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Senior fashions

Residents of Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Senior Living will be showing off the hottest spring styles, bringing the fashion runway to Canton.

This year's fashion show, suitably called "Spring Time in Paris," takes place 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served prior to the show at 12:30 p.m.

Popular local businesses including Kohl's, Men's Warehouse and Eva's Bridal Design, as well as independent designers, will be participating in the event by donating this season's spring apparel for the show. The fashions will be modeled by the residents of Waltonwood Cherry Hill.

This event is free of cost and will be open to the public.

For more information, contact marketing manager Christian Miller at (734) 748-5307 or by email at cmiller@singhmail.com.

Clean cars

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is the beneficiary of a fund-raising car wash in the Plymouth community.

For every car wash purchased Tuesday at the Plymouth Super Center, located at 400 Ann Arbor Road (on the north side of Ann Arbor Road near Lilley), \$2 will be donated to the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters.

No coupon is necessary to participate — just bring your dirty car and drive through the automated wash.

Rouge run

Residents of southeast Michigan are invited to Run for the Rouge in Canton Saturday, May 8, to help raise funds for Rouge Rescue, an annual river cleanup event organized by Friends of the Rouge.

Friends of the Rouge is a local nonprofit organization that has been promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River for nearly 25 years and involves 2,000 to 3,000 volunteers in cleaning and caring for the Rouge River on the first Saturday in June.

A 5K single-track trail run begins at 8 a.m. and a 5K family fun run/walk at 9:30 a.m., both on the recreation trails along the Lower Rouge River near Morton Taylor and Michigan Avenue in Canton. Participants are to meet at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue.

Prizes will be presented to the top male and female finishers. Special prizes will be awarded to participants collecting the most pledges. Entry fees are \$20 for adults through April 22 via mail, \$20 online or in person until April 26, and \$25 on the race day. All children under 12 are \$10. For details or online registration, visit www.therouge.org.



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Canton resident Jack Walterscheid believes rising water-sewer rates are linked to an inefficient Detroit system.

Residents storm water hike forum

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Canton's water and sewer rates continue to spiral upward, frustrated residents who get stuck with the tab are feeling the financial pinch.

Kirk Hering, a Canton father of three, said his water-sewer bills have virtually doubled over the last three years even though he hasn't had a pay increase in five years.

"We're not getting any extra money, but our water bills are going up, up, up," Hering said Thursday evening, during the first of three public forums at township hall.

And after learning that water-sewer rates are likely to continue to spike even if residents are conservative in their water usage, Hering said he felt a certain "state of despair" due to rising expenses he can't control.

Hering and several other residents who attended Thursday's two-hour public forum didn't point an accusatory finger toward township officials, who have proposed raising rates an average 16.9 percent starting

June 1.
Rather, local consumers
said they believe the problem
likely stems from an inefficient
Detroit Water and Sewerage
Department that, this year
alone, socked Canton with a
15-percent rate increase.

The problem "is not here, it's 20 miles away," said resident Jack Walterscheid, who lives in a Kingston Estates subdivision where homeowners also are

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Rick Eva, Canton's finance director, explains why water-sewer rates continue to increase.

Board urged to reduce class sizes

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A citizens' group consisting of parents of elementary, middle and high school students have banded together to encourage the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, currently wrangling with ways to reduce a projected \$9 million deficit in its 2010-11 budget, not to use an increase in class size to help solve the problem.

They were spurred to action, they said, by some class-size recommendations made by participatory budget committees the board developed to help find ways to increase rev

enues and cut costs.
According to the group, the recommendation, if approved by the school board — and there's been

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no indication yet such a thing would happen—could increase elementary school classrooms above the current guideline of 26-30, the ratio in middle-school classrooms to 36.6-to-1 and the average high school class to 35 students.

"As active parents in the district, we were very concerned when we heard these numbers," said Sheila Paton, a Plymouth Township resident who has two children in the district. "We are parents who spend time in our children's classrooms. We see firsthand the challenges teachers face every day with the current class sizes."

Board of Education Treasurer Judy Mardigian, the board's longest-tenured trustee, said she understands the group's desires, pointing out she formed a similar group in the 1990s.

She's fought the class size battle for more than a decade.

"We do have very different times now," Mardigian said. "This is a very pro-class-size board, the best I've ever worked with. It's just that the downturn in the state ... has made our jobs very, very difficult."

Paton brought a plethora of research statistics with her to a recent school board meeting, including:

• A Tennessee study that found "significant differences" in the achievement of students in small classrooms (13-17 students) vs. larger classrooms (22-26 students).

 Research from Princeton economist Alan Krueger, who estimated being in a smaller classroom for as little as two years improved math and reading scores so much it raised

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Plans 'on track' to construct nursing center

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A \$6-million project to build a 113bed skilled nursing center on Geddes west of Canton Center is expected to begin this construction season.

Southfield-based Ciena Healthcare Management Inc. plans to build the single-story, 62,530-square-foot Regency of Canton near a wooded area southeast of Holiday Estates mobile home park and across the road from Kimberly Meadows subdivision.

"Everything's on track. We'd like to start construction this summer," said Blair Reese, project manager for NSA Architects, Engineers & Planners of Farmington Hills.

In a sweeping decision Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted 7-0 to approve a final planned development district and site plan to accommodate the Regency of Canton



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project. The board's action followed earlier approval by the local planning commission.

Roy Baker, NSA's vice president of design, has said Regency of Canton will be "a knockout facility" that marks "the next generation of skilled nursing facilities." The center is expected to employ an estimated 100 full- and part-time workers.

State officials earlier indicated the facility is needed due to an insufficient number of skilled nursing centers in the area. It will accept people who have

their own insurance plans along with those on Medicare and Medicaid.

Ciena has about 35 facilities in Michigan. Canton's building, situated in a largely natural setting, is expected to use less than six acres of a nearly 15-acre site; the rest is to remain protected as a wetlands and floodplain area.

During the Canton Planning Commission meeting, the center received approval with only minor conditions, such as the company working with its neighbors on the placement of trees to shield the nursing center.

Regency at Canton amenities are expected to include 30 private rooms for short-term patients; 38 semiprivate, double-occupancy rooms to accommodate 76 long-term residents; an occupational and physical therapy area; six private rooms for bariatric patients; and elaborate common areas.

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lifetime earnings by as much as facing expenses for a sidewalk-

\$45,000. · A study published in the Teachers College Record, "Enduring Effects of Small Classes," which found fourth-, sixth- and eighth-grade students who attended smaller classes in the early grades were almost a full year ahead academically by the time they reached eighth grade.

· A U.S. Department of Education review of achievement levels of students at more than 2,600 schools across the country where the only objective factor that correlated with higher student success was class size.

"Clearly, Plymouth-Canton schools are not at the optimum class size levels referred to in these studies," Paton said. "However, research evaluated by the group Class Size Matters in New York found there to be no threshold effect. In other words, as each additional student is added to a class, achievement, as defined by test scores, declined."

Board President Steven Sneideman said concerned citizens should attend the series of budget workshops scheduled - the next one is Tuesday night - as the board searches for solutions

"We all want to see class sizes go down," Sneideman said. "We're going to work hard and do our best.'

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repair program that comes to their neighborhood this sum-

"We're in a no-win situation here," he said, "and we have to deal with that."

Hering, Walterscheid and a few other residents listened intently Thursday evening as Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas and Finance Director Rick Eva, using an exhaustive display of charts and statistics, gave a detailed account of watersewer rates and fielded ques-

The forecast was gloomy at best, as Faas said rising costs and the need for water-system repairs will likely mean an upward spiral in consumer rates "for the rest of our lives."

Under the newly proposed, combined water-sewer rate of \$9.65 per 1,000 gallons - up from \$8.20 - an average Canton household using 32,283 gallons every three months will see its quarterly bill increase by \$47.41, or nearly \$190 a year. The average quarterly bill would be

That marks an average 16.9-percent increase, but Walterscheid said his expenses will likely be even higher because he and his wife have amenities such as a swimming



Tim Faas, Canton's municipal services director, explains water-sewer rates during a public forum.

Two more public forums are scheduled for 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday. The Canton Township Board of Trustees is set to discuss water-sewer rates during a study session at 7 p.m. Tuesday at township hall, before voting on the proposal a week later.

Canton expects to buy 2.8 billion gallons of water from Detroit this year alone. A wealth of information emerged during Thursday's forum:

· Faas said the township's water-sewer costs are projected at nearly \$30 million

this year. "It's one of the largest budgets in the entire township," he said. Moreover, he said the entire Detroit-area system ranks among the largest in North America.

· Canton, alone, has 472 miles of water mains, 338 miles of sewer pipes and an infrastructure that includes 6,000 hydrants, 3,960 watersystem valves, 5,208 sewer manholes and six sewer pump stations.

· Although the township is nearing the end of \$45 million in sanitary sewer system

upgrades, consultants have estimated Canton will need to spend another \$13 million over the next 25 years to improve its water-system infrastructure - another reason rates are likely to continue to increase.

Eva called it critical to make timely repairs rather than delay projects that only become more costly.

"It's the most efficient way of doing it," he said.

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· Even if consumers use less water, Eva said, rates are expected to continue to climb because Detroit says it still needs enough revenue to repair an aging system and pay for fixed costs.

· Residents questioned whether Canton could benefit by having a water-storage facility to ease local usage, particularly during peak hours. Officials indicated it's an idea that will be studied, though it, too, would come with a price tag.

· A water-sewer rate hike is partially intended to boost the township's water-sewer fund, which currently has a \$9.9 million fund balance. While that may seem healthy, consultants have said a township the size of Canton should have closer to \$11.8 million.

· Some residents asked if the township could ease the pain of water-sewer bills by having local consumers pay monthly rather than quarterly, but Faas said that, too, would come with a price tag.

· Canton officials already have initiated measures to try to rein in local costs as much as possible, partly by asking residents to avoid watering their lawns during morning and evening hours when usage tends to peak. That places less of a strain on Detroit's system.

The township also has urged homeowners with odd-numbered addresses to water their lawns on odd-numbered calendar days, while residents with even-numbered addresses should adhere to even-numbered calendar days.









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Area Tea Party activists stage rally in Kellogg Park

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of area Tea Party activists made their voices heard, on issues ranging from taxes to health care to the Constitution, during a rally in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Thursday afternoon.

The participants, many with signs denouncing politicians in general and President Barack Obama in particular, cheered several speakers and were led in singing patriotic songs, like America the Beautiful and The Star-Spangled Banner. The two-hour event, like many held around the state, was planned to coincide with Thursday's federal tax filing deadline.

Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, the first speaker, addressed what he called "the fundamental disconnect between the political class and we the people." McCotter, elected to the House of Representatives in 2002 when he was a state senator, represents the Plymouth area.

To be honest, they do not understand you," McCotter said of politicians in Washington, D.C. "They can only hear you with their ears. They cannot hear you with their hearts.'

McCotter, in brief remarks, urged activism and told the crowd not to "despair" over recent political developments they see as setbacks.



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James Keena speaks to the Tea Party crowd in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. He is the author of the author of 'Insurrection Resurrection' and the soon-to-be published 'We've Been Had.'

The recent federal health care reform, taxes, the size of government and what some called an assault on the Constitution seemed to be the issues of greatest concern among rally goers. A few seemed animated by a personal dislike of, or mistrust of, the president.

"I'm not for Obama," said Tracey Bear of Taylor when asked why she was attending. "I don't agree with his health care" and "pretty much every-

She added: "I don't think he's an American."

"I'm out here to protest the corruption in our government," said Harvey Combs, also of Taylor

Combs said he is particularly against the health care bill, which mandates health insurance. "It's against the Constitution to force you to buy something," Combs said.

Robert Layton of Canton Township said he feared the bill would result in bureaucrats deciding he's "no longer productive enough" and should have his health care

Layton said he'd rather be given the chance to save up

money on his own to pay for health care.

"I'd have been far better off than having the government in charge of it," he said.

There were many anti-tax signs in the crowd, including some that called for the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Reserve. Other signs declared 'Not my president," "Jimmy Carter is not the worst president," "Did he say change or chains?" and "Proud member of the angry mob."

Catherine Starks, an African American from Livonia, held a sign that read, "Obama is not my God.'

"I think there's a lot of emphasis on that," she said when asked to explain the sign. She added: "Some people think he's the Messiah.

Asked what brought her to the rally, Starks said: "I'm a patriot. I believe in the Constitution. I'm pro-life."

Lois Bude of Plymouth Township, who was with husband Ron, said she never dreamed she'd be as concerned as she is now about government interference in her life. She said she was motivated to attend by what she sees as an attack on the Constitution, and government borrowing and spending were

atop her list.
"We're being propped up by other countries, by China, and we're obligated to them. So are we a pawn of China now?" Bude said.

She carried a sign drawn to look like a facetious Obama to-do list, with items like "Pass Cap and Trade" and Pass Obamacare" checked off. (She realized no cap-and-trade bill, a measure supporters say will address global warming, has been passed, Bude said.)

Speakers Patrick Colbeck of Canton Township, a Republican candidate for the Michigan Senate, and the Rev. Levon Yuille, the black pastor of the Bible Church in Ypsilanti and a radio show host, both called for more political engagement as they spoke toward the end of the

Colbeck asked the crowd if it was passionate about the country, drawing loud cheering.

"Let's back that up with a passion to serve," Colbeck answered.

'The time is now to do what's right," said Yuille, who drew many cheers for a speech that just as easily have been delivered from a pulpit. "God

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EDUCATION

District stops no-shoe movement in its tracks

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last week, some 250,000 people took part in a one-day 'shoe off" event sponsored by the TOMS shoe company to raise awareness about thirdworld children not lucky enough to have shoes

When an estimated 200 students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park showed up sans shoes Thursday to join in the effort (P-CEP was out on Easter break when the national campaign happened), that number grew.

But only for about an hour. Plymouth-Canton administrators broke up the shoeless effort, which drew nearly 700 pledges in a Facebook recruitment effort, near the end of first hour, telling students that safety comes first and disappointing those who were trying to make a statement.

"In my opinion, if the event was publicized to the point where the school administration knew about it, and they truly were concerned about student safety, they would have informed the students prior" to Thursday morning, an hour into the drive, said Justin Heck, the Plymouth High School junior who organized the effort. "I understand it could be a safety issue, but for them not to tell us prior ... kids were excited about taking part.'

Heck, a 16-year-old from Canton, said he originally proposed the idea on Facebook, and got immediate response from friends, Those friends told other friends and soon, Heck said, some 700 people had pledged to take part. He doesn't think that many actually came to school Thursday without shoes, but he thinks the number was substantial.

"I saw about 15 kids just on my way from my car to class, Heck said. "I'd put the number between 150 and 200.

The TOMS effort - "One Day Without Shoes" - was created



Students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wanted to take part in One Day Without Shoes, an international effort by TOMS Shoes to bring awareness to the shoeless plight of children in third-world countries, but the effort was cut short by school administrators concerned with student safety.

to bring recognition to the fact was made that the administrathat, in certain countries, children have to walk many miles a day without shoes to obtain basic necessities such as water, according to the TOMS Web site. Their lack of shoes not only can increase their chances of infections and diseases, but many countries do not allow children to attend school if they are barefoot.

According to TOMS' Web site, more than a quarter of a million people participated in 1,600 One Day Without Shoes events around the world.

Heck wanted to be part of that. He said he emailed district administrators - and got one automated reply saying someone would get back to him. He sent an e-mail on April 1 directly to Park Principal Bill Zolkowski, telling the principal about the event and asking him "to get back to me" if there were

No such reply ever came, Heck said, so he went on with the planned event. On Thursday, toward the end of first hour, an announcement tion, while they understood the motive behind what they called the "widely publicized" event, student safety had to

"The size, the crowds ... all of that made it an impossibility,' Zolkowski said. "We were a little late coming to this dance, because the national one was a week earlier. We think it's a terrific cause, it's a wonderful way for kids to expand their horizons and increase our sensitivity to the problem, but we have to figure out a way we

come first.

can do it safely.' Heck said he understands the need for student safety, he just wishes - with more than two weeks' notice - the administration had stepped in before everyone got so excited to take part.

"It raises awareness because generally, at least in high school, some kids aren't grateful for the shoes on their feet and they don't think about kids who don't have them on a daily basis," Heck said. "By living a day in their 'shoes,' or lack of shoes, it's a really

cool experience for the kids to

Even in defeat, though, Heck said he admired the administration for at least recognizing the cause, even while they were cutting the event short.

"During the announcement, they did explain why kids weren't wearing shoes, they said they admired the cause, but asked the kids to respect the administration and put shoes on," Heck said. "At least they included the positive thing about hundreds of thousands of people taking their shoes off."

Zolkowski pointed to the vast size of the student population and to the hazards of life at the three-high school park, where students spend much of the day walking between buildings. He said he plans to sit down soon with Heck to see what can be done in the

"We can't have children walking around in bare feet," Zolkowski said. "That doesn't mean we can't support the cause, so we'll sit down and see what it is we can do."

ON CAMPUS

Western Michigan

Richard A. Range of Canton is among the 46 students in Western Michigan University's more than 5,600-member senior class to be named a 2010 Presidential Scholar.

The annual Presidential Scholar designation is the highest honor WMU can bestow on an undergraduate.

Range is the Presidential Scholar in Marketing and graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn. He is majoring in marketing as well as in psychology and expects to graduate from WMU in May 2010. Following graduation, Range plans to study business law and become an attorney.
As a sophomore, he joined

Phi Chi Theta, the professional business and economics fraternity, to network and build his professional skills. He then chose to enter WMU's nationally recognized sales and business marketing program and has completed two internships with Thomson Reuters.

Range holds executive board positions with both Phi Chi Theta and the WMU Sales and Business Marketing Association. He also is involved with the Student Leadership Advisory Board of WMU's Haworth College of Business.

Michigan State

Justin Biega of Plymouth is set to be graduated from Michigan State University next month with a degree in chemical engineering.

Biega, the son of Bob and Diane Biega of Plymouth, posted a 4.0 grade point average and was a member of Honors College, AIChE, Omega Chi **Epsilon and National Society** of Collegiate Scholars. He earned MSU's Valedictorian Scholarship, made the Dean's Honor List seven straight semesters, earned a first-place honor at MSU's Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum and was the



recipient of the William F. Uhl and Bernard and Joan Paulson scholarships. He has received and accepted an

offer to work for Shell Exploration and Production Company in New Orleans after graduation.

Central Michigan

Eleven students from Canton and six Plymouth students were among Central Michigan University's fall graduating class.

Canton graduates included Nicole Campo (BS); John Colone (MSA); Justin Filippelli (BS); Justin Hajduk (BS); Jessica Kirila (MSA); Annemarie Miller (BSED); Ashley Montes (BS); Erica Smith (BS); Alexander White (BAA); Eunela Williams (BS); and Courtney Wohlfeil (BS).

Plymouth graduates include Nicole Aninos (BS); David Bulmer (BS); Eunice Hayes (BS); Keegan Malone (BSBA); Theresa Mull (MSA); and Matt Tibaldi (BS).

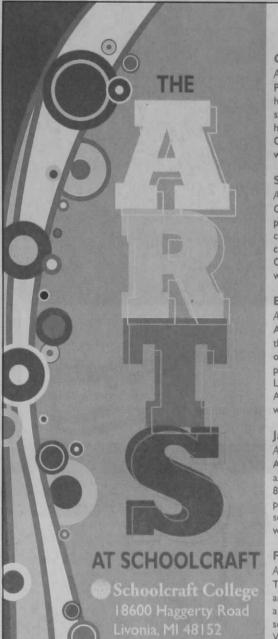
North Central College

North Central College, Naperville, Ill., has named junior Rachael Hancz, daughter of Deborah and Michael Hancz of Canton, to its Dean's List of scholars for the 2010 winter term.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, undergraduate students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.6 for the term and be enrolled as full-time students. Part-time students are recognized at the end of each academic year if they meet the same criterion and have completed at least eight credit hours, the equivalent of one term as a full-time student.

Excelsior College

Michael Joseph Schester of Plymouth has earned an associate in science degree in nursing from Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y.



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Career Fair for high school students

Professionals in a wide variety of fields will be on hand to discuss career options with high school students and their parents during this free open house from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. For more information visit

Scholl & Bylsma perform free concert

Christopher Scholl, tenor, and Kevin Bylsma, piano, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Earth Day events

Abril 19-22

A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu.

James Tocco, pianist, in concert

A world renowned performer, Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www scboxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

Free Spring Jazz Concert

The college's Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and Jazz Improvisation Combo will perform a variety of upbeat selections celebrating the season in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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Community Financial Credit Union hosts "Learn 2B a Millionaire Seminar" 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the credit union's Plymouth office, 500 S. Harvey, in downtown Plymouth.

Participants in the seminar, geared toward teenagers and conducted in conjunction with National Credit Union Week (April 18-24), can expect to gain skills to last a lifetime. Officials expect it to be an informative and fun seminar on managing and investing your money. Everyone will have a chance to win prizes while learning to save for a better future. Activities will include: developing a budget, creating your own mutual fund, assessing stock values over time and defining today's millionaires.

There is no cost for the event. Please RSVP to (734) 582-8702 by April 20.

Mom prom

The Mom Prom hits Canton 8-11 p.m. Friday, April 23, at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

The Mom Prom is a ladies' night out for charity in which women wear their old prom dresses, bridesmaid's gowns, or wedding gowns (the husbands have to stay home with the kids!). Tickets are \$20 and raffle tickets are \$1 each. The event features a DJ, a Tackiest Dress Contest, a game to crown the new queen, a raffle, and a "Best Accessory" Contest. (If you view the Web site, www.themomprom.org, you will see Brad Pitt, who won The Best

Accessory.)
Every year, the Mom's Group from St. Thomas a'Becket vote on a charity. In years past, the group has raised money for breast cancer, St. Vincent de Paul, First Step, and the Wayne County Family Shelter. This year, they're keeping it closer to home and raising money for two parish families



Stage 'Fame'

Canton High School graduate Jen Schinker (second from right) has landed the lead role as Carmen Diaz in Dynamic Stage Productions' production of 'Fame the Musical' at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti. Dynamic Stage, a production company based in Canton, puts on the play April 22-25. 'Fame the Musical' is set in a New York performing arts school and follows the students through the highs and lows, the romances and sheer hard work as they search for the success that will make them "live forever." Schinker is one of some half-dozen Plymouth-Canton graduates in the production. Performances start at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Ticket are \$15 and can be purchased online at www. dynamicstageproductions.com or at the door.

child with muscular dystrophy and he is now completely confined to a wheelchair. The other family has a son that suffered a spinal chord injury over the summer and he is now

a quadriplegic.

The group hopes to spread the idea to other women's groups around the community and hope they hold their own proms next year. The group is also striving for a National Mom Prom Night, a night where women across the country dress up, have a wonderful night of fun, and raise money for a charity that is close to their hearts. View the Web site for more information at www. themomprom.org

Care days

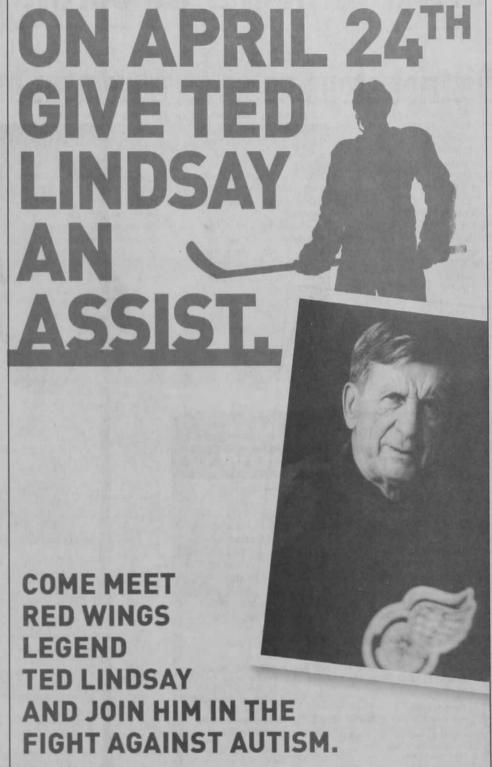
Comcast officials announced they expect approximately 2,400 volunteers to turn out for the company's ninth annual "Comcast Cares Day" community service program in Michigan. During the week of April 19 and culminating with 20 simultaneous community projects across the state on Saturday, April 24, local Comcast employees and their families and friends will lend a hand at various nonprofit

organizations to perform community improvement activi-

Comcast volunteers at the company's three call centers in Ann Arbor, Sterling Heights and Plymouth will work with the Kids Against Hunger program and area youth to package food, which will be donated to area food banks as well as in Haiti and Chile. Volunteers will also participate in blood donation drives to benefit the American Red Cross at multiple Michigan locations.

"Comcast has a proven track record of giving back to the communities in which our employees reside and work, and this year's Comcast Cares Day efforts will help 24 different organizations across Michigan," said Tom Coughlin, Senior Vice President for Comcast's Michigan Region. "As residents continue to overcome the economic challenges facing our state, I'm grateful to the 2,400 volunteers who will be donating their time to help make a difference.

For information on how to participate, call (248) 233-4606.



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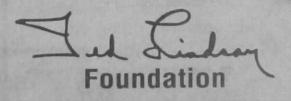
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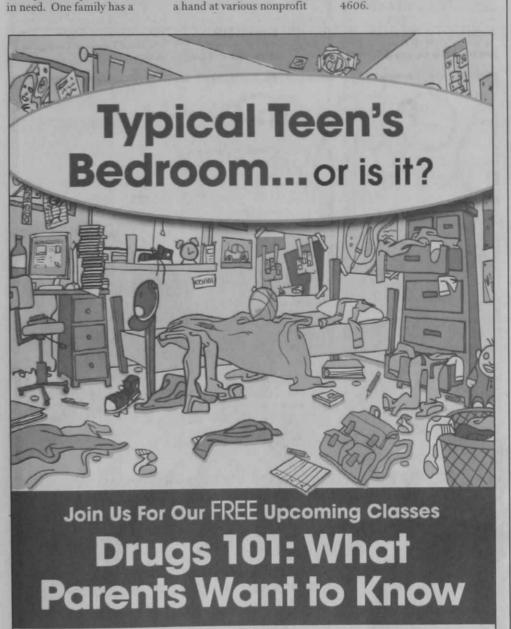
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Glenn principal takes the heat in parent fund-raiser

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Glenn High School Principal David Ingham wasn't sure what to expect when he was asked to be a celebrity chef at bd's Mongolian Grill in Canton. He quickly found out last Tuesday and his "instructor" was a former student.

"It's kind of different," said John Glenn graduate Jake Gates. "Usually, he's the one telling us to do something. He taught me to do something, now it's my turn to teach him something.

"I'm going to have to get a couple of these," said Ingham of the tools. "I chop the food down flat and stand there. It's pretty hot.

Armed with three-foot long metal cooking tools resembling swords, Ingham spent

CELEBRITY GUESTS

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What: John Glenn Parent Activity fund-raiser for the senior class picnic Where: bd's Mongolian Grill, 42089 Ford Road, east of Lilley, Canton What: The restaurant is donating 20 percent of food orders from people who show a John Glenn fund-raising flier, show their Glenn ID or say they're there for John Glenn

When: 4 p.m. to closing Tuesday, April 20 and 27

two hours, cooking meat and vegetables for customers on a flat circular grill at the res-

"He's doing good," said Glenn counselor Randy Vavrick, watching Ingham move her food around the grill. "It looks all right, it looks beauteous.

"He seems pretty serious," added fellow counselor Linda Coleman. "He hasn't burned it up yet.'

"I'm burning up, I don't know if the food is," Ingham countered.

Ingham was at the restaurant as a celebrity guest as part of a four-night fundraiser for the high school's Parent Activity Group. The group provided him with a bd's T-shirt with their name for him - Mr. Big - on the

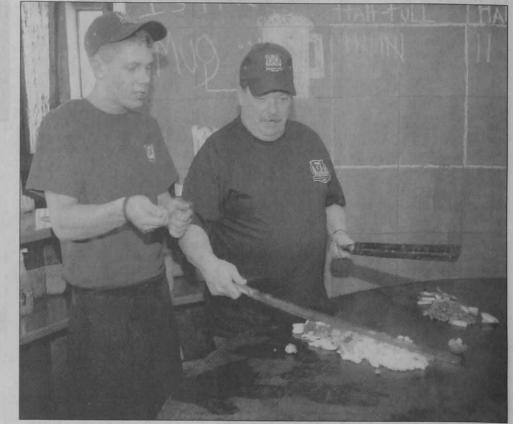
For four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning April 6, 20 percent of sales from John Glenn customers between 4 p.m. and closing is being donated to the group. The celebrity cooks include John Glenn notables former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy, who kicked off the fund raising, Linda Lee from 99.5 WYCD, who be there from 8 p.m. to closing Tuesday, April 20, and Ingham. PAG member Patricia Stevens is hoping to close out the event with Westland Mayor William Wild, a John Glenn grad and Distinguished Alumni honoree, on April 27.

"We're doing this to raise money for a picnic for seniors at the end of the year," said Stevens. "Last week, we made \$84, we're hoping to make about \$100 every Tuesday.'

The Parent Advisory Group had its first meeting Jan. 28 and is in full fund-raising mode for the picnic that will held in Hines Park on May 27.

"It's not going to be elaborate, just a fun day for the seniors to remember," she said. "We're doing fund raising and seeking donations. There's so many expenses for seniors, we'd like to make it something that's not another expense for them.

There will be food, provided by Ken's Catering, inflatables by Harold's Hoppers,



John Glenn High School graduate Jake Gates shows his former principal David Ingham the ropes during Ingham's celebrity cooking stint at bd's Mongolian Grill in Canton.



The Parents Activity Group made sure David Ingham's shirt had their nickname for him on the back.

balloons, signs, banners and Class of 2010 dog tags. The parents group expects the picnic to cost about \$4,100. According to Stevens, the

goal is to fund raise as much as possible. An anonymous donor will make up the short-

Stevens credits parent Sue Fitzgerald with spearheading the fund raising. "This is like a new business, we're starting with zero capital, but have a good group of enthusiastic investors" she said. "We're starting slowly, we want to see where the parents want to take it.'

There are eight parents on the committee and the welcome mat is out for any other Glenn parents to join. According to Stevens, the more parents who get involved the more the group can do beyond the senior pic-

"We're not a private group, we're not a PTO that says let's have a school carnival," said Stevens. "We want parents

placed in all aspects of the school. We have one member who is on the reconfiguration transition team, one that's a parent liaison at the Family Resource Center.'

The fledgling group has gotten a lot of help from Wayne Memorial High School's parent advisory committee - Z-PAC. They've offered ideas on what Glenn's parents can do and "letting us know what has worked and what hasn't worked," Stevens said.

The two hours cooking reminded Ingham of his college days. He worked at night in a foundry to pay for school.

"This heat, this is a young man's job," he said. "Age has no limit on expertise. These guys know what they're doing.

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Residents asked to stop sewer dumping

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Illegal dumping in Canton's storm sewers has prompted local officials to issue a plea for violators to halt the environment-harming acts.

"These storm sewers lead to our neighborhood ponds and eventually into our rivers and lakes," Bob Belair, assistant township engineer, said.

One recent incident involved someone dumping motor oil that found its way to a neighborhood detention pond where a township employee was fishing with his son.

"He was out there fishing and noticed the oil sheen as it started to discharge into the pond," Belair said.

Township workers quickly responded by using a sewer vactor truck and oil absorbent pads to remove the motor oil before it could cause significant damage to the pond and fish, such as bass and bluegill, that populate it.

"We were able to get our equipment out there to remove all the oil before it was discharged into the pond," Belair

The incident occurred in a neighborhood near Geddes and Denton roads.

Another incident in early April occurred when township employees received a report of syringes, condoms, pill bottles and feminine hygiene products around the banks of a neighborhood detention pond in the Cherry Hill Village area, near Denton south of Cherry Hill.

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"It appears that someone dumped the sanitary waste from an RV (recreational vehicle) into one of the neighborhood storm sewers," Belair said. "We have not found the source, but we are hopeful some public education will stop it.

Canton Public Safety **Director Patrick Nemecek** warned that such violators, if caught, could face financial penalties and potential jail time. Penalties could include 90 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine and community service.

Anyone who has information about such illegal dumping is encouraged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400

Belair said clean-up costs can amount to thousands of dollars and, depending on where the dumping has occurred, property owners and homeowners associations can be billed for the work.

Rather than being punitive, township officials hope their education efforts will convince would-be violators to properly dispose of waste rather than harm the environment.

'We try to tell people this all the time," Belair said. "When people pollute these areas, they need to realize it's going to end up in our back yards and our local rivers and lakes. Five quarts of oil that makes its way into a river could have a big effect on the wildlife."

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The Canton Historical ner receipt. Society hosts a Texas Hold Em tournament at Rose's

Restaurant April 22-24. All proceeds will benefit the Canton Historical Society and fund its ongoing work to keep Canton history alive. The tournament will run from 7 p.m. to

Texas Hold 'Em

2 a.m. each night. There will also be a fund raising dinner at Rose's on Tuesday, April 20, with the

Society earning 15 percent of the net purchase for each din-

Rose's restaurant is located at 201 N. Canton Center in Canton. (734-981-9904)

For more information, call (734) 981-9904: for information on the Canton Historical Society, visit www. Cantonhistorical society.org

Band meetings

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts a

series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2010 Marching Band program.

Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 22, and Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a

presentation by band directors, David Armbruster and Sheldon Frazier and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how existing 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2010 summer/fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

For more information, contact Sheldon Frazier, associate director of bands, at (734) 582-5665 or Sheldon.Frazier@ pccsmail.net



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Joe LaRiche of Northville Township (front) with the Rotary Club of Three Rivers. He spent 2006-07 as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in South Africa following Northville High School graduation.

Rotarian exchange student shares African experience

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At 21, Joe LaRiche of Northville Township doesn't remember the days when South Africa's apartheid system became a cause for protest in the U.S. His time in the African country as a Rotary exchange student showed him there's still room for advancement in race relations there.

'There's still a lot of evidence of apartheid," the Schoolcraft College liberal arts student said of his studies in 2006-07. When he went shortly after his graduation from Northville High School, he noticed some areas were all black.

He wore his exchange student jacket while speaking Thursday to Westland Rotary. "It's a nice little memento," LaRiche said of the jacket, covered with banners and buttons given to him in his travels.

"Rotary Youth Exchange is amazing," said LaRiche, who left at age 17 to live south of Johannesburg with his first host family. "I'm a different person since I came back.

The first "father" spoke mostly Afrikaans, the mother mostly English. They had

three daughters, including a foreign exchange student, now enrolled at Brigham Young University in Utah.

LaRiche, whose family owns the LaRiche car dealership in Plymouth Township, showed pictures of a "Braai," or "barbecue on steroids. Any kind of meat you can think of," including occasional ostrich or warthog steaks, he said.

He attended a school for grades 8-12, although he'd already graduated, taking part in discussions in class and getting grades that didn't really count. Instruction at his school was in both languages.

His headmaster in South Africa asked him to cut his hair. LaRiche played on the school rugby team, and drew laughs with a photo of himself with a three-part mohawk for his initiation.

He and others hiked to the top of Table Mountain. There were trips with his second and third host families, as well as with counselors for the program and the Rotary district.

The drinking age there is 18, although LaRiche couldn't drink, date or drive due to Rotary restrictions.

"They have a lot of activi-

ties for us to do like jumping off this pier," he said of one photo. He visited the Kruger National Park in South Africa, along with a trip to nearby Mozambique and Swaziland

with his third host family. "The scenery changes, the landscape changes," he said of entering those African coun-

Mozambique has had significant economic problems, he told Rotarians. Central Johannesburg in South Africa is well-maintained, he said, but other parts of the city are controlled by Nigerian drug lords and best avoided.

LaRiche, son of Scott and Dawn, is glad he traveled abroad.

"It's a really good way to experience a culture firsthand," said LaRiche, whose dad and grandfather, Lou, are active Rotarians, exposing him to the program.

"It's been fun watching Joe grow up," said Westland Rotary's president-elect, Jeff Juenemann, who owns Juenemann Insurance in Westland. The families live nearby in Northville Township.

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Kiwanis club readies for service blitz

Given the challenging economic times, the needs of many charities have dramatically increased and the ability to meet those needs have drastically decreased.

Since many charitable organizations don't get government stimulus money, officials of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth said the club is responding with their largest community service blitz this month of April.

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth is working with Kids Against Hunger, one of the primary charities they help support. As a group they have assisted in the purchase and packaging of more than 1 million meals since 2005 for local food banks throughout Michigan, as well as for disaster relief and malnourished areas throughout the world.

The goal is to have one school in each level (elementary, middle, high school) in each district nationwide package food one time a year. If this goal is achieved, officials said, Kids Against Hunger can nearly wipe out death due to starvation internationally.

"The 100 members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth take great pride in assisting our community in a number of programs, anything from building a wheelchair ramp for a resident's home, helping with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, supporting U-of-M's Mott Children's Hospital, replacing a roof for a family in need, and assisting residents at Tonquish Manor," said Mark Hutchins, the club's publicity chair.

Colonial Plymouth established the PCEP Key Club, and partners with them by assisting them with many of their fund-raising efforts, supporting them in their leadership training programs and community service projects. The Key Club, with more than 125

The Kiwanis Club of

members, is the high school version of Kiwanis.

According to Hutchins, the club is preparing for the Good Morning USA July Fourth Parade in downtown Plymouth, which it sponsors, and is busy organizing its 28th annual golf outing, set for Thursday, August 5, at Fox Hills Golf Course. The golf outing is the club's largest fund-raiser; entry fee is \$150 per person.

April events of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth include

• April 23, 1:30-4 p.m. - The club is participating in the March of Dimes Walk for Babies. Contact Bill Lawton at

(734) 634-7540. · April 23-24 - A club fundraiser in partnership with Grand Traverse Pie Company, 41640 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (1/4 mile west of Haggerty; north side). Dine-in or buy take-out, while letting the restaurant know at the time of purchase that you are

there for the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, and the club will get a percentage of the purchase amount. Contact

Bill Lawson at (734) 455-3631. • April 23 - The club is supporting the third annual Jammin' To End Famine" to benefit Kids Against Hunger, at the Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20, with a student price of \$10. Contact John Birchler at (734) 323-4081.

· April 24 - Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth is supporting a KAH packaging at the Comcast offices in Plymouth from 7 a.m. to noon as part of a Comcast packaging event taking place at least two other locations. Contact Rob Noel at (734) 634-9138.

 April 24 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The club needs volunteers for "Make a Senior Smile Day" during which they will provide light yard work for homebound seniors. Contact Linda DeVore at (734) 727-2017 to volunteer.



The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth depends on high school volunteers to help in food drives to benefit Kids Against Hunger.



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A: Someone is trying to take advantage of your son. Although, there is a provision that will require all Americans to purchase some sort of health care policy or be subject to pay a penalty to the government, that portion of



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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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There is much confusion about what is contained in the recent health care legislation. Members of Congress have different opinions as to what was contained in the final legislation. What is clear is the requirement that we all must purchase health insurance

doesn't go into effect until

It's not unusual that whenever there is a change in laws, the scammers in our society immediately try to take advantage of unsuspecting people. Unfortunately, it is up to you and me to prevent this. We are the last line of defense. My advice is that if you are contacted by someone about purchasing a health care policy based upon the new healthcare legislation, ignore it. Good luck!

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If you are late with a payment, the charge card companies generally show no mercy and hit you with substantial late payment fees. Therefore, it is vital that payments are made on time. One issue for those who use online banking to make payments, most banks generally schedule online payments for a weekday. If your due date appears on a Saturday, you may have to change the schedule of your online payment to be processed by the Friday before so you're not subject to any penalties.

One last note, if you generally have had a good

track record with your charge card company and for some reason you do miss a payment, I recommend that you contact the charge card company to see if they will waive the penalty. There is no guarantee that they will, however, as far as I am concerned, it's worth a phone call. Good luck!

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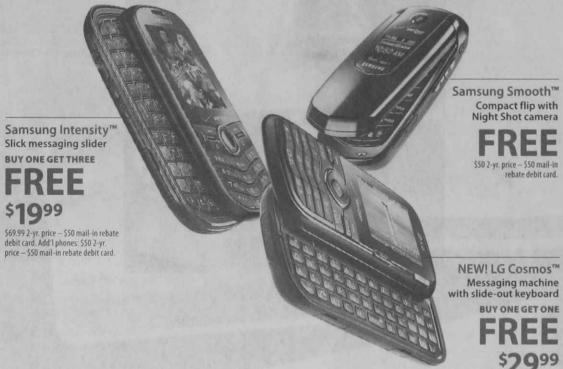
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Back in the swing

Salem alum returns to lead promising golf team

BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They'll grow as a team together. For Salem rookie varsity boys golf coach Ryan Nimmerguth and his very young team, the new season (which begins today at the U-D Jesuit Sunday Shootout) will be one to learn about each other, mesh as a unit and hopefully make an impact in the KLAA Central standings.

"We're young in terms of we only have two seniors and three juniors, and 10 other players," Nimmerguth said. "But there's some experience. They're young age-wise, but they're experienced.

Nimmerguth is new to the job, but he is no stranger to Salem, his alma mater. He graduated in 2000 after playing several years of varsity golf and in recent years has been junior varsity boys basketball coach at the high school.

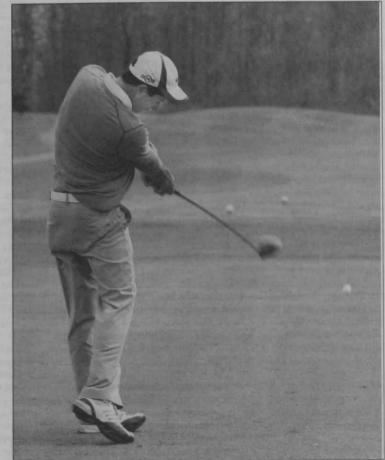
"The first day of tryouts, (co-athletic director) Sue Heinzman called me and asked me if I wanted to take over the program," he noted. "That's something I've always wanted to do, I actually played for the team. ... It was something I've been looking forward to."

When Salem's new coach takes his team to home course Fox Hills in Canton, he'll rely on senior Aaron Thompson and junior Josh Perrin - both back for another year to give the Rocks a sturdy starting point.

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"Aaron's the No. 1 guy, he's a steady golfer, he works hard at the game and loves the game," said Nimmerguth, adding that he expects Thompson to shoot no higher than 80 for 18 holes (as he did in 2009). "... Aaron has a good short game, although he can hit it long."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Always working to improve his long game is Salem's Josh Perrin, practicing last week at Fox Hills in Canton.



'That's something I've always wanted to do, I actually played for the team. ... It was something I've been looking forward to.'

RYAN NIMMERGUTH, Salem golf coach

2010 SOFTBALL PREVIEW - PT. 3



Wildcats have winning mix

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a mix of outstanding veterans and poised freshmen, Plymouth's varsity softball team could make life tough for KLAA South Division foes

Wednesday's 1-0 and 4-2 doubleheader

sweep against visiting Livonia Franklin provided an intriguing case in point for Wildcats head coach Val Canfield. Senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski sent a majestic home run over the left-field

victory But just as importantly, as far as Canfield is concerned,

fence to jumpstart the nightcap

Klonowski settled down freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou with several smooth plays from deep shortstop to keep the Patriots from staging a comeback. Gerou scattered three singles and struck out four for the win.

The strong-armed Klonowski and senior third baseman Amanda Burnard - both cocaptains and 2009 All-Staters - team up to give Plymouth an outstanding left side of the infield as the Wildcats look to continue last season's success (30-10, division and district titles).

"With her and Burnard, they're just like the best in the state," said Canfield, following her team's 1-0 and 4-2 wins. "Which they are, they're both All-State.'

A third senior co-captain joining them in the infield is first baseman Tessa Heldmeyer.

The lone "inexperienced" starting infielder is freshman Brianna Giordano (who doubled in a run in Game 2).

Canfield said it is evident that all of her freshmen (including starting catcher Kayla Rebain) don't play like ninth-graders.

"They're just mature ballplayers," she said. "They've had the experience in the past but they really stepped up to the plate and learned what

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GAME WRAPS

Softball

SALEM 5-11, S. LYON EAST 0-0: The host Rocks started strong with Wednesday's impressive sweep over South Lyon East.

In the opener, winning pitcher Briana Lee fanned 12 and gave up just four hits and contributed two hits at the

Heidi Schmidt chipped in with three singles in four at-bats, while designated hitter Jenny First doubled and singled.

In Game 2, Lee struck out eight and allowed just two hits for her second shutout. She also went 4-for-4 with two doubles to make it a 6for-7 day. Schmidt (5-for-8 for the

twinbill) and Alexis Powell each contributed a double and single.
CANTON 17-16, WAYNE 0-0: Canton

started the 2010 season in great style, routing visiting Wayne Memorial in two mercy-rule shortened games. Both games lasted just three innings.

"Overall, for the first outing of the season, I was very pleased with the outcome, said Chiefs head coach Jim Arnold, whose squad now is 2-0 overall and in the KLAA South Division. "Our fresh-men played extremely well."

Freshman Jessica Webster headed that group. She . pitched one scoreless inning to finish Game 1 (after senior Amy Dunleavy went two frames) and, in the second game, Webster went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Dunleavy helped her cause in the opener, going 3-for-3 with two RBI, while junior CarolAnn Sexauer had two hits in each game and five RBI for the day.

Other notable offensive contributions included junior Kaitlyn Matson (2-for-2, two RBI in Game 1), Logan Lankford (2-for-2, two RBI in Game 2) and Jill Tomilenko (2-for-3, three RBI).

Boys golf

PLYMOUTH 153, CHURCHILL 164: The visiting Wildcats got past Livonia Churchill Thursday at Whispering Willows to win their opener, with Josh Heinze earning medalist honors with a score of 37 for nine

Also coming in under 40 Ryan Rieckhoff (38), James Bryans (39) and Ryan Bauer (39), while Kyle Rodes and Justin Bauer tallied scores of 40 and 41, respectively.

Meanwhile, Craig Whatley's 41 helped the JV win 179-180. Derek Austin (42) and Gunnar Savalox (46) finished under the 50 mark.

CANTON 166, JOHN GLENN 192: On Tuesday at Hilltop Golf Course, the Chiefs took care of business in their KLAA opener.

The medalist was Canton's Zach Conrad, with a score of 39 for nine holes. But there were other players with solid performances, including Kyle Korte (42), Brendan Muir (42), Frank Parzynski (43), Travis Hall (44) and Josh Maxam (47)

For Westland John Glenn, Joey Wakeford and Kyle Hamlin registered scores of 45 and 46, respectively, while Josh DuPrie shot a 48

Girls soccer PLYMOUTH 2, W.L. WESTERN 0: The host Wildcats improved to

Netters eye strong seasons

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A plethora of talented returnees both in singles and doubles bodes well for Salem's girls tennis team to enjoy a successful season. Senior co-captain Allie Carpenter spear-

heads that group, ready to go at No. 1 singles, said Rocks head coach Lin Ware. But Anna Norman and Morgan Spencer also are back to fill No. 2 and No. 3 singles with no problem.

The lone newcomer to the singles lineup is Kerry MacDonald, who played doubles last

Returnees Rachel Norman and Ashley Davis will handle No. 1 doubles duties.

Ware said Davis has shown the most improvement thus far.

She has been taking lessons several times a week in the off-season to improve her game,"

Ware's squad features several multi-sport athletes, such as MacDonald (volleyball), Norman (basketball) and Mallory Rojo (hock-

Rojo and freshman Ashley Walker will team up for an intriguing No. 2 doubles tandem, with Ware describing the latter as "the player to watch in future years.

GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW - PT. 2

The No. 3 doubles flight features senior cocaptain and returnee Alex Lamb along with

newcomer Olivia Gonzalez.

Salem will field varsity newcomers at No. 4 doubles, with Ewa Zajac and Bansari Patel. Meanwhile, returning players Emily Simmons and Lindsay Spaulding will fill the No. 5 dou-Ware said the mix of experience and poten-

tial will come in handy as the Rocks will play their usual tough schedule in the KLAA "in addition to seeing tournament action against the top-10 teams in the state.'

Canton Chiefs

Over at Canton, head coach Barb Lehmann said her players have been working hard since last year to get ready for 2010. Leading the conditioning have been co-captains Kayla Davis and Jaclyn Hollingsworth.

The Chiefs look to be especially good in singles play, with senior Megan Leung playing No. 1 and bringing plenty of confidence, Lehmann

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One of Salem's top returnees is senior captain Allie Carpenter, who will handle No. 1 singles duties this season.

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Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville
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Mackenzie Carlson, Jr., Plymouth
Amber Cummins, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
Tera Warn, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy
Erin Fitzpatrick, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy
Allison Bosink, Sr., Farm.-Harrison
Chelsea Priess, Sr., Wayne Memorial
THIRD TEAM
Brittany Jones, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
Jessica Stamper, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Ashley Kretschmer, Jr., Salem
Ashley Cade, Jr., Canton
Kerry LaValley, Jr., Liv, Ladywood
Katy Rand, Sr., N. Farmington
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Dennis Hermani, Farm.-Harrison

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Slated for the No. 2-4 singles positions are Taylor Eppler, Hollingsworth and Sydney Liedel.

"The 2-4 singles players are each talented and have special gifts that should prove dangerous against their opponents," Lehmann said.

Davis and senior Brittany Vance will handle No. 1 doubles, with an energy level that

cranks up once they reach the court.

Set for No. 2 doubles is the duo of Kelsey Mason and Janani Shanmuga and they will be followed by Catherine Sanctorum-Kaitlyn Bunyak (No. 3), Samantha Klott-Haylee Cook (No. 4) and Neena Baghaie-Lauren Tomei at No. 5 with Erin Fowler and Hannah

Ferree rounding out the roster. "It is early yet, (but) I am seeing some great dedication and drive with great talent," the coach added.



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Ron Brusseau Coach of Year

All-Area boys bowlers prove exceptional

Ryan Clark, Jr., Salem: Clark's bowling resume continues to grow with another season to add to the list.

He averaged 215 per game with highwater marks being 277 for one game (and 534 for a two-game series) while leading the Rocks as team captain for a second straight year.

He won 27 out of 30 possible match points, qualified for fourth place at the state finals and was Plymouth-Canton city champion in singles, doubles, team and mixed events.

'Ryan is an exceptional athlete and young man," said Rocks head coach Kathie Hahn. "He displays composure, confidence and all-around wonderful attitude towards bowling and life in general."

Clark's other achievements during 2009-10 include being a KLAA Scholar Athlete for the second time, an honor Hahn said she feels strongest about.

He also has compiled five 300 games (the first at age 14) and two 299 games in recent years and was a 2009 state champion in doubles.

Tyler Vance, Jr., Farm.-Harrison: Vance was a state semifinalist in Division 1 match play, losing to the eventual winner, Tylor Greene of Davison. He won the Oakland County championships with a 724 series and 241 average.

Vance carried a 213 average in OAA games and maintained a 207.1 average throughout the season. He qualified fifth at his regional with a six-game average of 216.3. He had a high game of 267 and high series of 473.

Kyle Hamlin, Sr., Westland Glenn: The fourth-year varsity starter and captain posted a team-best 211 average with a 268

The Glenn MVP also had a 490 twogame set and made All-KLAA along with third-team All-State honors in Division 1.

Hamlin helped establish Glenn records for match game total (1,213), two-match game totals (2,309), Baker game (280)

and two-game Baker (506). He also lifted the Rockets to the Division 1 quarterfinal finish, a KLAA 2009-10 ALL-OBSERVER

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Central co-title and a Kensington Conference championship.

Hamlin, who had a 19-9 match-play record, also sparked Glenn to the Wayne County, Plymouth-Salem-Canton and Ladywood Holiday tournament titles, along with runner-up finishes in the Farmington Early Bird and Clarenceville Open Doubles events.

Jordon Hornes, Fr., Westland Glenn: The freshman, who averaged 209 per game, was a Division 1 state singles quarterfinalist after capturing the regional.

He was third in the state qualifying block with a 1,367.

Hornes also helped the Rockets to the team quarterfinals and a regional title. He had a high game of 279 and a 480 two-game series

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Elliot Arnold, Soph., Wayne: The sophomore appeared in all 29 regular season games for the Zebras averaging a team best 206 with a high game of 266 en route to All-KLAA honors.

Arnold was also a state qualifier finishing 24th in the Division 1 qualifying block with a six-game set of 1,178. He finished eighth at the regional with an 1,183.

Arnold also teamed with Jeremy Brown to win the third annual Clarenceville Open Doubles. He also led the Zebras with a 649 series at the Wayne County Invitational and had a two-game series of 463 at the KLAA Championships.

Davis Vandercook, Soph., Farm.-Harrison: Vandercook carried an impressive season average of 228, bowling 16 games of 225 or better; in 10 of those games, he bowled 250 or more. He had a high game of 278 and a high series of 546 (for a 273 average). Vandercook did not qualify for state, but his steady performance throughout the season merited a spot on the first team. He had a 224 average in the OAA and was voted team MVP by his fellow

The number of games he bowled over 225 "tells you the talent that young man has," coach Hermani said. "With the core of returning guys - Tyler (Vance), Davis, Erik (Grinbergs) and a couple others - I expect them to lead us to our first boys appearance in the state finals.

Ron Brusseau, Westland Glenn: The fourthyear coach guided the Rockets to a banner season in 2009-10 as Glenn reached the Division 1 team quarterfinals after winning the regional at Westland Lanes.

Glenn was also KLAA Central Division co-champion and Kensington Conference champ. The Rockets added the Wayne County, Plymouth-Salem-Canton and Ladywood Holiday tourney titles, along with runner-up finishes at Clarenceville Open Doubles and Farmington Early Bird

Under Brusseau's guidance, Glenn set school records this season for match game total (1,213), two-match game total (2,309), Baker game (280) and two-game Baker (506).



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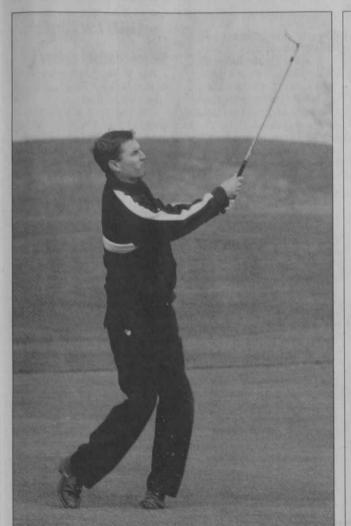
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Getting in some swings at Fox Hills is new Salem boys coach Ryan Nimmerguth. He played varsity golf while a student at Salem.

As for Perrin, the new coach knows him well from playing two years of Salem JV basket-

"I've gotten to watch him the last couple weeks and I can tell he's just steady," Nimmerguth said. "He's going to give you everything, he concentrates hard on it. He's a good player."

Sophomore twins Brandon and Eric Duprey also are returning varsity players who the coach expects to be "some

of the key guys" for Salem. "I know Eric Duprey shot a 72 last year and won the conference tournament as a freshman," Nimmerguth added. "Both of them have big-time potential."

Senior Patrick Doty likely will fill the fifth spot on Salem's card. He played varsity golf as a freshman and sopho-

"I just look for him to contribute at the varsity level," Nimmerguth said. "He's impressed me, he's had some pretty good scores in tryouts so far and I think he can help us out as the fifth man."

Vying for the last varsity spot will be junior Tommy Halling, sophomore Jake Leib

and freshman Brian Patterson. "I'll be rotating those guys," he said. "I want them to get

some varsity experience.

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Rocks can't catch up

The Salem boys lacrosse team fell 8-6 to visiting Huron Valley on Wednesday, falling to 1-3 on

Salem got to within a goal with just about three minutes left in the game, but then gave up a shorthanded marker to the chagrin of Rocks head coach Brian Abbey.

Nick Gianini led Salem's attack against the Titans, registering two goals.

Adding single markers were Mason Amin, Steve Haburne, Connor Berlin (also 2 assists) and Luke Johnson. Garrett Berg set up two goals while Dylan Hatcher recorded an assist.

Huron Valley made better use of its chances, winning despite being outshot 25-21.

On Tuesday, Hatcher scored two, Haburne chipped in with one goal and three assists and Gianini tallied two assists, but their efforts could not stop Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (39 shots) as the Fighting Irish defeated Salem 12-6.



Connor Berlin's goal and two assists weren't enough to lift Salem past Huron Valley

Long legacy

Athletics play pivotal role at Ladywood

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although Livonia Ladywood High is marking its 60-year anniversary April 25 with a special Mass, there's been 34 years of celebration since the Blazers became a member school of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Numerous championship banners adorn the walls inside the gymnasium, a \$2.1 million structure that was dedicated Feb.

The all-girls Catholic school has enjoyed its share of success at the state level and offers one of the most comprehensive athletic programs in the state.

Ladywood currently fields 33 various teams at the varsity, JV and freshman levels. Approximately 73 percent of Ladywood's student body participates in at least one sport.

By next season it will be a total of 20 sports as pom pon arrives on the scene.

Among the MHSAA sports Ladywood offers are volleyball, golf, cross country and swimming in the fall; basketball, competitive cheer, bowling and skiing in the winter; track and field, softball, tennis and lacrosse in the spring.

Additionally, the Blazers also field teams in field hockey, ice hockey, figure skating, equestrian and even snowboard-

"The biggest challenge is to keep up with what kids like as far as what we offer," Ladywood Athletic Director Sal Malek said. "What happens in the Olympics usually comes to us two years

"The other big challenge is finding coaches and finding people who are dedicated and have the time to coach."

Malek juggles many balls while overseeing all the different sports. He receives ample help from his athletic secretary Janet Horal and his assistant A.D. Bill

Many of Ladywood's teams play offcampus, including bowling (Woodland Lanes and Oak Lanes), cross country (Cass Benton Park), swimming (Livonia Community Rec Center), tennis (Schoolcraft College), equestrian (Wayne County Fairgrounds), golf (St. John's in Plymouth), skiing (Alpine Valley), figure skating (Westland's Modano Arena) and ice hockey (Arctic Pond and Arctic Edge).

'We have a lot of great arrangements,' Malek said. "The people we have been dealing with have been wonderful."

The year 1996 also marked an important step in the overall development of Ladywood's outdoor sports programs with the construction of the Michael Polsinelli Athletic Complex, which now features soccer-lacrosse, softball and field hockey fields, along with a 400-meter track and bleachers. There is also a concession stand adjacent to the track and school.

"At the time, we had nothing," Malek said about prior to 1996. "Our track team practiced in the parking lot. We played softball at Bicentennial Park (in Livonia). We had a soccer field, but we had manhole covers that came into play. We only played soccer when we didn't get a flood."

Polsinelli was a building contractor and a vice president at the time for Schostak Brothers. He was also a classmate of Malek during their days at the University of Detroit Jesuit H.S.

"Michael had the vision and he was going to find a way to get an athletic complex," Malek said. "He was on our board and his daughter ran track and cross country for us. He was a good fit for us."



Basketball has been one of Ladywood's most successful sports over the years. Jennifer Kelley (left) played her senior year for the Blazers, who reached the Catholic League A-B Division and Class A district title games.

LADYWOOD SPORTS HISTORY

Basketball: State champions (1983, 1985); state runner-up (1980, 1984); regional titles (7); district titles (24); Catholic League champs (5).

Volleyball: State champions (1988, 1989); state runner-up (1990); Final Fours (1995, 2009); regional titles (11), district titles (18), Catholic League champs (11).

Softball: State runner-up (2009); regional titles (4); district titles (8); Catholic League champs

Track and field: State runner-up (1981); regional titles (2), Catholic League champs (4). Cross country: State champion (1980); regional titles (3); Catholic League champs (3). Golf: State runner-up (2007); regional titles (3); Catholic League champs (3).

Soccer: District titles (4); regional titles (1). Tennis: Regional titles (2). Lacrosse: State champions (2003, 2004); Catholic League champs (5).

Competitive cheer: Regional champs (2); Catholic League champs (1). Ice hockey: State runner-up (2000); league champs (6). Field hockey: League champs (4); state finals appearances (1).

Ladywood annually hosts several Catholic League championships, including track and field. The school also has hosted MHSAA tournaments at the district, regional and quarterfinal level in volleyball, basketball, track and field, competitive cheer and baseball-

softball (in conjunction with Madonna

Figure skating: State finals appearances (4).

Malek said he would like one day to add tennis courts to the campus.

"That would probably be next thing if we could raise the money," he said. "But I don't know if we'd ever get a swimming

Since 1976, Ladywood has captured seven state titles, including two in basketball (Class B 1983 and 1985), two in volleyball (Class A 1988, 1989), one in cross country (Class B 1980) and two in lacrosse (Class C 2003, 2004).

The Blazers have also been runners-up seven times in state championships, the most recent coming last June when they took second to Niles in the 2009 softball Division 2 finals.

Among the Blazers' most noteworthy athletes are state cross country and track champions Kelly Champagne and Jennifer Rioux (early 1980s), 1984 Miss Basketball Emily Wagner, 2004 Class B singles bowling champ Sarah Jaeger and 2007 Miss Hockey Laura Szwed.

"My 18 years here have been phenomenal," Malek said. "There's nothing more exciting than watching high school athletics."



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Chiefs rout Zebras twice

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton continued its blistering early season play with a doubleheader sweep Wednesday against visiting Wayne Memorial, with the Chiefs pounding out 12-0 and 15-3 five-inning victories.

But head coach Mark Blomshield and his team aren't getting carried away with the KLAA South Division wins or any other bit of regular season

That's because the Chiefs are really working toward peaking at state tournament time - where they hope to advance beyond the regionals and avoid bitter losses such as last spring against Birmingham Brother

The Chiefs, of course, have to play out the schedule first. The two mercy-rule wins against the Zebras enabled Blomshield to play everybody and enable players to gain experience that could help later on

Canton regulars made their usual contributions, however. In Game 1, senior lefthander

Kevin Delapaz struck out seven in four innings, giving up just three hits.

Delapaz threw well," Blomshield said. "I wanted to get him a start. He'll go Monday versus Novi.

Cody Blakita (2-for-3), Joe Galanty (2-for-2) and Ben Staley (2-for-3, 2 RBI) all swung the bats well in the opener.

Game 2 got off to a fast start for the Chiefs, who scored three runs in the first and five in the second, plenty for starting pitcher Staley.

"Ben threw really good in Ohio (the recent spring trip) and I basically used this as a bullpen session," said Blomshield, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Garrett Bryden collected a hit and drove in five runs while Delapaz (2-for-3) and catcher Seth Tschetter (3 hits, including a bases-loaded double) sparked Canton's offense.

Blomshield said Staley would pitch Saturday against tough Ann Arbor Pioneer at the Milan Invitational (which took place after this

issue of the Observer went to

"This is the third year we're going to that tournament and we've yet to win it," Blomshield said. "That's one of our team goals and another is to just keep chipping away. Novi (on Monday) also is a good team and hopefully we'll keep swinging the bats well."

FRANKLIN 8-12, PLYMOUTH 4-1: The host Wildcats fell to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in the KLAA South with Wednesday's doubleheader loss to Livonia Franklin (5-0.

Prentice Hawkins had a big game in the nightcap with a 3run double in the fourth inning and a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the fifth. Other big hitters included Dan Muller (3for-3, solo homer), Steven Wells (2-run homer) and Justin Dean (3-for-4).

In the opener, Wildcats start-ing pitcher Harrison Michaels went 3.1 innings and took the loss. But he hit a two-run homer in the second. Teammate Kevin Lozier also homered with a man on in the seventh, but it was far too little, too late.

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they needed to know to be successful here and they're doing

Kayla Rebain might succeed Klonowski at shortstop in 2011, but for now, she's impressing Canfield behind home plate.

"She has a great arm, great speed behind the plate, good glove placement," Canfield said. She really makes a difference and she has that look about her, that presence that makes the

team feel calm and confident." Plymouth's outfield includes juniors Marissa Blassic, Jessica Bondy (centerfield) and sophomore Allison Raylean.

The Wildcats boast capable reserves such as junior outfielder Christy Pattison and sophomore utility player Karen Rebain.

PITCHING IN

Canfield also is happy with how her pitching is shaping up, led by junior Lauren Smith who pitched a one-hit shutout and fanned six in Wednesday's first game.

Smith started the season opener as well, a 2-1 win

Monday over South Lyon where she struck out 13.

"Lauren Smith, she's really excelled for us the last three years," said Canfield, adding that Gerou came in for a oneinning save against the Lions in her varsity debut.

"And today I started her (Gerou) in the second game and I wasn't even nervous," the coach noted. "I just knew she was going to do well, she has that fighting mentality.

"Whenever she struggled a little bit she pulled through, she's coachable and she made the adjustments.'

Plymouth's third pitcher when needed is Giordano, who "throws harder than both of them. But we need her at second right now."

With the way the Wildcats took care of business Wednesday, Canfield is looking forward to just how successful the 2010 season can be. An upcoming test is Monday's home game against Salem.

"We have a real young team and the freshmen all start," Canfield said. "So we have a very young team and I'm pleased with their performance so far.'

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CAMPS AND CLINICS

Salem football camps

There are two upcoming camps for football players being hosted by Salem's grid program.

· The Youth Camp is for those in grades 3-8 and will be a skills and fundamental camp. The camp for current 8th graders is June 1-3 from 5-8 p.m.: those now in grades 3-7 have camp June 1-2, also from 5-8 p.m. Fee is \$30 (T-shirt included).

· Salem's Skill Camp is for players who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall. Registration deadline is June 18 and the fee is \$40 (T-shirt provided).

For more information on the camps, contact head coach Kurt Britnell at (734) 416-7741 or e-mail him at football.salemrocks@gmail.com. The Web site is www.football.salemrocks.com.

Canton girls hoops camp

Canton's state semifinalists will be on hand for the upcoming Canton Girls Basketball Camp, set from June 7-10 at the high school gym. The fee is \$60. For more information on how to sign up for Course No. 156, please call (734) 416-2937.

Head coach Brian Samulski and his staff will work with prospective future players. Helping out will be team members, who reached the Final Four this season.

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2-0 with a Thursday night shutout, with Marissa Williams getting her second consecutive white-

Stephanie Dillon and McKenzie Hengesh scored against the Warriors, with single assists contrib-

uted by Jen Babcock and Carley McQuiston. Meanwhile, on Monday, Plymouth defeated Ann Arbor Huron 1-0. The lone goal was netted by Hengish.

Girls tennis

PLYMOUTH 6, CANTON 3: Thursday's meeting of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals went to the Wildcats, who won all but one of the doubles flights. Only the No. 1 doubles tandem of Allison Santori and Andrea Haidar kept it from being a sweep, as they won 7-6, 6-4 over Plymouth's Brittany Vance and Kayla Davis.

Plymouth took care of the remaining doubles flights, with all but one going three sets. At No. 2, Kayla Griffey and Britta Swanson edged Janani Shanmuga-Kelsey Mason 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 and Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila (No. 3) got past Catherine Sanctorum-Kaitlyn Bunyak 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Plymouth's Jahnvi Patel-Mariah Tesarz combo bested Samatha Klott-Hayley Cook at No. 4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0. At No. 5 doubles, Laura Schmid and

Erin McKenzie topped Neena Baghaie and Lauren

The campus foes split singles play. Canton's Sarah Mitchell defeated Megan Leung at No. 1, 6-2, 6-1, while freshman Kirthi Duraiswamy bested

Sydney Liedel, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4. The Wildcats took the No. 2 and No. 3 singles flights. Priya Joshi edged Taylor Eppler 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 and the No. 3 flight went to Lindsay Stemberger, 7-6, 6-3 over Jacklyn Hollingsworth.

CANTON 9, WAYNE 0: On Tuesday in the season opener, Canton defeated Wayne Memorial 9-0. In singles play, the results were as follows: No.

 Megan Leung over Morgan Greig (6-4, 6-2); No. 2, Taylor Eppler over Megan McGregor (6-2, 6-2); No. 3, Jaclyn Hollingsworth blanked Stephanie Tomlin (6-0, 6-0); No. 4, Sydney Liedel over Xi Yan Wang (6-0, 6-1).

Canton kept it going in doubles flights, winning as follows: No. 1, Kayla Davis-Brittany Vance over Alicia Evans-Melinda Powers (6-0, 6-2); No. 2, Kelsey Mason-Janani Shanmuga over Lil Reid-Cailee Pargudo (6-1, 6-1); No. 3, Catherine Sanctorum-Kaitlyn Bunyak over Ashlee Szabo-Zoie Smallwood (6-0, 6-1); No. 4, Samantha Klott-Haylee Cook over Victoria Baker-Destiny Bullock (6-0, 6-1); No. 5, Neena Baghaie-Lauren Tomei got past Lynn Mathen-Brie Wilson (6-2, 6-3).

In an exhibition match the Canton duo of Erin Fowler-Hannah Ferree defeated Sarah Marshall-Sam Collins by an 8-2 score.



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NEIGHBORS

50-year milestone

Artists join Livonia club to mingle, learn, enter shows

BY SHARON DARGAY OSE STAFF WRITER

If you love art, there's no better way to enhance your knowledge, meet other artists and gain exhibit opportunities than in a club.

"You learn from other people and it makes you more excited about the art," said Marge Masek, a painter and Livonia resident

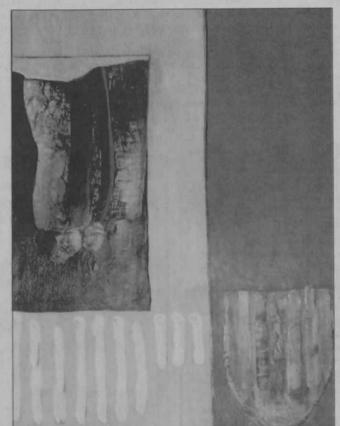
Masek is exhibiting work today, Sunday, April 18, in the Livonia Artist Club's annual spring show. She's also a longtime member of the group, which is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year.

"Anyone can join, whether you're an artist or not. If you're painting and no one sees it, then you're just painting for yourself. It's nice to share the

wealth," she said. "It's a fun club ... a nice friendly group. We enjoy being together. We learn from each other and we have critiques. And a lot of us have been

together a long time. According to member Valerie Pentz, the group was organized in 1960 to stimulate and encourage creative talent. Meetings first were held in members' homes, but as membership increased, moved to the Carl Sandburg Library in 1964. It found a permanent home at Civic Center Library

"We use the Atrium and



Livonia Artists Club member Betty Lewis painted 'The Choir' in acrylics.

show and the Atrium for our fall show," she said. "We have a show at city hall during the

LEARNING ABOUT ART

The group meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the

brief business meeting, artists mingle, sample refreshments and watch a video. a demonstration or hear a

"There are some people who don't get into exhibiting at the shows, but they might



'Mary, Quite Contrary' is a collage by Beverly Johnston of the Livonia Artists Club.



'The Vortex' by Betty Lewis of the Livonia Artist Club. The organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary this

None of the artists work on their pieces during the club meetings, which are aimed at social and educational efforts. Most either take classes or focus on projects while at home.

Beverly Johnston of Livonia, a member of Livonia Artist Club, also joined other local art groups so she could exhibit in their shows. A member of Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) and the Farmington Arts Club, Johnston won a first place award for a piece

she entered in the upcoming arts festival in Farmington.

in the Livonia Artist Club show. "All of the shows are juried, except the Livonia Artist Club show," she said. "That's a judged show.

She's also exhibiting works

In a juried show, works are submitted but not guaranteed exhibit space. A juror sizes up the entries and decides which pieces to include in the show. Awards are given for the works.

In a judged show, artists may submit a specific number of works. All are included in

the show and a judge awards ribbons for first through third

MEETING OTHER ARTISTS

Primarily a collage artist and painter who produces abstract works, Johnston also takes classes at VAAL and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"I knew a lot of people in (the Livonia club) from classes I take. We all take classes. If I go to another art club in the area, there definitely are two or three people I know when I walk in.

"Every club has a different program and it's also a way to meet artists in the area, just like in other clubs.

The Livonia Artist Club spring show runs 1-5 p.m., Sunday, April 18, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road. Works include watercolor, oils, colored pencil, collage, both framed and unframed, as well as note cards and other items. (734) 466-2450



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Grab a rake or clippers and make a senior citizen smile on Saturday, April 24. The Senior Alliance will hold its seventh annual Make a Senior Smile Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jaunching Wayne County funded Chore Services Program. Both the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), and The Senior Alliance (TSA) act as program facilitators to organize this annual event and ongoing services through

Volunteers will rake leaves and manicure yards. They'll also receive breakfast, lunch, and many bright smiles from appreciative seniors throughout the com-

"Our mission serves to enable disabled adults and senior citizens to function as independently as possible within their home and community. The Wayne County Chore Program assists in doing just that by providing home maintenance services for little or no costs to many seniors throughout our service area," stated Bob Brown, director of Senior Alliance of southern and western Wayne County. "Make a Senior Smile Day is just another wonderful way to serve the community and help launch this fantastic program.

For more information, or to volunteer with TSA for the Make a Senior Smile Day, call Linda DeVore at The Senior Alliance at (734) 727-2017.



NEW TREATMENT

Annual stamp show delivers in Plymouth next Saturday and Sunday

Celebrate Michigan Stamp Week with a visit to the 41st annual Plymouth Show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp

The show runs 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Central Middle School, 650 Church, at Main in downtown Plymouth. Admission and parking

Michigan Stamp Week begins April

The stamp show will include 45 dealers from nine states and Canada, with stamps, covers, cachet covers and supplies for both new and experienced collectors.

With 2,000 exhibit pages, the Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS World Series of Philately. The grand award winner will be eligible to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW 2010 in Richmond, Va.

The grand award winner will receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife artist Larry Hillard. In addition to the grand award, a reserve grand award, the customary five levels of medals, and numerous special awards will be presented.

A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society judges will determine the exhibition award levels at the event.

At the judge's critique, slated for 11:30 a.m. Sunday, exhibitors will have an opportunity to ask judges questions regarding awards and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits. The critique also gives future exhibitors a chance to learn the ins and outs of exhibiting.

At the "Stamps in Your Closet" sessions, scheduled both afternoons, experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and provide guidance on a collection's value.

The junior program will have stamprelated games, and free stamps for each young collector.

The show will host the annual meetings of the Peninsular State Philatelic

Society, regional meetings of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and an APS Town Meeting.

The West Suburban Stamp Club also is selling five colored cachet covers honoring distinguished sailors of the U.S. Navy. Each of the four new distinguished sailor stamps issued in February will be used on individual covers. A fifth cover will have the set of four stamps applied. The commemorative cancel is an outline of an anchor with the dates and "Plymouth Show Station" added.

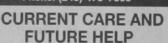
Collectors can purchase the single stamp covers at the show or by mail for \$3 each, or \$10 for a set of four. The combination cover with all four stamps and a unique cachet is priced at \$5. To order by mail send a check or money order plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope (#10 size) to WSSC, Box 700049, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more on the West Suburban Stamp Club and its upcoming show, visit www.plymouthshow.com.



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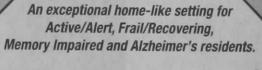
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In the recently signed Health Reform Bill, the government, not only augments elderly care, but for the first time, initiates relief and assistance to those who care for the elderly. The most important provision for caregiver assistance in the Reform Bill is the CLASS Act; CLASS stands for Community Living Assistance Services and Supports. One section sets up a long-term care insurance program that would allow elderly individuals to remain at home and live within the community familiar to them despite loss of strength and stamina. CLASS would also lessen the need for sacrifice in time and money by family members giving care. Readers assisting elderly family members should go on line and google under "CLASS ACT" to learn in detail what this legislation provides.





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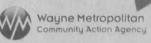
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APRIL 18-21

Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, April

Location: Merriman Road just south of Ford Road, Garden City Details: "Festival of Hope" with Jim

Wilson, guest speaker associated with Billy Graham Ministries Contact: (734) 421-0472

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., April 18, 25 Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music, A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March

classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life: April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

St. Theodore Catholic Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 18

Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice. It's sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, age 2-10 Contact: (734) 425-4421

APRIL 22-28

Friendship Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 24 Location: 1240 N. Beck, Canton Details: Area churches that are planning to present Group Publishing's "High Seas Expedition" Vacation Bible School this summer will receive hands-on training from a Group VBS expert at this training and networking event. In addition to tons of fun and helpful tips, participants can network and share ideas. Registration fee is \$20. Contact: Call (734) 710-9370 to

register His Church Anglican Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22-June 24 Location: 36163 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Alpha class Contact: To register call (734) 367-

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 23 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 24

Location: 28000 New Market, just north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: The Woman's League of the church sponsors a rummage and bake sale. In addition to clothing and homemade baked goods, the sale will feature small appliances, furniture, books, bedding, linens, toys, jewelry and much more. \$3 and \$5 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: Lucille Ehlers at (248) 553 2889

April 29-May 5 Antioch Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Rummage sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1 Location: 33360 West 13 Mile.

Details: The church also is collecting items for the sale from 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 26-28 Contact: Judy Glass at (248) 476-

Congregation B'nai Moshe Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., May 2 Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: "Torah, Technology and the Future of Israel," will-explore the relationship of Torah values to the applications of modern technology. There will be a panel presentation with Steven Bekhor, on "Israel's Nuclear Horizon," Ellen P. Rosenberg, on "Water Resources and Conservation in Israel," and Steven H. Schwartz with "Torah Values and the Environment. The B'nai Moshe Choir will perform and there will be a question and answer period followed by a social hour with refreshments. Admission is free

Contact: RSVP to (248) 788-0600

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, May 2 Location: 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Taste of the Nation Dinner is an international potluck buffet. Participants bring two dishes - choosing between an entree, desert and appetizer - from their family's country of origin. Donations will support the church's missions and Brazil Team

Contact: (248) 426-0096 Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: Check-in at 6:15 p.m.,

game begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 1 Location: In the family center, behind the school, 17116 Olympia,

Redford

Details: Adult Trivia Night, with proceeds benefitting youth programs and youth outreach. Register in groups of eight - \$80 per table or

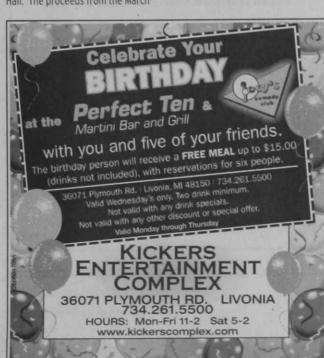
\$10 per person. Answer numerous questions - as a group at each table - on a variety of categories. Cash prizes for top three tables, cash bar, and lots of items to be raffled off. Contact: Register by calling (313) 534-9000 or visit http://ourladyoflorettorep.webs.com/trivianight.htm for more information.

St. Aidan Time/Date: 6-9 p.m.,

Thursday, April 29 Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

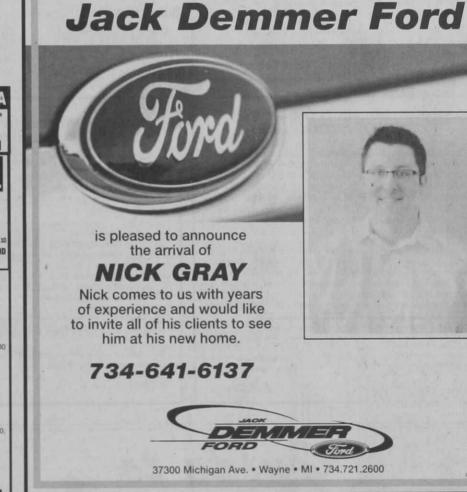
Details: The Rev. Norm Dickson and Dr. Mary Healy will be the guest speakers at the Endow groups at the church. The session, a reflection on Women of Peace and Love, is aimed at women and girls, age 16 and over. A light dinner will be included. A free will offering will be accepted

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The program, entitled "Back to School Day", is free and open to the public and will meet in Building J, Room 306. A light lunch will be served and preregistration is encouraged.

This day of information, geared to women interested in attending OCC, is designed to meet a variety of concerns and issues. The interactive sessions will assist women in the decision-making process of returning to school at OCC. To register, or for further information on this and other program offerings call the Womencenter at (248) 522-3642.

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PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth/Dearborn Heights Housing Commission is pleased to be opening its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Waiting List

from 8:00 AM on April 23, 2010 through 5:00 PM on April 26,

2010. After 5:00 PM on April 26, the waiting list will be closed

and the application will no longer be available. All applications must be post-marked by May 7, 2010 in order to be considered. Applications accepted will be contacted by October 15, 2010. All

The application can only be obtained from our website http://

www.phchousing.net. DO NOT come to the Plymouth Housing Commission offices. Applications will not be available at the

Plymouth Housing Commission offices. If you need access to a

computer and the internet, you can go to your local library. For

any updated information refer to our website. For any updated

All applications MUST be processed through the US Postal Service. Hand delivered applications will NOT be accepted. Faxed copies will NOT be accepted. Only ONE application per

information you may call (734)455-3670, extension 224.

Orchid festival

The Ann Arbor Orchid Society presents thousands of colorful orchid blooms from area orchid societies and growers, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Vendors will sell orchids and orchid-related items 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free talks and demonstra-

- · Noon, Sunday, Making Clay Orchids
- 1 p.m. Sunday, Stanhopeas, Gongoras & Other Orchid Oddities
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Miniature Dendrobiums
- 3 p.m. Sunday, Orchids

Free admission to show displays, \$5 admission to Matthaei Botanical Garden Conservatory. Handicapaccessible. More information at aaosonline.org or call (734) 663-0756.

Butterflies

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010 commencing at 6:00

- Application 1467 (Tabled from 10/2009): 44429 Erik Pass, Requesting a 10 foot rear yard setback variance to construct a 12 x 30 addition.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building

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THURSDAY, May 6, 2010 6:00 P.M.

- Application 1471: 41100 Plymouth RD, Requesting a 10 foot street setback line variance to construct a new

Department 734 354-3210.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2010, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 32.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2010, without further notice to the

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JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Jennifer M. Dover of Southfield and Dennis S. Hennen of Worthington, Ohio, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Niles and Diana Dover of Brighton, received a B.B.A. degree from Rochester College and is employed as a sales planner for NCC Media.

Her fiancé, son of Eugene and Alice Hennen of Wheeling, W.Va., holds a B.S. degree from Lipscomb University and an M.S. degree from Ohio State University. He is the owner and computer programmer at 28

A June wedding is planned at Royal Oak Church of Christ.



Dover-Hennen

GARDEN CITY BABY

Todd, Toni and Wyatt Bushway of Garden City are pleased to announce the newest addition to their family, Elise Ann Bushway, born Feb. 12, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds I ounce and measured 20% inches at birth.



Elise Ann Bushway



Ellie Jeanne Noechel

SEPTEMBER BABY

Ellie Jeanne Noechel was born Sept. 17, 2009, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in

She joined her parents, Jeffrey and Maryn Noechel,

PAITYN JOYCE NASHLON

Dan and Kimberly Nashlon of Howell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Paityn Joyce, born Feb. 5, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Howell. She

weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Paityn joins big sister Anna-Marie Davidson. Proud grandparents are Marie Nashlon of Canton and John and Pauline Davidson of Novi. Greatgrandmothers are Kathleen Davidson and Ruth Adam of Richmond, Quebec, Canada.

and sister, Zoe, 3, at home in South Lyon.

Grandparents are Robert and Donna Jeanne Noechel of Livonia and George Emmert of Atlanta, Ga. Greatgrandparents are Marilyn Schrotenboer of Lake Placid, Fla., and Elly June Eaton of Dallas, Texas.



Paityn Joyce Nashlon

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REUNION CALENDAR

Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960

50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held 0ct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166)

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit, Call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

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

Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet1t2001@vahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to payments@institutionalmarkets.com Send e-mail correspondence to stevensonclassof75@ yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information, e-mail to ophighschool1980@ vahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att. net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

St. Hyacinth

All school The reunion on Sept. 19 will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the elementary school's closing. The reunion will begin with a Mass at 11 a.m. and include an open house with snacks and refreshments. Contact the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

In Loving Memory ...this Mother's Day Remember the mother you have lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute.

The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for Mother's Day 2010. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of your beloved mother who holds a special place in your heart.

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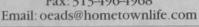
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AMY DeBONO (Leonard)

Age 49, of Belleville, passed away March 13, 2010. Funeral services were held March 19, 2010 at St. Theodore Church in Westland, MI. Cremation has taken place.

KENNETH LEONARD

Age 48, passed away March 25, 2010 in Fort Meyers. Florida. Griffin Funeral Home, Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial service April 18th, visitation 1-9pm, service 7pm. Cremation has taken place.



BEULAH "BEA" CECILE ROSS-PULK-DONATTI

Age 84, longtime resident of Wayne passed away on April 11, 2010 at home in Wayne, surrounded by fami-ly and friends. Bea was born June 14, 1925, in St. Jacques in northern Michigan, the daughter of Henry and Cecile (Groleau) Ross, and was raised in Gladstone, Michigan. She married Alexander D. Pulk and he preceded her in death on November 26, 1977. Bea remarried Daniel R. Donatti and he also preceded her in death on September 1, 1988. In addition, her brothers, William Ross, Robert Ross, infant brother Willard and sister Jane Quinn, preceded her in death. Bea was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. In addition, she enjoyed dancing, BINGO, crochet/knitting, gardening, and bird watching. Bea was also an avid walker. Survivors include her long time dearest friend James Donnelly of Dearborn; her eight chil-dren, Alexander (Sandra) Pulk of Canton, Gwenn (Thomas) Misukaitis of Wayne, Errol (Ann) Pulk of Westland, Richard Pulk (Pamela) of Brownstown, Christie (Ahmet) Zeren of Dearborn, Gene (Julie) Pulk of Port Orchard, WA, Harold (Carole) Pulk of Livonia, and Helen (Patrick) Porter of Howell; siblings Louise Anderson of Grass Lake, Audrey Reese of Rockford, IL, Elaine (Kenneth) DeMars of Rockton, IL, Emily (Milton) Wengert of Rockford, IL, Harold (Jean) Ross of Bark River, II., Harold (Jean) Ross of Bark River, James (Stephanie) Ross of Dexter, and Madelyn (Ron) Trekas of Gladstone; also her stepchildren Kathryn "Kay" Monahan of Alta Loma, CA and Joseph "Tim" (Marcia) Donatti of Howell; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and numerous pieces and peapleaus. The family of 27 great grandentiates and neither and of nieces and nephews. The family of Bea Donatti will receive family and find a partial state of Thursday. April 15, 2010 friends on Thursday, April 15, 2010 for a memorial service at St. Mary's for a memorial service at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, with Fr. David officiating. Viewing of pictures will be at 10:00am, Rosary at 10:30am followed by Memorial Mass at 11:00am. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will follow. A private burial will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Flowers and donations will be accepted at: 34540 Sims St., Wayne MI 48184. The family would



Wayne, MI 48184. The family would

also like to thank, the caring staff at

Angela Hospice.

GLORIA J. JOHNSON

Age 63 of Plymouth, April 13, 2010. Loving wife of Terry. Beloved mother of Steve (Tresa) and Chris (Cari). Very proud Nana of Aaron, Brady, Victoria and McKenna. Dear sister of Jerry (Phyllis), Denny (Pat), Tom, and Steve (Carrie). Visitation was held Friday 5-7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Private Memorial Service to be held at later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

HARRY JOSEPH FITZPATRICK

April 11, 2010. Age 84 years. Beloved husband of Evelyn. Loving father of Rathleen (Alex) Kaleta, Kevin (Betty) Fitzpatrick, Timothy (Yolanda) Fitzpatrick, Patrice (Jeff) Williams and the late Michael Fitzpatrick. Father-inlaw of Paula Fitzpatrick. Dear grandfa-ther of 15 and great-grandfather of five. Family services will be held in Wauwatosa, WI. SCHMIDT & BARTELT

Funeral and Cremation Services Wauwatosa (414)774-5010 www.schmidtandbartelt.com

JOHN IRA MORRISSEY

Of Plymouth, MI passed away on April 10, 2010 at age 71. Admired and respect-ed Plymouth Firefighter and EMT from June 6, 1969 to December 31, 1995. Also a veteran of the United States Army from 1957-1964. Beloved father of Sean (Julia) Morrissey. Grandfather of Sky. Brother of Pat and Mike. Beloved friend of the Jury family. Special thanks to the Plymouth Community Fire Department, the Jury's and all those involved. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

JOYCE J. ROTH

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Passed away on April 10, 2010 at the age of 68. Former nurse and adminisage of 68. Former nurse and administrative assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital - Department of Dermatology. Beloved mother of Steve (Michelle) Roth and Erica (Eric) Hughes. Grandmother of Drew, Brenden, Brette and Grant.

Private services were held.



LAMAR (Len) BEDGOOD

Born in Tenniel, GA on Feb. 7, 1931. Departed on April 9, 2010 and resided in Westland, MI. Age 79. Beloved hus-band of the late Joan I. Most wonderful dad of Brian P. (Alice) and the late Sean. Proud "Pops" of Brian Harnos. Dear brother of Vivian, Randall, Robert and the late Billy. Loving brother in-law of Jack Stinson (Lou) and Barbara (Al) Myers. Special friend of June Porta and her loving family. Also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed by his friends from his Church and Art Clubs. A "special thanks" to the Garden City Hospital doctors and nurses that took such good care of him.

LAWRENCE R. HYSLOP, II East Lansing

Born May 7, 1943, Lawrence R. Hyslop II died April 15, 2010 at the age of 66. Larry graduated from Farmington High School in 1961 and attended Wayne State University. He was a master guitarist, especially flamenco classical and jazz as well as menco, classical, and jazz, as well as a composer, arranger, and teacher of guitar. With a personal library of thou-sands of volumes, his life was immersed in books and love of knowledge, especially physics, math, and philosophy. He enjoyed the life of the mind, lively conversation, discussions about theories of how things are, and exchanging puns with friends. His life was enriched by his love of family was enriched by his love of family cats, Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence R. Hyslop and Betty H. Hyslop Istratoff, and his beloved grandmothers Phebe Hyslop and Mae Bogan. He is survived by his loving wife, Colleen; sister Claudia (Philip) Zamora of California; brother Frederick of California; sisterinlaw, Anne Bedgar, of Ann. Arbor. in-law Anne Bednar of Ann Arbor; and nieces Colleen Bednar and Emily Bednar of Ann Arbor, whom he dear-ly loved. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2010 at Gorsline Runciman uneral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hyslop Endowment for the MSU Libraries, Michigan State University, 100 Library W223, East Lansing, MI 48824; St. Vincent Home for Children, Inc., 2800 W. Willow St., Lansing, MI 48917; or Ele's Place, 1145 W. Oakland Ave., Lansing, MI 48915 in memory of Lawrence R. Hyslop, II.
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MARY ANNE KOZLOWSKI

Age 80. Passed away peacefully sur-rounded by her children on March 30, 2010. She was born on March 3, 1930 in Bellefonte Pennsylvania, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and later from Michigan State University. She was a dedicated teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She is survived by her children Mary Ann Kozlowski (Kip), Richard Kozlowski, Kim Pantaleo (Bruce), William Kozlowski (Ann), Alan Kozlowski, and grandchildren Kozlowski, and grandchildren Kristen, Matthew, Sara and William. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20004 or www.lungusa.org



RAYMOND L. HEIMSTADT

Of Davison, age 90, passed away April 13, 2010 at Genesys Hospice Care Center, Goodrich. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Genesys Hospice Care Center, Goodrich. Ray was born on July 11, 1919. He married Colleen Sudekum on June 21, 1941 and she preceded him in death on October 25, 2000. Ray was an avid fisherman and was a charter member of Stoneycroft Golf Club. He founded Heimstadt Associates in 1971 and retired in December of 2004. Ray is survived by his son, John (Cindy); daughter, Leslie Heimstadt (Steve Pangborn); grandsons, Paul (Heather), Adam; great-grandson, Wyeth. He is also survived by many special nieces, nephews and loving friends. Please share your thoughts with the family at: www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com.



MARY COMBES

82. of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, 82, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, surrounded by her five loving children. Mary was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 28, 1928. When she was very young, Mary's parents moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she lived and was raised. During these years Mary developed her strong love for the ocean and the beach. Mary married her childhood friend, John Combes, in 1950 and moved to Michigan. Mary and John settled in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where they resided and raised their family of one daughter and four sons. Mary worked as a secretary for the City of Birmingham and Oakland Community College before joining the 47th District Court in Farmington, Michigan, where she worked for 14 years as an administrative assistant for the probation department. In 1995, Mary achieved her dream of moving back to Florida to live the remainder of her life on the beach in the seaside community of New Smyrna Beach, Florida. While living in New Smyrna Beach, Mary became a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church where she enjoyed being an active and pro-ductive member of the Flower Guild Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, John Combes, and she is survived by her five children Linda Tomala (Tom), John Combes (Nancy), Michae Combes (Karen), Stephen Combes (Debbie) and Richard Combes (Kathy) along with 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be sent to St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopa Church for Father Jim's mission trip to Haiti, 4220 Saxon Drive, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169. A memorial service for Mary Combes was held on Saturday, April 17, at 10:00am at St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church (see address above). The internment of the ashes took place in the Resurrection Garden at St. Peter's immediately following the memorial service. Send the family a condolence at www.BaldwinCremation.com



ROBERT C. GAYLORD

Passed away at his home near St. Joseph, Michigan on April 12, 2010, age 60. Was a true and avid sports fan of NHRA Drag Racing, the Detroit Red Wings and University of Michigan football. He loved boating on Lake Michigan and all of Michigan's Sunset Coast. Survived by his daughter Jennifer, his partner I Lee Benson and two sisters Brenda Rolston and Ann Sylvester. A Memorial Gathering has already occurred. Share your special thoughts

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Shape up: Spring clean your way to weight loss

TOPS Club, Inc., (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) the nonprofit weight-loss support organization says spring is the perfect time to renew weight-loss and fitness reso-

Here's the group's tips for springing into a healthier, active, lifestyle as the weather warms:

· Housework, especially if done to fast music, gets the body moving and the home ship-shape, too. Undertake an old-fashioned spring cleaning from top to bottom, and do it with intensity. Stretch high and bend low, extend your arms, and move as much and as fast as possible. Wash the windows, scour the grout, clean the oven, declutter the closets, and sweep out the garage.

You'll not only feel a sense of accomplishment, but you'll have burned some calories, stretched and toned muscles, as well as brightened up your indoor envi-

· From the inside, move outside. Springtime is a great time to get fit through a walking program. Even gym regulars find that engaging in a walk through the neighborhood or park in fresh air is invigorating. For those who have been sedentary, start slow and walk only as far as it feels comfortable. Build up walking time gradually. Don't forget to warm up before and cool down after to reduce stress on muscles. Wear walking shoes and dress in

loose-fitting, comfortable clothing, appropriate for the weather. When walking after dark, wear bright colors or use reflective tape for motorists to see.

• Plan for a home-grown vegetable garden. Nothing tastes as good, or is better for you, as fresh garden produce. You don't need large parcels of land. Use small containers to grow almost any vegetable or herb on a balcony or patio. Even a windowsill can accommodate a vegetable that is frequently harvested, such as herbs and lettuce, and tomatoes can be grown from the bottom of a hanging planter.

If flowers are your thing, plan out new beds or cultivate old ones. You'll get exercise and enhance the aesthetics of your yard at the same

Here are common springtime activities and the amount of calories each burns if done for 30 min-

- · Watering lawn or garden 63
- Fertilizing yard 104 calories
- Mopping 146 calories
 Scrubbing floors 159 calories
- Sweeping 167 calories
- Weeding 167 calories
- · Planting seedlings 188 calo-
- · Trimming shrubs by hand - 188 calories
- · Painting 209 calories
- Laying sod 209 calories · Cleaning gutters - 209 calories

· Mowing lawn (walk behind power mower) - 230 calories Gardening – 134 calories

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness education, and support from others at weekly chapter meetings. TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.



A guest fills in a section of a painting at a 2009 Anti-Defamation League Gala. A Frame Your Face Paint-By-Number activity will highlight a benefit event for The Pink Fund, April 22 at The Print Gallery in Southfield.

Paint-by-number event aids The Pink Fund

Try your hand at painting and help raise money for a good cause at "Frame Your Face: The Art of Giving" 7-9 p.m., April 22 at The Print Gallery in Southfield.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include wine, special event cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. Participants also will have a chance to help fill in, square by square, a Frame Your Face paint-by-number canvas, revealing an image created by artist Tom Maniaci.

Additional entertainment includes a meet-and-greet, live auction and music by Chris Clark. The guest who demonstrates the best use of pink attire will win a prize.

All proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund, formed to help women and men suffering from breast cancer focus on healing, raising families and returning to the workplace. The Pink Fund provides short-term financial aid during the brief period of active treatment and recovery.

Tickets for "Frame Your Face: The Art of Giving," are available at the door or at The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. For more information call (877) 234-PINK or visit www.thepink-

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Memory workshop

The workshop, scheduled for April 21-23, at the Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge Highway, north of 14 Mile in Royal Oak, will assess and improve driving strategies for older adults. The goal is to help them continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible. The workshop runs 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. \$35 per person. To register, call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service toll-free at (800) 633-7377.

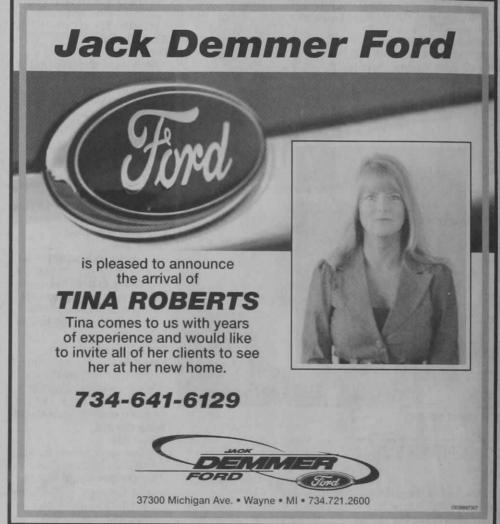
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Gilda's Club

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers free educational lectures to anyone who has been touched by cancer:

- Multiple Myeloma Update from the International Myeloma Foundation runs 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. Robin Tuohy, regional director from the International Myeloma Foundation, will discuss how the International Myeloma Foundation can help people diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Dinner will be provided at the lecture.





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Old-School Job Hunting Techniques That Still Work

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder.com writer

Nostalgia for better days is nothing new. The world as a whole was a better place back in your day, wasn't it? The music, your family, manners, society -- they really knew how to do things right. At least, that's what you hear. Depending on what you're talking about, the past might have been better. In other regards, it might have been worse.

When you talk about the process of finding a job, the biggest changes have come from technology. Once upon a time you couldn't look at listings online. You needed a newspaper. You couldn't save 20 different résumés on your computer. You had to type each one out on a typewriter.

Technology has certainly made some tasks easier, but are job seekers relying too much on it? We asked some experts if they thought any job seekers were doing themselves a disservice by ignoring some oldschool techniques. While no one thinks you need to toss your online tools aside, they suggest you go back to the basics to boost your chances of getting the job.

Here are the tried and true job search techniques you shouldn't forget about: A good follow-up

'The tactic that I see falling into disuse is the personal follow up on a résumé submission ... One of the best jobs I ever had came about because I persisted. Years after the president of the company and I became good friends, I asked him why he hired me, initially. He said 'You kept coming back. I could really tell you wanted

the job.'

"In today's world, the line of distinction between persistence and stalking or being annoying is tough to define, but a candidate who is able to demonstrate or indicate that he or she wants the job more than other, equally qualified candidates gets a real edge." - Bruce Campbell, vice president of marketing for Clare Computer Solutions.

A personal touch

"Twitter, Facebook, etc. are about expanding your reach. The old reliance on networking and accessing the hidden job market remains the same. The advantage of being referred by an employee remains the same. The interview process, which is still live and

focused on specific examples and bottom line results, is still the same. The need to negotiate by understanding your prospective employers concerns and constraints remains the same. The new stuff is in addition, not instead of the basics." -Caroline Ceniza-Levine, career expert, writer, speaker and co-founder of SixFigureStart

Solid application materials

"Job seekers who network and stay top of mind with employers still have the best chances. People who present clear résumés focusing on relevant skills and accomplishments get

noticed first. Social networking is great for lead generation, but without a solid résumé as your calling card, you won't go very far." - Tony Deblauwe, founder of HR4Change.com

"Write a stellar cover letter tailored to a specific job or company. This is your time to shine, don't recycle old cover letters. Send something that is unique to this job and this company."

> - Frank Dadah, general manager for Winter, Wyman and Co. Informational interview

"One job search tactic that will never be a bad idea is the informational interview. In a nutshell, this is when candidates ferret out key decision makers at the companies they want to work for

and set up brief meetings with them. It other applicants, but employers will can be intimidating to do this, but on the other hand the worst that could happen is that they say no. If they agree to the meeting - which can be at their office, a coffee shop, anywhere that's convenient for them - you have a golden opportunity to meet a decision maker and make yourself stand out from the applicant field." -Mandy Minor, executive-level resume writer for J Allan Studios

Recruiters

"Sadly recruiters are often forgotten and people forget to cultivate relations Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/ with them until they need a job. I

maintain relations with recruiters by emailing them, sending them friends." -Steven Savage, writer, blogger and author of "Fan To Pro: Unlocking career insights with your hobbies'

Thank you notes

"Old fashioned etiquette and the writing of a thank you note to each person involved in the interview process will help distinguish you from the other applicants. There may not be statistics to quantify this fact, but for each person considered for a position, the final decision often reaches beyond the best set of skills, to person-to-person considerations. Exemplifying that you, as the candidate, are a person who is considerate and knows the rules of etiquette (appreciation and respect for others) can put you into the "hired" category. Write this and mail it the day of the interview." - Sandra E. Lamb, career, lifestyle and etiquette expert and author of "How to Write It"

"Definitely a thank-you letter. Notice I said 'letter' and not 'e-mail.' Big difference. A handwritten letter will not only set you apart from most also be pleasantly surprised that you took the extra effort to write a personalized note rather than sending an e-mail template." - Kris Alban, director of strategic partnerships for *iGrad*

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