18, 100 IM, 1:20.96; Boys: Nathan tor Lori Hyman in an e-mail Tuesday to The Observer. "Chris has dedicated a great amount of time and energy to the girls soccer program at Stevenson and has displayed excellence throughout his coaching career."

Pinta posted a career varsity record of 91-50-1 at Stevenson.

After replacing Jim Kimble as head coach following the 2001 season, Pinta guided the Spartans to a 15-6-1 overall record and a berth in the 2002 Division 1 state semifinals.

He won two Western Lakes Activities Association championships, two WLAA Lakes Division crowns, one regional and two district titles in his eight seasons.

"Many athletes have received great benefits from his hard work as the varsity coach at Stevenson," Hyman said. "We thank Chris for everything he has done to enhance the SHS soccer program."

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including a cart for nine holes. Walkers will pay \$8. Senior men can sign up by calling Fox Creek at 248-471-3400.

Outing seeks golfers

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours 3rd annual family golf outing will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start Saturday, July 18, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The Society of Notre Dame extends help to families physically, spiritually or monetarily as needs arise in our community.

A package deal includes 18 holes with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch and steak din-

Baseball Showcase The Michigan All-Star Showcase for all high school players (grades 2009 through 2012) interested in playing col-

lege baseball will be Tuesday-Wednesday, June 30-July 1 at Fifth Third Ballpark in Grand Rapids, home of the West Michigan Whitecaps.

Fourteen college coaches are scheduled to be in attendance. For more information, call

(616) 635-0010; visit www.gvsulakers.com (go to baseball camps).

Senior men's golf

All senior men golfers from

SPORTS ROUNDUP



Motor City Madness

Rachel Bommarito of Redford/Garden City helped the Novi-based Motor City Madness U12 Red fastpitch softball team bring home the first place trophy at the PC Pride Annual Summer Classic tournament held recently in Canton. Motor City Madness went a perfect 6-0 in tourney play, including an 8-1 decision over Livonia Storm in the title game. Joining Bommarito on the winning squad were Mallory Daschke, Molly Murphy, Laura Oakley, Sam Troher, Alison Schulte, Sarah Lickfold, Chelsea Willyard, Sydney Jones, Jessica Brandon, Lindsay Brandon and Antonia Ramon. The team is coached by Kathleen Narducci. Motor City Madness 12U Red will now prepare for its trip to the USSSA World Series held at Disney World in Orlando, FL later this summer.



Sawchuk said, "It really benefits us as far as going and competing at a passing Jamboree, stuff like that, gets us a little bit ahead of the game."

"Younger kids, they don't have to worry about systems yet," said Brian Rochen, entering his first season as an assistant to Sawchuk. "The incoming freshmen do, because they're going to be running this for us in the fall.

"But with the younger kids just fundamental football, wherever they're going to play in the fall, whether Lions. Steelers, OLGC (Our Lady of Good Counsel), we're just trying to get them prepared to have the best season they can."



Rams keep MATTSON Security in check, 2-0

Tom Hansen has been nothing short of spectacular on the mound this summer for the Michigan Rams.

The Madonna University right-hander ran his record to 4-0 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League as the Rams blanked Concealed Security in a battle of 20and-under teams, 2-0, at Ford Field.

Despite temperatures hovering around the mid-90s, Hansen allowed just two hits and three walks while facing just 21 batters in picking up the win. He has an earned run average of 0.00 in 25 innings and has yet to give up a run while yielding just a total of eight hits.

Closer James Bertakis (Edgewood College) came on in the seventh, allowing one hit and striking out one, to earn the save.

Justin Forster's double scoring Ryan Abraham in the top of the third inning proved to be the game-winner. Aaron Cieslak tripled home Nick Plinka with an insurance run in the seventh as the Rams improved to 9-4 in the LCBL. Losing pitcher Chris Gazley

went the first five innings for Concealed (4-12). He allowed just one run on three hits. Reliever Greg Ruff gave up one run on four hits in his two innings of work. Tyler Cotter doubled in a

losing cause. On Sunday, there will be a pair of double-headers at Bicentennial including the Blue Knights and Bulls at noon followed by the Rams and Eagles at 5:45 p.m. On Monday there will be two games at Bicentennial – Rams vs. Blue Knights at 5:45 p.m. followed by Concealed



and the Eagles at 8:15 p.m.

sides. He also get a couple of looks down the middle, too, but right away he's a right winger."

Vellucci also believes Mattson, despite standing only 5-10 and weighing 165 pounds, has the frame to survive the rigors of the OHL.

"He's really thick, he works out all the time, physically it's not a problem," Vellucci said. "Besides, you can't hit what who can't catch because he so quick.'

Máttson can play as many as three years in the OHL and

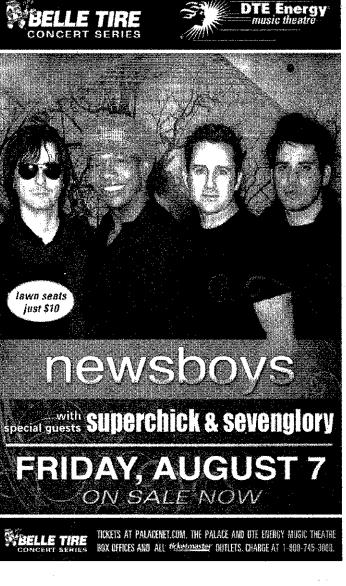
stay right in his own backyard. He'll also be able to take some core classes at nearby Schoolcraft College.

"I had a few offers from colleges, but most places were booked for the next couple of years," Mattson said. "I did not want to wait around to get my career started. I wanted to show the scouts I wanted to play hockey the rest of my life. I wanted to show them I was committed to hockey as opposed to going to college."

Mattson also got plenty of backing from his parents, Keith and Karen.

'We discussed it beforehand and they totally supported whatever I wanted to do," he said.

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DRINKING IT UP

Sawchuk said the hot weather proved no deterrent to those who came out. The camp was broken down into two daily sessions (grades 5-9, grades 10-12).

"I'm from Florida, and everybody starts freaking out about this 90-, 95-degree weather," Sawchuk said with a grin. "We had this every day. As long as you keep water at every station and you make sure they get hydrated ... you've got to be smart."

BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Showing his ball-carrying skills during the camp is Sean Bitgood, one of about 130 youngsters who participated at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Another plus, Kevin said, was putting all the newfound knowledge to the test — out on the varsity field, to boot.

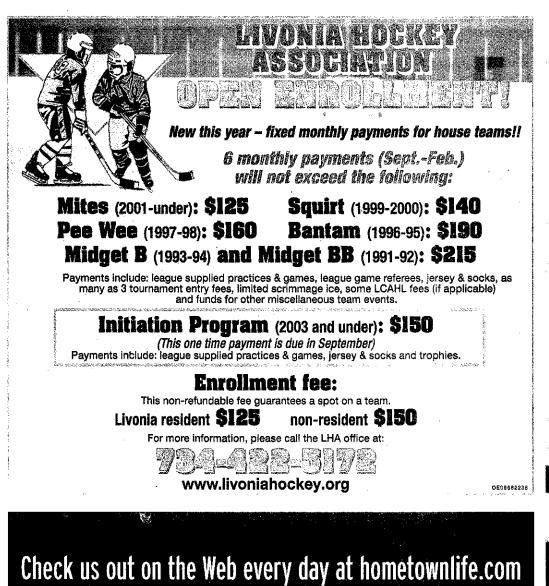
"It's fun because you get to do all the things you learned here and you get to practice them on the field," Kevin added.

Sawchuk, optimistic that all of the football campers will keep thinking about the game over the next couple of months, proclaimed the three-day camp another success.

"I think it's going great, the numbers are great," Sawchuk said. "I think we have some kids that have some talent.

"Obviously, the young kids need a little bit of work in the weight room, but I like what I see so far."

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All sports

• Schoolcraft College will offers a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, including:

Boys and girls soccer – July 13-16, 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball – July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball – July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

• The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer three different sessions of summer HYPE athletic camps for ages 8-14 including baseball (June 22-26 at ⁹ Rotary Park); basketball (June 29-July 3 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym); and football (July 6-10 at the LCRC fields).

Each camp will run from 9 a.m. until noon.

The cost for each camp is \$70 (LCRC pass holders); \$75 (residents); and \$80 (non-residents).

Registration will be at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

• The Plymouth Family YMCA 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 program 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).

Call (734) 453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org for information on the summer programs and clinics.

• The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its Skyhawks mini-hawk multi-sports camp (ages 5-7) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, July 6-10. The cost is \$99 (residents) and \$109 (non-residents).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Baseball

• The Rocket Blast-Off summer baseball camp for grades 2-7 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 6-9, at the Westland John Glenn baseball field (or in the gym in the event of inclement weather).

The cost is \$70 (includes camp Tshirt). The registration deadline is Friday, June 26.

For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tom Wakefield at (313) 903-0016; or e-mail wakefieldtm@ wwcsd.net.

Basketball

• Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit

madonnacrusaders.com.

Cross country

• Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

• Workout Wednesdays, presented by Mizuno Running, will be from 7:30-11:30 a.m. July 8 and 29 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia; and July 15 and 22, at Ford Field in Northville.

The format includes training, nutrition and topic of the day for middle through high school senior distance runners preparing for the fall cross country season.

The cost is \$45 (registration closes July 1).

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.

Football

• The Michigan Youth Athletic Association will stage its second annual Football Champ camp from 9 a.m. to noon (incoming grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9) Monday through Wednesday, June 29-July 1, at Livonia Churchill High School.

The cost for each session is \$85. The non-contact camp specializes in all positions and will emphasize individual and team football skill development. Instructors will include members of the Churchill High staff, Livonia Falcons and Orioles coaches, CYO coaches and quarterback tutor Richard Popp.

For more information, call camp director Brad Dickey at (734) 444-5931; or e-mail michiganyaa@gmail. com. You can also visit www.miyaa. org.

• The Popps QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including:

Livonia Area QB Camp - 3-4:30 p.m., July 6-9, at Rotary Park (grades 3-12); Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12).

For more information, visit poppsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: the qbtutor@yahoo.com.

• North Farmington High School will have a strength and conditioning camp for football players entering the ninth through 12th grades in the 2009-10 school year June 17 through July 24.

The camp meets 8-11 a.m. every weekday but Tuesday. There will be no camp June 29-July 3. The cost is \$75.

The camp will be conducted by the North Farmington coaching staff. Each player will need football shoes, gym shoes, workout clothes and water.

Strength training, speed, agility, flexibility and endurance will be the main focus of these workouts.

• North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North Farmington coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard.

Helmets should be provided by the player's home high school. Specific position skills will be taught to all players, both offensively and defensively.

Lacrosse

• The University of Detroit-Mercy will host a summer lacrosse skills camp for all high school students July 20-22. The fee is \$150 with a free gift provided.

The camp hours are 8:30 a.m.to 4 p.m. To register, visit the Titan website at www.detroittitans.com. For more information, contact U-D assistant coach Chris Kolon at 313-585-8430.

Soccer

• The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer three different sessions of soccer camps the weeks of July 6-10, 13-17 and 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The base camp will be from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (\$160 for residents; \$175 for non-residents). The full-day camp runs from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (\$210 for residents; \$220 for nonresidents).

All three sessions also include Camp Swoosh A.M. Extender care from 7:30-9 a.m. (\$15 LCRC pass holders; \$17 residents; \$20 non-residents).

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Volleyball

• Madonna University will stage several summer volleyball camps, all Mondays through Thursdays, including:

Setters (\$135) or youth (\$110) - June 29-July 2; hitters (\$135) and defensively specialty (\$135) - July 6-9.

For more information, call camp director Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698.

• Westland John Glenn will stage an Asics Performance camp for high school girls (grades 9-12), Monday through Wednesday, July 20-22.

The camp features collegiate trainers from the Premier Volleyball Academy based in Maumee, Ohio.

Sessions will cover skills and drills on all aspects of competitive volleyball. The cost of the camp is \$100 (includes T-shirt).

For registration information, call Glenn coach Julian Wargo at (248) 295-7245.

• Plymouth Salem High School will play host to a volleyball July 27-29 for students in grades 5-12. Sessions will run from 1-4 p.m. for those in grades 5-10 and 5-7 p.m. for grades 11-12. Cost is \$75 per camper.

For more information; email asuder4@aol.com.

• Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Kelly McCausland is hosting a camp for those entering grades 6-10, to take place 1-4 p.m. Monday, July 27, through Wednesday, July 29. The camp is slated for Plymouth High School. The fee is \$65. Contact

McCausland at mccausk@taylor.k12. mi.us for more information.



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MILESTONES



Harry and Joan Polus on their wedding day.

Harry and Joan Polus of Farmington

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Harry and Joan Polus of Farmington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20.

Joan was born in Renovo, Pa., and Harry in Brooklyn, N.Y. Harry graduated from the New York State Maritime Academy in Queens, N.Y. as a nautical engineer and then accepted a commission in the US Navy aboard the USS Kearsarge, an aircraft carrier in the Pacific fleet stationed in Long Beach, Calif. Joan (Hemmerly), a registered nurse, graduated from Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., and soon moved to Long Beach, Calif., to work

at Long Beach Community Hospital. It was love at first sight

for Harry and Joan as they were engaged three weeks after meeting and were soon married at Belmont Heights United Methodist Church. The maid of honor was Harriett Harrington and the best man was Chuck Murray. They were attended by a military honor guard and honeymooned in Lake Tahoe.

The couple, parents of three children, moved to Farmington in 1971 to the same house where they still live. Joan worked for many years as a nurse at Oak Hill

Nursing Home. Harry retired from Ford Motor Company in 1997 after 32 years of service.

They are active in their church and Gideons International. They also keep busy visiting their 14 grandchildren who live around the country. Daughter Laureen Arquitt and family live in Wilkesboro, N.C.; David Polus and family live in West Hills, Calif; and Paul Polus and family live in Tampa, Fla.

They will celebrate their anniversary on a cruise this summer with all of their children and grandchildren.



Age 95, of Farmington Hills, June 21, 2009. Cherished wife of the late Marvin (2002); devoted mother of Beverly (Dan) Darnell; beloved grandmother of Jason and Christopher (Amy); dear great-grandmother of Mathias, Solana, Olivia and Addison. Mrs. Auberlin is also survived by her sister Jenny Tompor and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her siblings Frank, Walter, Edmund Hardy and Stella Kondracki. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. (248) 474-5200.

heeney-sundquist.com

MARY E. BRIGHT

Age 92, of Garden City, MI. Loving and devoted mother of Ernest, Arthur and Eugene (Michelle). Grandmother Misty. Stepsister of Robert Phillips. Former wife & lifelong friend of Dutch Eichenberg Passed away peacefully. Mary will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

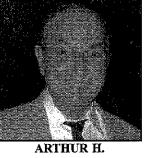
WALTER B. GENTILE Age 86, of Westland, June 21, 2009. Beloved husband of Ehtel. Loving father of Loretta (Ken) Clary, Walter (Jackie) Gentile Jr., Linda Sampson and Catherine (Joe) Clairmont. Dearest grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of 11. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Bertha Gentile, Barbara Ann Gentile, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services are private. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

ELIZABETH J. "Aunt Betty" GREEN

June 23, 2009, of Westland, MI. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of Robert (Susan), Gary (Fay), Greg and the late Paul. Dear sister of Virginia Schiller, Lorriane Kelley, Donald Poster, Alvin Poster, Lorriane James Poster, Theresa Wilson (Bernie) and the late John, George, Thomas and David. Six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm with a Scripture Service 6:00pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. Funeral Service Monday, instate 10:30am for 11:00am Mass at St.Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne.

ERNEST W. JOHNSON

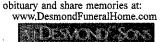
Age 79 of Westland. Loving husband of Jo. Dear father of Donna (John) Swanson, Jan (Bill) Mackenroth, Vicki (Michael) Webster, Laura (Rick) Hazen and the late Mike. Brother of



SCHULTZ D.D.S. June 25, 2009. Director of

Dentistry for the Oakland County Health Department and member of several area car clubs. Proud veteran United States Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of

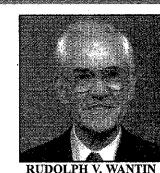
Lorraine. Dear father of Tracey Ridenour (Douglas) and Brian Arthur Schultz. Grandfather of Dean Arthur and Laine Ridenour. Brother of Eleanor Daniels (Eugene). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday 2-8p.m. Scripture service 6p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 9a.m. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 8:30a.m. Memorial tributes to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. View





FRANK SANDERS SMITH

June 21, 2009, of Birmingham. Born August 21, 1920 and raised in Highland Park, Michigan. Proud veterran of the United States Coast Guard serving during WWII. He was employed at the Roy Smith Company which was founded by his father in 1924. In 1958 Frank founded Weldaid Products and continued a career with his friends in the welding industry. He used to drag race on Woodward in the 30's, raced his powerboat on the St. Clair River in the 70's and traveled the world in the 80's and 90's. He enjoyed friends, Big Band music and traveling with his wife, Mary. He lived by the code – "be nice, generous and optimistic." Beloved husband of Mary (nee Carpenter) for 26 years. Dear father of Ann Smith Brink, Gregory Smith (Mary) and Steven Smith (Janet). Grandfather of Kirby Brink Traynham (Erik), Bo Brink, Hadley Brink, Emery Brink, Erin Smith Weitzmon (David), David Smith. Mark Smith, Eva Smith and Alec Smith. Brother of Willard Smith (Jane) of Richmond, VA and the late Maxine Smith Keller (late Robert). Step-father of John Emory (Susie), Bob Emory (Laura) and Charlie Emory. Burial services will be held privately at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the American Diabetes Association. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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Age 93, of Farmington. Beloved husband of the late Carol Marie Wantin for 63

years. Loving father of Rodger (Linda) Wantin, Kathleen (John) Availone, Gail Deman and the late Richard Wantin. Cherished grandfather of Lisa, Brian, Kelly, Phillip, Tracy and Dana, great-grandfather of Gavin, Caden, Alexis and Kole. He is survived by his brothers Oliver & Reino & several nieces & nephews. Rudolph was an avid supporter of the Farmington area and an active Community volunteer. He was a proud WWII Veteran, and a lifetime member of the Masons and the Elks. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 22 years of service. A Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave, (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd., downtown Farmington). The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

www.thayer-rock.com



EARL E. WESTON. M.D.

June 23, 2009, age 97, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Detroit physician and former DYC fleet surgeon, active ham radio operator (W8BXO) and avid Nomad traveler. Beloved husband of the late Roxie. Dear father of Craig (Sandra) and Lynda Berg (James). Also survived by grandchildren and six great-grandheld children. Services were held Saturday. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. Memorial tributes to Westminster Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell, Detroit, MI 48235. View obituary and share memories at:www.desmondfuneralhome.com

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Joe and Carole Mahalak of Howell, formerly of Livonia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 27, 2008 with a Mass at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville, followed by a party at Tomato Brothers restaurant in Howell.

Joe, who is retired from Ford Motor Company where he worked as an engineer, and Carole have four children: Bradley of Chelsea, Steven of Livonia, Lynn Rhein of Fisherville, Va., and Daniel of Seward, Ark. They also have seven grandchildren.



Former Livonia residents Joe and Carole Mahalak of Howell.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Norman and Annette (Larente) Patalon of



Norm and Annette Patalon on their wedding day in. 1959.



FAWAZ-LACEY

Jessica Lee Lacey and Daniel

Amir Fawaz were married Nov.

1, 2008, at the Westin Hotel

Metropolitan Airport Detroit.

The Rev. Brian Tuttle officiated.

The bride is the daughter of

Lee and Lynn Lacey of Canton.

She is a 2001 Canton High

School and a 2006 Eastern

Michigan University gradu-

ate. She is employed by Cort

Furniture in San Diego, Calif.

The groom is the son of Carol

Fawaz of Dearborn. He is a 2000

Posler of Newaygo and Said

Dearborn High School and a

2006 Wayne State University

ProFlowers in San Diego, Calif.

Bride's attendants were: sister

Jen Lacey, maid of honor; Emily

Parker, Danielle Portelli, Michelle

Laskie, Kristen Miller, Lindsay

DeVos, Shannon Riley and Jen

Neino. Groom's attendants were

Mike Fawaz, Mike Haddad, Nick

brother John Fawaz, best man;

Makaroff, Ryan Goocher, Matt

Kearns, Scott Kearns, and Greg

The couple took a honeymoon

to Maui. Hawaii. and made their

home in San Diego.

Neino.

graduate. He works for

Fawaz-Lacey

Ferralez-Reddy

FERRALEZ-REDDY

Jennifer Leigh Reddy and Eric Eddie Ferralez were married Sept. 27, 2008, on the west lawn of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. A reception followed at The Range Steakhouse in Las Vegas.

The bride, daughter of Patrick and Carole Reddy of Plymouth, is a 1996 Canton High School graduate and a 2001 Michigan State University graduate. She's employed as a senior underwriter at OneWest Bank in Pasadena, Calif.

The groom, son of Albert and Lorraine Ferralez of Ontario, Calif., is a 1996 Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary graduate. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1996-2000 where he was an E-5 Sergeant in the 81st Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines Weapons Company. He is employed as a resolution coordinator at LPS/Fidelity in Irvine, Calif.

They live in Chino, Calif.

Houghton Lake, formerly of Westland, marked their 50th wedding anniversary June 20. The couple married in 1959 in Detroit.

Norman retired 12 years ago after 32 years with Ford Motor Company. Annette is a homemaker. The couple enjoys fishing on their boat on Houghton Lake and sharing their home with family and friends.

They have four children: Suzette (Dan) Lixie of Plymouth; Kathy (Paul) Parzuchowski of South Lyon; Mark (Jill) Patalon of Howell and Chris (Tracey) Patalon of Chelsea. They also have six grandchildren. The couple planned to celebrate with family at Matthew's Restaurant in West Branch.

Dorothy Briggs. Grandfather of Angela (Andrew) Hathikhanavala, Amanda Webster, Katie Webster & the late Kris Mackenroth, Funeral was held Wednesday 10 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Donations to Westland Historic Village Park appreciated. Please visit & leave a note of condolence at: www.uhtfh.com.

CORDIA "Corky" (Pursell) NIPPER

Age 75, Prudenville formerly of Livonia and Plymouth died June 22, 2009. Services were held Friday, June 26, 2009, Christ Lutheran Church, Oakley, MI. Please visit Corky's webpage at www.lifestorynet.com.



CAROLYN ROBERTS (nee Jackson)

Age 73, passed away June 26, 2009 after a long illness. Beloved wife of Donald. Loving mother of Rene, Sheree (Donald) Sexton, Brian (Donna), and Richard (Elizabeth). Grandmother of Sara Gardella and Jennifer, Rachel and Caroline Roberts. Long time resident of Garden City. Retired FTD employee. Gifted in decorating and floral design. Her family was her greatest joy. Services were held. Arrangement by Santeiu and Son Funeral Home.

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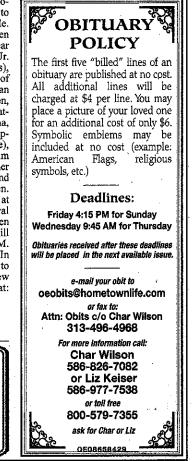
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VERONICA "Verna" WITKOWSKI

Age 92, of Troy, went Home to be with the Lord June 16, 2009. Preceded in death by her beloved husband Alphonse. Survived by her loving children Kenneth (Beverly) and Roberta (Wayne) Vaught; her grandchildren Kimberly (Lance), Meggin, Lauren (Jason) and Susan; and her great-grandchildren Evan, Kalyn, Kyle, rystyn, Iszabella, Dylan and Peyton. Veronica was born in Ohio and moved to Michigan where she met and mar-ried her husband, Al, during WWII. She worked hard throughout her life and spent many years catering with her sister for special events. Veronica enjoyed cooking and baking and never needed an excuse to whip up something in the kitchen whether you were family or not. She taught her children the value of tradition, hard work and unconditional love. She was there always for her family and rarely said no to any request. Veronica was a faithful servant of God, now resting in his care. Interment Ressurection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI. A memorial service was held on June 27, 2009 at St. Anastasia, Troy, Michigan at 9:30 AM. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Bossardet Chapel, Oxford. For further information please visit:

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Pawlak-Byrwa

PAWLAK-BYRWA

2008, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

The bride, daughter of David of Michigan. She's employed by Deloitte Consulting. The groom, son of Ronald Pawlak of Plymouth Township and Patty Technological University, with an M.B.A. from Michigan State University. He's employed by Eaton Corp.

Bride's attendants were: Diane Plungis Koumbara; Lara Clayton, maid of honor, Katie (Booms) Tierney, Kristina Utley, Jaclyn Pawlak, Maureen crown carrier; and Marissa was best man. Goomsmen were Nathan Byrwa, Tom Prausa, Jason Kamrath, John Cadwell, and Ryan O'Kane.

A reception was held at The Inn at St. John's, followed by a honeymoon to Hawaii. They live in Plymouth Township.

Vanessa D. Byrwa and Brent M. Pawlak were married July 18,

and Denise Byrwa of Novi, has a B.S.E. degree from the University Pawlak of Wixom, has a bachelor of science degree from Michigan

(Pawlak) Crawford, and Candice Berry, bridesmaids; Nina Moore, Moore, flower girl. Rusty Herbst

NEIGHBORS

Teens, families find lots to do outdoors to build bodies, minds

BY JULIE BROWN **Q&E STAFF WRITER**

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Denise Semion of Plymouth Township, like many parents, is a firm believer in kids being active

"I think it's crucial that you pull your kids away from the (TV) screen and get outside," said Semion, mom to two sons, ages 17 and 25, and chief of communications for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Her older son moved to Denver, Colo., for work and does snow sports, rock climbing and mountain biking, which she attributes to his active growing-up years in Michigan.

Denise Semion's proud of the varied activities available at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks (www.metroparks. com).

Today, Sunday, June 28, there's a great blue heron rookery watch 1-4 p.m. at Kensington Metropark near Milford. Participants, including teens looking for an active summer, can watch birds through spotting scopes (interpreters will be on hand) by Wild Wing Lake at Kensington. "You can watch the birds nesting," Semion said.

She also recommends that teens try inline skating or bicycling on Kensington trails (they'll need a helmet). "It's eight miles going around, so obviously you have to be prepared," she said.

Those activities are all drop-in, and you can call the Kensington nature center at (248) 685-0603 or the park number at (248) 685-1561 for more information. A daily Metroparks pass costs \$4, an annual one \$20.

Semion noted teens can also swim at Kensington's beach or

rent a paddleboat. "They can paddle all over the lake. That's a good one." It's \$10 an hour for a four-person paddleboat.

Teens also can go it aloné on the lake with a one-person kayak at Kensington for \$5 an hour.

"Teenagers would really like kayaking," Semion said, adding that adult supervision is recommended, especially for younger teens.

She said Metroparks staffers don't poll visitors, so they're not sure if more are staying closer to home for "staycations.'

"We'd like to think more people would look at the Metroparks as a tremendous resource in southeast Michigan," she said, citing low cost and ample offerings.

READING FOR FUN

Even indoor activities for teens can take on a new tone in summer. 'We have a lot of stuff going

on for teens," said Laurie Golden, a Plymouth resident and marketing and communications manager for the Canton Public Library.

She said the summer reading program for teens is popular. This year's reading theme is "Express Yourself," for students entering seventh through 12th grades.

Participation is skewed a bit to younger teens, she said, but is broad-based. Teens can read books or watch movies, listen to CDs, play video games or listen to e-books or audio books.

"In the summer, you're reading for yourself," Golden said. "It's much more reading for enjoyment. You're really able to relax and explore some new things."

Students can sign up for the program, which is under way,

at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center south of Cherry Hill - just south of the township administration building - in Canton. Aug. 12 is the final day to turn in reading logs. Students don't need to be with a parent to register.

FOOD, CRAFTS

Golden's excited about a five-session creative writing program for teens taught by a University of Detroit Mercy instructor. There's also a teen after-hours party with crafts and pizza Friday, July 10, and a teen manga drawing contest, along with an ice cream social Monday, July 20. Teens can register for each program or activity online at www.cantonpl.org.

"They could come in and hang out with friends," Golden said.

The library's also sponsoring some all-age events, such as an outdoor tie-dve - which will be sure to leave the library lawn covered in pretty colors - and a crafts swap for those with leftover buttons, beads or yarn.

Other area libraries also offer teen summer programs, as well as "Adventure Pass" programs that allow patrons to check out free passes to museums and other attractions. Golden's quick to mention the "Park and Read" initiative of the state parks. Area libraries offer one-day passes for free admission to state parks. Availability is limited, and passes must be used within seven days.

ANIMAL WATCHING

The Detroit Zoo, at Woodward and 10 Mile, draws well beyond its Royal Oak location, said spokeswoman Patricia Janeway. She proudly noted that visitors come from



countries. "The zoo is just a great place

doors," she said.

resident.

gives visitors of all ages a

renewed appreciation of

nature and wildlife. "It's defi-

nitely a great place to come

and get some exercise," said

Janeway, a Bingham Farms

advocate for the No Child Left Inside initiative, which for kids to come and be outencourages children and teens to get active outdoors. Walking the 125-acre zoo

Oakland, Wayne and Macomb residents are eligible for a 10-percent discount on a zoo membership, which runs \$64 a year for a family.

"It really pays for itself in one or two visits," said Janeway, noting admission

and parking are free with a membership. "Our attendance this year is up. The zoo is such a great value for families."

Popular with teens is the new zoo Dinosauria, an exhibit of 19 animatronic lifelike dinosaurs on a trail; cost is \$3 above zoo admission, including for members. For more on zoo offerings, visit www. detroitzoo.org.

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NEIGHBORS

Getting outside pays off for kids of all ages

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

The No Child Left Inside initiative aims to get children and teens outdoors and active.

"Kids are not getting outdoors as much. The health community has a big interest in this," said Ray Rustem, information services manager for the state Department of Natural Resources.

Michigan formed a coalition around No Child Left Inside last year, and there was a summit this past Thursday at Michigan State University in East Lansing presented by state and federal agencies and conservation groups.

"It's actually worldwide," Rustem said of the initiative, which includes research from the United Kingdom showing that young people there also have a disconnect with nature. "So we're all looking at similar issues."

The movement came about in part from a book focusing on related issues, Richard Louv's Last Child in the Woods. Rustem noted it's best to start getting children outdoors when they're young.

YOUTHFUL CURIOSITY

"Young kids are really the easiest. They still have a lot of curiosity," he said.

Older children and teens often need more activities - such as archery or fishing - to draw them outdoors. Detroit kids, for example, fish at the Pocket Park at the State Fairgrounds at Woodward and Eight Mile.

"Kids just do not get outside" as they did in the past, he said. He remembers as a boy having acres to roam. He knew his neighbors, and there weren't issues of trespass or liability.

Children spend less than 30 minutes a week in unstructured outdoor play. The total range for children playing and wandering outdoors is one-ninth of what is was when today's adults were growing up. Rustem said competition from electronic media plays a role, as does access to places to play. The DNR and others are looking at parks and water access, along with a program to get youth groups out to parks.

IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

He cited health benefits to play, such as vitamin D from sun exposure, as well as reduced obesity. "There's a lot of socializing issues that they develop," he added. Kids playing in groups learn to solve problems and make rules. "They're creating games and just thinking."

Children and teens can use all senses while outdoors, as compared to sight and some limited hearing while on a computer. "Sensory development is great," Rustem said.

There are additional benefits. People who care about the environment and nature generally had experiences outdoors when they were younger, often with mentors. By learning about and protecting the outdoors, they become the next generation of stewards, he said.

"We need to have places kids can play and do exploratory play," he said, noting the need to include land planners.

He said the initiative "has to be a community effort." Interest isn't limited to outstate and rural areas, he added. Many in southeast Michigan, including health care professionals, are involved. For more on the Michigan effort, visit www.MI-NCLI.org. Rustem also recommends the national Web site www. childrenandnature.org.

Enjoy fireworks safely for Fourth of July

With the Fourth of July approaching, Derek McCalmont, M.D., service chief for emergency medicine at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, talks about fireworks safety.

Q - What types of fireworks-related injuries do you see in the emergency department?

A – Most injuries from fireworks involve those to the hands or eyes. Usually, someone has been playing with a firecracker, or worse, something with more explosive force, like an M-80. People try to light fireworks while holding them, and they explode in their hands. There is no such thing as a firework meant to be lit while holding it except for sparklers.

We also see injuries in those who try to make their own fireworks. No unlicensed person should be constructing or setting off these dangerous explosives. Q - But sparklers are safe?

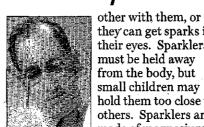
A - Parents often give sparklers to small children, who may poke each

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Contest

The deadline to enter the Farmington Garden Club's 23rd Good Neighbor Garden Contest is July 1. The contest is open to all residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills. Judging will be July 6-10. Gardeners who are entered will be told which day the judging will take place at their gardens. The first, second and third place winners will receive a gift certificate from Steinkopf Nursery. Entry forms are available at farmingtongardenclub.comand at Steinkopf Nursery. You may also send gardeners name, telephone number and location of garden to FGC, 34621 Beechwood, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335-4010. If the garden is not your own, get gardener's permission to enter the garden. For more information, call (248) 474-0866.



McCalmont

they can get sparks in their eyes. Sparklers must be held away from the body, but small children may hold them too close to others. Sparklers are made of magnesium, and burn very hot.

Always keep a bucket of water handy, so you can drop the sparklers into the bucket and extinguish

them thoroughly. Q - What about fireworks that explode in the air?

A - One thing we see frequently in the emergency department is injuries that result from fireworks that are designed to shoot into the sky, although any product that shoots into the air is illegal for consumers to set off in Michigan. Sometimes they don't light immediately, or appear to be duds. When people lean over such fireworks, either to light one, or to see why it might not be working, it

can explode in their faces. Q - For those who use fireworks, are some places safer than others?

A – Never use fireworks in an enclosed space, like a garage, or next to a woodpile, or in a dry field of grass. Stay in a paved area, away from flammable objects, with a garden hose nearby. A little common sense goes a long way.

Q - When does an injury require a trip to the emergency department?

A – Any injury resulting in persistent bleeding from a wound, persistent eye pain, or a burn that goes all the way around a finger or extremity should be evaluated right away.

McCalmont reminds adults to keep kids away from fireworks, allow young children to use fireworks only with close adult supervision and to douse any firework that hasn't exploded thoroughly with water.

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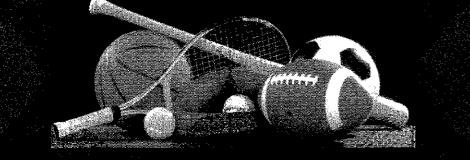
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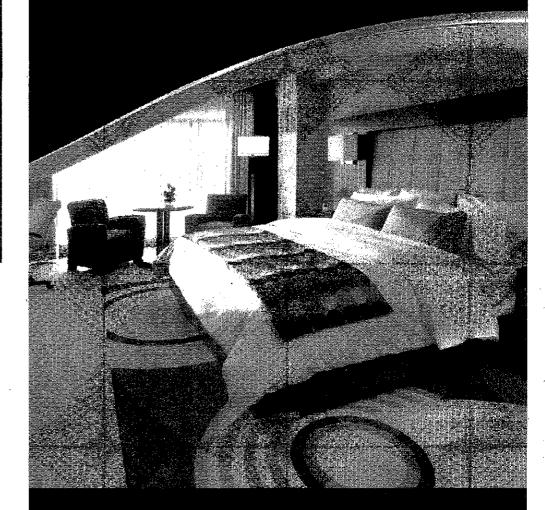
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Popular items include beef jerky, sun screen, lip balm, powdered drink mixes such as Gatorade, or Kool-Aid, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, decks of cards, dice, dominoes, Raman noodles, trail mix, and hard candies.

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427-2122 or www.livoniajaycees.com.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE?

College Funding Specialists will teach the parents of high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors about the opportunities available to help them pay for college comfortably and tax-efficiently at a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the Carl Sandburg Public Library, 30100 Seven Mile, Livonia.

"The fact is, there's a whole range of tools, loans, grants and techniques that parents can use to help their children get an education at the school of their choice," stated Peter Dotson, President of College Funding Specialists. "Unfortunately, very few parents are aware of the options available and either spend far too much money out of their own pockets or force their children to attend a cheaper, lower quality school than they should have attended."

The workshop will take parents through the intricacies of the college financial aid system from FAFSA applications to Student Aid Reports and will detail the three most important questions every parent most answer in order to effectively plan for paying college tuition and expenses. Types and sources of financial aid and grants also will be discussed. Reservations are required. Call (888)

310-8211.

TWO RIVERS

University of Michigan-Dearborn professor Dr. Orin Gelderloos and the Detroit River Keeper, Robert Burns, will narrate a tour of the Detroit and Rouge rivers, Tuesday, Aug. 4, aboard the Diamond Jack.

The Friends of the Rouge is sponsoring the event that will start with boarding at 5:45 p.m. The boat will sail past Zug Island and as far into the Rouge River as the turning basin at the Ford Rouge Plant. The tour will focus on the industrial history of southeastern Michigan as well as the ecological significance of waterways. This is not a dinner cruise, but a cash bar with snacks will be open throughout the evening. The cruise will conclude at 9 p.m. Pre-registration and payment deadline is July 17. Call Emily Hughes at (313) 792-9626 or e-mail repmanager@therouge.org,

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'Buy Michigan' food benefits go beyond business, include health

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

There's been an emphasis lately on "Buy Michigan" foods. Business benefits are well-established, but experts agree you'll also be healthier if you buy foods from closer to home.

"Farmers know it's not going to be shipped across the country," registered dietitian Annie House said, explaining that farmers offer vine-ripened produce to their Michigan neighbors. "The longer it's shipping, the more nutrient loss is happening."

House, who works for Botsford Hospital's Outpatient Diabetes and Nutrition Services in Novi, said cooking methods and storage length help determine a food's nutrient value.

Buying and eating food soon after it's grown helps.

"There's going to be more nutrient density," said House, a South Lyon resident.

She also noted there's more diversity in crops.grown locally. Produce sent nationwide or beyond U.S. borders often means plant species are picked that will travel well. They may not be the most nutritious or best tasting.

"The more diverse your intake is as far as nutrients, the better," she said. A broader variety of foods means better health.

House noted the business benefits of buying Michigan produce, citing a state statistic that if each Michigan family bought \$10 a week in locally grown fruits and vegetables, the state would gain almost \$40 million each week. "Talk about incentive to go to farmers markets," she said, adding that many grocers also carry Michigan foods.

Some of House's patients complain that it's more expensive to buy nutritious foods. She pointed out that families spend a smaller percentage of household budget on food today than they did in the 1940s and 1950s. Today, cable television and cell phone costs also take a bite out of family budgets — possibly at the



The Farmington Farmers and Artisans Market in downtown Farmington is among many local venues where people can buy Michigan produce, boosting their health and the state's economy.

program with the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers on product introduction and nutrition information. All the stores were in the city of Detroit.

"The consumers were interested in buying Michigan," she said, noting the need to have products identified that way.

GOOD RESPONSE

A couple of years ago, a program was done in conjunction with the state Department of Community Health among mothers receiving food stamps. Those moms, too, were interested in buying Michigan products, aware of their quality and how purchases help others. Lietzau said she was "very pleased" of the response to that effort.

The state gets the word out on local products through events and activities, reaching consumers at stores. Public and in-store radio have been used, along with magazine ads. A new Web site outside of www.michigan.gov is set to debut at the end of July, focusing on Michigan products.

"We've done some farmers markets," Lietzau said, citing Eastern Market in Detroit. She's worked with Henry Ford Hospital, including the chef at the new West Bloomfield hospital, for whom she has praise. "We try a lot of different activities," Lietzau said, noting the challenges of funding those through grants, private sector money and fund-rais-

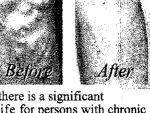
ing. She added that money spent locally in a grocery store, for example, benefits others. The grocer will buy local cleaning supplies, and grocery store employees will eat out at a local restaurant. Each dollar spent circulates three to seven times, Lietzau said. Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

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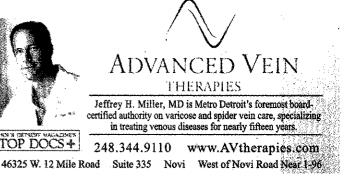
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expense of spending on produce and groceries.

House said food grown locally or nearby has been handled by fewer people and machines, making contamination less likely and giving food safety a boost.

She finds Michiganders are getting the "buy local" message, noting that the dictionary now includes the word "locavore."

"Essentially, it's a person whose diet focuses on foods grown nearby," she said.

House doesn't think the term "organic" is overused in foods, adding it's a personal choice. Organic milk tends to stay fresh longer, and she's not sure exactly why.

BECOME INFORMED

House is glad to see the Michigan focus; she doesn't want people to be obsessive about food or on fad diets. With trends toward more obesity and higher diabetes levels, she wants people to learn to read food labels — and make more purposeful food choices.

"It makes a difference, it really helps," House said.

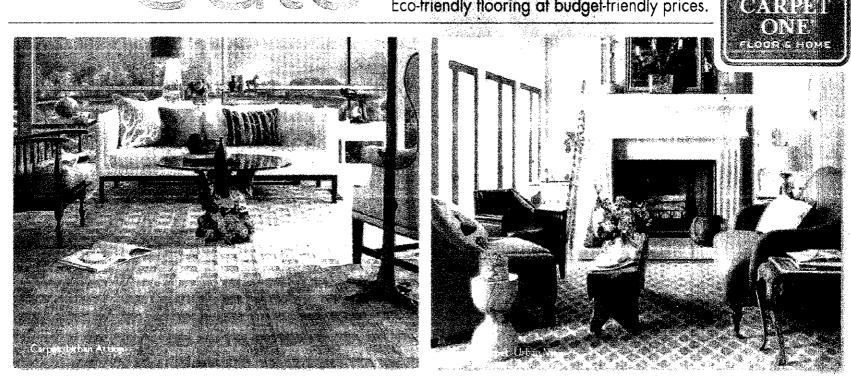
According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, producers in the Great Lakes state grow a greater variety of commodities than any other state, except California. Chris Lietzau, manager of the Select Michigan program for the department, agreed Michiganders are sometimes surprised at what's grown here.

"I think people are amazed," she said. "They often don't know the bounty Michigan has to offer."

Lietzau, who's run that program since 2003, noted there's an environmental factor with local produce as well. Less truck traffic means less fuel used, better air quality and roads that need fewer repairs.

"I think that the message is getting out," she said of buying Michigan products. The Department of Agriculture gets lots of calls and requests and in-store events it has done garner a good response.

Last year, Lietzau did a pilot



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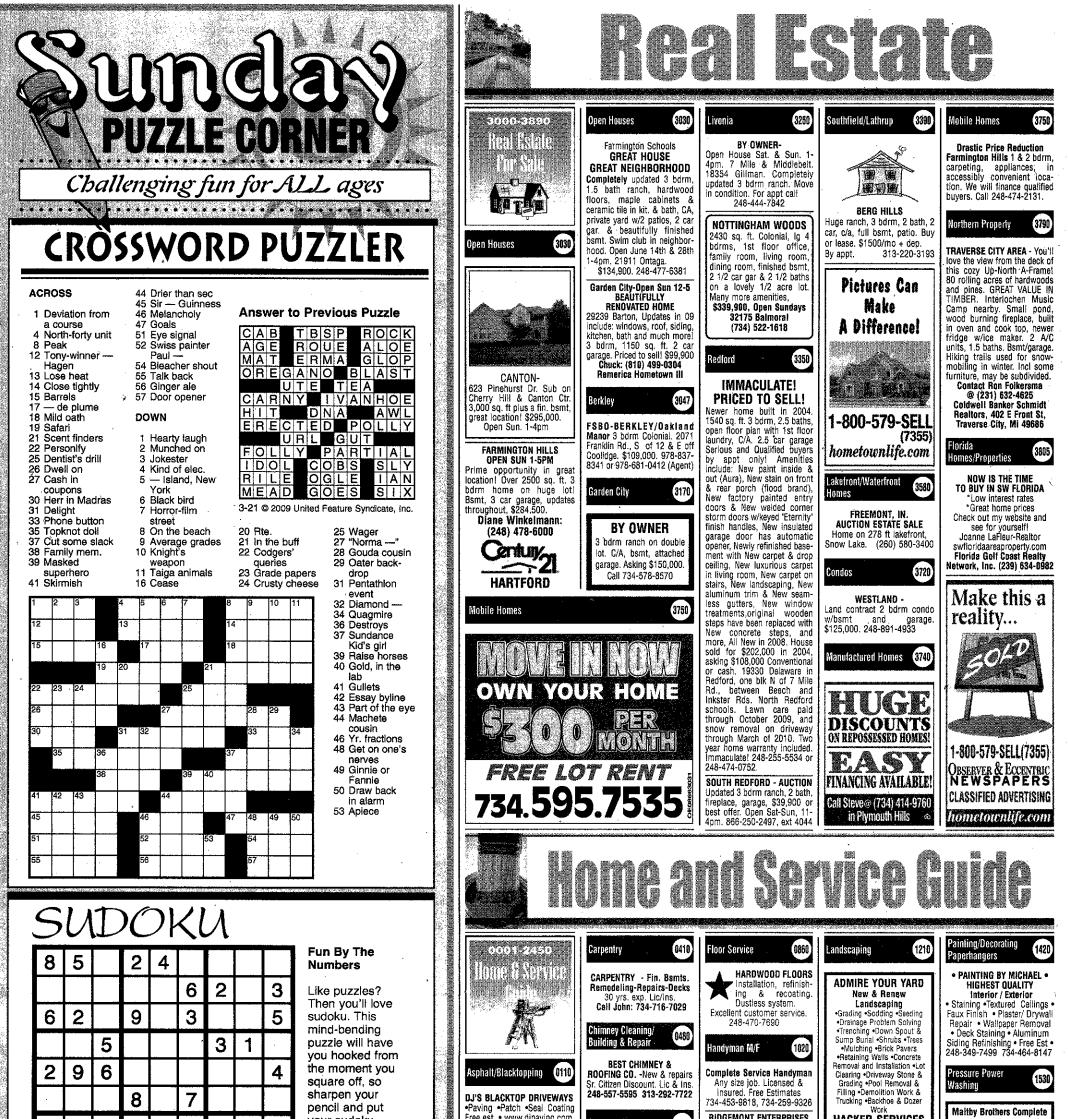
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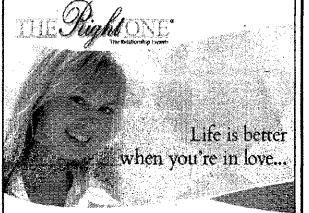
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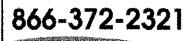
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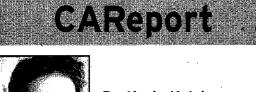
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Aura Improves On Gas Mileage For 2009

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Foreseeing a seismic shift to fuel efficient vehicles, the people at Saturn shook up the Aura's model line-up for 2009, making fuel misers happy at oil companies' expense.

Now getting 33 miles per gallon on the highway, Aura four-cylinder models lead competitors in fuel economy. And with the four-cylinder XR joining the pack, the Aura is sporty and economical.⁶

With the XR, fuel efficiency-minded customers can save at the pump and get standard amenities such as a six-speed automatic transmission, leather seating, alloy wheels and Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity.

For a true hands-on driving experience, the all-new four-cylinder XR is equipped with a six-speed automatic transmission with TAPShift, which features steering wheelmounted paddles that allows drivers to manually change gears.

Saturn said it's proud to offer a sport sedan that gets the best non-hybrid highway fuel economy numbers in its class, while keeping the ample room, style and comfort that have made the Aura a hot seller.

Going on sale in early 2010, both the base Aura XE and top-level XR four-cylinder models achieve 33 mpg highway and 26 mpg city/highway combined.

Four Aura models will be available, including the 2.4-liter I-4 XE and XR; the 3.6-liter V6 XR and the best fuel saver of them all, the 2.4-liter I-4 Aura, which features the GM Hybrid system.

The hybrid version features a small electric motor that starts the gas engine and adds small amounts of power under high load conditions. The gas engine produces 164 horsepower by itself and a net 169 horsepower when the electric kicks in.

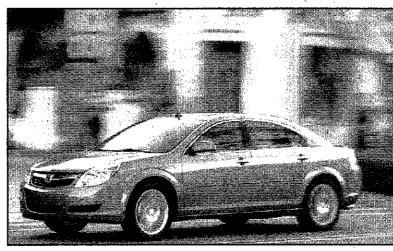
Unlike other hybrid setups, the Green Line offers full electric propulsion only up to about 3 miles per hour -- the Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry hybrids can get up to almost 30 mph. Therefore, city gas mileage isn't as good as its competitors.

This system is not as advanced as the company's two-mode hybrid system, which is offered in the General Motors' full-size SUVs.

Aura XE and XR four-cylinder models are rated at 169 horsepower and the Aura XR V6 model pushes out 252 horsepower V6. It is the only V6 powerplant available on the Aura, as the 3.5-liter V6 is no longer an option on the XE model.

All four-cylinder models except for the hybrid are equipped with the Hydra-Matic 6T40 six-speed automatic transmission. The V6 Aura model gets the Hydra-Matic 6T70 automatic transmission.

Four-cylinder Auras get 22 miles per gallon in the city and 33 mpg on the highway, while V6 Auras produce 17 city and 26 highway. Fuel economy ratings for the hybrid are 26 city and 34 highway.



The Saturn Aura line-up has received changes to keep it competitive. The biggest is that the sporty XR model is now available with a gas-saving fourcylinder engine, appealing to people's pocketbooks.

Standard on the \$21,345 priced, fourcylinder XE are 17-inch steel wheels and tires, while the new four-cylinder XR gets alloy wheels. V6-equiped XR models come with 18inch alloy wheels and performance tires. New for 2009, the Aura hybrid rides on larger 17inch alloy wheels with low rolling-resistance tires.

There are four new exterior colors for 2009; Quicksilver, Polar White, Urban Moss and Gold Mist Metallic.

Some major upgrades have also been made for 2009. Both four-cylinder and V6 XR models get standard leather-appointed heated seats. The Ebony/Morocco Brown interior leather is available on both the four-cylinder and V6 XR.

Bluetooth hands-free phone technology is standard on Aura XR models and available on XE and hybrid when the Preferred Package is ordered.

Lighting of the Aura's interior is upscale thanks to the gauge cluster that uses LED-lit analog instruments, as well as LEDs projecting an amber glow from the overhead lamp and front door pockets.

For a premium feel and added convenience at night, self-dimming theater lighting illuminates the cabin.

One drawback to the Aura is a slightly smaller

interior than its competitors. Passenger volume measures 97.7 cubic feet, still a generous amount of space.

All models come with dual-stage frontal air bags with a GM passenger sensing system, head curtain side-impact air bags, front seatmounted thorax protection air bags, front safety belt pretensioners, LATCH child safety seat anchors, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, StabiliTrak electronic stability control system and traction control.

The Aura has always been practical, but now thanks to the four-cylinder offering, the Aura XR is an even more attractive alternative to its popular Japanese competitors.

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Saturn Aura

Vehicle class: Sedan. Power: Four-cylinder and V6 engines. Mileage: 22 city / 32 highway for the four-cylinder. Where built: Kansas City, Kansas. Price as tested: \$21,345.

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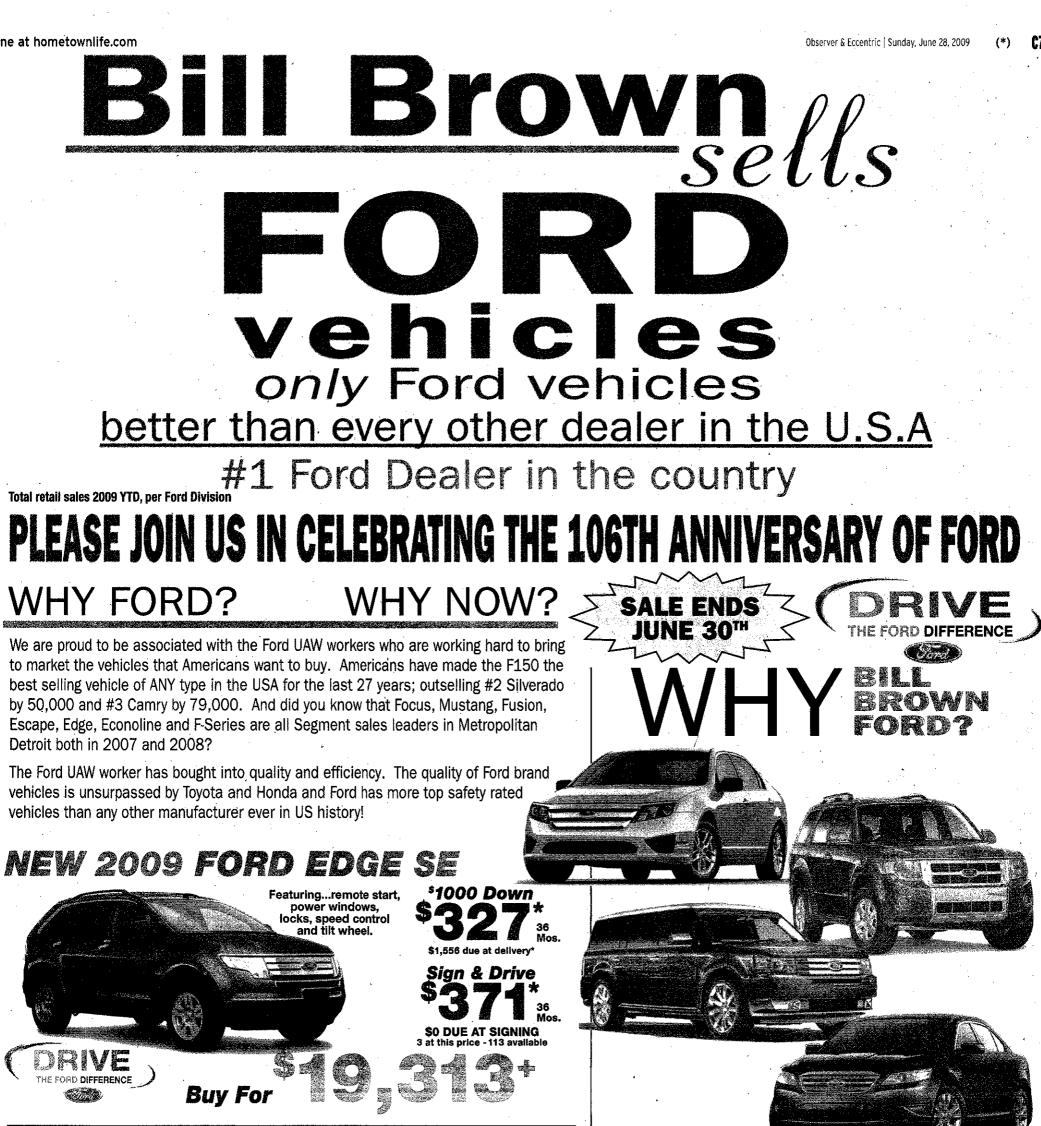


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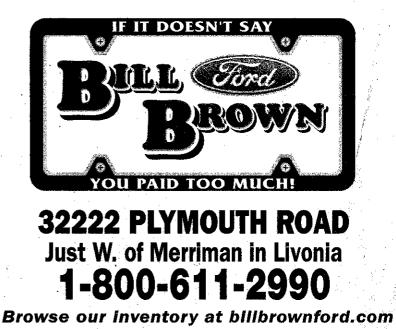
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