

# CONNECTION

# Lineup change

Leadership of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education shuffled a bit when the board got together for its annual organiza-

tional meeting Tuesday. It's the first of what will be two organizational meetings within months. Another meeting will be necessary after the November elections, when four school board members are up for re-election.



Steven Sneideman was elected school board president Tuesday, replacing Judy Mardigian, who was then elected treasurer.

Barry Simescu was re-elected

vice president and Nancy Eggenberger rounds out the leadership team as the board's secretary.

Simescu and Mardigian are up for re-election in November, along with Tom Wysocki and John Jackson, who is currently filling a term abdicated by Mark Slavens when he was appointed to a judgeship.

# Suspect sought

The Canton Police Department is asking the public for assistance in identifying the suspect and/or suspect vehicle involved in an incident at a local gas station.

Police obtained security video footage taken at the Speedway located at Ford and Canton Center roads in Canton. The suspect is a white male who is driving a dark colored jeep. He is suspected of using a stolen credit card at the location.

Anyone with information on the



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Dixie Kingsbury, left, wrote a chronicle of the family's history. Next to her is her sister, Lenore Walker, Walker's grandson, Shaun, and great-grandson Ethan.

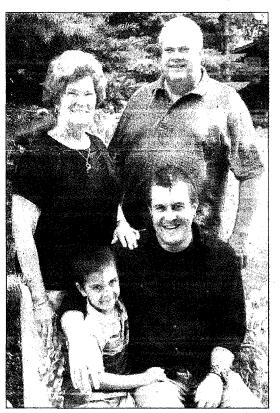
# 40 and counting Four generations gather for Canton family reunion

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

Just as sure as the sweet, summertime days of late July dawn over-southwest Canton, 76-yearold Lenore Walker will smile, just as endearingly as she always does, when the first car pulls off Denton Road to the home where her family put down roots in 1961.

It will mean another family reunion, a time when four generations of relatives from eight states will gather to reminisce, celebrate milestones, make new memories and embrace their slice of Americana.

Only this one will be different. It will be the 40th year in a row.



# **P-C juniors** outpace state on merit exam

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

Turns out 2009 was a pretty good year academically for Plymouth-Canton juniors.

Not only did 11th-graders from the district's three high schools far outperform students from around the state on the annual Michigan Merit Exam, but a huge majority of them made themselves eligible for a potential \$4,000 scholarship that goes with it.

Plymouth-Canton juniors outdistanced the state average by double-digits in all six tested areas that encompass the MME - reading, writing, English Language Arts, math, science and social studies.

"Our kids have a lot to be proud of," said Mike Bender, the

district's direc-

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"These results

tell us our kids

are on track to

meet all state

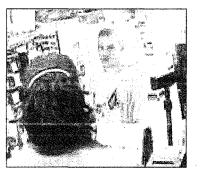
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STUDENTS WITH MERIT Here's how Plymouth-Canton students compared to statewide averages on the 2009 Michigan Merit Exam (percentages represent the number of students who scored at least proficient):

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Science	74	56	initial eligibil-
Social Studies	92	81	ity require- ments (testing in all six areas)
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for the Michigan Promise Scholarship, the money given by the state to students who do well on the MME. And 824 - 59 percent - reached proficient levels that will allow them to start collecting up to \$4,000 worth of scholarship money.

identity of the man or the vehicle is asked to contact Canton Police Department at 734/394-5400.



Canton Police would like to talk to this person (above) in connection with an incident at the Speedway station at Ford and Canton Center roads. This Jeep (below) was also involved.



"I still get excited when I see people turning in the driveway," said Walker, with traces of her Tennessee upbringing in her voice even though she was 19 when she moved to Michigan, after husband James "Buster" Walker got a job with Ford Motor Co.

Lenore Walker, the oldest of 10 children born to the late Lennon and Elnora Bundon, talked fondly about the Bundon family reunion as she sat in her living room with baby sister Dixie Kingsbury, 52, son Gary Walker, 59, grandson Shaun Garth Walker, 31, and great-grandson Ethan Walker, 5.

In all, some 180 people plan to attend this year. Family members will begin arriving as early as Tuesday, and some will stay through July 29, either with relatives or in hotel rooms. They will come from as far away as Cálifornia, New York and Florida.

"This is so exciting," Kingsbury said.

Shaun Walker smiled as he spoke of the "ridiculous games" the family will play, such as an oldfashioned sack race and an egg toss. One year, the women threw their shoes into a big circle, and their husbands had to figure out which ones belonged to their spouses.

The biggest day will be Sunday, July 26, when scores of family members will go to First Freewill Baptist Church in Ypsilanti before gathering for the main reunion at the Walker house. Cars will blanket part of the six-acre property, and a large tent will be set up in the yard.

Road projects to detour drivers

Four generations will attend the family reunion. Clockwise from upper left are Lenore Walker, Gary Walker, Shaun Garth Walker and Ethan Walker.

This year, family members will range in age from three months to 76 years. Before saying grace for their meal, everyone will form a big circle around Gary Walker, who will call into the middle those people who have achieved milestones such as having a new baby or getting married during the past year.

"It's a real honor," Kingsbury, a resident of Manchester, said.

Over the years, Lenore Walker and Kingsbury have compiled books packed with pictures, writings and other memories to mark the occasions,

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All students who take all phases are eligible; those who score in Level 1 (advanced) or Level 2 (proficient) get \$1,000 their first year and \$2,000 the second year. Students who don't reach those levels have to complete their first two years and hold a 2.5 grade-point average.

"It's a great credit to the kids and to their families for the support they're given at home," Bender said. "Our students take the (MME) very seriously. They recognize the importance of it. In many cases, it's a tremendous incentive for the kids to pursue a college education."

The MME numbers themselves staved basically where they were in 2008, though they showed some improvement over 2007. That follows the state trend, though state averages are considerably lower than in Plymouth-Canton.

And, as good as the local numbers are, they still fall far short of the 100 percent the district will be required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act to reach by 2014.

Bender said officials are confident more stringent curriculum guidelines imposed by the state and the work the district is doing on its own curriculum will help Plymouth-Canton students reach that plateau.

"That work centers around the work we're doing in individual classrooms, it's about teachers pushing the students to meet content expectations," Bender said.

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# BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton motorists will find it more difficult to maneuver through the township for the next few weeks as road-construction crews complete two more projects amid the summer orange-barrel season.

It's the old adage of no pain, no gain. A bumpy, one-mile stretch of Lilley Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer will be closed to through traffic for four to six weeks starting Monday as work crews complete a resurfacing project.

While construction crews will find ways to accommodate neighborhood residents, "the road will be open to local traffic only," Bill Serchak, a Canton staff engineer, said.

The road closing comes just weeks after the township board voted to move ahead with the resurfacing, part of a new round of local projects totaling \$960,923. Work crews also will do some minor concrete-repair patching along Lilley north of Cherry Hill.

Motorists are advised to use Sheldon as a

detour route and to avoid Haggerty, where a northbound lane between Cherry Hill and Ford was closed Monday due to a Wayne County resurfacing project.

Haggerty's northbound lane is expected to remain closed for four to six weeks while work crews complete the project. Motorists are urged to use Lilley as a northbound detour.

In a few weeks, Haggerty's southbound lane is expected to be closed as the project continues, but the township has said southbound traffic will be maintained even then by shifting motorists over to the northbound lane.

"Southbound traffic on Haggerty Road will be maintained at all times during construction," according to a statement from the township

Township officials hope motorists will have patience - and be cautious - while the summer road-construction season is under way.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done," Serchak said.

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# **AROUND CANTON**

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## Music camps

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Parents looking for a fun, new camp to introduce their children to music might want to check out the Music, Melodies & More summer camps offered by the Plymouth Symphony.

• "String Camp," July 27-31, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11

• "Wind Camp," Aug. 3-7, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11

 "Brass and Percussion Camp," Aug. 17-21, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-1.

Aspiring musicians can sign up for one or all three camps. Activities and musical instruments will change with each session so that young musicians will enjoy a different experience throughout the summer.

Instructor Faith Demorest, along with other Plymouth Canton Symphony musicians, will teach the camps. Each session will introduce different instruments, explore various composers, teach musical games and get creative with musical crafts. Parents can plan for a performance for family and friends at 4 p.m. on Friday after each session.

Instruments are encouraged: however, those who don't have one can contact the symphony.

Call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 to sign up today.

### **Chorale auditions**

"A Grand Night for Singing" is a first rate musical review featuring the music and lyrics of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The cast fea-

tures five primary characters and added voices from the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers. Songs include Some Enchanted Evening, It's A Grand Night for Singing, Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', Hello, Young Lovers and more. Performances are Friday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 13.

The auditions for soloists for Grand Night are Sunday, July 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Monday, July 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. Performances will be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This is a BeckRidge Chorale Production.

For more information or to sign up for an audition, please go to the BeckRidge Chorale website at www.beckridgechorale.org

## Pageant volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program is in need of volunteers to help out with this year's program.

Organizers' goal is to make the event bigger and better, and say the only way to do that is with volunteers.

Anyone interested should send an e-mail to pcjrmiss@ yahoo.com. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

## Grub crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's eighth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an oppor-



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# **Pom perfection**

The Canton High School Chiefettes PomPon team stormed into the MidAmerican PomPon camp at Northwood University in Midland earlier this month and swept out with some of the camp's top hardware. The varsity Chiefettes earned honors as the camp's overall Grand Champions and also got the Day 4 'Knock Your Socks Off' award. The Senior Chiefettes also took first place in the senior kick routine.

tunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Par-ticipating restaurants in this year's event include: 4 Friends Restaurant, Applebee's, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Max & Erma's, Rose's Grill & Bar, Shark Club, Shish Kabob Café, T.C. Gator's Sports Page, and T.G.I. Friday's.

Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early. If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

## Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, conduct auditions for next season Aug. 14 at Evola Music in Canton.

The four ensembles of the Youth Orchestra include **Celebration Youth Symphony** for advanced students in winds, brass, percussion and strings; Celebration Flute

Choir for to intermediate and advanced flute students, which in addition to playing on CYO concerts also performs for a variety of events throughout the community; Celebration Sinfonia for intermediate-level string students who are ready for more challenging repertoire and wish to continue building ensemble skills; and Celebration Strings for younger string players who wish to learn ensemble playing skills such as playing in a section and listening and following a conductor.

More audition information can be found on-line at www. celebrationyouthorchestras.org

# Staged reading

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents the award winning "The Known Limits" by Joe Zettelmaier, performed as a staged reading July 31 and Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Village Theater in the Biltmore Studio.

Zettlemaier lives in Milan, Mich., and is an Associate Artist at the Performance Network, an adjunct lecturer at Eastern Michigan University, and the Playwriting Mentor at Pioneer High School.

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

are \$10 general admission only. Box office opens an hour before show time. Go to www.8thwondertheatre.com for more information or call (734) 972-4054.

### Pageant time

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Young women who live, work full time, or attend school full time in Wayne County and are between the ages 17 and 24 are. eligible.

Areas of competition include and interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will represent Wayne County at the 2010 Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon as well as receive a cash scholarship.

Call (734) 367-0560 or send an e-mail to sheilamae116@ aol.com to request an application. They also can be found on the Miss Wayne County Web site at www.misswayneco.com.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 17. The pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Livonia Churchill High School.

# 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.

### **Big River**

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents "Big River," the Tony Award winning musical version of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn."

Performances are 8 p.m. Aug. 7; 2 and 8 p.m. Aug. 8; 2 p.m. Aug. 9; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 13-14; 8 p.m. Aug. 15 and 2 p.m. Aug. 16.

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

Tickets can be purchased at the Summit on the Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or at the door.

For more information go to www.8thwondertheatre.com or call (734) 972-4054.

# Golf outina

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Golf Outing. This year the classic will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

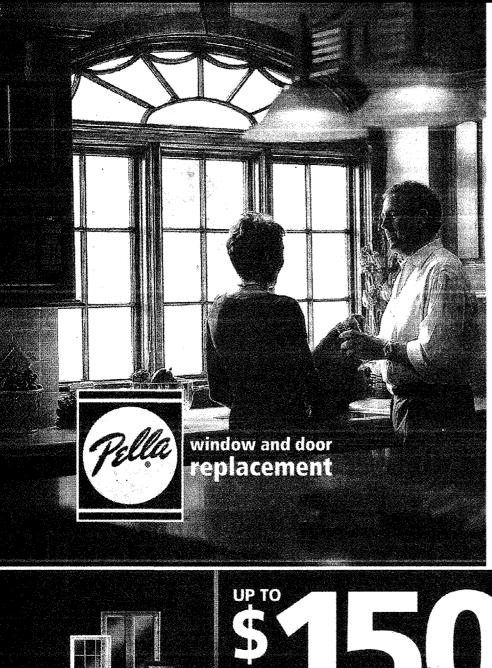
Golf for Four Package, \$550- Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package and more!

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Individual Golf, \$150-Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more!

Dinner Only, \$35. Tee and Green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

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# **Firefighters get infrared help**

**BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Canton firefighters will beef up their arsenal of tools aimed at dousing fires, protecting property and saving lives.

Firefighters will get another thermal imaging camera that essentially allows them to see through smoke, darkness and walls to find "hot spots" by rendering infrared radiation as visible light.

It's a tool that helps firefighters not only minimize damage to homes and businesses, but in dire situations it can save lives by leading them to people who may be overcome by smoke.

"If you're in a smoke-filled room looking for people, it certainly, absolutely can (save lives)," Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said.

His remarks came after the

Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed Tuesday to spend \$9,894 for a new, MS 5200 thermal imaging camera from Romeo-based Apollo Fire Equipment.

The decision means the Canton Fire Department will have the special cameras at all three fire stations and be able to place an older thermal imager in reserve, Rorabacher said.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin voiced her support for the tools she said also can reduce costly property damage by letting firefighters rule out hot spots, rather than chopping into walls.

The cameras are small, light-weight and can be easily attached to firefighters' gear.

In another decision, the township board has approved two new Ford Motor Co.-built rescue squads to replace two

aging vehicles used by paramedics responding to medical emergencies.

The township will spend up to \$290,000 from fire capital outlay funds to buy the rescue squads and install the necessary EMS and radio equipment.

The new vehicles will replace older rescue squads, used since 2003, that are increasingly in need of repairs after accumulating more than 100,000 miles.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the township has an emergency vehicle replacement plan that gradually keeps the fleet updated, rather than forcing the township to make numerous purchases at one time.

Said Rorabacher: "It's cheaper to do it as you go along."

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The Still Got It production of 'Funeral Tea' features (front, from left) Joanna McKay of Canton and Beth Brooks of Northville, as well as (back, from left) Robin Hoover of Belleville, Lanna Collins of Garden City and Linda Trygg of Westland.

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Dixie Kingsbury, 52, left, is the youngest of 10 children, while sister Lenore, 76, is the oldest.

# Performers 'Still Got It' in pair of plays

The Still Got It Players, a new theater company composed of performers age 50 and up, debut their first show, a pair of one-act comedies that will be performed on the main stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton next month.

The two plays - Any Body for Tea? by C.B. Gilford and Funeral Tea by Pat Wilson - put the focus on a couple of different groups of ladies, according to Debbie Lannen, the director of The Still Got It Players.

"In Anybody for Tea? is a wonderful group of elderly ladies

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unexpected,"

Lannen said.

"Funeral Tea introduces us

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## TAKING THE STAGE

and "Funeral Tea" • When: Aug. 26-27, 1 p.m.; Aug.

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• Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$13 for seniors/students under 19 Info: www.spotlightplayersmi.

org or call (734) 734-480-4945

tric ladies faced with the dilemma and privilege of finding the perfect resting place for a favorite uncle."

Performances are set for 1 p.m. Aug. 26-27; 7 p.m. Aug. 28-29; and 2 p.m. Aug. 30, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5460, or on-line at www.canton-mi,org/villagetheater or in person at

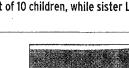


The Still Got it Players, featuring (from left) Shirley **Reynolds of Canton, Agnes Hay of Northville, Thomas** Strock of Canton, Lanna Collins of Garden City, Beth Brooks of Northville and Lee Thomas of Plymouth, present 'Anybody for Tea?' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The Summit on the Park or at the door/ Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students under 19 and \$12 for groups of 15 or more.

Still Got It Players, which features actors from Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Belleville, Garden City, Westland and Redford, is part of the Spotlight Players organization. Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 62 years.

For more information about The Still Got It Players, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.Org or call Lannen at 734-480-4945.





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28-29, 7 p.m.; Aug. 30, 2 p.m. • Where: Village Theater at

and Kingsbury fought back tears as she talked of the only sibling, Jane Vonvoigtlander, who died a few years ago after battling cancer. The remaining siblings plan to attend this year's reunion, including Georgeann Ford of Ypsilanti; Mary Rose Hurst of Knoxville, Tenn.; Rena Dombroski of Bristol, Tenn.; Nema Coffey of Canton; Link Bundon of Wayne; Bill Bundon of Plymouth; and Rick Bundon of Ypsilanti.

On certain days, some family members will go on outings to events like a Detroit Tigers game. The largest crowd for any one reunion was 203 people, and Kingsbury said "there's no drinking or drugs, ever. We have a fun time without it."

If there are certain relatives who tend to annoy the others, this family isn't telling.

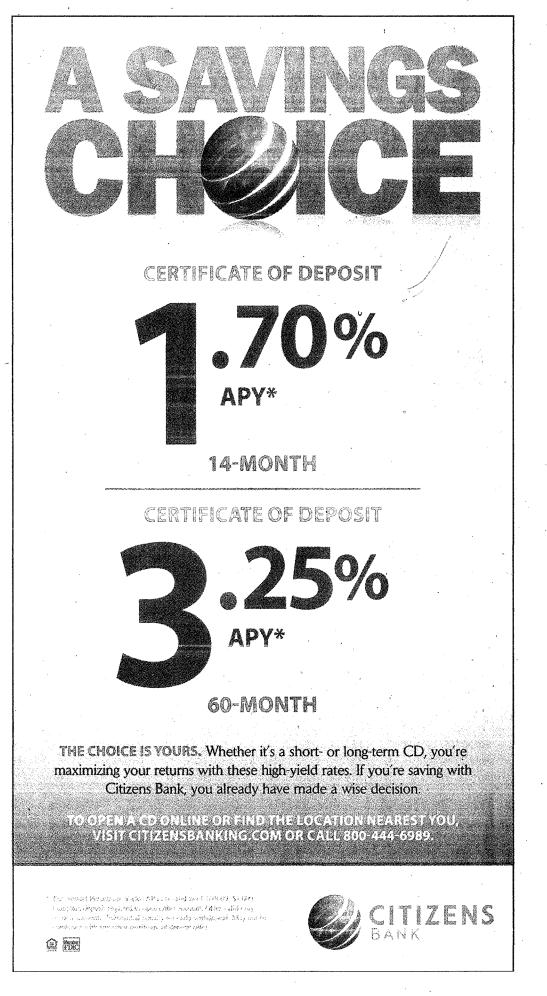
"Everybody gets along pretty good," Lenore Walker said.

It's the way their late parents, married for 67 years, would want it, Kingsbury said. "We had a good upbringing."

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fom & Daddy in the '50's These family photos from the 1950s are of Lennon and Elnora Bundon.





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# EDUCATION

# Incumbents eye seats as election deadline nears

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

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Residents of the Plymouth-Canton school district thinking about running for a seat on the district's Board of Education have just over three weeks left to make up their minds.

The filing deadline for the Nov. 3 election is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. At this point, it appears at least three of the four incumbents - Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson - plan to run again. Tom Wysocki, who is finishing his second term and has also been very active with the band booster group, said he is "undecided" at this point.



Mardigian Simescu

Three of the four seats are four-year terms. The fourth seat, currently held by Jackson, is a two-year term to complete the term vacated by Mark Slavens when he was appointed a judge in 2007.

It'll be the district's first November election since voting last year to move from odd-year May elections to annual November elections.



Wysocki Jackson

Mardigian, who was first appointed to the board in 1998, was elected in 2004 and again in 2004. She said her experience, particularly with the district's budget, will be helpful

"There are going to be a lot of challenges the next couple of years, and I think my experience and knowledge of the budget, and the history of the

# **GETTING ON 'BOARD'**

• What: Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election • When: Tuesday, Nov. 3

• Who: Incumbents Judy Mardigian and John Jackson 🧳 have said they're running; Tom Wysocki called himself "undecided;" Barry Simescu couldn't be reached. • At stake: Three four-year

terms; one two-year term

cuts we've made and where we're at in terms of the budget, is going to be helpful," said Mardigian, the former board president who was elected treasurer at Tuesday's organi-

zational meeting. "We're going to be walking into unprecedented times."

Jackson was appointed July 1, 2007, to replace Mark Slavens, who was appointed to the bench before he could get his name off the ballot that year. Slavens resigned the position, and Jackson was appointed to fill it.

Jackson said he will file to fill the remaining two-year commitment.

"I said when they appointed me that whomever got the job should be committed to keeping it until the end of the term. and I said I would run and I want to keep that promise," Jackson said. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done,

and I think it needs to be done by someone who has a good handle on what's going on. It took me the first year to learn. There's so much to learn, and with the challenges we face, it's important to have someone with experience."

Wysocki, first elected in 2001 and who is completing his second term, said he's still unsure of what he's going to do.

Simescu, first elected in 2004. couldn't be reached for comment and hasn't said publicly whether he'll run again. Simescu was elected board president, replacing Mardigian, at Tuesday's organizational meeting.

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# W-W taps two principals for director positions

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

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is looking for a few good principals following school board approval of the appointment of Paul Salah and Jennifer Munson to positions in administrative services.

Salah, the principal of Franklin Middle School, has been tapped to be the senior executive director of instruction, while Jennifer Munson, principal of Lincoln Elementary School, has been appointed director of elementary special education.

"I'm incredibly excite by this

opportunity," Salah said. "I take this position seriously. I will work hard and work with the board, the superintendent and administration and on the district's future vision."

Salah has been with the Wayne-Westland district since 2001. He has worked as a special education teacher, middle school athletic director and assistant principal and principal at Marshall since 2004.

He has a bachelor of science degree in history and visually impaired teaching and a master of arts degree in educational leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University. He is working on his doctoral degree in educational leadership at EMU.

"I look at education as a people business and our business is about kids and the social and educational programs we present them," Salah said in accepting the position. "I'm confident Wayne-Westland will blaze trails in the future, and I feel fortunate to be part of that."

Munson has been with the district since 2004, when she was appointed principal at Lincoln. She has a bachelor of science degree in special education/elementary reading and a master of arts degree in school principalship, both from Central Michigan University. She had been

a special education teach with the Shepherd Public Schools before joining Wayne-Westland.

"Thank you for the opportunity, I'm extremely excited about it," Munson said. "I had a fabulous time as principal at Lincoln. I started as a special education teacher, that was my niche, and I look forward to working with the district on a larger base and working with the teachers."

Both appointments were praised by school board members.

"I've watched them over these few years take a leadership role in the community," board Vice President Cindy Schofield said. "They took their buildings and transformed them. They took them to a new level and a new height. I'm excited that you will be able to take what you did at your buildings and do it for the school district."

"I think we're so lucky to have them in our school district," board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said. "I'm sure a lot of parents at Marshall will be upset, Mr. Salah was very well-liked."

"These are mighty important positions and the board is proud of you and confident in you," Trustee William Gabriel said.

The appointments come less than a month after the board approved the appointment of Sandra Morante Brock as principal of Franklin Middle School.

Brock has a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and history from the University of Michigan, a master of arts degree in education from Peperdine University in Mailbu, Calif., and a doctoral degree in education administration from Michigan State University.

She taught at Seven

Arrows Elementary School in California and as a night and summer school teacher with the South Redford School District before joining Wayne-Westland in 2004 as a history and Spanish teacher. She was appointed assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School in 2006. "Thank you for this won-

derful opportunity," Brock said. "I will miss my Zebras with all my heart, but I look forward to becoming a Hornet."

"I'm so excited about this appointment," Schofield said. "I've known Sandy for five years and I've seen her grown and mature as a parent and as a school board member. I'm excited to see what she brings to Franklin and the collaboration that will surely happen between Franklin and Wayne Memorial." - 2 T . 195

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if she's elected to a third term.



# **County helps agencies assist domestic violence victims**

Four non-profits have received funds from Wayne County to assist victims of domestic violence.

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) in Dearborn, First Step, with offices in Plymouth, Taylor and Redford, Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights and the YWCA of Western Wayne County in Inkster are getting money from the Wayne County Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The county awarded a total of \$2 million in grant funds.

"In these challenging economic times, statistics show that domestic violence increases," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "We want to empower the lives of women and men in this county who are victims of domestic violence so they may begin again with a sense of safety, hope and dignity.'

According to a 2005 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, one in four women and one in nine men are victims of domestic violence at some point in their lives

ACCESS plans to purchase and rehabilitate vacant homes for victims of domestic violence. The Wayne County Land Bank will assist ACCESS with the project.

ACCESS provides a wide range of human and cultural services as well as advocacy work for the Arab-American community and the greater community as well. "We would like to thank

Wayne County and Mr. Ficano for their support," said Andrea Awada, president of Access.

The Plymouth-based First Step, which provides shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, will construct new housing units in the city of Wayne. The YWCA and Vista Marie will use their awards to purchase and rehabilitate houses to use as transitional housing for victims of domestic violence.



"These are important projects to support," said Tukia Mullin, chief development officer of Economic Development Growth Engine. "To provide safe havens for victims of domestic violence cannot be overstated."

According to a 2004 Allstate Foundation National Poll on domestic violence, 43 percent ranked fear that the abuser will find the victim

as the number one reason a victim would not leave his/her abuser.

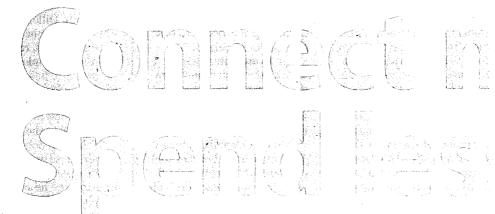
"What happens during hard economic times is that victims of domestic abuse have less options out there and cannot get away from their dangerous setting," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "These funds will allow us to provide help to otherwise desperate situations."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dispersed \$3.9 billion in NSP funds around the country to help governments stabilize areas hardest hit by foreclosed and abandoned properties. Under the Housing Recovery Act of 2008, Wayne County received \$25.9 million in February 2009 to address vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties.



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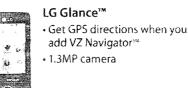
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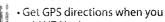


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# Plymouth concerts pack in music fans

Here's the remaining schedule for the weekly Music in the Park concert schedule, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council:

• July 22, Saline Fiddlers

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- July 29, Candy Band
- Aug. 5, Barbara Bailey Hutchinson
- Aug. 12, Guy Louis and his

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• Aug. 19, The Cats & the Fiddler All concerts start at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsors include the Carl and Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian Brackney, Bacinski's Best Friends of Learning Institute and Lodging by the Month.

# Music in the Air

Here's the remaining schedule for the

The Doorway to Recovery

has put out the welcome mat

er planned for 6 p.m. Friday,

be a summer barbecue with

live entertainment, held at

the St. Andrew's Church on

Hubbard near Six Mile in

Livonia. Tickets are \$7.50 each, or no change for \$10.

The fund-raiser will benefit

Mark Burchell's Doorway to

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This year's fund-raiser will

July 24.



The Saline Fiddlers take the stage for the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park performance Wednesday at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Barbecue benefits Doorway to Recovery

Friday night "Music in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

• July 24, Sarah Lenore (Plymouth native; www.myspace.com/sarahlenore123)

- July 31, Gia Warner
- Aug. 7, The Bluescasters
- Aug. 14, The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 28, Mass Transit

• Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X Band

The concerts take place in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and start at 7 p.m.

### **Community Band**

The Plymouth Community Band, headed by longtime leader Carl Battishill, plays Kellogg Park every Thursday at 8 p.m.

# Dillon pushes for state health plan

Skeptics wait for details to emerge

BY PAT MURPHY **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Initial reaction was mixed. But Michigan House Speaker Andy Dillon predicts his proposal to revamp the state's health care system will get enthusiastic and widespread support as more people understand its potential to save millions of dollars.

"It (the plan unveiled Wednesday) is starting to get more traction," Dillon said Friday, referring to his plan to create a unified health system for thousands of public employees and retirees - including those in Redford Township, state legislators and possibly the governor.

Initially, Dillon's plan would cover some 50,000 state employees, retirees and their dependents. But the plan also has provisions to provide for other public employees - in townships, cities, schools and courts

- to enroll in the program, "If the plan doesn't save money, those groups (of public employees) don't have to join," he said. "But the plan would provide an option."

The plan could save money, Dillon said, by having one negotiator for a larger number of employees. "Why should we have all these separate groups negotiating separately?" he said. "Why not one system to control costs and premiums?"

Similar systems have been successful in other states, he said, "and it could work in Michigan.'

With some exceptions, Dillon's plan did not generate wild enthusiasm. Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, for instance, said exigencies such as existing union contracts have to be considered. "There are union con-



things involved here," Sincock said. "You can't just wave a magic wand

in Lansing and make it happen overnight.

A spokesman for the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the state's largest teachers union, seemed skeptical, according to press accounts.

"Why would anyone believe the state could run anything efficiently when it can't even pass a balanced budget?" press contact Doug Pratt was quoted as saying.

An editorial in Friday's Detroit News, however, referred to Dillon's proposal as a "Bold Stroke."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said the state must indeed look at all proposals that could help lower the cost of government. "We've also got to make sure that any major changes with health care in Michigan don't diminish our ability to lower costs and expand coverage through the national health care proposal moving through Congress," the governor said in a statement released Friday.

Dillon said he understands the reaction. However, he expects the MEA and other employee organizations to wholeheartedly support his plan once details are promulgated.

Among other things, Dillon said he wants the general public to understand the program would be administered by health care professionals, not the state. The state would negotiate the price and specifics of the plan, he said, "Then we'd seek competitive bids."

for its fourth annual fund-rais-

# **Burchell**

home, the "Cooley House," in 2003 where 10 men could live and share in their recovery. It was the beginning of what is now The Doorway to Recovery, 10 transitional homes he owns and operates homes in Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Inkster,

The program also offers criti-

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insight in the recovery arena. Burchell received the "Spirit of Recovery" Award in 2008 from the Michigan Association of Coordinating Substance

Abuse Agencies. The annual award is given to a director of a substance abuse agency who has been the most influential and exemplary in the area of leadership at substance abuse agencies in Michigan.

The award noted that "Mark's strength comes from his own experiences and his ability to manage and expect excellence from his residents. His no nonsense demeanor makes him seem like a tough guy, but he has a heart of gold." For more information about

"The Doorway to Recovery," call Burchell at (313) 300-4165 or log on to www.thedoorwavtorecovery.com, or www.am1400wdtk. com and click on personalities.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 21st day of July, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time in the Township Hall located at 9955 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority pursuant to Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

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FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Township Clerk, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth MI 48170

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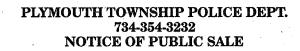
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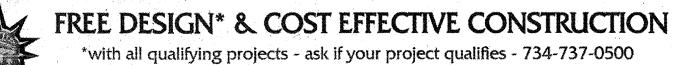
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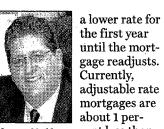
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# Fixed rate mortgage not always way to go

Q: Dear Rick: I have a 30year fixed rate mortgage at 6 percent. I have approximately 25 years left on the mortgage. Even though my house has dropped in value I still have plenty of equity. I am a contract employee and my contract ends in 18 months. At that time, I plan to sell my home and move to Arizona. I also have a home there and I plan to retire. A friend suggested that I consider refinancing my home because fixed rate mortgages are less than I currently pay. Do you think this is a good strategy?

A: Considering where fixed rate mortgages are today and factoring in the cost of refinancing and taxes, I am not sure it makes sense to refinance using a traditional fixed rate mortgage. Once you take into consideration the cost of refinancing, the savings are minimal. However, there are other options.

In situations involving a short time frame such as yours, it may make sense to refinance using an adjustable rate mortgage. Typically, adjustable rate mortgages have



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mortgages. The key is what

will it cost you to refinance? If you can refinance and save, it makes sense.

If you're only going to save a few dollars, however, it's probably not worth it.

One mistake many individuals made over the last decade was refinancing without calculating actual costs. They got caught up in a variety of gimmicks mortgage companies were offering. Good or bad, those gimmicks have evaporated in this economy.

I recommend contacting a couple companies to find get a rate and cost of refinancing. If you can recoup the cost of refinancing over six-eight months, refinancing makes sense. If it takes more than a year to recoup your costs, refinancing is probably not a good idea.

Q: Dear Rick: I just graduated Michigan State last spring and am starting my very first job. My father told me that it is smart to sign up for the company's 401(k) plan and to contribute the maximum possible. The company's plan has two options, a traditional 401(k) plan and a Roth 401(k) plan. What would you recommend?

A: Congratulations on your graduation from Michigan State, my alma mater, but also on getting a job. In today's tough economic environment it says a lot about you that you were able to get a job. I also think that you should be congratulated for listening to your dad and fully contributing into a 401(k) plan.

I cannot stress enough how important it is that the day you start work is the day that you start thinking about your retirement. If you can continue to contribute the maximum into your 401(k) plan, when you want to retire money won't be an issue. In choosing between plans, I generally lean toward the Roth 401(k). It allows money to grow tax free while a traditional 401(k) plan prows tax deferred. When you withdraw money from a traditional 401(k), it is subject to ordinary income taxes. When you withdraw money from a Roth 401(k), there are no tax consequences — it is totally income-tax free.

The longer you invest money, the better a Roth 401(k) option looks. Since you are just starting your career, I think it is a slam dunk that the Roth 401(k) option is the way to proceed.

The one downside of the Roth is you are contributing post-taxed dollars as opposed to pre-taxed dollars in a traditional IRA. However, when you factor into the equation that all your accumulations (in a Roth) are tax free versus tax deferred (Traditional IRA), the benefits are substantial.

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



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The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion would like to thank the members of the communities of Canton and Plymouth who have participated in honoring the area's growing diversity while also advancing inclusion.

The work of dedicated local leaders, including area youth, has culminated in the signing of the following Resolution June 25, 2009.

# Resolution

Whereas Plymouth and Canton have a long history of innovation and progressive action;

Whereas we have experienced tremendous growth in the last three decades;

Dhereas we have become home to people from around the globe;

Whereas we have the opportunity to develop models of citizen participation to create an inclusive public life;

Whereas we have strong leadership from our communities of faith, businesses, cultural and educational institutions, and civic leadership;

**Whereas** we have built upon these traditions and worked collaboratively to identify areas for decisive citizen action;

Be it therefore resolved:

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We the members of the Plymouth Canton Community do hereby commit ourselves to the development of a Strategic Citizen Action Plan to further the public life of our communities by

Increasing the representation from all cultures in public decision making,

- Developing a deeper understanding of our history and how it influences us today,
- Strengthening the employment practices in public institutions to better reflect the wealth of diversity in our community,
- Enhancing community understanding among diverse cultures,
- Celebrating our potential to lead Michigan toward a more inclusive culture.

We further pledge to bring this plan to our community for public affirmation by October 2009.

We submit this Resolution for approval from the members of the community gathered the 25th day of June 2009 at 7:00 PM.

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# **No Green for U-M-bound White**

### **BY JIM TOTH** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be a little different look to Thanksgiving dinner around the White household this year.

Austin White, the heralded running back from Livonia Stevenson, bucked the family trend of support to the Green and White of Michigan State by announcing last week he has given a verbal commitment to Rich Rodriguez and the coaching staff at Michigan to become a Wolverine in 2010.

The decision to attend U-M was the first of its kind among the immediate White family as both mom (Karen) and dad (Michael) are MSU alums, while brothers Myles and Mitchell currently attend the East Lansing University. Extending the family further, Austin even has aunts and uncles who bleed green and white.

"I don't know about Thanksgiving, but I do know my mom is going to have to do some redecorating," White said.

White said his decision came down, mainly, to where he would feel comfortable both as an athlete and a student the next four years. Several schools, including MSU, were among his final selections, but he said in no way did family members try and sway him East Lansing's way.

"My brothers and my par-



Livonia Stevenson's Austin White, shown in last year's Division 1 state semifinal at MSU's Spartan Stadium against Rockford, is going to the Big House and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

ents didn't push me because they just kept an open mind and said it was my decision and really supported me through the whole process," said White, who indicated LSU, Iowa, Wisconsin, Purdue and Illinois also had his attention right up to the final days. "The first time I stepped on campus at U-M the coaches seemed excited about me

being there and I think I really appreciated their interest.

"I definitely enjoyed meeting the (U-M) coaches and the players and felt that was the kind of program I wanted to be a part of."

In the 6-foot, 190-pound White, the Wolverines will be getting a versatile running back, who last season as a junior at Stevenson, racked up 1,610 yards on 228 carries and scored 28 touchdowns. He also caught 21 passes for 310 yards and four scores and totaled 279 yards on nine kick-off returns.

Perennial contenders for the Big Ten championship and annually among the top 20 teams in the nation, the Wolverines stumbled last year in Rodriguez's first year at the helm, winning just three of 12 games. Asked if playing a role in the rebuilding process had any impact on his decision, White said a greater factor was the wide-open offense implemented by the Wolverines and the opportunity to play in "some big games" in a couple of years.

"I guess we kind of saw this coming," Karen White said of her son's decision. "You could see him light up when he was there (U-M) around the coaches. I think he enjoyed the passion the coaches have toward what they do.

"You have to go where your heart is and where you're going to be happy and I'm proud of the fact he's taken his time and looked at all the schools," she went on. "It was a difficult decision, and I'm sure he's glad it's over."

With the decision in the bag, White said he can now focus at the task at hand - winning a state championship. He and his Spartan teammates nearly reached that milestone in 2007 when Stevenson earned a berth in the Division 1 title game. Unfortunately for the Spartans, those dreams were dashed as Macomb Dakota came away with a 41-21 victory.

"I'm happy it's over with because now I can focus on my school's football season and on reaching our goal of winning a state championship," White said. "That didn't happen last time, but we have another chance."

# League champion Rangers featured winning mix of talent

### BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All of the ingredients for a winning team were sprinkled into the mix for the UU Bangers of the Greater Canton



team, but this year, they fine-tuned their hitting skills and really worked hard at practice to become better defensively as well," Covault said. "They especially improved on fielding and knowing where to be on the field

# SIDELINES

# Rams gain tourney bid

The Michigan Rams will be returning to familiar grounds next month, courtesy of Wednesday's 2-1 triumph over the Michigan Blue Knights at Bicentennial Park.

Single runs in each of the third and sixth frames proved to be the difference as the Rams upped their season mark to 17-8 and secured a sixth consecutive berth in the upcoming AAABA National Tournament slated for Aug. 9-15 in Johnstown, Pa.

Joe Barnes' single in the sixth inning, his second of the game, brought home Ryan Abraham with the tie-breaking run, and reliever Tom Whiting worked a perfect seventh inning to preserve as the lead as the Rams clinched the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League's top spot.

Justin Forster plated the Rams' other run with a double in the third inning. Abraham, Aaron Cieslak, Brett Mazmanian and Jake Rhodes were the other Rams players clubbing hits as the hosts outhit the Blue Knights 7-4.

Despite giving up a run on two hits in the sixth, Whiting was credited with the victory. He struck out three and didn't walk anyone in two innings on the mound.

Ben Schroeder got the start and pitched solidly through five innings, yielding two hits and two walks and fanning three.

Dustin Hill took the loss for the Blue Knights (13-14).

# Falcons yard sale

Farmington High School's girls cross country team will have a yard-sale fundraiser July 23-25 at 23986 Colchester, Farmington. The times for the yard sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Youth Baseball & Softball Association.

Those Rangers, coached by Rick Covault, parlayed that mix of strong pitching, clutch hitting, aggressive baserunning and defense into a 16-0 record and the 11U championship — the latter captured thanks to a 12-1 rout over the Dodgers on June 29 at Plymouth Township Park.

The championship was the team's second in the past three seasons with a runner-up finish the third season during that impressive run, Covault said.

"The success we enjoyed this season is because our kids are focused, practiced hard all season, are very coachable and very athletic," Covault emphasized. "And we have a great group of parents who are very supportive."

According to Covault, whose staff included assistant coaches

Mike Baldwin, Jeff Campbell, Kevin Krupski, John Rinke and Darrin The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association 11U Rangers show off their hardware following a 12-1 victory over the Dodgers in the championship final, held June 29 at Plymouth Township Park. Pictured front row (from left) are Blake Lewis, Ricky Covault, Jake Silvester and James Baldwin. Pictured middle row (from left) are Luke Krupski, Micah Rinke, Cody Borke, Jack Campbell, Aaron Kosmyna, Carson Pakula, Anthony Garbarino and Ian McKinnon. Pictured back row (from left) are coaches Darrin Silvester, Jeff Campbell, Rick Covault (head coach), Mike Baldwin, John Rinke and Kevin Krupski. Not pictured is player Joey Verkerke.

Silvester, the Rangers stepped it up in all categories. **MANY** 

MANY CONTRIBUTORS "We've always been a good hitting regardless if the ball was hit to them or not.

"They also worked hard to learn other strategic aspects of the game as well."

But the Rangers excelled all year in all aspects, the coach continued.

For example, there was the steady pitching of Cody Borke, Ian McKinnon and Micah Rinke along with solid hitting from Jack Campbell, Aaron Kosmyna, Luke Krupski, Blake Lewis and Jake Silvester.

James Baldwin, Ricky Covault, Anthony Garbarino, Carson Pakula and Joey Verkerke chipped in with big contributions in baserunning and defense.

And team chemistry provided another element that contributed to the title.

"Many of our kids and families have been together since they were six years old," Covault said. "So they know each other and it's fun for everyone."

# NRCLL crowns champions in baseball and softball

### **BY JIM TOTH** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was quick, but it was exciting, as the North Redford Central Little League recently wrapped up summer play by crowning its champions in baseball and softball play.

One of the more interesting

achievements came in girls softball where the Redford Heat, comprised of 9-10-yearolds, fielded a host of newcomers to the game and still managed to come out on top in the six-team division standings.

Coached by Dennis Butka and assisted by Charlie Kamin and Kathy Tarr, the Heat posted a 10-4-1 ledger during the regular season. Unfortunately, their stay in the post-season was abrupt as they lost their first game.

"It was a very enjoyable season," Butka said. "We started the season with eight girls who had never played softball before, but they listened well, learned quickly and just went out there and had a lot of fun."

Butka praised the efforts of the entire team, which included Haylee Butka, Emma Williams, Tylar Bennett, Amanda Drain, Allison Peck, Amy Kamin, Kennedi Spratt, Asia Banks, Jayla Johnson, Adelina Salano, Tracie Carrico and Emily Douglas.

"My approach the entire season was to teach them how to play the game and whatever happens, happens," Butka said. "It was rewarding."

In other action, the Minor A division saw a pair of teams

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borhood will be having yard sales, too, giving potential buyers a wider selection of goods.

Other houses in the neigh-

A wide variety of items will be for sale, including small appliances, clothing, sports equipment, etc.

Items will not be priced for sale but will be sold on a donation basis. Proceeds will be used to send the team to running camp and pay for other team needs.

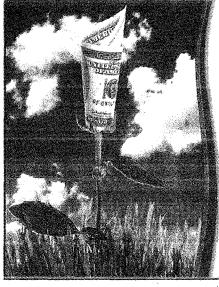
Colchester is located between Orchard Lake and Power roads, south of 10 Mile and north of Shiawassee.

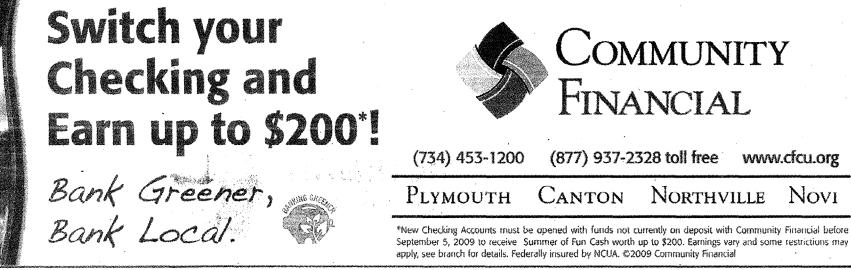
# USA Hockey honors

Ron Hayes, Plymouth Canton Hockey Association director of instructional program, was recognized by USA Hockey at the 2009 Annual Congress June 3-6 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hayes was chosen to receive the William Thayer Tutt award, given annually to honor the memory of Tutt, who served as USA Hockey president from 1972-86.

A panel of hockey journalists and broadcasters select the winner from a list of nominees, presenting it to a volunteer who, during years of service, has displayed a selfless dedication to the enhancement of ice hockey at the grassroots level in America.





# LOCAL SPORTS

# West dazzles East gridders

There were plenty of fireworks on July 4 — plenty on the Spartan Stadium football field, too.

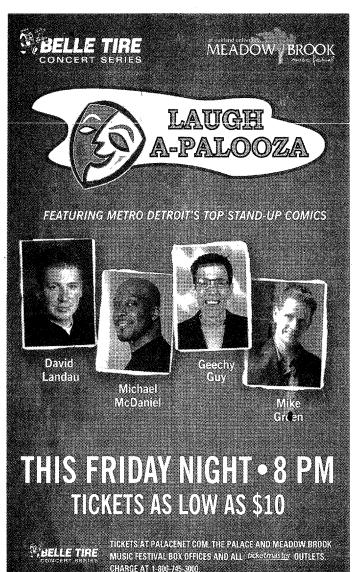
The West exacted a 43-22 revenge on the East in the 29th Annual Michigan High School Football All-Star Game presented by the MHSFCA.

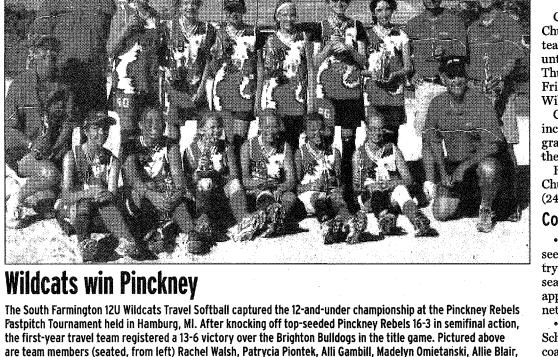
It was 13-9 at halftime before the contest turned into an offensive exhibition in the second half.

Local players competing for the East were Canton lineman Justin Sneddon and Salem lineman Andrew Grabowski.

• All 88 players in the game were seniors last season and were nominated to take part in the prestigious contest.

Among East highlights was a three-yard touchdown by West Bloomfield's Chris Hurst (with the extra point by Troy's Kevin Muma) and a 79yard TD reception by Hurst from Detroit Southeastern's William Sturgis.





the first-year travel team registered a 13-6 victory over the Brighton Bulldogs in the title game. Pictured above are team members (seated, from left) Rachel Walsh, Patrycia Piontek, Alli Gambill, Madelyn Omietanski, Allie Bla Victoria Bayliss, (kneeling) head coach Beveriy Blair, manager Dave Walsh, (standing, from left) coach Bob Fish, Jacqiyn Reynolds, Leah Petrak, Lauren Fish, Emily Cox, Elise Andreski, Samantha Danto, coach Jim Gambill and coach Howard Bayliss.



# **Batbusters in World Series**

Two runner-up finishes in recent tournament action has the 18U Batbusters Fastpitch softball team gaining three World Series berths. Strong finishes in the USSSA Romeo Renegade Tournament, Davison Tournament and ASA Motor City Showdown qualified the Batbusters for the upcoming USSSA World Series, ASA Worlds and NSA World Series. Pictured above are team members (front row, from left) Kathryn Garry, Ali Robinson, Danielle Keys, Brittany Lines, Maria Gomez, (middle row, from left) Sara Cupp, Devin Culham, Chrissy Albrecht, Sammy Ray, Gwen Hittle, Katie Rankin, (back row, from left) coach Bonnie Engel, manager Brant Engel and coach Mike Albrecht.

# **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

# **Churchill golf workouts**

Conditioning for the Livonia Churchill girls varsity golf team will be from 11 a.m. until noon, Tuesday through Thursday, and 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, July 24, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Conditioning is open to all incoming ninth- through 12thgraders attending Churchill in the fall. There is no charge.

For more information, call Churchill coach Paul Worley at (248) 476-4493.

## **Coaches needed**

• Westland John Glenn is seeking a head girls cross country coach for the upcoming fall season. Those interested can apply online at www.wwcsd. net/employment/.

• Wayne Memorial High School is looking to fill the coaching positions for the boys varsity cross country and girls varsity golf teams for the fall season. Previous high school coaching experience is preferred.

Interested individuals are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to Greg Ambrose, Athletic Director, 3001 Fourth, Wayne, MI 48184. Information can also be faxed to (734) 595-2227.

# New Canton hockey site

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association recently unveiled a new and improved web site for the 2009-10 season. The site has all the information anyone might need about CAHA teams, leagues and coaches for next year as well as brand new online registration. Check it out at www.cantonhockey.org.

## Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions through August. Classes are 30 minutes each with 15 minutes of free time and are grouped by age and ability. Parents can register children at the Arctic Edge, 46615 Michigan Avenue, or call (734) 487-777 for more information.



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# **Reasons to think Whalers**

### BY TIM SMITH

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

It might be warm weather outside, but it's time to start thinking Plymouth Whalers hockey once again.

The Ontario Hockey League team is entering its 20th season, and anniversary promotions and special events are expected throughout the year at Compuware Arena.

One of those is a flex plan that allows fans to buy a pack of nine vouchers (good for any 2009-10 Whalers game) for just \$90. Along with the pack are extra free vouchers to preseason games and all Monday and Wednesday contests during the regular season.

The deal originally was set to expire on June 30, but it is being extended indefinitely.

Also, Whalers' Director of Communications Pete Krupsky said a game featuring alumni players (possibly including former NHL-ers) is being discussed and could take place in August. Go to the

# HOCKEY

Plymouth Whalers Web site (www.plymouthwhalers.com) for more details.

Meanwhile, training camp is just around the corner, not to mention a preseason game 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 against the OHL champion Windsor Spitfires (who also won the Memorial Cup).

• For those who want to stretch their skating legs, Compuware is offering open public skating sessions and "sticks and pucks." The skating sessions are 1:50 in length and begin anywhere from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; call (734) 453-6400 for an up-to-the-minute schedule. To skate, cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and \$2 for senior citizens. Skate and helmet rentals are \$2

As for the 50-minute "sticks and pucks" sessions, times also vary. This week, sessions start at 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Next week, par-

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ticipants should plan on 5 p.m. sessions on Monday, July 27 and Thursday, July 30.

For "sticks and pucks," full equipment is required and pucks must be brought to Compuware. The price is \$5.

### **DROP-IN HOCKEY**

Although Compuware no longer hosts drop-in hockey, players can hit the ice and compete over at Plymouth Cultural Center & Ice Arena throughout July and August (except July 25-26 and Aug. 8-9).

Times for drop-in are 4:30to-5:50 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10-to-11:50 a.m. Sundays, with days and times subject to change.

The arena at 525 Farmer St. also hosts "sticks and pucks," weekdays from 2:30-to-4:20 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30-to-2:20 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit www. ci.plymouth.mi.us.

tsmith@hometownlife.com

The Redford Heat girls softball team emerged champions in division play by totaling 10 wins on the season. Pictured above are (top row, left to right) assistant coach Charlie Kamin, manager Dennis Butka, assistant coach Kathy Tarr, (middle) Haylee Butka, Emma Williams, Tylar Bennett, Allison Peck, Amy Kamin, Kennedi Spratt, Amanda Drain (bottom) Asia Banks, Javla Johnson, Adelina Salano, Tracie Carrico and Emily Douglas.

# Football

• 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 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 high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd. schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

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

# All sports

 Schoolcraft College will offer 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 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 Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics. The summer programs, 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.

1-877-714-5575, or by email at info@midwestsoccer.net, or by signing up online at www. midwestsocceer.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.

### Volleyball

• 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.

• St. Fabian volleyball coach Jason Gold and his staff of varsity high school and college players will conduct a volleyball skills camp July 27-30 at St. Fabian.

The \$75 fee provides campers with 12 hours of volleyball training (four three-hour sessions). The camp is for girls entering the third through eighth grades.

Campers will be divided by age, with grades 3-6 going from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and grades 7-8 from 2:45 to 5:45 p.m. Campers should bring a water bottle, knee pads, T-shirt (no tank tops) and volleyball shoes:

Registration is limited to the first 50 girls who register and send their payment. Checks should be payable to Coach Jason Gold and mailed to: Jason Gold, 30056 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

The St. Fabian gym is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (on the north side of 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake). Call 248-538-7269 with questions.

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- Mets and Tigers - tie for

the top spot. Those players leading the Mets included Nicholas Bisaro, Kieran Bledsoe, Tyler Collard, Teddy Coon, Jacob Gagnon, Aaron Horn, Evan Jaynes, Matt Thomas, Bradley Trout, Kyler Weekly, Khylon Starks, Talil Groves and

Tavian Groves. The Mets were coached by Randy Weekly and

Joe Gagnon. The Tigers, meanwhile, were led Kameron MacIver, Tommie Lewis, Troy Woodrox, Allen Arnett, Lawrence Jenkins, Matt Drain, Robert Dean, Sam Alcala, Caleb Gordish, McLane Menting and Devon Waller. The Tigers were coached by Dan MacIver.

In Minor B action, the Bulls and Scrappers proved equal in effort, while the Majors

saw manager Mark Pogoda's Pirates come out on top.

Team members for the 10-4 Bulls included Abigail Booth, Nathan Burnash, Logan Calimazzo, Luc Calimazzo, Skyler Carpenter, Caitlyn Kenney, Brooklyn Mullins, Zachary Shoemaker, Caleb Tiernan, Cooper Tiernan and Shane Rakowski.

The Bulls were managed by Jerry Tiernan and assisted by Tom Kenney and James Conkright.



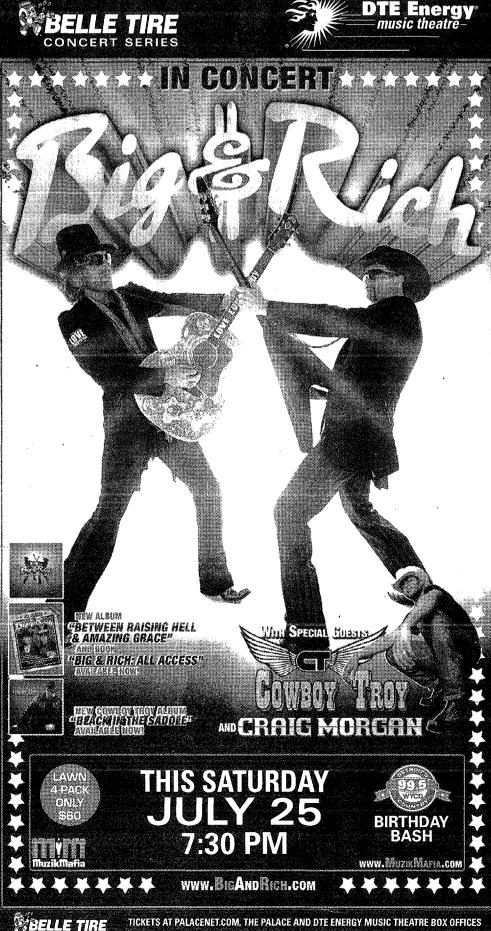


# Soccer

• Midwest Soccer Academy, one of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, will be conducting soccer training camps for boys and girls July 20-24. Hosted by Our Lady of the Good Counsel in Plymouth, the week-long camp will feature members of the MSA staff working with youngsters in improving their overall skills.

Cost is \$125 per camper. Sessions for girls will be held 9 a.m.-noon daily, while the boys will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

More information can be obtained by contacting Midwest Soccer Academy at 1-800 714-5575 or toll free at



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# **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

# **JULY 20-26**

### **Pressure point therapy** Free class to help improve circulation, eliminate stress and enhance health, 7 p.m., Monday, July 20, at Karl Chiropractic Clinic & Wellness Center, P.C., 30935 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Call (734) 425-8220 to register.

# Vascular screening

Oakwood Healthcare System and Advanced Screening and Wellness will offer affordable, preventative vascular health screenings for early disease detection so that individuals can live longer, healthier lives 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the Wayne Community Center in Wayne

and Saturday, July 25, at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne near the Surgery entrance. Screenings will be available for peripheral artery disease, stroke/carotid arteries, stroke/ heart disease/atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm, heart/ echocardiogram, full blood lipid panel (a 12-hour fast is required), glucose and ALT/AST (liver screening). Individual screenings start at \$45 and combination packages are available. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To make an appointment, call (800) 541-8110 or sign up online at Oakwood.org.

# BIRTHS



### **IVAN L. BAILEY**

Ivan was born on May 27, 1927 in St. Johnsbury, VT. He lived his young adult life in Quebec, Canada where he married Margaret L. Burns on December 26, 1949. Ivan and Margaret moved to MI where he retired from General Motors after 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children Judy, James, and Janette; his sisters Virginia and Jean; and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ivan was pre-deceased by his son, Lloyd in 1966 and his brother Bernard in 1992. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, July 22 at 2:00pm at Covenant Community Church in Redford, MI.

# EDWARD MATTHEW BIRKE JR.

Age 89, of Livonia, passed away July 13, 2009 at his son's home in Stockton

Springs, Maine. He was born in Muskegon, Michigan November 19, 1919 to Edward Matthew Birke Sr. and Marguerite L. (Fitzgerald) Birke. Edward attended St. Mary High School in Muskegon, graduating in 1937. He enlisted in the United States Army October 23, 1941 where he served in WWII. Following his service Edward attended The College of Commerce & Finance, University of Detroit graduating with a Bachelor Of Science degree in 1948. He then married Betty Leota Baird on August 21, 1948 in Muskegon. Edward initially worked as a CPA at Lybrand, Ross, & Montgomery Accounting Firm; later at Ralph Center CPA firm; and for the last 55 years, as an accountant for a private extended family, retiring in June of 2009. Edward lived in Muskegon, Detroit, and Livonia, Michigan. He traveled all over the United States and throughout the World and especially enjoyed cruises. Some of his favorite places to visit were Hubbard Lake, Michigan, Big Moose Lake in the Adirondack Mountains, New York State; Sanibel Island, Florida; and Stockton Springs, Maine. Ed was an avid reader, and enjoyed taking online courses to expand his never ending curiosity. Edward was pre-deceased by his wife, Betty Leota (Baird) Birke (Donahue) Johnson in 2008. He is survived by his son, Michael E. Birke and wife Kathryn of Stockton Springs, Maine; granddaughter, Kimberly A. Birke and husband Matthew Brennan of Hope, Maine; two great-grandchildren (Maya and Lily Birke Brennan); several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. A cel-ebration of Ed's life will be held at his home in Livonia, Michigan at 1:00 pm on July 25, 2009. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made either to: Waldo County Home Health and Hospice Services, 19 Northport Avenue, PO Box 407, Belfast, ME 04915 or your local pub-lic television station. Online condolences may be made at: www.crabielripostafuneralhome.com



On Monday, July 13, 2009, Evelyn Bragg Daniel, 87, went to be with her Lord, and to be greeted by all of her loved ones who have gone before her. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Arlington Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Arlington Funeral Home. Evelyn was born July 5, 1922, in Moscow, Ky. She was the daughter of Woodford and Mora Bragg. She married Wiley Daniel in 1940, and they had five children while living in Union City, Tenn. Evelyn moved to Plymouth, MI in 1954 where she worked and retired from the Plymouth School District. After retirement they returned to Clinton, Ky. and lived there for two years before moving to Texas. Evelyn was a member of Lamar Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wiley; twins: two sisters, Lena and Edith; and three brothers, Aaron, Morris, and Gene. Survivors: Sons, Lynn Daniel and wife, Toni, and John Daniel and wife, Ann; daughter, Mary Jean Steinmetz and husband, Melvin; she will be missed by all of them, as well as her six grandchildren, David Daniel, Richard Daniel, Kim Peach, Sarah Steinmetz, Greg Daniel, and Jennifer Bassier; and five great-grandchildren, Lane, Isabella, Cooper, Landon, and Campbell. Arlington Funeral Home 1221 E. Division St., 817-548-1791





# ELIZABETH "Betty" ZOLLER KNEEN

Saturday July 11, 2009, age 72. Resident of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Phillip "Phil" for 49 years. Loving mother of Deborah 'Debbie" Heagen (Doug) and Jennifer "Jennie" Schneider (Luke). Devoted grandmother of Chris and Jack Heagen and Ben and Matt Schneider. Sister of Bob Zoller (Roberta). Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorial tributes to Cranbrook House and Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 or Lourdes Senior Community Nursing Home, 2300 Watkins Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328. A. J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. /iew obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



### **REMONT MORRIS**

July 15, 2009, age 85, of Westland. Mother of Jerry, Jeffrey "Rico", and Judy (Cliff) Van Tuyl. Grandmother of Tammy, Kimala, Walter, Dwight, Kristen and Michael and Great-grandmother of Daniel, Matthew, Magen and Madison. Funeral Service Saturday 11AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To share a memory please visit:

www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

# **RONALD A. SCHOMER**

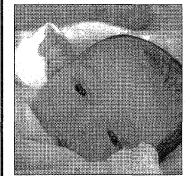
Age 61, of Westland, July 13, 2009. Beloved husband of Sandra. Loving father of Lisa (Pat) McDonagh, Lori



### The Ciufetteli twins of Livonia

# **CIUFFETELLI TWINS**

Proud parents Tom and Heather Ciuffetelli and big brother Ty of Livonia welcome the newest additions to their family, born May 26, 2009: Luc Scott, 6 pounds 5 ounces and 21 inches long; and Jack Thomas, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long.



### Lev Paul Myers

# LEV PAUL MYERS

Lev Paul Myers was born April 24, 2009, at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Natalie Marom Myers and Alec Myers of Los Angeles.

Lev is their first child. Alec was a 1991 graduate of Farmington High School.

**MILESTONES** 

Betty Jeanne Ready and Myron Stanley (Barney) Coon celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in June.

# **66TH ANNIVERSARY**

Betty Jeanne Ready and Myron Stanley (Barney) Coon celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in June. They were married in the First Methodist Church in Farmington on June 26, 1943. They have lived in Farmington Township, Farmington Hills, and Farmington all of their married life. Betty's family moved to Farmington in 1932; the Coon family came in 1937. Barney graduated from Farmington High School in 1939 and Betty in 1940.



George B. and Maxine B. (Brown) Huysken of Livonia celebrated 50 years of marriage with a gathering given by their children and grandchildren and a dinner attended by friends and neighbors last month.

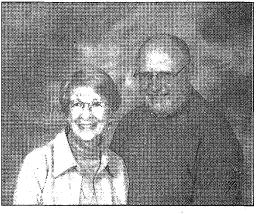
The couple wed June 27, 1959 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

They've lived in Livonia since 1961.

George "Bud" has degrees from Alma College and Madonna University and worked for Chrysler Corporation, American Safety



Stanley (Barney) Coon were married at the First Methodist Church in Farmington on June 26, 1943.



George 'Bud' and Micki Huysken of Livonia celebrate their golden anniversary.







**BENITA L. BUELL** 

July 7, 2009, age 80. Lifelong resident of Birmingham and very active member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Wife of the late Charles R. Dear mother of Patricia F. Ormston (David) and Charles R. (Bettie). Grandmother of Jason Ormston and Rebecca White. Sister of Harold Johnson (Nancy), Ruth Ann Barksdale (Glen) and David Johnson (Marie). Services have been held. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery, A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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### JOAN PATRICIA COLASANTI

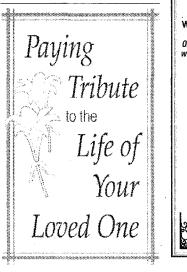
July 10, 2009, age 75, of Rogers City, MI and Charlotte Harbor, FL. Beloved wife of R. Bruce. Dear mother of Bruce T. (Julie) of Grand Blanc, MI, John (Audrey)of Minneapolis, MN, Linda Wade (Mark) of Royal Oak, MI and Robert (Maya) of Minneapolis, MN. Grandmother of Anne, Jane, Dominick, Pete, Kate, Lou and Christine. Sister of Tim Toben (Jan) of Orlando, FL, Suzanne Kisseberth of Royal Oak, MI and the late Nancy Leavenworth. Memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Ignatius Church in Rogers City. Memorial tributes to Alzherimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500

### NATHAN EUGENE FRANK, Jr.

Passed away June 24, 2009 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Born in Highland, MI on January 20, 1944 to Lois O'Rear Frank and Nathan Frank, Sr., Nathan grew up in Garden City, MI. He graduated from Garden City High School and attended Ferris Institute. He worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in Michigan and retired in Fort Collins. He was a patriot and veteran having served in the Army in German. He loved sports, especially the Detroit Red Wings and fast cars. A member of Divine Child Catholic Church in Plymouth, he attended St. Joseph's and John the 23rd in Fort Collins. Nathan is survived by his sons: Per Frank Jakobsen of Kirke Saaby, Denmark; Aaron Frank of Plymouth, MI; Daughter, Tiffany Frank Petersen (Matthew) of Indianapolis, IN; a brother, Douglas Frank (Kara) of Livonia, MI; a sister Alveta Frank Petersen (Jim) of Fort Collins; nephews: Rod Fran, Roy Frank, Brett Shafer (April); nieces: Lauren Shafer Steele (Jason); grand nephew, Evan Steele; grand nieces, Delainey Shafer and Caidin Steele and many caring supporters in Michigan and Colorado. A private family service will take place at Cadillac Memorial Garden in Westland, MI. - Donations may be made to Vet's Haven, 4924 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184.

### MILLIE D. HENSLEY

Age 78, July 12, 2009. Beloved wife of Howard for 60 years. Sister of Duane (Velda) Durham and Helen Durham Also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed by all who knew Funeral Service Thursday her. 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to the USO.

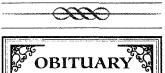


(Stephen) Garchar, Ronald (Penny) Schomer Jr., Clint (Jennifer) Farley and Jonathan (Erika) Farley. Dearest grandfather of 10. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Jeannette Schomer. Funeral service is Thursday, 10:30 AM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646 Visitation was Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 PM and Wednesday, 12:00-9:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

### LOUISE A. STEVENS

Age 89, July 6, 2009. Formerly of Farmington. Beloved wife of Jay for 31 years. Loving mother of Carol G. Stevens and Robert J. Stevens. Cherished grandmother of Sandra Smith and Julie Stevens. Great-grandmother of Charis, Maria, Constance. and Merlin Smith. Dear sister of the late William Beyreuther. Memorial service Saturday, July 25th. 11:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of armington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Hills. Arrangements to THAYER-ROCK Farmington entrusted to FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. femorial contributions may be made to the church.

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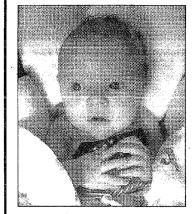
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Grandparents are Joe and Laura Myers of Farmington, and Michal and Naomi Marom of Baldwin, Long Island, N.Y.



Mallory Grace Dilluvio

# **MALLORY GRACE DILLUVIO**

Mallory Grace Dilluvio was born June 22, 2009, in William Beaumont Hospital.

Proud parents are Christopher Dilluvio and Kathleen Clark of Farmington Hills. Mallory's big sister is Paige, 22 months. Her grandparents are Gary and Phyllis Clark and Frank (Kathy) Dilluvio, all of Warren, and the late Patricia Dilluvio.

# **GARDEN CALENDAR**

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

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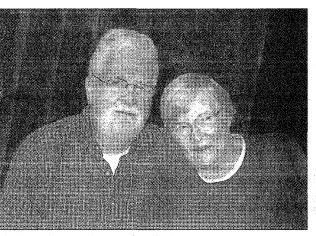
Hear about techniques for planting to ensure success with landscaping, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, at all stores. Perennial Gardening 101, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, at all stores, will include a list of best garden performers, tips on selecting plants and caring for them throughout the season. Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313)278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Equipment Corp., Ford Motor Company and Champion Enterprises in purchasing, sales and legal assistant positions. Maxine "Micki" is a graduate

of Michigan State University and was employed by Livonia Public Schools for 25 years. Their children are Kimberly

George 'Bud' and Micki Huysken of Livonia on their wedding day in 1959.

Chibou of Livonia, Kristin Huysken of Chicago, Ill., Mark Huysken (Amy) of Kalamazoo and Erik Huysken of Royal Oak .



Charles and Margaret Drury of Redford

# **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Charles and Margaret (Sirola) Drury of Redford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month. The couple married July 9, 1949, in Detroit.

Charles is retired from DePatis Floral Design School, which he owned and managed. Margaret worked as an IBM keypunch operator and co-owned and co-managed the school with her husband.

Chuck is involved with a WWII Naval Armed Guard veteran's group. He also enjoys music, playing cards, and working in his workshop. Marge enjoys playing cards, cooking, sewing, and watching the Detroit Pistons. Both are very active in family activities.

Their children are Robert Drury of Highland, the late Richard Drury, Maureen (Clyde) Thomas of Auburn, Calif., Mary Beth (Glen) Conger of Livonia, and Pamela (Alan) Zoeller of Highland.



**Charles and Margaret Drury on their** wedding day in 1949.

The couple has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They planned to celebrate their milestone day with a family barbecue.

# **Bang! Bang! Yeeha!**

# Club members shoot the cowboy way

### BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

At least once a month, the Rev. C.S. Oosterveen puts on his holster, heads west to Plymouth Township and becomes a cowboy known as the Rev. Missalot, for about four hours.

"I come here for the camaraderie and to have a good time," said Oosterveen, a Roseville resident.

Taking part in the Cowboy Action Shooting at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association on Napier is a welcome break from the pressures of his job.

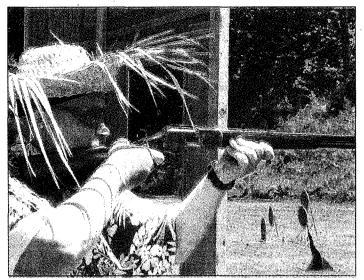
On a picture-perfect Saturday morning, Oosterveen was among about 60 people who left their worries behind and became cowboys for the day.

Everyone takes on a new name and sees what score they can get shooting a single action pistol, rifle and shotgun on five courses hitting metal targets set up in different shooting stages. The 16-inch targets are at seven to 50 yards. "No target is too big or too close that it can't be missed," according to the Web site, www.wcca.com.

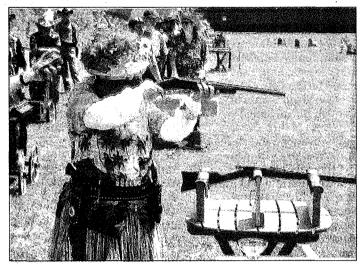
Accuracy and speed are key. "It's a lot of fun," said Mario Derrick of Westland. "It's a lot of old guys getting together playing cowboy."

The club gives members a chance to go back to yesteryear "when you knew right from wrong, you showed respect, and played fair," according to a Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) brochure. "Truth and justice ... that's the cowboy way back then and now."

Sometimes Derrick brings his wife, Liz, and granddaughter, Hannah, 13, who has been shooting for two years. In fact, there are a number of women



Steve Dininsky of Redford doffed his traditional cowboy garb in favor of a tropical theme for Cowboy Action Shooting at the Wayne County Conservation Association.



Denise Van Raemdonck of Livonia looks a little bit hula dancer and a little cowgirl as she shoots, while others wait their turn.

and young people involved. Some members dress up in complete cowboy attire and others don't.

"Everybody's a friend here," said Ronie Abrahamian, a Garden City resident, who goes by Honest Abe when he's packing pistols.

Livonia resident Denise Van Raemdonck, also known as Deadwood Denise, started shooting about four years ago. "It's really a nice sport," Van Raemdonck said. "A lot of nice people come here."

Livonia resident Debbie Hanka, who becomes Shakey Puddin' when she's shooting, says she likes taking part in a sport she can share with her husband, Ray Hanka, vice president of WWCCA, head of the local cowboy club and known as Rainmaker Ray.

## **KEEPING IT SAFE**

Reviewing a list of checkpoints and precautions, Ray Hanka said, safety is paramount when the CAS local chapter, The Johnson Creek Regulators, meets. Anyone is welcome to watch as long as

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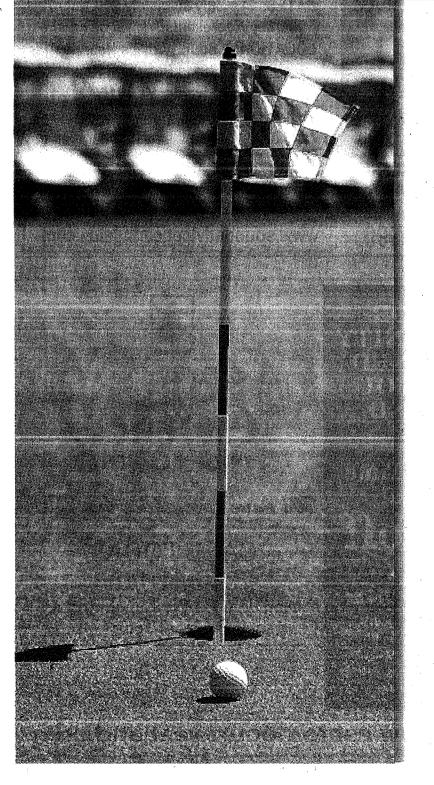
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# NEIGHBORS

# AAUW ably represented by local women at national convention

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

Mickey Edell of Canton and Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth Township were in St. Louis June 25-28 for the national convention of the American Association of University Women.

"I thought the convention was outstanding," said Edell, who works at Hoben Elementary School in Canton. This was her second national convention for AAUW.

Both women are state board members of AAUW, with Edell having served as state president 2006-08. Both have ties to the Plymouth-Canton schools, with Belobraidich a retired elementary teacher and Edell a current speech and language pathologist.

This convention was shorter than the previous one Edell attended: "But the speakers were outstanding," she said. The women at the conven-

tion had debates on whether AAUW should drop its requirement for a two-year degree. The first vote was almost 50/50, with the final vote 1,450 to 36 to maintain the degree requirement.

Edell, a 20-year member, favored dropping the degree requirement, noting "as an



Kathy Banfield Shaw of Battle Creek (right), AAUW of Michigan president, meets with Lily Ledbetter, for whom the recently passed Fair Pay Act is named. Ledbetter was the keynote speaker at the national convention in St. Louis, Mo., which a number of Michigan AAUW members attended.

inclusive organization AAUW should not be exclusive by using a degree designation."

That was part of a larger revision of association bylaws and governance.

AAUW, approaching its 130th year, works to provide educational opportunities and equity for women and girls. Edell got involved through friend and colleague Belobraidich.

"Sharon Belobraidich asked me if I would like to be Figaro in Pinocchio," said Edell, referring to the Plymouth-Canton branch's signature annual play for children. Edell continues to love the play and social aspects, but also was drawn to gender equity issues.

In St. Louis, Lily Ledbetter, for whom recently enacted pay equity legislation is named, was the keynote speaker. "She was very thoughtful," said Eleanor "Coco" Siewert of Birmingham, a Wayne State University law school staffer and former Birmingham mayor.

That was President Barack Obama's first piece of legislation signed, said Siewert, who has been AAUW's national parliamentarian for more than 20 years. Women earn approximately two-thirds of what equally qualified men do.

Edell, a former Plymouth-Canton branch president, also enjoyed hearing Ledbetter, who was instrumental in passage of the Fair Pay Act which bears her name. Edell also listened closely to a Connecticut congresswoman, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, who helped pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in the

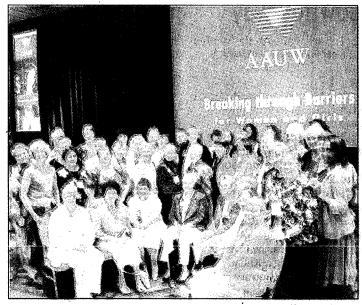
U.S. House. The latter awaits U.S. Senate action.

"Even now in 2009, women are not still paid equitably on the dollar with men," Edell said. "These women (speakers) had us on our feet, cheering them."

There were about 50 Michigan delegates, she added. Edell remains on the state board as Initiative director, with fellow state board member Belobraidich as Diversity director. The national conventions

are held every other year, with the next one in 2011 in Washington, D.C.

Michigan AAUW members attending the St. Louis convention include: Ann Arbor branch: Margaret Fisher, Jennie Lombard, Mary Mostaghim, Pauline Pan, Martha Petroski, Amy Seetoo; Birmingham branch: Carolyn Burdi, Sally Doty, Charlotte Mahrt, Carol Pyke, Eleanor Siewert, Jean Walker; Detroit branch: Cynthia McClure, Janet Watkins; Farmington branch: Joan McGlincy; Grosse Pointe branch: Carolyn Barth, Patricia Greenwood; Oakland branch: Lynette Brown; Plymouth-Canton branch: Sharon Belobraidich, Mickey Edell; Wyandotte-



The Michigan delegation was glad to travel to St. Louis for the national convention of the American Association of University Women.

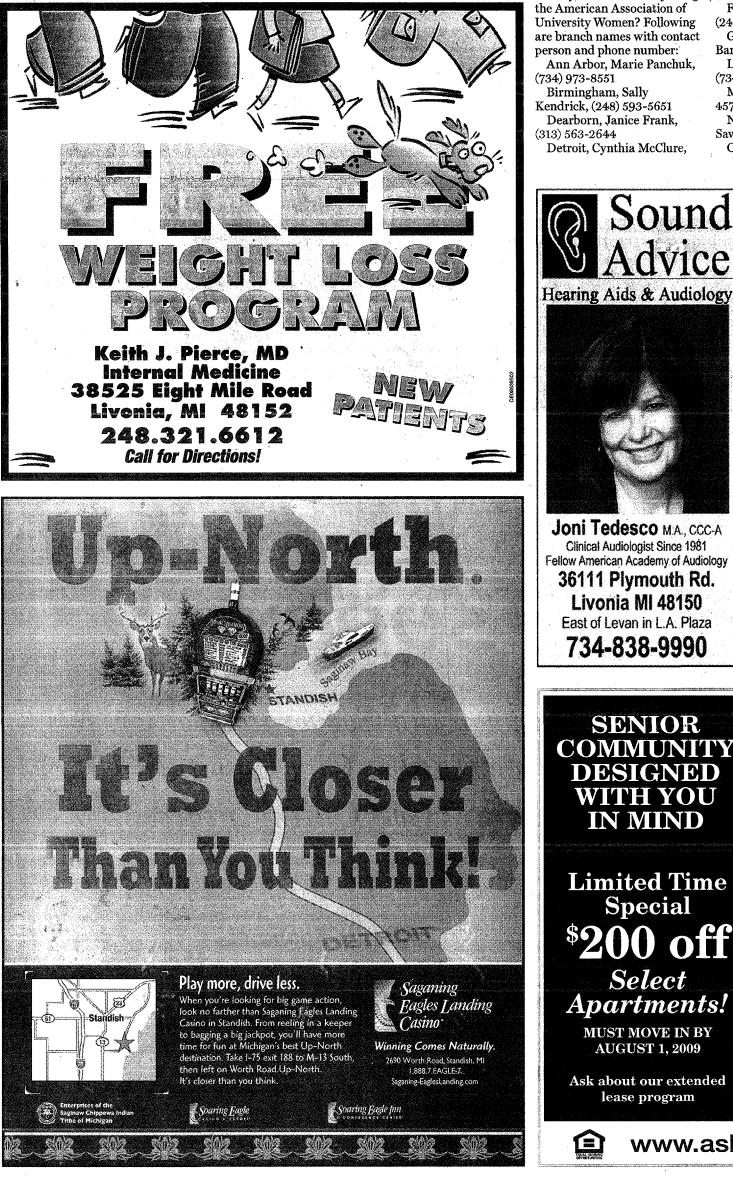
Downriver branch: Josephine Burke, Gloria Conn, Diana Mente, Delores Miller; Rochester branch: Sharon Postnieks; Livonia branch: Cornelia Blaga, Mary Bond, Barbara Medwedeff; Romeo area branch: Jeanette

attendees were: Battle Creek branch: Janis Emery, Deborah Ensign, Constance VandePolder; Grand Rapids branch: Mary Jane Keeler,

Helen Kinsworthy; Hillsdale branch: Ruth Brown; Holland branch: Martha Swank; Jackson branch: Patricia Jennings; Lansing area branch: Vida Sisco; Marshall branch: Kathy Shaw; Midland branch: Betty Chenoweth, Mary Crane-Franek, Ann Ward; Port Huron branch: Pamela Oziah, Pamela Ruehle; Traverse City area branch: Shirley Murray; Escanaba area branch: Joy Holman, M. Jean Jokipii.

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### SHOOTING VARIETY

If cowboy style shooting doesn't interest you, WWCCA, in operation for 71 years, also has a target range and holds a variety of classes and leagues for people of all ages who love to shoot guns from pistols, shotguns and rifles in a prone position, in cowboy get up or in an all-women league.

WWCCA has 761 family members from Plymouth, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Dearborn Heights, Detroit and other communities across the state.

"Memberships are down, because of the slump in the economy, but our spirits are up," said Bob Haviland, WWCCA president. "We offer



John Blades of South Lyon (left) times Rick Levy of Plymouth.

such a variety of activities that it brings people to us."

Among the many activities, WWCCA also provides hunter education classes and Junior Olympics archery development, as well as trap and skeet shooting on 84 acres that sits on a parcel that touches Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

A new program, Pin Top, challenges shooters to hit five bowling ball like pins with a 22 caliber long rifle handgun. It's a timed event with a maximum 15 seconds.

Deer roam the land on a picturesque setting ideal for walking after shooting stops at 5:45 p.m.

"I call this my little piece of country in the city," Haviland said.

"It's important for people to know we're a family-oriented club and we try to provide family-oriented activities along with individual activities.'

For more information, go to www.wwcca.com.

# Zonta scholarship

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is offering a new \$500 scholarship to help women. Zonta is an International Women's Service Organization whose mission is to improve the status of women. Women who live in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville are eligible. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, attending a Michigan college or university with a concentration in math or science and have successfully completed one year of undergraduate studies with a 3.0 grade point average. The scholarship is renewable for a second semester with successful completion of course work. Request an application form by e-mailing rsrand521@ sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by mail and post marked by Aug. 7, 2009. Scholarship money will be awarded for the Fall 2009 semester. www.zonta.org



# Golf for good cause

The Senior Alliance holds it 2009 Golf Classic Friday, July 24 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse, Wayne.

The 9 A.M. shotgun start will kick-off a day filled with opportunities to win great raffle prizes, eat delicious food, and possibly win the cherished "Ficano Cup." Last year's event sold out quickly. Reserve your foursome by calling Linda DeVore, program manager, at (734) 727-2017. The raffle supports The Holiday Meals-on-Wheels Program, a charitable effort that provides hot, festive meals to thousands of eligible recipients throughout the 34 communities that The Senior Alliance serves on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Labor Day.

The non-profit organization helps thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout southern and western Wayne County through the Mealson-Wheels program, the Holiday Meals-on-Wheels program, information a

assistance. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised from this event will go directly to senior services.

# Garage sale

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Presbyterian Village of Westland plans a garage sale Saturday, July 25 to raise money for employee and resident picnics.

The facility is a part of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that serves senior citizens of all faiths. The Village

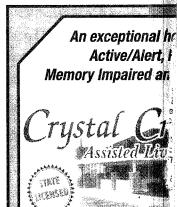
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of Westland offers one- and two-bedroom apartments with services, Assisted Living & Alzheimer/Memory Care cottages, along with Respite Care for short term stays. It also provides home-cooked meals, activities, transportation to shopping and banking, personal emergency response buttons, a Wellness Center with exercise equipment, and gardening. It's located at 32001 Cherry Hill, in Westland. Call (734) 762-8954 for more information.

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The problem for seniors is that the other changes in health make adjustment to aging in balance and coordination more difficult. The two problems that cause the most trouble are Parkinson's and arthritis

The image of a person with Parkinson's disease is someone with a fixed expression of the face, a bent forward posture, a shuffling walk and constant, fine tremor.

However, it is possible to have a degree of Parkinson's with little facial change, no tremor and slight loss of rhythm in gait and body motion. But these small changes make an individual more vulnerable to a slip or fall. If in addition, the individual develops wear and tear arthritis of the hip or knee the possibility of a fall increases Physicians can treat Parkinson's but the effect on gait and balance is uncertain. In

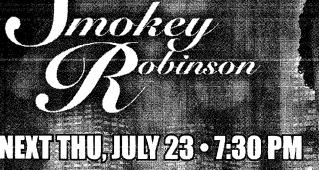
contrast, treatment for hip or knee arthritis has a predictably good effect when the therapy involves joint repair or replacement

When to undertake a joint operation and what procedure to undertake are decisions in which dialogue between doctor and patient are important. In instances when balance and coordination are considerations, waiting for joint pain to determine timing is inappropriate. The pattern of falls decides the iss

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# Manners matter when visiting family, friends in hospital

BY JULIE BROWN

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Etiquette may not be the first thing on your mind when visiting a loved one in the hospital. Even so, health care pros know there are a few courtesy basics.

"We do encourage families and friends to visit," said Marcia Filek, manager of patient relations at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Such visits are good for emotional and spiritual needs of patients, said Filek, who has a social work background.

"We think visitors are wonderful," said Donna Gray, chief nursing officer at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "Visitors are our partners in the care of that patient."

One basic is to use the public restroom on the hall. The patient may need his or her bathroom, and there are infection concerns with using a patient bathroom. You should also wash your hands before



and after visiting, Filek said. At her hospital, there's antiseptic cleanser foam in rooms which visitors are encouraged to use:

"Check with the nurse" on bringing in food, Filek advised. "We know people want to get out of the hospital as soon as possible." Some food brought in by visitors can create blood sugar or other problems that " "long stays. Gray said something like grandmother's special rice pudding can help boost a patient's appetite, which is fine. You should check with the nurse; food from home needs to be labeled by name and date. It can be stored in a refrigerator, and there's a microwave available.

Don't visit the hospital if you've been drinking heavily, Gray added.

You shouldn't stay too long, Filek said, noting shorter and more frequent visits are better, maybe half an hour. Her hospital has open visiting hours, to accommodate varied work schedules.

Gray said St. Mary Mercy visiting hours are flexible in the general hospital. "Visiting hours are really around a respectful environment for that other patient in the room," she said. TV noise and boisterous visitors can bother a roommate.

St. Mary Mercy arranges for

some family members to stay overnight in a waiting room. The birthing center is open to dads around the clock. Stricter standards apply for behavioral health and intensive care units.

You shouldn't sit on the patient's bed, for comfort concerns as well as infection possibilities. Also, Filek said, don't touch any equipment, and call the staff if you need help: "That's why we're here."

Gray said visitors shouldn't sit on or pile coats on an empty bed in the room, as nurses will need to remake the bed then.

Information release is up to the patient, due to privacy laws, although such information may be released with approval in the patient's presence. If care is being given, visitors may be asked to step out into the hall. "We'll ask them to step out

for patient privacy and the comfort of the patient," Filek said.

You can bring puzzles or playing cards to pass the time, but Filek recommends against bringing expensive electronics which can get lost.

You don't want to bring liquor into the hospital, although patients do occasionally have beer or wine with dinner. That's ordered by a doctor and provided through Oakwood Annapolis' food and nutrition department. One such man recently had a beer.

"That was part of his routine on Saturday nights," Filek said of the doctor-approved beer in the hospital.

You shouldn't bring outside medications into the hospital, checking with the nurse or doctor on those. That sometimes happens now with holistic medications, although those too can interact with treatment plans.

Phones are individually assigned to patients, and you can keep in touch if you've got a cold or the flu. Don't visit if you're not feeling well, experts advise. "Patients are more susceptible to those things when they're in a weakened condition," Filek said.

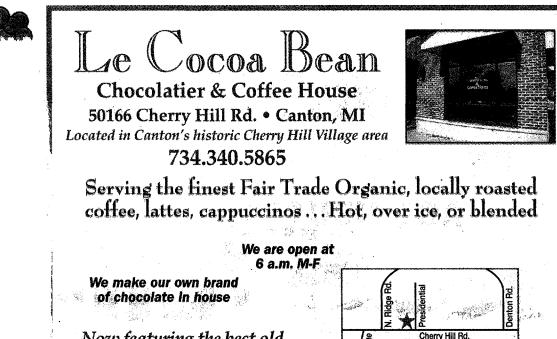
"If you aren't feeling well, don't go in there," agreed Gray, adding you should communicate your reasons with the loved one. "You don't want to be seen as not caring."

Oakwood Annapolis has courteous visitors, although the numbers can add up in the mostly semiprivate rooms. "We've asked our staff to monitor that," Filek said. Some visitors are asked to use the family lounges on each floor.

Breaks are good for visitors as well, she added, particularly in end of life situations.

Gray sees some problems with visitors staying too long. A co-worker, for example, may feel the need to entertain a visitor rather than get rest.

"The patient really should be allowed to have the environment to get well," Gray said. "It does wear people out."



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CLOSING IN ON A MANIPULATIVE CO-WORKER



A manipulative co-worker may present an immediate threat to your work and bv emotional wellbeing, according to John Rooney, Culp director of the M.A. Program in

Clinical Counseling Psychology and professor emeritus of Psychology at Philadelphia's La Salle University.

"Manipulators take advantage of people's weaknesses and are good at spotting (them), Rooney continues. "They typically have their own goals, which they put ahead of the organization and interests of other people." This sometimes ruthless self-orientation can throw you off track. He has some good news, though. Many manipulators aren't effective. By using some simple tactics, you can avoid being their victim.

Lynn Taylor, author of "Tame Your Terrible Office Tyrant" (Wiley, \$21.95), focuses on the childish behavior of bosses who (like their coworker equivalents) are, among other things, self-centered: "Sometimes (these tyrants) behave as if they exist in a universe created solely for their own gratification." You may pay the price

for that tremendous neediness when for one, Taylor writes, you become "a doormat as he sprints toward his personal goals.

POWER

How can you avoid the doormat syndrome? You need to figure out how, in the process of being manipulated, you either knowingly or unknowingly relinquish power to the person. Rooney indicates that if you recognize that your co-worker manipulates through intimidation, be on the lookout for the next intimidating gesture.

"Learn to say no," he advises. "Don't agree to do something you might later regret." However, if you do agree and discover that doing so was a mistake, back down, saying that you agreed to go ahead when you thought you could do it, but that your situation has changed. Then move forward, all the wiser when he (or she) comes back around.

Another invitation to relinquish power may be packaged within an assumption. Listen for some form of the word "assume" and shift the conversation from issues to your relationship, Rooney recommends: "So if the person says, 'I assume you're going to do this . . .,' say, 'Wait a minute, Joe. You and I've worked together a long time and you assume, and it makes me

uncomfortable.' "Be aware of nature of the communication," he adds

Rooney comments that your best tactic is to be on the alert. In addition to intimidating tactics, watch for flattery, distortion and, in yourself, possible feelings of helplessness. Are you overly trusting? After identifying your vulnerable spot, the behavior that gets you in trouble, work on it. By strengthening your weakness, you'll undercut the potential for emotional harm.

Don't feel that you have to go it alone. Rooney says, "You can also form coalitions with others to help everyone see the extent of the problem and to strengthen your position."

Rooney says that mulling over how to deal with the person might undercut your emotional well-being and your objectives. An excessive, overwhelming reaction signals to you that you've truly knuckled under and that the manipulator won. Unless you do something, it's likely to happen again. Save yourself a bit of grief from the emotional treadmill that you're allowing a manipulator to trigger.

Keep in mind that manipulative co-workers follow a pattern. "In the long run," Rooney remarks, "most of them stay in a job a while and soon things they do start to catch up with them and they usually move on to something



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else and start over again." Their success is often temporary. By remaining alert and protecting your own interests and those of the company, you'll probably outlive the person on the job.

Then, during bad moments, he states, remember that "every day is going to have its ups and downs."

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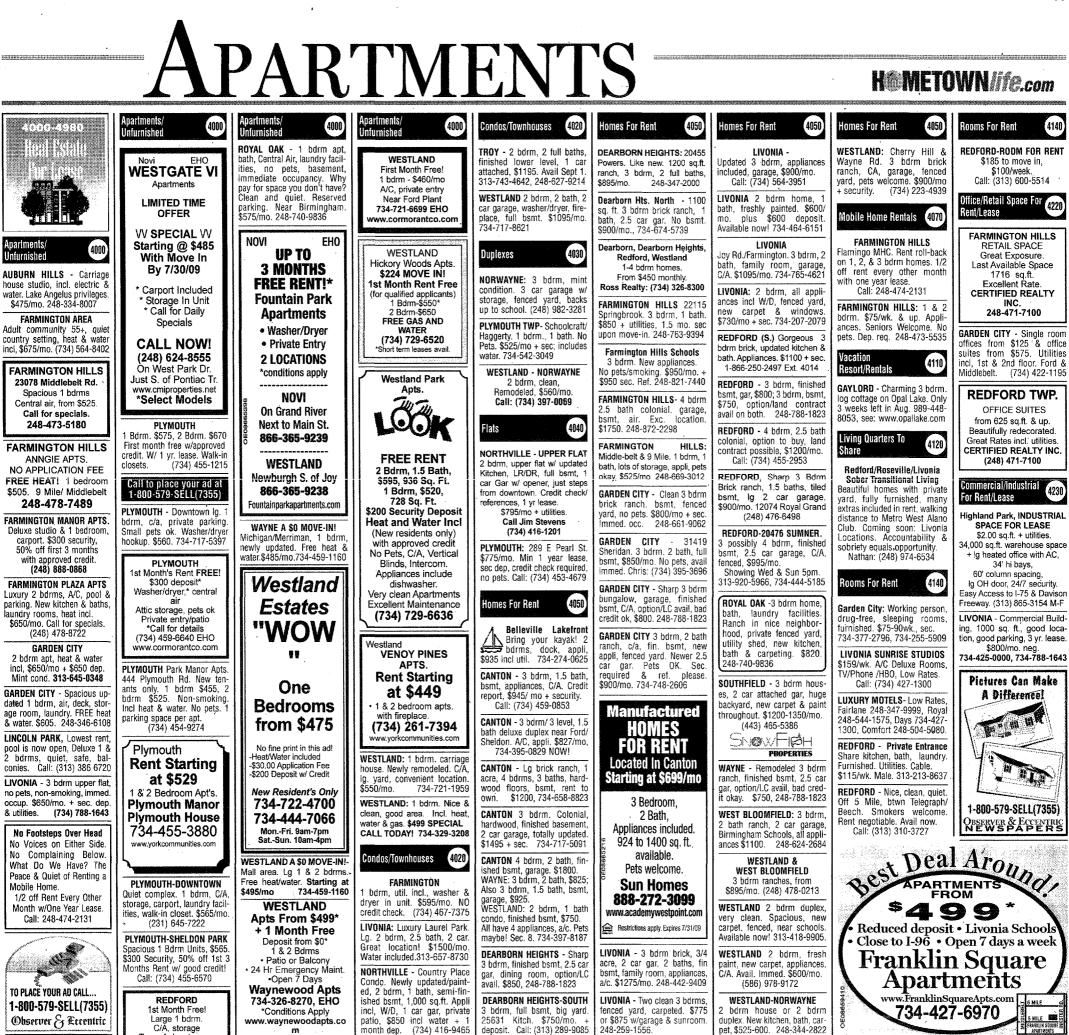
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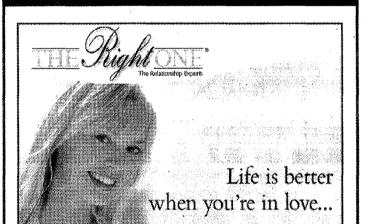
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CALL MEI SBM, 50, 1951bs, 61", physically fil, fikes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling, Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship, **17289335** 

ARE WE A MATCH? SWM, 61, NS, looking for a lady, 55-64, who en-joys life in general, taking walks, shopping, movies, the ans, card genree, \$2301709

LET'S TALK SBM, 52, N/S, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200bs, to spend some time with and get to know. Filendship possibly leading to more. 27305631

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind jemale, 40-70, 22287161

CALL MEI Honest, hard-working SWM, 510°, in search of honest, sweet, gentle SWF, 28-35. Friendship first, we'll take it from there. I enjoy mountain climbing travel, life in general. 12309090

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ship possibly leading to a more serious relation ship: 77904387

SEEKING REAL WOMAN SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, ilkes cooking, danding, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygo-

ing female who is honest and secure. 12:305549

sibly more. 13308881

meet a woman out. **73308942** 

SEEKING LATIN LADY WM, 63", dark/due, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic temale, 18-50, for dating,

SO WE MATCH?

SM likes skaling, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Wook! like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going

GENUINE NICE GUY

WM, 45, 811", blond/blue, N/S, social drinker, hon-

est, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes mast kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Staelers play foot-

ball. Seeking female, with similar qualities and val-ues. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. \$2308313

LET'S GO OUT

BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intel-

ligent lemale, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. **27308637** 

IMMATURE

WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, inter-osted in politics, sports, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63. Glasses a plus. **37278602** 

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SWM. 48, 5'9', 195bs, is nuis about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **12'992943** 

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MUSICAL GIRL MUSICAL GIRL Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. T2292258

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

### VERY ATTRACTIVE

SBPF, 37, mother, looking tor attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTFR, 22/28/115

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SBF, 36, 5'4". 166lbs, brown/brown, drama.frce, disease-free, looking for SW/BM, 35-60, to talk to. 1 like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having turi. 17317137

### GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF. 48. WF, 48, 53°, brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who ilkes dining out, museums, movies, mading and more, to do things with. 172280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME HUMBEROUT SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, 52°, 1650s, black bair, brown eyes, light complexian, ND, NS, enjoys movines, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading, Seeking SBM, 39-51, **327284368** 

ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 41, 5'4', dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, furry man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 737289947

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SWF, 47, 57' 1550s, hazel eyes, dimples, anjoys t&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for triendship first, possibly more. **T283605** 

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH SBF, 37, 55", 125bs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowing, basketball games.

Seeking SBM, 30-43. 22299111

ARE WE A MATCH? SBF, 00, very shapely, NS, light drinker, very in-dependent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, drining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who eniovs life, movies, etc. 2299793 LADY OF QUALITY

SBF, 30-comething, 577, laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, taithful profes-sional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. **17310218** 

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40-60, who's tooking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **17962317** 

GREAT-LOOKING BE.

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed 12283172

BEAUTIFUL SBF... 37, seeks 3WM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. \$\$\$271683

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SOFT-SPOKEN SM, 61\*, 2008s, dark brownhazel, very hard-working looking for an honest, down-to-earth WF, 35-45, who likes movies, fishing, camping, hunt-ing, biking riding and more. **23316099** 

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Try this easygoing, levable SWM, 50, good listen-er, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. **TI**200890 EASYGOING

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A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 510°, handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wisense of humor, who enjays travel, candielight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR 12269646

LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION SWM, medical professional, 51, courteous, looking for iti angle lady, 35-45, with whom to spend some quality time. Lofts do atmost movies, bowling, golf, termis, ewimming, or just kick back and watch a OVD. 22310972

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CALL ME SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. It you're out there, please give me a call. 23317043

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SM, 55", 155ks, brown eyes, intorested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustworthy women, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. 22316761

HONESTY A MUST
 SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. 37317031

ARE WE A MATCH? SWM, 30, 6'2', 175hs, blondblue, outgoing, play-ful, loves to talk. Looking for SF, 23-38, with same interests. **37318166** 

IT COULD BE ME! SWM, 35, 6, brownblue, muscular build, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to for special SF, 18 know, 22294679

KEEP IT REAL SWM, 55, 5'10", 150bs, father of two, homeowner LET'S TALK SWM, 40, 5'5", loves to partyl Looking for a female companion, 18-35, for mendship first, possibly more it it developel 17294946 wants to meet slander, average female, 25-45 who likes music, art, just hanging out. **T2287896** 

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WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having tun, movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-59, to have fun with. 12296181

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WM. 6'2', 2008c, light brownblue, NS, clean-shaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female, 25-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, for dating, **37290310** 

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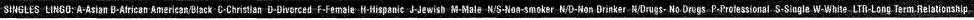
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