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Saying 'thanks'

The thing that bothers Diane Cook the most about the incident during which she lost her wallet is she couldn't even thank the person who returned it.

Cook returned from a trip to the Canton Kroger and realized she'd lost the wallet which, of course, contained credit cards, a driver's license, etc. She rushed back to try to find it but couldn't, and so set about the process of cancelling cards, figuring out how to replace the license and worrying about someone stealing her identity.

But when she returned to her home in the Cherry Hill-Lilley area, there the wallet was, tucked behind her screen door.

"I can't begin to tell you the emotions I went through," said Cook. "I was overwhelmed. In these economic times, I understand people are desperate, and I would have held no malice if it hadn't been returned."

"Nothing (in the wallet) had even been disturbed," said Cook, who pointed out even a small amount of cash was left intact. "I think we are a society of good, caring people. I just wish I could have said a proper thank you."

Rouge run

Racing to turn the spotlight on the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River, the inaugural Run for the Rouge - recognized as a quality physical activity event by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness - is set for Saturday, May 8, at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail in Canton.

Race day festivities kick off with a 5K Single Track Trail Run at 8 a.m.; a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk will commence at 9:30 a.m. All participants are asked to park and register at Connection Church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon.

Entry fees are: \$20 for adults through April 22 via mail, \$20 online or in person until April 26, and \$25 on race day. All children under 12 are \$10. Pre-register by April 26 and receive a commemorative T-shirt.

For more information on the Run for the Rouge or to register online, visit www.therouge.org.

E-waste day

Canton Township has partnered with Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit to offer a free E-waste Collection 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at the Canton Division of Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon. This free event is open to all Wayne County residents and is an opportunity to properly dispose of outdated electronic equipment.

For more information call (734) 397-1011.

Board set to pass on water rate hike

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a vote looms Tuesday, it appears the Canton Township Board of Trustees will approve a water-sewer rate hike ushering in a 16.9-percent increase for an average household.

Local officials say the decision appears inevitable to absorb a Detroit-imposed rate hike, pay local costs and partially replenish a township water-sewer fund that has dipped to \$9.9 million — nearly \$2

million below what consultants say is healthy for a community the size of Canton.

Although local officials don't relish a double-digit rate hike, they indicated Tuesday during a study session that they see no alternative.

"It's a case of pay me now or pay me later," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

An average household using 32,283 gallons of water every three months will see its quarterly bill jump to \$328.18, marking a \$47.41

increase. That amounts to nearly \$190 over the course of a year.

Township administration officials unveiled the latest rate hike — and the reasons for it — during a series of three public forums that ended Monday. In all, fewer than 20 residents showed up.

However, McLaughlin and Township Clerk Terry Bennett said after Tuesday's session that a flurry of calls could come when residents begin receiving their new bills after June 1.

Water-sewer rate increases are expected to become a trend. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said one national study has indicated consumer bills could double — or even quadruple — during the next 20 years.

Moreover, after nearing completion of \$45 million in sewer-system upgrades, Canton is expected to face a \$13 million price tag to improve its water-system infrastructure within

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Dianne Cojei commits an error and Judge Michael Gerou makes the call.

Playing ball

Baseball theme propels chamber to successful auction

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people gathered Saturday as the Canton Chamber of Commerce used the green grass of the Comerica Park outfield to help raise a little green of its own.

More than 400 people attended Saturday's annual Canton Chamber of Commerce dinner auction at Burton Manor in Livonia, all vying for the right to bid on silent and live auction items, win raffle prizes and, most importantly, make a little bit of merry.

"It was just a really fun time," chamber President Dianne Cojei said. "Everybody had a great time, they really got into the theme with their baseball shirts and everything. (M.C.) Karl Zarbo did a great job, and everything just moved along really well."

The baseball-themed event, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game,"

was originally supposed to feature former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, who had to back out late in the planning due to contractual obligations. But that didn't stop the crowd from having a ball.

Although official figures aren't yet available, Cojei said she's confident the 2010 auction fared better than last year's gala, which raised some \$60,000.

This year's auction featured more than 250 prizes, including a Detroit Tigers suite, a box of 18 tickets that came with shirts, a \$150 food voucher and three parking passes. The suite went for some \$2,100. Dave and John Wisniewski, owners of Canton Computers, won the Tigers suite and also got a golf outing with Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

"We decided bidding on the Tiger suite would benefit not only a great



Mel and JoEtte Morris have their picture taken at the ballpark during Saturday's dinner auction hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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With wife's future uncertain, husband focuses on parenting

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Six-year-old Jaclyn Hengesbaugh has been using art to express her emotions during a recent difficult period, says her father, Larry Hengesbaugh.

For example, the Canton Township kindergartner might sketch a sad face, he said. "Dad," she'll say, showing him the drawing, "what do you think I'm thinking about?"

Fund set up to help family, A5.

Larry's wife and the mother of their children, Jaclyn and Zachary, 11, has been at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital since Jan. 29, when the Chevrolet Trailblazer she was driving was rear-ended by a Lincoln MKX on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

The family was on its way home from a restaurant in Livonia. Police and prosecutors say the man driving the Lincoln was drunk.

Dawn, 41, had been in a coma, her husband said, but her condition was recently upgraded to a step above that. Her eyes are open, and she can

The answer is painfully obvious.

Dawn Hengesbaugh,



Jaclyn, Dawn, Larry and Zachary Hengesbaugh in happier times.

follow movement with them, but cannot communicate and shows no signs that she recognizes her family, he said.

"The kids were close to their mom," said Larry Hengesbaugh, 39, in an interview last week. "She did everything for them."

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Winter Market

Even more new vendors are scheduled for the Canton's last Winter Market, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Plymouth Popcorn Co. will debut at the last Winter Market featuring gourmet popcorn items, and Farmington Soap Works also will participate and sell what market manager Tina Lloyd described as hand-cast, cold-processed soap with no artificial preservatives or animal-based products.

Heavenly Hotdog, a market favorite, also will return Sunday, along with a host of other vendors.

Rotary hosts

For over 75 years Rotary International has broadened the horizons of students and the host families that welcome them through Rotary Youth Exchange. Annually, more than 80 countries and over 8,000 students participate in the program through the sponsorship of local Rotary clubs, including the Canton Rotary.

In her book "The New Global Student," author Maya Frost writes that "Rotary Youth Exchange is the best option hands-down," and she dedicates an entire chapter to Rotary offering tips for parents, stories from former Youth Exchange students, and information about the benefits and challenges of the program.

To learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange and hosting a student, contact Sue Kowalski at (734) 968-1436, or Bill Tesen at (734) 844-1374.

Leisure open house

Canton Leisure Services opens its doors even wider on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a special Open House at the Summit on the Park.

A full spectrum of services, facilities, and programs will be represented at this depart-



Rockette show

The award-winning Salem Rockette Pom/Dance Team hosts its annual variety show on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 23-24 at the Salem High School Auditorium. Shows are at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door, or from any Rockette.

ment-wide event, including: The Summit on the Park, Pheasant Run Golf Club, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, The B.L.O.C.K., Canton Sports Center, parks and trails, Canton's Dog Park, Farmers Market, camps, special events and more.

In addition, guests of the open house will have a chance to win an iPod Nano, a four pack of wristbands to 2010 Liberty Fest, Summit memberships, personal training sessions and more! Patrons do not have to be present to win. Register for an ActiveNet.com account onsite and automatically receive a \$5 coupon that can be applied towards a Leisure Services recreation program.

Enjoy a free performance of "The Eco Show" by the Zippity2Dads starting at noon, as well as inflatable attractions. Tours of the Summit on the Park facility will also be available. The first 100 people to come to the event will take home spring seed packets.

For more information about the Canton Leisure Services Open House or anything else Leisure Services, visit Cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

BPW meets

State Rep. Dian Slavens

will be the guest speaker when the Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road - east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon

RSVP's are requested. For more information contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

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 in need. One family has a 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

Texas Hold 'Em

The Canton Historical 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 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 dinner receipt.

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.Cantonhistoricalsociety.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@pcscmail.net

Double the pleasure

The Canton Public Library wants your tired, your poor, your worn-out magazines, newspapers, and catalogs; your huddled masses of school and office papers; the wretched refuse of your teeming junk mail yearning to be recycled.

For the entire month of April, when you place your recyclable papers in the library's yellow and green bins in the southwest corner of the parking lot, the Canton Public Library will receive double earnings from Paper Retriever Recycling.

Library officials call April "the perfect month for spring cleaning and clearing out your unwanted papers. Plus, you'll be making a difference by recycling during the month when people across the globe celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day!"

For more information, call the library, (734) 397-0999.

WATER

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the next 25 years, local officials say.

During the public forums, some residents said water-sewer rate hikes wouldn't be as hard-hitting if the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department ran more efficiently and became more transparent in its operations.

Township officials said DWSD, under new leadership, appears to be improving, but they said more could be done. "Canton Township does an amazing job of managing our piece of it," Trustee Pat Williams said, but he implied Detroit hasn't been as effective, "and I want that to stop."

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said past attempts by state legislators to examine DWSD's operations and finances were resisted by Detroit officials. LaJoy said he'd like to see Detroit, like Canton, become more transparent.

"Just lay it out," he said.

Trustee John Anthony agreed, saying Detroit in general has lagged in accountability.

"It's endemic in the city of Detroit," he said, "and it will never be cured in our lifetime."

Still, Canton officials appeared hopeful of better cooperation amid changes in DWSD and under the leadership of Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and a revamped Detroit City Council.

"It's going to take time," McLaughlin said.

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REPAIRS

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residents will likely pay their sidewalk repairs in full when they are billed late this year, some facing financial hardships may choose to have the cost spread over their tax bills for five years. The latter option, however, includes a 5-percent interest rate and a 1-percent administrative fee, McLaughlin said.

Inspectors who make the neighborhood rounds look for sidewalk sections that are raised by three-quarters of an inch; displaced due to tree roots; damaged by significant cracks; tilted due to improper sloping; and affected by standing water, among other problems.

Sections marked with green dots become the property owner's responsibility; those with red dots get fixed by the township.

Canton started the program 12 years ago in its oldest neighborhoods, with the intent of working its way to newer subdivisions.

"The subdivisions get selected by how old they are," McLaughlin said.

Residents in affected neighborhoods were notified prior to Tuesday's public hearing. This year's program applies to Cherry Knoll Estates No. 1 and 2; Cobblestone Ridge No. 1 and 2; Glengarry North; Glengarry Village Nos. 1 through 6; Glengarry Woods; Kingston Estates; Meadowbrook No. 1 and 2; Pineview Estates; Savannah Pointe; and miscellaneous other locations.

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Giving comes full 'Circle': Local women meeting community's needs

Role models, mentors, sponsors, advisors, coaches - no matter what label, the support they provide is one of the most crucial ingredients in success. That's one of the messages delivered last week to more than 30 women who attended the spring program sponsored by Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, a pooled fund of the Canton Community Foundation. The fund makes grants related to women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth area.

Women from Canton, Plymouth and Northville met in the Traditions Clubhouse in Canton to hear Stacy Stover, director of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft College, discuss the programs that mentor and advise women, men and families in the process of changing their lives.

Stover said the Transition Center, formerly the Women's Resource Center, has the staff and resources to assist students and community members with a broad range of concerns. A new program for those in transition is expected to begin in the fall. "College with Confidence: A Program for Adults" will incorporate parts of the former WRC's successful CHIPS (Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips) program.

The new program will offer participation to a greater number of students, according to Stover. The Transition Center also offers a divorce support group with discussions and presentations by lawyers, therapists, mediators and financial planners.

Other special programs and services available include tuition, books, and child care assistance for single parents, displaced homemakers and nontraditional job seekers who are enrolled in a state-approved occupational program. (See the college's Web site for more a complete programs and services available through the Transition Center).

Although not a crisis center, the Transition Center strives to "connect people to a needed service," said Stover, who holds a master's degree in higher education and counseling. Stover worked at Eastern Michigan University for eight years before coming to Schoolcraft.



Women from Canton, Northville and Plymouth pose with Stacy Stover (center), guest speaker at the group's spring program. The Giving Circle lets area women combine socializing, education and philanthropy.



Stacey Stover is director of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft.



Welcoming Stacy Stover of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft College (second from left) are Betty Bloch (left), chair of Giving Hope; Nancy Eggenberger, vice-chair of Giving Hope and Joan Noricks of the Canton Community Foundation.



Teri Stonerook of Plymouth Township coordinated the refreshments for last Wednesday's spring meeting of Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle. Stonerook is a founding member of Giving Hope.

It is all about support, and Stover thanked the Women's Giving Circle for its "pass the purse" donation last year, which helped the college purchase gift cards for those



Martha Snow of Northville, a founding member of Giving Hope, and Terry Goehmann of Mayflower Towing Co. in Canton attended last week's program.

needing new clothes to help in a job search and/or interview.

Debbie Cortellini, a teacher at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth Township, said "mentorship is invaluable."

"When someone has support they truly feel like they can accomplish anything," said Cortellini, who said she has a student whose grandfather and parents come to all school activities. "This student has so many people encouraging him and supporting him that he can't help but be successful."

"One of the most valuable assets your career can have is a good mentor," said another

woman who lives in Plymouth Township.

The Women's Giving Circle combines socializing with philanthropy. Local women pool their money, even small change, to help others.

Proceeds from last week's "pass the purse" collection will benefit the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, an organization that focuses on social, health and wellness programs for seniors.

Giving Hope will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13. Go to www.canton-foundation.org for more on Giving Hope and local philanthropy.

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Goci: Bring business sense to W-W

One seat on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education will be filled in the Tuesday, May 4, school election. Incumbent John Goci of Westland is being challenged by Karen Wilkie of Wayne for a four-year term on the school board.

Goci was elected to the board in May 2009 to fill the remaining year of a term that had been held by Frederick Weaver. Owner of the US 12 American Grill, Goci decided to run for re-election "because I am committed to seeing our children reach their full potential."

"Giving back to the community means everything to me," he said in an *Observer* candidate questionnaire. "Extensive business experiences as a local Wayne business owner gives me the necessary and unique insight to see the financial and administrative side of the school district. What I have observed in my one year of service on the school board is that the school district is not in the hands of the people and I will do everything within my power to return control of the schools back to the people."

Observer: What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

With extensive business experience as a local business owner, I will bring a business sense to the district and the community. My tireless work ethic, strong leadership skills, dedication and independent voice will be a continued asset to the district.

Observer: What do you see as the role of a school board trustee?

The role of a school board trustee is to make sure our kids are getting the best education possible; to watch over operations of the school district and make sure our kids are the top priority of the administration and teachers; to make sure no one is squandering the kids' money; to work with our elected officials to make sure they are fully funding our schools; to serve the students, parents and residents of the district.

Observer: What do you see as the three main issues facing the school district and how do you think they should be addressed?

First is school funding. Our state leaders in Lansing need to make sure that education funding takes top priority and is funded fully.

Second are high salaries and benefits that are out of control. Our superintendent, deputy superintendents, building administrators and Central Office administrators are being hailed as heroes for stepping up and agreeing to a pay freeze, but they need to show true leadership and take a pay cut that reflects the economic realities that the rest of us have to live with.

Third is the local economy is forcing some of our citizens to move to where the jobs are. It's pretty much out of our hands as a school district, but we as individuals need to support each other, our local businesses and buy Michigan made products whenever possible.

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is closing six schools and reconfiguring its elementary programs? How do you feel about those changes?

I know we had to right-size the district to reflect the loss of students, but the way it was handled left me very dissatisfied. The appointments of the 21st Century Committee chairpersons that do not live in the district were unacceptable. When the citizens pointed out errors in the data used to determine what schools we should close, nothing was done to correct the errors. Closing a school where 90 percent of the students walk to school and keep another school open where 100 percent of the kids are bused, this makes no sense. I do not have problems with the reconfiguration.

Observer: Being a school board trustee is more than attending one meeting a month. There are programs and meeting during the day. Will you be able to participate in those activities?

I am well aware of the job

duties and responsibilities and I know first hand that it requires more than one meeting a month to run a district of this size. I have been very active in our schools' programs and activities as a father of four children in the district, a PTA officer and trustee. I have attended many school events and functions, including D.A.R.E. graduation

ceremonies.

Observer: What do you want voters to know about you?

I have lived and worked in the Wayne-Westland area for 30 years. I was raised here, educated here and I have chosen to raise and educate my family here. I have a huge devotion to our schools and our community. I will always put our kids first and

I will make sure that our teachers have the necessary material and facilities to give our kids the best education that they deserve. I am fully aware of our situation with the funding losses, student enrollment declines and the overall economic decline of our community, that is why I wish to continue as a school board trustee.

JOHN GOCI

Name: John Goci

Age: 40

Residence: Westland

Employment: Owner of the US 12 American Grill

Family: Married for 15 years to Aferdita (Dee Dee), I have four children: Venessa, 13, Violeta, 9, Vlora, 6, and Valin, 4. My eldest daughter attends Stevenson Middle School and her two younger sisters attend Patchin Elementary School. My son attends preschool at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center.

Education: 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School, attended Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College, 1989-92

Community Involvement: Relay for Life, secretary of the Patchin Elementary PTA, member of the Wayne and Westland Chambers of Commerce, Wayne Lions Club



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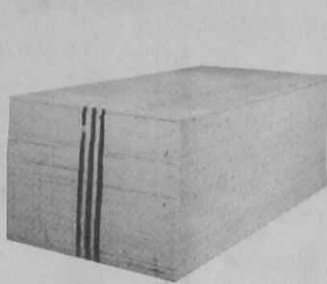


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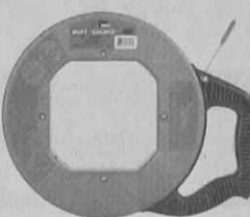
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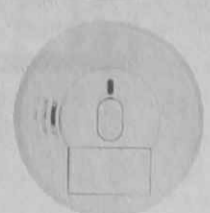
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Fund set up to help family

Automobile insurance is covering ongoing medical expenses for Dawn Hengesbaugh of Canton Township, who has been at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital since being seriously injured in a Jan. 29 traffic crash in Plymouth Township. Her husband, Larry Hengesbaugh, has not been able to return to his job because of injuries suffered in the crash, and has been devoting his time to caring for the couple's two

children and to visiting his wife in the hospital. Insurance is paying a portion of his salary because of the temporary disability, he said. Nevertheless, the family has set up an account with National City Bank that could be used for future expenses or medical needs that aren't covered by insurance. The account is in Dawn Hengesbaugh's name and the address is 43124 Ironsides Court, Canton, MI 48187.

FAMILY

SHIFT IN FOCUS
With Dawn's prognosis uncertain, the family is adjusting to life without her at home, and Larry is concentrating on parenting, which, he said, has given him a greater understanding of and appreciation for that role. "They're still happy kids," said Larry, who shuttles Zachary and Jaclyn to and from school, fixes meals, keeps

house and spends quality time with them in addition to visiting Dawn in the hospital daily, with perhaps two exceptions, since the crash. "We're still trying really hard to keep it together and work together," Larry Hengesbaugh, a salesman on a medical leave from an ABC Warehouse store, said that before the crash, he was more of a traditional breadwinner while Dawn took care of their children and their home — and was an anchor for their extended family. Now, forced into a larger

parenting role, he expects to go back to work at some point, but is not sure when that will be. The crash caused some neck and back injuries he is still dealing with, he said. "Right now, my No. 1 priority in life is to be a parent," he said. "My priorities changed drastically that night." Larry cites strong family support, and kind words and deeds from neighbors and even strangers, for helping him and his family. "We have a very loving family. It's always been that way,"

said Tara Hays, Dawn's sister. "We all help out. We do what we can." Zachary, whom his father describes as artistic and possessed of a maturity beyond his years, understands the gravity of his mother's situation, Larry said. "He knows there's a chance she may never come home," he said. With Jaclyn, Larry has been providing information about Dawn as he sees appropriate. "There's only so much you want to say to a 6-year-old," he said. Jaclyn likes to play dress-up, her father said, and is at a stage where she's wants to do more things for herself. They watch *The Simpsons* together, and Jaclyn is good at imitating voices, he said. "She cracks me up," he said. Jaclyn is in kindergarten at Miller Elementary, while Zachary attends Pioneer Middle School. The schools have been helpful and supportive, Larry said.

COURT CASE

The man accused of causing the crash, Jason Choos of Canton, is charged with two counts of causing a serious injury while driving drunk, for the injuries suffered by Dawn and Zachary, who is recovering from rib, pelvic and knee injuries. Police say they found marijuana and a semiautomatic pistol, for which he did not have the proper permit, in Choos' car, and he also faces a drug charge and a gun charge. A Wayne County Circuit Court hearing in the case, before Judge Daniel Ryan, is scheduled for Thursday, May 13. How does Larry Hengesbaugh feel about the suspect? He'd rather not say. "I just basically want the guy to rot in hell," said Tara Hays. "That's how I feel. He ruined everybody's life." Choos is a podiatrist who practiced in Westland; a receptionist there said Tuesday that he was no longer with the office. His lawyer, Todd Flood, indicated Choos has been deeply affected. "Dr. Choos and his family and children ... are devastated by this case, and their hearts and prayers go out to the victim and her family," Flood said on Wednesday. He said Choos has wanted to reach out to the family, but that he has advised his client not to speak publicly about this situation. Will there be a time and a place for addressing it? "I'm very hopeful of that," Flood said. Larry Hengesbaugh, meanwhile, says he feels like he's spinning 50 plates at once, trying not to let them fall, with his added responsibilities for the children. "Taking care of them has taken my mind off of other things," he said. "It's good therapy in a way." Still, he said, he's learning as he goes, and ultimately wants the best for his children. "They don't deserve what happened to them," he said. As for himself, "I'm doing all right," Larry said. "There aren't a lot of choices you have. You can't just give up," he added.

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CRIME WATCH

Vandals fire paintballs at moving auto

1 A man driving southbound on Haggerty near Ford Road told police that vandals in another vehicle fired paint balls at his Chevy Cavalier as he drove by them.

The incident happened shortly after 8 p.m. Monday near the IKEA store.

The man told police the vandals were driving an older-model black Chrysler Jeep that had a large cracked window taped up with duct tape. He described the occupants of the other vehicle as four white males, possibly in their teens.

The teen who apparently fired the paint balls was described as 17-18 years old, approximately 5-foot-10 to 6 feet tall with long, sandy hair, a long, unkempt beard and blue eyes. He wore a brown beanie on his head.

The man's car was hit four times with blue paint, and there was a small dent on the driver's door. The man told police he pulled into the IKEA lot. He said the other vehicle pulled off the road as well but then drove away.

Home invasion

2 A home invasion occurred between 7:10 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. Monday on Manton, southwest of Lilley and Ford roads, while a Canton couple was away for the day, according to police reports.

A man returned home to find that a back door had been forced open. Items taken from the two-story home included two flat-screen televisions and a wide assortment of jewelry.

Window smashed

3 A window of Dollar Gallery, a business on Lilley north of Warren, was smashed out with a concrete block shortly after 12:30 a.m. Saturday, according to a police report.

Police went to the scene but the would-be intruder already had fled. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the store.

CD player pilfered

4 A homeowner's daughter looked out her bedroom window just in time to see a suspect fleeing from her father's 1998 Chevy pickup truck, which had been stripped of its Pioneer CD player.

The incident happened on Michael Court, southwest of Geddes and Canton Center roads, about 10:30 p.m. April 14.

The daughter looked out her window after she noticed that a motion sensor had activated. She described the suspect as a white male, about 16 years old, wearing a white T-shirt and khaki shorts.

The intruder opened a truck door that was



believed to have been left unlocked, taking the CD player and then fleeing on foot, according to police reports.

Jeep jacked

5 A woman told police her 1996 Jeep Cherokee was stolen between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. April 14 while she was inside Tutor Time, a child care and learning center southwest of Saltz and Canton Center roads.

The victim told police she had locked the vehicle and had her keys with her. The vehicle contained what she described as a file box with school paperwork in it.

Escape ransacked

6 A man reported that his 2002 Ford Escape had been ransacked while he was away between April 10 and April 14.

The incident happened on Vanderbilt, northwest of Geddes and Denton. The man returned to find the glove box and center console of his vehicle had been ransacked.

He also reported missing items including a GPS unit, a debit card and \$5 in Canadian currency.

Bikes boosted

7 One resident's misfortune should serve as a reminder for others not to leave bicycles outside, in view of would-be thieves.

A man who lives on Ranier, southeast of Ford and Morton Taylor roads, told police that two mountain bikes left on his front porch were stolen sometime over the weekend.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Fire destroys one house, damages another

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A fire left one Canton house uninhabitable and caused lesser damage to a next-door home Friday night on Chalmette Court, northeast of Palmer and Sheldon roads, fire officials said.

Residents escaped both homes unharmed, but one dog was killed inside the badly damaged house and a second dog hadn't been found after flames raced through the structure shortly before midnight Friday, officials said.

"The house was pretty much a loss," Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said. "The wind just ripped the fire right

through the house."

Canton's emergency dispatch received multiple 911 calls shortly before midnight, and township firefighters could see flames on their way to the scene.

Firefighters found the first house engulfed in flames, "and high wind was pushing the flames from one house to the other," Barrett said.

He described the badly damaged house as a single-story ranch home.

Fire crews brought the blaze under control, and the residents of the second house were able to return to their home, fire officials said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, but

Barrett said it appeared the blaze was accidental. One dog was known dead, and a second one hadn't been found.

The emergency calls came amid a busy part of the day in which the Canton Fire Department had responded to 27 medical and fire runs, officials said.

Firefighters saved the second house by going into the attic and quickly battling flames that were spreading from the first house, Barrett said. Damage to the second house was contained to a part of the exterior and the attic area, he said.

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Canton Police are looking for the owners of these two bikes, which suspects ditched after being stopped by police in the area of Saltz and Manton.



Cops seek bike-riding suspects

Canton police are investigating several larcenies from autos that took place in the early morning hours Sunday in the area of Saltz and Manton.

Officers on routine patrol saw two potential suspects crossing Saltz near Manton on bicycles, but as officers tried to stop them, the suspects jumped off the bikes and escaped on foot.

The suspects dropped their backpacks, which contained items they had stolen from vehicles.

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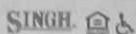
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Erin Florence buys 50-50 raffle tickets from Terry Goehmann at Saturday's Canton Chamber of Commerce dinner auction. The annual auction, with its 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' theme, drew more than 400 people and included prizes ranging from airline tickets to a Detroit Tigers suite.



Scott Daugherty picks up some Ballpark franks at the baseball-themed dinner auction hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

AUCTION

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Canton Chamber, but also our hard-working employees," Dave Wisniewski said. "The auctions are fun because they get the crowd going and bring excitement to the event."

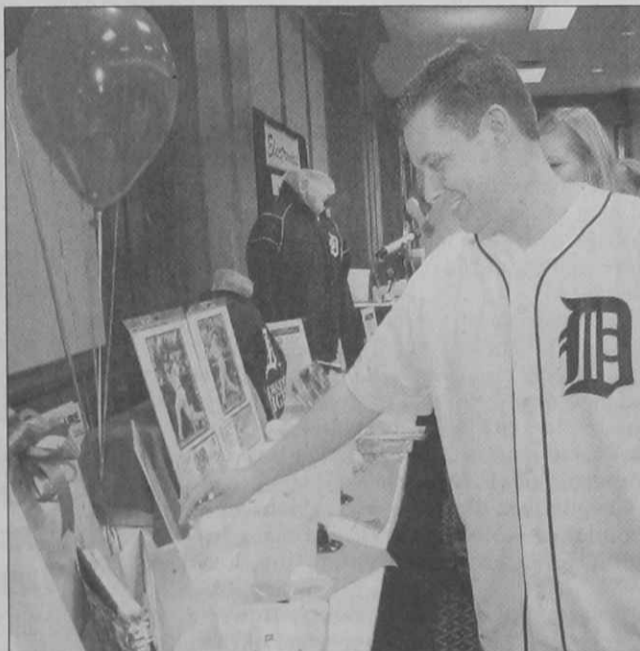
Wisniewski said not only was the auction a fun event, but it showed people are willing to support their community even in tough economic times.

"It was good to see people spending money in these tough times to support the chamber," he said. "It was great to see a big turn out and support from all the businesses and community."

Jack Demmer Ford was the auction's major sponsor, along with other local businesses without whom Cojei said the event wouldn't be possible, particularly in these tough economic times. Sponsorship money, she pointed out, is often used to purchase items to be auctioned or raffled off, revenue-generating items that otherwise wouldn't make it into the package.

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Let Earth Day inspire changes in your behavior

Today marks the 40th year that people in Canton, in Michigan, in the United States and around the world observe Earth Day. What started as a grassroots activity has evolved into a global event, the significance of which is even more important today than the day it was conceived.

We must credit the late Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic senator from Wisconsin, as the principal founder of Earth Day. According to Nelson, the idea evolved over a period of seven years, starting in 1962, when he successfully pitched the idea of a national conservation tour to then-President John F. Kennedy.

The president did a five-day, 11-state conservation tour in September 1963. "For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day," Nelson wrote in his article, *How the First Earth Day Came About*.

Forty years later, the environment is very much in the forefront as the global community tries to reach a legally binding agreement on how to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if global warming emissions continue to rise unabated, we will see growing costs related to climate change — damages to our coasts, health, energy and water resources and agriculture.

Nelson borrowed a tactic from anti-Vietnam protestors of organizing a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to the environment. In September 1969, he announced that there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment in the spring of 1970 and invited everyone to participate. The response, he recalled, "was electric."

On Sunday, Nov. 30, 1969, *The New York Times* reported that "rising concern about the environmental crisis is sweeping the nation's campuses with an intensity that may be on its way to eclipsing student discontent over the war in Vietnam." According to Nelson, the first Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. The remarkable thing about that Earth Day was "it organized itself."

Forty years later, the environment is very much in the forefront as the global community tries to reach a legally binding agreement on how to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if global warming emissions continue to rise unabated, we will see growing costs related to climate change — damages to our coasts, health, energy and water resources and agriculture.

These scientists maintain that making the choice to dramatically lower our emissions at least 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050 will help avoid some of the worst consequences of climate change.

We know climate change is happening, whether it's an early spring, a late fall or a mild winter. What has yet to be agreed to by the scientific community is why. Is it manmade or a fact of nature?

But the point is change is happening and we all need to pitch in to help slow the progression. In the 1960s, we celebrated Neil Armstrong leaving his footprint on the moon. Now we must worry about the footprint we are leaving on earth. Earth Day shouldn't be one day a year, it needs to be every day.

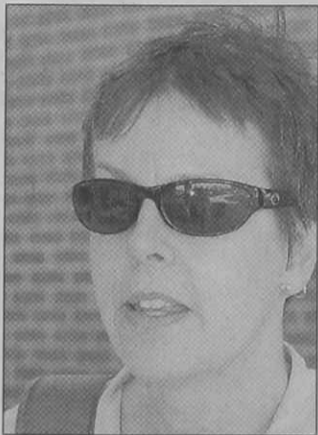
If you aren't doing anything to eliminate your carbon footprint, let Earth Day 2010 be your inspiration. Westland has its Mission: Green, a community-wide effort to reduce the city's carbon footprint. It's a good starting point for change, collectively and individually.

If you're doing something, look and see if there's even more you can do. Every little bit helps, and if scientists are right, we can't put off until tomorrow what we need to do today.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the statewide smoking ban that starts May 1 in bars, restaurants and other workplaces?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I actually support it. I think it's a good idea because even as a former smoker, I didn't care for the smell of smoke inside of a building."

Lisa Lesz
Canton



"It really doesn't matter to me, as long as they're not doing it by my family. I think a smoking section and a nonsmoking section is OK."

Ciarra Caldwell
Canton



"I think it should be OK if people want to smoke in bars, but I'm glad they cannot smoke in places like the library and malls."

Zeeshan Noor
Canton



"I'm totally excited about it. For us nonsmokers it's going to be so much more pleasant."

Yavonkia Jenkins
Canton

LETTERS

Correct misinformation

After reading about the recent Tea Party activist's rally in Plymouth that featured Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, 11th District congressman, I have a few questions for Mr. McCotter and his cheering crowd.

Where were Rep. McCotter's concerns for the deficit when he voted for two unfunded wars and an unfunded prescription drug plan that turned out to be a gift to the insurance companies?

As my congressional rep, I would like to ask Mr. McCotter why he doesn't seem to have the ability to explain to his constituents exactly what the Health Insurance Reform bill really consists of, but instead allows an angry, misinformed group to perpetuate falsehoods and misinformation regarding the bill.

I find it appalling that a representative from my congressional district encourages a group that continually denigrates the race and ethnicity of our president and stands silently by as these angry people continue to repeat false information about the Health Insurance Reform bill.

He makes no effort to correct the deliberate misinformation repeated by these people about death panels and imprisonment for refusing to pay for health insurance. Even Tom Coburn, Republican from Oklahoma, had the honesty and decency to

correct his misinformed constituents.

Rep. McCotter works for all the people in his district, not just those that follow his right-wing agenda.

Mary Young
Canton

Don't support millage

On April 27, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is expected to approve a resolution supporting the proposed Wayne County 1.9-mill RESA School Enhancement tax.

I urge the board to reconsider and withdraw its support for this plan and ask you to join me in doing so.

I have not studied whether they need and/or deserve the money or still have cuts that could be made; rather, my objection is with the RESA tax concept as a whole. The idea is flawed.

There are two basic problems in play. First, Plymouth-Canton will be a "donor community," meaning that only about 70 cents of every tax dollar will come back to us. The other 30 cents will be routed to "donee" communities — places such as Detroit, Westland, Lincoln Park and Taylor. That's a good deal for them and a bad deal for us. It's the political equivalent of putting a 30-percent annual load on your retirement account,

an absurd proposition when viewed that way.

The more serious problem is that the school board's endorsement flies in the face of democratic government and substantially risks undermining the will of the voters.

Voters in the district voted down school millages in 2006 and again in 2007, due at least in part to the economy. It is fair to assume there is a reasonable chance this one will fail in Plymouth-Canton, too. But at the same time it will probably pass in the windfall districts with enough votes to pass, it countywide. We'd end up with a tax increase anyway, even though the Plymouth-Canton voters said no.

It's a problem because the referendum would not have been on the ballot to begin with if not for the April 27 resolution — effectively resulting in the board acting directly against the wishes of the voters.

Let me just be clear that I argue neither for nor against the need to increase school revenue — this is just not the right way to do it. If the board thinks the time is right for tax increases, they should go about it in another way. This idea is just not baked.

Bob Doroshewitz
Plymouth Township

School budget work must include 'shared sacrifice'

As a resident whose taxes support the Plymouth-Canton school district, I am writing to raise some areas of concern regarding the district's projected 2010-11 budget deficit.

In February 2009, Michigan's unemployment rate was 10.6 percent. The present rate stands at 14.1 percent (February 2010). Michigan's tax-revenue base has been permanently reduced or, at the very least, seriously impaired for years to come. Many more private-sector jobs have been eliminated while many of those who have kept their jobs continue to see reductions in wages and benefits.

We continue to experience one of the most severe recessions in our state's history. The reality is that we have had a substantial reduction in the state's revenue base — fewer employed workers, lower-paid workers, and fewer profitable businesses. Not only does Michigan rank as the third highest in the nation for net migration losses, it also has this dubious distinction: 0.88 percent of the state's nearly 10 million residents left last year, the highest ratio of any state in the nation.

As a retiree, I cannot pay my property taxes out of my pension income (which has been frozen

for 10 years) and, therefore, must pay it from my retirement savings. From a standpoint of "fairness," raising taxes is not the answer to the current budget crisis.

The major cost element in the school's budget is the salary/benefits which total \$137 million or 89 percent of the \$154 million budget. Teachers are government employees paid with tax dollars, and therefore their wages should be inextricably linked to the economic well-being of the state and the wealth of its citizens. We hear claims that there have been sacrifices made by public-sector employees but I would like those claims to be identified and clearly defined.

Michigan teachers are among the highest paid in the nation. The National Education Association compares average teacher's salaries throughout the country. Michigan ranks eighth (unadjusted for cost of living). A standard measure of state wealth is per capita personal income; the Bureau of Economic Analysis ranking of the states' personal per capita income lists Michigan as 37th. The states that ranked higher than Michigan in teacher's salaries also rank highest in per capita income. In essence, we are a "poor state" paying our teachers "rich state" salaries.

In Plymouth-Canton, the average teacher's salary and benefits totaling \$101,000 (approximately \$70,000 salary

and \$31,000 in benefits) for the 180-day school year and contractual maximum of 7.25 hour-7.60 hour days. Salary and benefit costs represent 89 percent of the total school budget and at these budgeted levels would compute to approximately \$75 per contractual hour.

Recently, "Budget Committees" were formed to fashion a strategy for dealing with a potential \$11 million deficit. A decision to raise taxes while not significantly reducing costs does not constitute an equitable solution for private sector employees and retirees. While I place tremendous value on the role that teachers play in our community, I continue to observe limited, short-sighted attempts to reduce costs in our school system. When 89 percent of the budget is salaries and benefits, it is more sensible, effective, and fair to reduce this category of costs.

I would like to comment on one specific area of substantial built-in cost increases which is the automatic "Step" increases given to teachers annually. In Plymouth-Canton, these increases range from 4.7 to 8.7 percent for the first 10 years of a teacher's career (with a bachelor's degree). These increases are not based on their students' performance and are given regardless of the district's financial situation or the conditions of the state's economy.

Last year, Plymouth-Canton granted these automatic

increases that cost our cash-strapped district an additional \$2.3 million. This nonmerit seniority compensation system should be eliminated. Future compensation increases must be based on a merit system which rewards teaching excellence in the classroom, not mediocrity. My own experiences as a parent and mentor have exposed me to both the excellent and conscientious, and the poor and uncaring teacher. It has always amazed me that they all got paid the same.

Since \$137 million in the current budget is attributable to salary and benefits, the district could realize approximately \$1.4 million in savings for each 1-percent reduction in this budget category. My understanding is that the average teacher's salary and benefit costs are projected to increase 3.6 percent in the 2009-10 school year. By rescinding this increase, implementing an additional 3-percent reduction in salary and benefits and eliminating the Step increases (\$2.7 million cost) the budget crisis would be substantially resolved.

Good teachers are a valuable asset. At the same time, I strongly disagree that we have economically shortchanged the education system and believe that most teachers would understand the need for a "shared sacrifice" at this time of economic crisis.

Donald M. Zaksek is a Michigan taxpayer and a resident of Plymouth.

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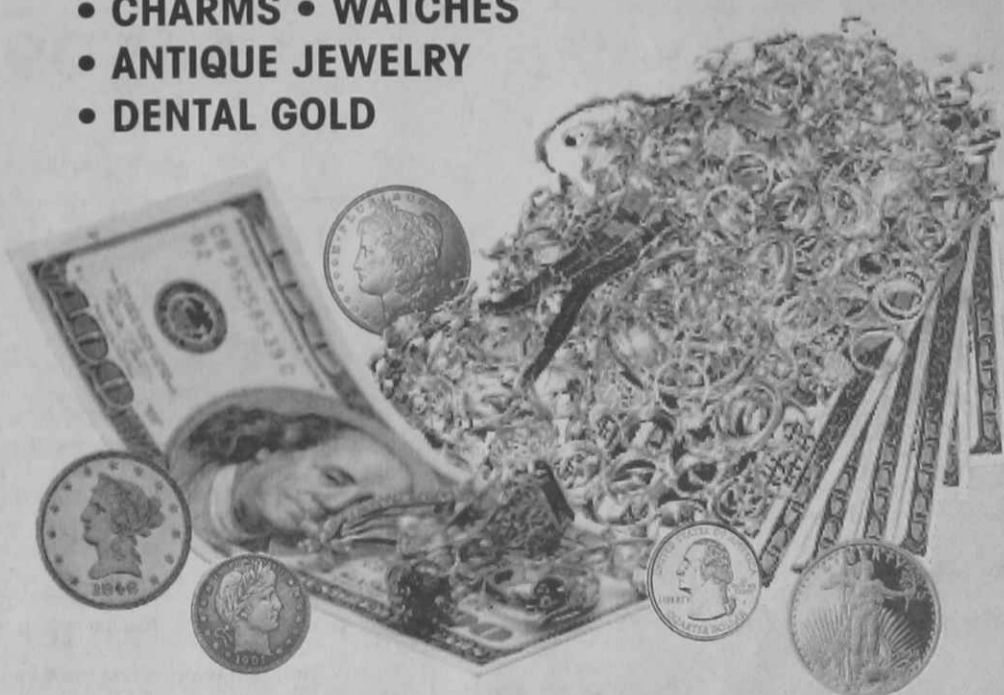
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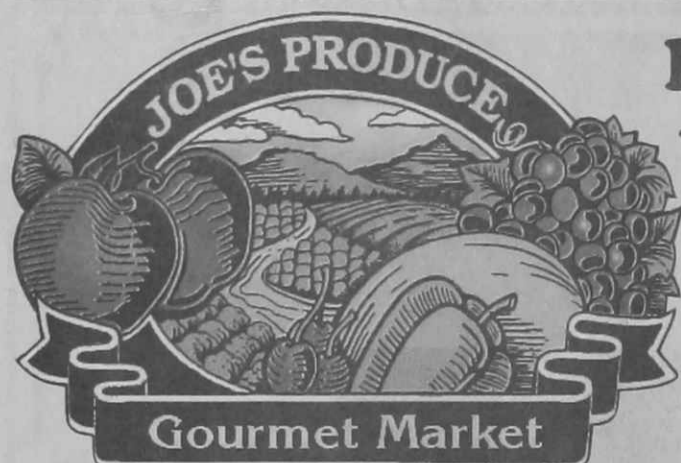
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Chiefs ripped in tourney follow-up

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a sweet-and-sour kind of few days for Mark Blomshield and his Canton varsity baseball team. After the Chiefs went 3-0 Saturday to win the tough Milan Invitational, they came home and took a 9-1 pounding Monday at the hands of Novi. A grand slam in the third by Michael Kruse turned a 1-0 Canton lead into a 4-1 deficit and the Wildcats never looked back.

"Tonight was pretty disappointing but Novi's pretty good," Blomshield said. "They were a lot better team than us tonight. I thought we'd come out and play a lot better than we did."

Mark Main singled home Ben Staley (who had doubled) for Canton's only run. Chris Perkovich smacked two doubles in the losing cause.

The KLAA loss dropped the Chiefs' record to 8-2 while Novi improved to 7-1.

But on a cold, windy Saturday at Milan, the Canton bats were on fire, outscoring three opponents by a combined score of 35-14 to win the tournament for the first time after falling short in 2008 and 2009.

"It was our third year in the tournament and we hadn't won it yet," Blomshield said. "So it was nice for this group of seniors who had been in it a couple times to finally get the W.... The weather was cold but we played pretty well."

Canton got past pesky Ann Arbor Pioneer 8-5 in the opener before thrashing Grand Rapids Grandville, 13-3.

In the championship game, homers by Joe Galanty (grand slam), Cody Blakita, Kevin Delapaz and Garrett Bryden sparked a 14-6 victory over Grosse Pointe North. Earning the win with two innings of work was junior pitcher Art Chavez, while Delapaz picked up the save.

"We just went crazy with the bats," Blomshield said.



Sliding safely into second base Monday is Plymouth senior Stacey Klonowski, who beats the attempted tag by Salem's Heidi Schmidt.

Clutch frosh comes up big for 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Throw a freshman into a nailbiting pressure cooker between two campus rivals you say?

For Plymouth ninth-grader Elaine Gerou, it's exactly where she wants to be. On Monday against Salem, Gerou pitched herself out of a tough spot in the top of the ninth and then finished off a 4-3 extra-innings win with a line-drive double to left-center in the bottom half.

"Nothing bothers her or gets in her head," said Plymouth head softball coach Val Canfield. "She just likes to play ball."

According to Gerou, who

pitched 4 2/3 innings in relief of Lauren Smith and earned the victory, she likes to be out there when the spotlight's on.

"I like it (pressure), it helps me do better, I think," Gerou said. "I've have a lot of experience in travel through (PC) Pride and the Livonia Storm."

When Gerou (3-for-4, two RBI) stepped up to the plate with Kayla Rebain on second base and two outs in a 3-3 game, she focused on hitting the ball hard, to "just make contact and drive (it) through."

Gerou's clutch hit followed a similarly clutch effort on the mound with Salem threatening to take the lead in the first half of the frame.

The Rocks had runners at

second and third with one out but Gerou retired Alexis Powell (2-for-5) and junior pitcher Briana Lee to maintain the deadlock.

Salem actually had a 3-2 lead in the seventh only to allow the Wildcats to score and send the KLAA crossover to extra innings. Rebain (3-for-4, two runs) blooped a single to shallow right on a ball that Salem's coach thought should have been caught.

Senior Tessa Heldmeyer followed with a single.

FRUSTRATION

With two outs, Gerou singled to left for the run-scoring safety.

"It's frustrating because we had them and we let them

back in when we made the two mistakes (in the seventh)," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Plymouth is too good a team to make mental mistakes like that and let them back in. I thought we played a good game until then."

Plymouth (7-1) went up 1-0 in the second when Marissa Blassic homered to left and the Wildcats picked up another run in the fourth on a wild pitch.

But Salem (4-1) came right back with two runs in the fifth to make it 2-2. Mary Johnson laced a triple over the right fielder's head and scored on a sacrifice fly by Heidi Schmidt (2-for-4).

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

Wildcats' hot bats spark Niles Invitational triumph

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cold weather on Saturday didn't put Plymouth's bats into the deep freeze, as the Wildcats scored 25 runs en route to the Niles Invitational championship.

Plymouth outslugged Brandywine 13-10 in Game 1 at Thomas Stadium and later in the day wrapped up the title with a 12-2 mercy win in six innings against White Pigeon.

"I am very proud of the boys," said Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd. "For them to step up this weekend and play the way they did shows the poten-

tial we have. We have a long way to go, but this is definitely a big step."

Against White Pigeon, Rich Guglielmi, Mike Nadratowski

and Matt Priebe collected two hits each while Tyler Goble scored twice to back the strong pitching of Ryan Nick (four innings, one unearned run),

who won his first game of the year.

"Ryan Nick pitched extremely well, especially considering the strong wind blowing in his face," Boyd said.

The coach added that Priebe undoubtedly would have homered on one ball he clubbed

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Girls soccer

PLYMOUTH 5, CHURCHILL 0: Plymouth goaltender Marissa Williams tallied her fourth shutout of the season with Monday's win over Livonia Churchill.

Leading the Wildcats attack was McKenzie Hengesh, with two goals.

Contributing single goals were Megan Peplinski, Katie Moss and Jen Babcock while Stephanie Dillon chipped in with two assists.

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

Net worthy

She fills in for her dad to play goal against Red Wings Alumni

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff and Allie Carter have a unique dad-daughter connection. Both are goaltenders.

And now, both can say they've faced the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association team and skated away from the experience laughing about it.

"It was fun," said 16-year-old Allie Carter, a junior at Salem. "There weren't a whole lot of shots, but there was a lot of great puck movement and passing."

"They kept me moving post to post. I would have liked more shots (but) I think they went soft on me because I'm a

girl."

She was between the pipes late last month for the UCP Pucksters at Viking Arena in Hazel Park only because of necessity.

Her dad — a rec league goaltender who played the previous five meetings between the Pucksters and DRW Alums — bowed out of the charity hockey game because he is recovering from shoulder surgery.

"Since I knew I wouldn't be ready to get back on the ice I thought it would be fun for Allie to fill in for me," said Jeff Carter, president of Birmingham-based Communicore Visual



Communications. "It's such a great cause and the game is always a lot of fun."

"I'm hoping to get back in the game next year, if they'll have me."

He might have to lobby for the job with Pucksters player-manager Mike Ward who has organized the game with the



When Jeff Carter couldn't play goal against the Red Wings alums, he asked teen daughter Allie to don the pads.

Wings alums since the series started a decade ago.

Carter's daughter stepped in and played the first 30 minutes of the contest — a fund-raiser for United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit, of which Ward is a board member. The game generated about \$20,000 for

the cause.

DOING THE JOB

She demonstrated serious skills, gleaned through nearly five years of playing the position — the past three in travel

Please see **CARTER, B4**

ALL ABOUT ALLIE

Who: Allie Carter, 16, Salem High School junior.

What: She played goal in a charity hockey game against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team.

Ice chips: Allie started playing goal nearly five years ago and played in 2009-10 with the 16U Little Caesars team out of the Tier One Elite Hockey League. It was her third season of travel hockey.

Family: Her parents are Jeff (a goalie himself) and Theresa Carter of Canton. Jeff is president of Birmingham-based Communicore Visual Communications. Jeff and Theresa have three children: Kenny, 18; Allie and Jenna, 13.

Notable: The determination she displays on the ice is a trait she also brings to other endeavors. Allie carries a 3.8 grade-point average and is in the National Honor Society.

BASEBALL

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over the left fielder's head, except that wind virtually stopped the ball in its tracks. "The wind was difficult to deal with in Game 2," Boyd said. "Matt Priebe hit a cannon shot that had at least 50 feet knocked off of it."

Meanwhile, Plymouth knocked off White Pigeon after the Chiefs had defeated state powerhouse Niles in the opening round.

OFF AND RUNNING

In the opener, Nadratowski ripped two singles and two doubles, scored twice and drove in two to lead the attack. He also got the pitching win, allowing just one earned run in four innings while fanning six.

Jackson Burdette pitched the seventh for his first save. Also swinging the bats well against Brandywine were Guglielmi (two hits, including a homer), Ben Wohl (two hits, two runs, two RBI), Goble (two



The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate their championship at Saturday's Niles baseball invitational. Holding the tourney plaque is junior captain Mike Nadratowski.

doubles, two runs) and Kevin Lozier (double, two RBI). "Mike (Nadratowski) was solid on the mound again and outstanding at the plate," Boyd said. "Gugs (Guglielmi) is really seeing the ball well right

now. Offensively, we were out-standing against Brandywine, who has a very good program." Guglielmi's two-run home run in the first got the Wildcats off and running, as Plymouth built a 13-5 lead.

But three errors in the fifth contributed to a five-run rally by the Bobcats to make it a tighter finish than it needed to be.

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WRAPS

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SALEM 2, WLC 0: Visiting Salem scored two second-half goals Saturday to earn the shutout victory and improve to 4-0 on the season.

Amily Lundh broke the scoreless tie on an assist from Abbi Gaier and Madeleine Vala padded the lead off a corner from Gina Goble.

"Madeleine was relentless all day," said Rocks head coach Joe Nora. "She was all over the field."

Making three stops for the shutout was Tabitha Mann, who had excellent defensive support from the back line of Lauren Booth, Lindsey Roy, Jenna Coon and Megan McCormick.

"I was pleased with how we knocked the ball around in back," Nora said. "We showed patience and it paid off."

Boys lacrosse

CANTON 15, GREENHILLS 10: Despite playing with a depleted lineup Monday night, Canton improved to 4-2 overall with an impressive win against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Scoring six goals for the Chiefs was Jake Underwood, with two goals each from Matt Rodgers, Tim Popp and Riley Hoernschemeyer. Single tallies were netted by Parker Pakula, Lucas Carpenter and Chris White.

The Chiefs fell behind 2-0 but answered with five goals and were off and running.

PLYMOUTH 10, CANTON 9: A four-goal rally late in the fourth quarter by the Chiefs wasn't enough in a hard-fought, emotional matchup Saturday between the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals.

SALEM 7, WLW 1: Garrett Berg

scored two goals and assisted on another and five other players tallied single markers to spark the Rocks Friday against Walled Lake Western.

Other goal scorers for Salem were Mason Amin, Dylan Hatcher, Jon Homrich, Steve Haburne and Luke Johnson.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 16, CANTON 5: Despite a school record 26 saves by goalie co-captain Sean Walsh, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's offensive skills proved too much last Thursday.

Scoring for the Chiefs were Parker Pakula, Matt Rodgers, Lucas Carpenter, Tim Popp and Riley Hoernschemeyer.

Girls tennis

NOVI 9, SALEM 0: The host Wildcats swept their way past Salem Tuesday in a KLAA Central matchup.

At No. 1 singles, Amanda Border bested Salem's Allie Carpenter in twin 6-0 sets while Abby Wang topped Anna Norman at No. 2, 6-0, 6-2.

Salem sophomore Morgan Spencer dropped a 6-0, 6-0 match at No. 3 to Sara Carlson and at No. 4, the Wildcats' Lauren Felcher took care of Kerry MacDonald (6-0, 6-5).

Doubles flights were as follows: No. 1, Jenna Snyder-Julia Thomas (Novi) over Ashley Davis-Rachel Norman, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2, Andrea Lollo-Maggie Riegel (N) over Mallory Rojo-Ashley Walker, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3, Ashley Ajadah-Ori Nagasaka (N) over Alex Lamb-Olivia Gonzalez, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4, Meng Meng Sie-Emily Kwederis (N) over Bansari Patel-Ewa Zajac, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5, Shannon Maturi-Juliana Zucata (N) over Emily Simmons-Lindsay Spaulding, 6-0, 6-0; No. 6, Lindsey Johnson-Tanaya Srin (N) over Meghan Barry-Sarah Bellaire, 6-2, 6-2.

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BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 127
WAYNE 10
April 20 at PCEP
Shot put: 1. Kyle Brindza (P), 48 feet, 5 inches; 2. Jordan Birman (P), 45-11.5.
Discus: 1. Brindza (P), 140' 5; 2. Keith Choma (P), 134-6.
High jump: 1. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 6-0; 2. Jalen Woolridge (P), 5-10.
Long jump: 1. Woolridge (P), 20-4.5; 2. Alex Ruffin (P), 19-8.75.
Pole vault: 1. Andy Bihn (P), 12-0; 2. Grant Senkbeil (P), 12-0; 3. Joe Bockstanz (P), 11-0.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Brandon Piligian (P), 15.42 seconds; 2. Doug Deykes (P), 17.45.
300 hurdles: 1. Piligian (P), 41.3; 2. Deykes (P), 44.1.
100 dash: 1. William Askew II (P), 11.35; 2. Ruffin (P), 11.38.
200: 1. Ruffin (P), 24.3; 2. Stefan Turrentine (P), 24.36.
400: 1. Woolridge (P), 52.2; 2. Joshua Wright (P), 57.8.
800: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 2 minutes, 02.0 seconds; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 2:08; 3. Joe Porcari (P), 2:08.
1,600: 1. Justin Heck (P), 4:48; 2. Evan Johnson (P), 4:58; 3. Buzzard (P), 4:58.
3,200: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:31; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 11:24.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew II, Anthony LeMerise, Piligian, Wright), 44.7.
3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Wilson, Nick Eiben, Brandon Dalton, Johnson), 9:07.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew II, LeMerise, Brindza, Wright), 1:34.8.
1600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Woolridge,

Askew II, Dhaliwal, Buzzard), 3:38.
PLYMOUTH 85
CANTON 52
April 13 at PCEP
Shot put: 1. Kyle Brindza (P), 46 feet, 2 inches; 2. Jordan Birman (P), 41-10.5; 3. Darrell Cohn (P), 40-8.
Discus: 1. Keith Choma (P), 145-1; 2. Brindza (P), 136-7; 3. Keys (P), 114-8.
High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 6-0; 3. Jalen Woolridge (P), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. Alex Ruffin (P), 20-4; 2. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-10.5; 3. Zac Merillat (C), 17-3.
Pole vault: 1. Andy Bihn (P), 11-0; 2. Joe Bockstanz (P), 11-0; 3. Alaniv (C), 10-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Brandon Piligian (P), 15.4 seconds; 2. Spreitzer (C), 16.5; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 17.4.
300 hurdles: 1. Piligian (P), 41.7; 2. Spreitzer (C), 42.5; 3. Roberts (C), 44.2.
100 dash: 1. Kevin Buford (C), 11.4; 2. William Askew II (P), 11.5; 3. Stefan Turrentine (P), 11.6.
200: 1. Buford (C), 22.6; 2. Askew II (P), 23.0; 3. Anthony LeMerise (P), 23.0.
400: 1. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.6; 2. Tyler Winningham (C), 53.9; 3. Jalen Woolridge (P), 55.0.
800: 1. Keith Zech (C), 2 minutes, 06.0 seconds; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:07.0; 3. Max Schmiel (C), 2:08.
1,600: 1. Spreitzer (C), 4:45; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 4:45; 3. Buzzard (P), 4:45.4.
3,200: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:33; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:34; 3. Neumann (P), 10:34.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Alex Ruffin, Askew II, LeMerise, Joshua Wright), 45.0.
3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Buzzard, Porcari, Neumann, Justin Heck), 8:20.5; 2. Canton, 8:22.0.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (LeMerise, Brindza, Askew II, Wright), 1:34.9; 2. Canton, 1:35.0.
1600 relay: 1. Canton (Spreitzer, Winningham, Wisniewski, Zech), 3:37.0; 2. Plymouth, 3:39.0.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 95
WAYNE 37
April 20 at PCEP
Shot put: 1. Isis Haywood (P), 31-feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (W), 27-3; 3. Lydia Plencner (P), 24-5.
Discus: 1. Haywood (P), 83-5; 2. Plencner (P), 63-5; 3. Jess Bihn (P), 61-9.
High jump: 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-8; 2. Francis Jackson (W), 4-6; 3. Holland Boertje (W), 4-3.
Long jump: 1. Becca Knox (P), 15-0; 2. Meah Long (W), 14-7.5; 3. Akliah Wade (W), 14-4.5.
Pole vault: 1. Lindsey Russell (P), 7-6; 2. Jane McCurry (P), 7-6; 3. Sarah Uhlan (P), 6-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 19.63 seconds; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 20.14; 3. Ireana Cook (P), 20.18.
300 hurdles: 1. Hamed (P), 54.5; 2. Carissa Buttermore (P), 54-6; 3. Puckett (P), 59.1.
100 dash: 1. Rochelle Woods (W), 12.8; 2. Carmen Steem (W), 13.6; 3. Christina Sammut (P), 13.6.
200: 1. Long (W), 28.1; 2. Woods (W), 29.2; 3. Rachel Burnard (P), 30.1.
400: 1. Woods (W), 1 minute, 03.2 seconds; 2. Russell (P), 1:03.9; 3. Lamees Saati (P), 1:10.0.
800: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:38.8; 2. Jordyn Strahm (P), 2:50.6; 3. Adrienne White (P), 2:59.3.
1,600: 1. Mandy McSween (P), 6:25; 2. Kelsey Reineri (P), 6:27; 3. Paula Green (P), 6:28.
3,200: 1. Sophie Roberts (P), 13:25.6; 2. Reineri (P), 14:11.4; 3. Stephanie Porcari (P), 14:37.0.
400 relay: 1. Wayne, 52.6; 2. Plymouth, 56.3.
3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (McSween, Reineri, White, Strahm), 11:32; 2. Wayne, 12:26.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Puckett, Burnard, Knox, Russell), 1:52; 2. Wayne, 1:55.
1600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Senkbeil, Plencner, Saati, Buttermore), 4:41.7.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

Susselman (P) def. Renee Kozakowski, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Kelsey Sitarski, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Kirithi Duraiswamy (P) def. Annie McLeod, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Marlowe Borregard, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila (P) def. Jame Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 6-1, 6-0; No. 5: Jahnuv Patel-Mandy Martin (P) def. Zoe Riopell-Kim Wonch, 6-3, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLA South Division; Franklin, 1-3 overall, 1-2 KLA South.

SOFTBALL

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The following batter, Brianna Berberet, launched a home run to center for her first varsity roundtripper.

Salem broke the tie in the top of the seventh. After the first two batters were retired, Schmidt singled and Berberet (3-for-4, 2 runs) reached on an infield hit. Powell then blooped a single to left for the tally.

But Lee could not get the third out in the seventh until the Wildcats had again evened things.

"I think Bri pitched a great game today," Southerland said. "Brianna Berberet had her first home run as a sophomore. Other than that, it was a good, intense game and we should have come out on top."

Canfield concurred about the playoff intensity between the teams. "My heart was pounding the whole game, that's how intense it was."

SALEM 5-7, ALLEN PARK 0-0: On Saturday, Briana Lee pitched her third straight shutout in the opener, giving up just one hit while striking out seven to pace Salem's 5-0 victory over the Jaguars.



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Plymouth third baseman Amanda Burnard looks down to second base after retiring Salem's Heidi Schmidt during Monday's varsity softball game.

Going 3-for-4 at the plate was Heidi Schmidt as the Rocks tallied three runs in the third and never looked back. Doubles by Lee, Alexis Powell and Kelli Janiczek also helped the offense.

In Game 2, Schmidt went the distance in her first start of the year. She scattered eight hits and did not walk a batter.

Lee's two-run homer in the third was a key hit for Salem, with Powell collecting a double and single.

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Pucksters-Wings team up to help

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The decade-long partnership between the UCP Pucksters and Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association is as much a classic "win-win" as Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman.

In March, the annual charity hockey game for United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit raised approximately \$20,000. That money will help people in the Tri-County area with disabilities.

"What they (Red Wings alums) help us out with is they make sure they put a good product out there so that we can advertise it and we can raise money to get a team together of guys that want to play against them," explained Pucksters player and UCP-Detroit board member Mike Ward, organizer of the game.

How that money piles up is every Puckster who faces the alums must raise anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000 to step out onto the ice against the Red Wings — a mix of all-stars and players who only had a cup of coffee in the big leagues.

In addition, those players in the pre-game "sled hockey" extravaganza against the

Michigan Sled Dogs of USA Disabled Hockey also chip in whatever they can, Ward continued.

"They volunteer to come in and play so they get exposure and all of our guys make a small contribution and we end up giving them anywhere from \$400-to-\$500," noted Ward, "just so they can have their gas covered, things like that."

Ward said the Pucksters also make a contribution to the Red Wings Alumni Association.

"They support a number of foundations," he said. "But their biggest thing is they support the players pension. NHL players didn't have a pension until 1994, so they help a lot of the old-timers out doing these games."

SHIFTING TO HOCKEY

According to Ward, 55, a pickup hockey player who once played at the junior college level, the series began after UCP golf outings fizzled out.

"I started this because I've been on the board of United Cerebral Palsy for about 18 years," Ward said. "And 10 years ago we used to have a golf outing. Golf outings kind of went by the wayside for our organization, we're not quite big enough for it."

"I play hockey with a lot of guys, and I just basically ran it by them. I said 'How much would you pay to play against the Red Wing alumni' because I saw they were playing these charity games."

Among those who stepped up for the cause almost from the start was Canton resident Jeff Carter (a goalie who had to miss the 2010 game due to injury). Carter also is president of Communicore Visual Communications in Birmingham.

"Jeff's been playing for a long time and sponsoring a player every year," Ward said. "He is one of our original guys, he's been involved every year. Communicore has been great."

"... He sponsored himself, but he also puts up sponsorship money for other people."

Now the Pucksters-Wings series is such a success that former Detroit star and long-time broadcaster Mickey Redmond rarely misses it.

"It's usually this time of year," Ward added. "I space it so that it's right after the high school playoffs because ice is easier to get and I always look at the Red Wings schedule to make sure Mickey isn't traveling out of town."

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CARTER

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hockey. In 2009-10, Allie was goalie for the 16U Little Caesars squad in the Tier One Elite Hockey League.

"Allie was outstanding," Ward said. "She held us in during the first period."

George Bowman of the Wings alums, himself a goalie, said having Allie oppose them "just adds to the diversity of what the alumni is all about. We are skating for a cause, not ourselves."

"I am sure it was a great thrill for her to face shots from NHLers and appreciate the pace at which they skate and shoot," Bowman added.

Although young Carter gave up three goals in a 7-3 defeat, including one to former Detroit 50-goal scorer John Ogronick, she also stopped Johnny O and Wings legend Mickey Redmond (another 50-goal man for Detroit).

Of course, there was the usual on-ice ribbing that the alums bring to the 30 or so games they play in a season.

"My favorite moment was when I was totally beat by one of the alumni, I think it was Pat Peake," Allie recalled. "I was down on the ice, totally beat, and he said, 'Not this time, too easy!'"

"He passed the puck back to the blue line and just skated



Goaltender Allie Carter shows her solid positioning during a recent game for her team, the 16U Little Caesars squad in the Tier One Elite Hockey League.

away laughing. They like to have fun with it."

According to Ward, players like Ogronick, Redmond, Peake and Brent Fedyk "didn't take it easy on her, they were firing shots left and right."

"Of course, anyone watching the game knows they can pretty much do anything they want to us."

The Pucksters, he continued, were "really pumped about playing in front of her" and thought she played well.

"She made some real good saves," Ward said. "She had solid positioning."

EFFORT AND ATTITUDE

That fact alone was no accident because Allie Carter works tirelessly (both with her goalie dad and in practices with an older Little Caesars team) at improving her net-minding.

"There's a right way and a wrong way to play the posi-

tion," she said, about her work ethic. "Mistakes will be made. But when you work hard and practice hard you'll make less mistakes."

"It's worth it to put in the extra time and effort."

Those long hours of "work" only hone her sharpness at blocking pucks. There's another side to being a good goalie, and she's up for the challenge.

"I love the pressure and love the feeling you get when you make a tough save," Allie emphasized. "I dislike seeing pucks in the net behind me."

That kind of attitude might lead to Allie keeping the UCP Pucksters goalie gig, at least for one more game.

And her dad wouldn't mind such a benching.

(Go to www.skatewithoutlimits.org for more information about the UCP Pucksters.)

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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 salemrocks@gmail.com. The Web site is www.football.salemrocks.com.

Wildcats baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is set to take place 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 for youngsters in grades 3-8. Weather permitting, the camp will be outside at the Plymouth High School Baseball Complex. If it is raining, it will be moved to the gym.

There is only room for 100 campers, so early registration is urged. To do so, contact John Nadratowski of Plymouth Baseball Boosters at (734) 844-3212. The cost to

sign up is \$60.

Aspiring young ballplayers will work on age-appropriate skill development in areas such as hitting, pitching, baserunning and fielding. They will receive instruction from 2010 Wildcats coaches and players.

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.

Canton football camps

It's not too soon to begin planning for Canton Chiefs summer football camps.

- First up is the Skills Camp slated for players entering grades 7-9 in 2010-11. That camp will take place 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 through Thursday, June 17. The fee to sign up for the camp is \$45, with that money due by May 24. Contact Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

- The following week will be the Wing T 3/4 Camp, for players entering grades 10-12 next year. The camp begins with a session from 2-5 p.m.

Monday, June 21. Then there will be sessions 5-8 p.m. from Tuesday, June 22 through Thursday, June 24.

Camp fee is \$30, also due by May 24. Please contact head football coach Tim Baechler, (734) 455-7691 or via e-mail at tim.baechler@pcscmail.net.

- The third and final offering is the Fundamental Camp, for kids entering grades 3-6. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, June 28 through Thursday, July 1. The fee is \$75 with money due by June 4. Please contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173 or elanava@wowway.com.

All prospective campers and their families might want to check out www.cantonchiefsfootball.com for

more information.

MU men's basketball

The Madonna University men's basketball program will be offering three summer camp sessions for its All-Star camps (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 21-25 (at the Livonia Community Recreation Center); July 26-30; and Aug. 2-6 (both at the MU Activities Center).

The cost for each session is \$200 (includes camp T-shirt, trophies and prizes).

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They were mixing business with pleasure on Wednesday at the Bennigan's on Ann Arbor Road.

And it seemed to be working. More than 100 area business people packed into the restaurant after the workday ended, snacking, sipping drinks, exchanging business cards and making small talk and shop talk.

"I get a lot of business from these networking events," said Steve Miller of Plymouth, a disc jockey with a business called Celebrity Weddings and Events. "They are great opportunities to spread the word on your business, shake hands with the business owners."

"I've met a lot of new contacts here, a lot of good people," said Eric Borkowski of Canton Township, who works for the Erv Ehlers Co., a heating and air conditioning firm in Livonia.

Wednesday's mixer was the latest in a series of monthly events begun in February 2009 by Lori Morrison, the owner of Ribar Floral Co. in Plymouth, with help from husband Mike Paige, who works in the home loan department at Bank of America.

Morrison said she looked around that winter, in the depths of the recession, and saw many empty storefronts, and that a comment from another woman on the value of networking sparked the idea.

The Business 2 Business Mixers are a way of giving back to the community, Morrison said. They're hosted



Linda Robin chats with Tom Borg during Wednesday's business mixer, a series of after-hours events organized by Lori Morrison of Ribar Floral to promote business networking.

at different venues in the area, from a dentist's office to an art gallery to Bennigan's, often bringing new clients to the host business and letting them get in on the networking action, too.

The first mixer, at Bailey's Pub an' Grill in Canton, drew 25-30 people, Morrison said. Wednesday's mixer easily meant 100 or more additional customers at Bennigan's, which supplied hors d'oeuvres and a door prize and did a brisk business in drink sales.

"For sure, it's worth the money just to get people together, meet people," said

Walter Menard, who hosted the March mixer at his Lotus Arts Gallery in Plymouth. Menard also has a home-building company, Menard Premium Builders.

Morrison makes it a point to play matchmaker at the mixers, introducing people who could help each other in business and even, she said, helping four unemployed people find jobs through connections made at the events.

"I really try and network the people that are there," she said Friday.

"She does a great job of attracting businesses in the



Lori Morrison, who organized the business mixers, and Mike Paige at Wednesday's mixer.

area," said R. Scott Coates, a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. in Livonia. "You come to these things, you never know who you're going to meet."

And the mixers seem to draw from a widening area. In addition to Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton, participants have come from Southfield, Westland, Livonia, even Jackson.

"It reaches out ... beyond the Plymouth community," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, a Canton jewelry store.

Sandy Kline of Plymouth was attending her first

Business 2 Business Mixer. She owns a cleaning business called More Grime Than Time? With three children at home, it's hard to get away in the evenings for such events, she said. Kline is also involved in organizing the Plymouth Fall Festival.

And how was the networking going at Bennigan's?

"We'll see. It's a process, you know?" she said.

The next Business 2 Business Mixer is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson Road. For a complete schedule, visit the Web site www.ribarfloral.biz.

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CHAMBER CHAT

Texas Hold 'Em

Rose's Restaurant will be hosting a Texas Hold 'em charity event.

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"This is a great way to support the Canton Chamber of Commerce and have fun while doing it," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on this event, go to www.cantonchamber.com click on forms & flyers and go to Rose's Restaurant Fundraiser and get all the details.

Also on May 11, from 5-9 p.m., you can turn your pasta into money for the Canton Chamber by printing the flier on the Chamber Web site and presenting it to your server at Rose's Restaurant. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will receive 15 percent of net purchases made that evening.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce lunch takes place 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, in Canton. Guest speaker is Mike Finney of Ann Arbor SPARK. Cost is \$20 for members (advance registration), \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required, call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com. Sponsors are PNC Bank and USANA Health Sciences.

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Geisendorfer

He is a western New York native who moved to Michigan in 1998. He currently resides in Shelby Township with his wife and son.

Hospice Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthusiasts and community members to enjoy an evening of art, wine, food and fun to benefit Arbor Hospice's pediatric hospice care and grief support services. The ninth annual Art Dash event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

Throughout the night, guests will enjoy perusing extraordinary visual works, raffle and auction items, all while making note of their favorite pieces. After dinner, attendees kick off their heels and make a dash for the art piece of their choice. Every couple will go home with a work valued at a minimum of \$250 – the average value of last year's art piece was \$459.

Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve a table of eight (entitles eight people to attend and four to "dash").

Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase

and finance. Geisendorfer earned his bachelor of science degree in finance and marketing from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

Since 2001, Art Dash has raised more than \$386,000 for The Arbor Hospice Foundation, while raising awareness for the local arts community. Proceeds go directly back into the community to support Arbor Hospice's end-of-life care and grief support services for children, adolescents and adults.

Sponsors of Art Dash include: UPS; Hantz Benefit Services, LLC; Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C.; The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates; REI; Community Financial; Michigan Commerce Bank; and OfficeStar.

Wine tasting

Join Women's Exchange of Washtenaw and meet acclaimed winemaker Laurence Feraud on Friday, May 7, for a wine-tasting happy hour and networking event at the Ann Arbor Art Center from 5-6 p.m. (registration at 4:30).

Feraud founded Domaine du Pegau with her father in 1987, and has more than doubled the acreage of the family business. The vineyard produces 7,000 cases per year of Châteauneuf du Pape, 90 percent for export, and 18 percent to the United States. Attendees will hear Laurence speak about her experience as a woman in a male-dominated field.

The \$16 ticket price (ages 21 and over, please) includes hors d'oeuvres and a taste of Cotes du Rhone Villages Seguret Rouge 2008, Selection Laurence Feraud. Registration (and more information) is available at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/640947090>. Learn more about Feraud and what other events where she and her wine will be featured at: <http://annarborartcenter.org/wf2010/>

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Musical brothers take a stand against hunger

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Give a Birchler brother a microphone and it won't take long before he starts singing into it.

Add a charity and he'll donate his performance to the cause.

"Everybody sings and plays guitar," explained Tom Birchler, describing the musical brothers behind "Jammin' to End Famine 2010," a concert Friday, April 23, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia to raise money for Kids Against Hunger.

"No one really played in the school band, but boy, when we saw the Beatles on Ed Sullivan, it was 'ok, that's cool, I want to do that.' So, we got a guitar for Christmas and we'd fight over it. Someone would learn a Beatles song and the other two would harmonize with it."

The brothers, Tom, a full time musician from Livonia, Dave, an urban planner from Birmingham, John, a financial planner from Plymouth, Jim, a hospital CFO from Ann Arbor and Keith, a lawyer from Bay City, all graduated from Brother Rice High School and grew up in Birmingham with three sisters, loving music and learning the importance of "giving back," from their parents.

"We were raised Catholic by faith-filled parents. They didn't necessarily say, you've got to volunteer, but they were always doing something at church, helping out with food drives, the (SOS) shelter. My dad was big into St. Vincent de Paul. Giving was part of the make up of who they were."

"Growing up in that environment we all have a sense that if you're blessed with a lot, you need to give back talent, time and treasures. Even if you don't think you're blessed, you probably have more than many people in the world. This event is something I can do personally."

Their third annual concert Friday raises money to battle hunger both in Michigan and abroad. The show will include performances by Rob Taube, a singer-songwriter who will sing tunes from his latest release, *Halfway Home*; The Underground Sun, with 1960s rock n' roll; The Paisley Fogg, a vocal-oriented 1960s rock n' roll band featuring the Birchlers and 2 Dayz Gone, with 1980s and 90s rock n' roll.

Cats Meow Face Design will be on hand to paint faces and pizza, salad, sweets will keep guests energized as they dance to the music. A cash bar also will be available.

Admission is \$20 for adults and

\$10 for students. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Last year the concert raised \$3,000 for Kids Against Hunger, a food aid organization with 80 locations in 24 states and one site in Canada. Birchler said he and his brothers hope to double that amount this year.

LOCAL, GLOBAL AID

Kids Against Hunger enlists the help of schools, churches, businesses and community groups to raise funds and then package its specially formulated rice-soy casserole for hungry children world wide. Each meal costs approximately 28 cents and volunteers package at least 10,000 meals at each packaging event.

Don Burwell, who heads the Oak Park office of Kids Against Hunger, said a third of the meals packaged at a volunteer event goes to a local pantry. Because the Birchler brothers are sponsoring a fund-raiser, they'll choose which local pantry gets a share of meals from a subsequent packaging event.

Another third of the casseroles are sent overseas.

"Right now we're doing a lot in Haiti because of the disaster there," Burwell said. "And we're making plans to send food to Peru because of the earthquake there."



Three of the Birchler Brothers are members of Paisley Fogg, one of four bands that will perform at a fund-raiser for Kids Against Hunger.

We keep the final third and it's dedicated for natural disasters."

Burwell said Kids Against Hunger gave more than 2 million meals to organizations serving local needs over the past 12 to 18 months.

The organization sets up food packaging events around the state and expects to participate in 200 this year.

"We're mobile and on the road. We service everywhere in Michigan," Burwell said. "Our vision is in the next five years to package in every school district. Four years ago Plymouth Canton was the first school district to package in elementary, middle and high school. They are the model that we'd love to see."

Birchler, who attended a packaging event in Okemos, likes the idea of including children in the



Tom Birchler's son, Mark Warren, will perform with 2 Dayz Gone at the fund-raiser Friday, April 23 in Livonia.



we can do something worthwhile Rob Taube

hands-on volunteer experience. "We've been very happy with our association with Kids Against Hunger," he said. "We're happy

with our talent, too."

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The Third Annual Green Street Fair will return to the streets of downtown Plymouth Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, with live music by local and regional performers, kid's activities, hands-on workshops, demonstrations, a petting farm and information on green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services.

Fair hours are noon-7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The entertainment stage will be located on Ann Arbor Trail at the corner of Union Street. The line-up includes:

Friday: National Ghost at 1:15 p.m., The Strange at 3:15 p.m., and Blackberry Brandy at 5:15 p.m.

Saturday: Katie Lee at 10:30 a.m., View at noon, James and the Rainbros at 1:30 p.m.,

American Mars at 3 p.m. and The Verve Pipe at 5 p.m.

Sunday: The Mydolls at noon, Abigail Stauffer, at 1:30 p.m. and Lucciana Costa at 3 p.m.

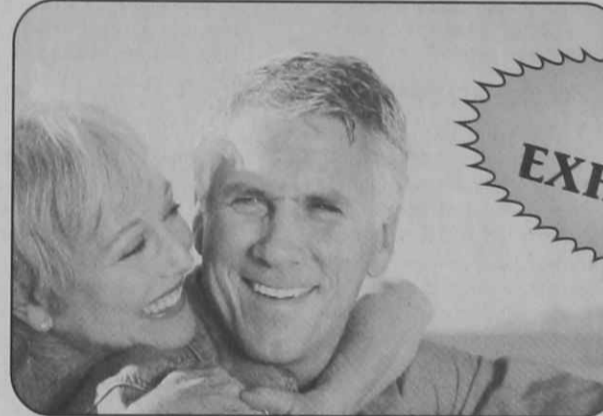
In addition to the concerts, visitors can watch street performers, view organic cooking demonstrations, create an artistic work with fabric scraps, build a birdhouse, learn the basics of recycling at an interactive display, see art installations and learn about fitness and well-being.

Youngsters can pet farm animals, learn how to make compost with recycled AT&T Yellow Pages and red worms, play in a cardboard box fort, and help build a mural.

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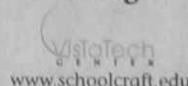
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Guests will 'Shop, Taste, Live, Learn' at women's show

The 15th annual Michigan International Women's Show will have it all — from shopping to makeovers, cooking demonstrations to fashion and entertainment — Thursday-Sunday, April 29-May 2 at Rock Financial Showplace, in Novi.

"Girlfriends, sisters, mothers and daughters will enjoy this year's theme of Shop, Taste, Learn, Live at the show," stated Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows. "We are celebrating our anniversary with treats, presents, goodie bags and special discounts on Friday."

Top Chef: Las Vegas 2009 winner Michael Voltaggio will share his experiences and describe his personal cooking style of sophisticated American cuisine he answers questions and sign autographs on Sunday, May 2. His appearance is sponsored by Detroit Medical Center.

TLC *Gown Crazy* and Bravo's *Project Runway* Season 3 top finalist Johnathan Kayne will present his 2010 gown and evening wear collection, as well as one-of-a-kind classics at his daily fashion show.

Coupon Queeny Tanya Senseney will teach how to save on groceries and everyday items as she tells how she paid \$45 for \$457 worth of groceries. She'll share expert tips on coupon clipping to save consistently and techniques to combine manufacturer coupons with store sales.

Artistry Spa on Wheels will feature complimentary

beauty treatments, mini-makeovers and product sampling of Artistry skin care and cosmetics in a lounge and spa setting.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will offer a bargain boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale in addition to having their staff modeling clothing items at the "ABC's of Fashion Cents" runway show on Saturday, May 1.

Free health screenings for total cholesterol level, blood pressure reading, bone density testing, glucose level and other tests will be available at the AARP/Walgreens Wellness exhibit along with health education materials.

The Cooking Stage will feature radio host Chef Lisa Lofton Shively demonstrating tips, techniques and recipes from her southern cooking and children cookbooks and Kroger will demonstrate uses for organic beef and chicken, lean natural beef and cake decorating.

Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's beauty experts along with an array of new spring scents.

The latest developments in health, cardiology and pediatrics will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. Doctors and specialists from all areas of medicine will be on hand to consult one-on-one and answer individual health care questions.

Novi Fire Department's

charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. Additional spring fashion shows will run during the show.

Other features include Do It Herself Spotlight Stage; a free reusable Women's Show shopping bag and special gifts to the first 200 show attendees each day; Thursday's Nurses Day with special savings, free water bottles for the first 250 guests and healthy cooking classes sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association; Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day with gifts and prizes; and hundreds of exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, fashion and accessories, arts and crafts.

The Michigan International Women's Show runs 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, at 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck in Novi. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for children under 5 accompanied by a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for 10 or more are offered in advance online for \$7.50. Happy Hours are everyday after 5 p.m. with \$5 admission. On site parking is available for \$5.

For more information and exhibitor coupons, visit www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call (800) 849-0248.

ART

Costick Center

Time/Date: Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24

Location: 28600 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Annual Festival of the Arts celebrates "Hats Off to the Arts" with displays, events, and activities for all ages. The celebration incorporates a special exhibit featuring the unique, artistic hats of Mr. Song Millinery, in Southfield. Luke Song designed Aretha Franklin's famous presidential inauguration hat. The special exhibit runs April 15- beginning on April 15-May 9, with a meet-the-artist reception 6-8 p.m., April 16. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 473-1870

Lotus Arts Gallery

Time/Date: Through April

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

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Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through April 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Mudville USA," an installation by Eric Mesko

Coming up: Doll making class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. **Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

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Details: Andres Fernandez, April 21-24

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Time/Date: John Caparulo, April 22-24

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Time/Date: BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, April 23; Nervous But Excited & Joshua Davis, April 24; The Infamous Stringdusters, April 25; Chris Pureka, April 26; Matt Jones, April 27; Eliza Gilkyson, April 28; Jonatha Brooke, April 29; Down the Line, April 30

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APRIL 22-28

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 24
Location: 41920 Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley, Plymouth
Details: The church's clothing bank will be open. It also will be open 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 12. All clothing is free for all ages
Contact: (734) 927-6686

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) 367-0422

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

All Saints Catholic School

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 2

Location: 48735 Warren Road, Canton
Details: School open house; tour the school, meet the faculty and staff, and talk with current students about their experiences
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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, Farmington Hills
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) 476-9074

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

Newburg United Methodist

Time/Date: Pre-sale, 5-8 p.m., Thursday, April 29, regular sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 30 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 1
Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Rummage sale fund-raiser; \$2 per adult admission to pre-sale on Thursday, free admission Friday-Saturday; half price sale on Saturday
Contact: (734) 422-0149

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://ourladyoflorettoprep.webs.com/trivianight.htm> for more information

Prince of Peace Lutheran
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 1

Location: 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: Mexican Fiesta includes a community dinner and raffle; tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 or \$25 for a family of four or more
Contact: (248) 553-3130

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
Coming up: The church will celebrate families after all Masses, May 1-2. LEGO displays will be on view in Bixman Hall. There will be a Catholic bookstore display, refreshments available, and a supervised LEGO play area for kids
Contact: RSVP for the Endow program to the parish office by April 25 at (734) 425-5950

Temple Shir Shalom
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, May 2
Location: 3999 Walnut Lake Road
Details: Walk for Israel begins with a speaker, a Theodore Herzl exhibit, then a picnic kosher lunch, informational displays and a solidarity walk along Orchard Lake Road at noon
Contact: (248) 737-8700 or visit www.shirshalom.org

May 13-19
Birmingham Temple
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

Details: DSO Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert when the audience will have the opportunity to mingle, sample delicious refreshments, and meet the artists. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students
Contact: To order tickets call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher and (248) 661-1348

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 14

Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Healing Light for Pain Relief demonstration featuring Q-Laser
Contact: RSVP at (248) 203-7744

Kenwood Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15
Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: "Free Stuff Give Away" offers donated, gently-used items to the community at no cost. The church is collecting donation of items for the event up to May 15. Collection boxes are placed under the canopy by the main doors
Contact: (248) 476-8222

St. Damian Catholic School

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15
Location: 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland
Details: Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are available for \$20
Contact: (734) 427-1680

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
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The Primo Passo Ensemble will perform.

St. John's Episcopal concert series presents Mozart opera

St. John's Episcopal Church's concert series, "Resounding Art in a Sacred Space," will give opera lovers a chance to enjoy one of Mozart's most famous operas, *Così Fan Tutte*, on Saturday, May 1.

The Primo Passo Ensemble will perform the opera, setting it in the 1960s and telling the story of two young sisters and their husbands-to-be. The young men, overheard bragging about the faithfulness of their wives-to-be, are challenged to a bet to prove that the women are not truly faithful.

Primo Passo is Italian for first step. Their mission is to be a first step into opera for the audience member who may not be familiar with the art form. The performance, which will last approximately two hours, will present an abridged version of the original story. The dialogue will be in English rather than the original Italian.

Jody Doktor is the stage director. Musical direction is by Dana Sadava. Doktor has performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre as a member of their opera chorus. She currently is working as an adjunct professor of voice at Grand Rapids Community College and is the music director and organist at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield. Sadava is working on a Master of Music degree at the University of Michigan and has been the music director at Comic Opera Guild in Ann Arbor.

The opera will start at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church at 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be accepted.

For more information, visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org or call the church at (734) 453-0190.

Need some stuff? Livonia church offering it free on May 15

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kenwood Church of Christ will offer lots of secondhand items to the public next month, but won't bother to price any of them.

"We're trying to find new ways to get needed things to people," explained the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor of the Livonia church. "It's part of our ongoing effort to try to find ways to serve the community."

Last year the church gave away more than 8,000 gently-used garments and approximately 600 winter clothing items. It also helped 750 families with food.

Now it's collecting donated items for its "Free Stuff Give Away," on May 15.

"Many of us have more things than we need. That third crock pot — do you really need it? Or that second lawn mower?"

He hopes the community will partner with the church in its collection effort by donating items. A box is stationed under the canopy by the main doors and the church will accept donations through May 15.

Lackie expects the church will receive clothing, household items, furniture, appliances, books, toys, computers, electronics and tools.

"You name it, it's available. We have everything from clothing to a pair of skis and ski poles. There are chairs ... a little bit of everything. We've got plenty of (storage) space."

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"I have a friend who is a minister in Ohio. His congregation does this same thing. We'll probably follow their lead."

The item limit will prevent someone from "pulling in with a semi truck and cleaning everything out" to sell on eBay.

Leftovers will go to organizations that can put them to good use.

Lackie said donating reusable items to the Free Stuff Give Away is just one way of serving others locally.

"I think one thing that has been lost over the last several decades is a sense of community. Global is fine, but it's also important to remember that the person living three houses down may be in need."

Free Stuff Give Away will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15 at the church, 20200 Merriman. Call (248) 476-8222 for information.

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LELA BRAMLETT (NEE MILLER)
Age 87, April 17, 2010. Dear mother of Carolyn Gale Wathen and Shelley Redouty. Grandmother of Chystal Gale Jeffries and Rachael Lynn Redouty. Great-grandmother of Everett Jeffries. Sister of the late Ishmael Miller, Beatrice Henderson, Herman Miller, Woodrow Miller, Birgie Saddler, Thurlow Brown and Elza Miller. Aunt of Glenda, Allen J., Larry, Doug, Wendell, Marcella, Jenny Sue, Scott, and Joelle. Private services; arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 734-427-3800. Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society.



STEPHEN CRAIG BRISKI
Age 45, of Dearborn Heights, passed away on April 20, 2010 at the home of his parents in Garden City, after a brief battle with cancer. Steve was born March 18, 1965 in Detroit, the son of Paul and Gloria (Lassila) Briski. Steve grew up in Detroit and Westland, where he attended the Wayne Westland schools and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1983. Throughout his childhood he loved sports and played on many local baseball teams. For the past several years, Steve has shared his life with his girl friend Crystal Coffey and her son Jacob, living in Dearborn Heights. Steve worked for many years at Color Tile, F. B. Wright and Heartland grocery. Most recently, he was employed by Walmart, where he worked as a stockperson. Steve liked to bowl and play golf, and was passionate about all sports, in particular loving the Detroit Red Wings and the Michigan State Spartans. He also thoroughly enjoyed being a doting uncle to his beloved nieces and nephew, and loved being a dad to Jacob. Steve continually held concern for others, most often before any concern for himself, and he always tried to help those who crossed his path in life wherever he could. He was always a friend to anyone in need. Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilbert Lassila and Elaine (Lampinen) Lassila Maatta; his grandfather, Anton Briski, Jr.; an aunt, Rose (Lassila) Perala; and most recently, his brother Duane, in 2008. In addition to Crystal and Jacob, Steve is survived by his parents, Paul and Gloria Briski of Garden City; two brothers, David Briski of Garden City and Brian (Gina) Briski of Westland; his grandmother, Lucille Briski of Garden City; three nieces, Jessica Briski of Belding, and Katie & Angelina Briski, both of Westland; a nephew, Brandon Briski of Belding; an aunt, Patricia (Dick) Yates of Lacey, Washington; three uncles, John (Joyce) Lassila of Las Vegas, Anthony (Kay) Briski of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Curt Briski of Pontiac; an uncle-in-law, Peter Perala of Twin Lakes; two great-aunts, Evelyn Kuopus of Hancock and Mary Lou Howard of Jonesville; a sister-in-law, Cheryl Sepanak of Belding; and numerous cousins, friends and co-workers. Following cremation, a memorial service for Steve will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Family and friends may call at the funeral home from 5-9:00PM.

To share a memory with the family, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

ROY KARRO

WWII veteran of the U.S. Air Corps (Bronze Star for work with the 93rd Bombardment Group of the 8th AF in the E. T. O.) Age 91 passed away on April 17, 2010 peacefully at home in Livonia. Retired from Solomon, Smith & Barney in 1999. 1942 University of Iowa graduate and passionate Hawkeye sports fan. Life member of the University of Iowa Alumni Association. University of Iowa Foundation Presidents Club Gold member. A philanthropist, assisting with and contributing to various charities—especially athletic programs, scholarship funds and fund raising for the University of Iowa to which he made contributions for 44 consecutive years. Contributions include the commissioning of the bronze bust of Coach Hayden Frye. The establishment of the Jim Zabel Scholarship Fund for broadcast journalism. The University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, Roy G. Karro Building. Born August 10, 1918 in New York, NY to Tyne and Gustav Karro of Finland. Roy is preceded in death by his loving parents and his loving wife of 42 years Mae Harrison Karro. He is survived by many beloved cousins: Stanley Karro, Helvi Larson, Leila Judd and all of their children. Roy's godchild Leslie Skowronek. Roy is also survived by his dear companion and caregiver Linda Renich, her sons Ray Page, John Page, and Ric Renich. His many friends in the U.S., Canada and Finland. Great friends Bob and Peggy Mull and family, Don and Marilyn Suchy. Special thanks to the caregivers over these past 7 years. Roy will be missed by his faithful dogs, Baby, Lady and grand-dog Coco. World traveler Roy Karro will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI.



ANNA MARIE (PEDERSEN) FACKNITZ
Age 87, passed away Friday, April 16, 2010 surrounded by her loving family at the Davison Brian's House Hospice. A Memorial Service will be held 4 pm Sunday, April 25, 2010 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 5073 Daly Blvd., Flint; Pastor Gary L. Beck officiating. The family will receive visitors from 3 pm until time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Anna was born in Detroit, MI on April 13, 1923, the eldest of three children, to Leo and Erna (Nielsen) Pedersen. She married her lifelong love, Winfried "Win" Facknitz on October 3, 1942. They were blessed to celebrate 66 years of marriage and devotion to their Lord, one another and their family. Win preceded Anna in death July 24, 2008. Some of Anna's most joyous moments were spent sharing holidays, traveling with Win, and anything to do with "Nanny" and the little ones. Anna is survived by her children, Christina (Hugh) McMartin and Lisa Minto (husband Rod, deceased), grandchildren, Erika (Kenny) Ingle, Amy Thompson, Bradley (Paula) McMartin, Alissa (Martin) Bocks; great-grandchildren, Cameron and Donovan Ingle, Anna and Sara Thompson, Caitlin and Emma Bocks. She was preceded in death by her sister, June Bolick, and her brother George Pedersen. Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com.

WILLIAM H. GEARHART
Age 87, of Plymouth, passed away April 18, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.



WILLIAM M. HOWE
84, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2010 at his home. Born in Highland Park, MI, he was the second oldest of ten children of Jim and Rose Howe and attended St. Cecilia's in Detroit. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army at 15 and proudly served in WWII and the Korean war with assignments in Munich, Frankfurt, and Darmstadt, Germany, Ft. Campbell, KY and Ft. Carson, Co. He was a maintenance specialist, achieving the rank of CWO-3 after 20 years in the Army. After his military service, he moved his family to Redford Twp., MI. He was an active member and usher of Our Lady of Loretto Church. Employed again at the Detroit Tank Arsenal Plant in Warren, MI, he was instrumental in writing the maintenance manual for the Abrams M1 Tank. He once said "I can fix anything, but a broken heart". He enjoyed summers at his vacation home with his family and friends at Guthrie Lakes, MI., where he went boating, fishing, made bon fires and rode scooters with his grandchildren. He moved to Melbourne, FL in 2000, and became a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. He rarely missed mass at 4:00 on Saturdays, sitting with his friends in the last pew. Bill loved people, dogs, everything Irish, and in the good old days, a shot of Jim Beam. Bill was predeceased in death by daughter Kristina Peifer of Glen Burnie, MD. His family includes his wife of 61 years Lily; three children, Nijola-Lolly Polenz (Alan), Detroit, MI, William, (Karen) Northville, MI and Shirley Street (Tom) Melbourne, FL. He also had 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 10:30AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Melbourne, FL. Interment with full military honors will be at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Donations can be made to <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> Arrangements by South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne, FL 321-724-2222. Please sign guestbook and share memories at www.affuneral.com

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HELEN A. ROGERS
Died April 16, 2010
Rogers - Helen B. Rogers, 96, of Grandville, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died April 16 in Grandville, with her family beside her. Services have been held in Northport, MI. Please visit Helen's online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/



DONALD K. TROTTER
Age 48 of Howell, died suddenly Friday, April 16, 2010. He was born September 27, 1961 in Livonia, the son of Donald and Irene (Lux) Trotter. Beloved husband of Melissa Ann (Shortridge) Trotter; dear father of Brett Trotter and Samantha Trotter of Orionville and Hayden Trotter of Grand Blanc; step-children, Dustin Piesko, Hunter Piesko and Baylei O'Doherty, all of Howell. Also survived by his mother, Irene Panyard of Livonia and sister, Kathy Trotter of Dearborn and his cat, Stanley. He was preceded in death by his father. Donald was a member of Glaziers Local #357 of Detroit. He enjoyed collecting and restoring cars and was a member of Livingston County Street Knights. Visitation for Donald will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with services Friday 11 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



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Serves: 8
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Freeze Time: 4 hours
2 cups boiling water
4 Lipton Bavarian Wild Berry Pyramid Tea Bags
½ cup sugar
1 cup chopped strawberries
Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; let cool slightly.

Combine tea with strawberries in medium bowl. Evenly pour into 8 (4-ounce) paper cups (or popsicle molds). Freeze until almost firm, about 1 hour. Insert wooden ice pop sticks into centers; freeze until firm. To serve, press firmly on bottom of paper cup to remove.

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For Green Tea & Mandarin Orange Fruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Green Tea with Mandarin Orange Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags and 1 cup blueberries.

For Black Pearl Fruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Black Pearl Black Pyramid Tea Bags and 1 cup mixed berries (raspberries, blueberries and/or strawberries).

For Harvest Strawberry & Passionfruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Red Tea with Harvest Strawberry & Passionfruit Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags.

RED TEA HARVEST STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

Serves: 2
Preparation Time: 5 to 10 minutes
Chill Time: 1 hour
1 cup boiling water
3 Lipton Red Tea with Harvest Strawberry & Passionfruit Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup frozen strawberries
½ cup strawberry frozen yogurt or substitute regular strawberry yogurt
½ cup ice cubes (about 3 to 4)
Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, then stir in sugar; chill.
In blender, process tea, strawberries and yogurt. Add ice cubes, one at a time, and process until blended. Garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and strawberries. Serve immediately.



Bavarian Wild Berry Fruit-Tea Pops

TROPICAL PUNCH WITH FRUITY TEA ICE CUBES

Serves: 8
Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Chill Time: 2 hours
4 cups boiling water
12 Lipton Tuscan Lemon Flavored Black Pyramid Tea Bags
½ cup sugar
3 cups pineapple juice
1 cup orange juice
2 cups raspberries
Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar; chill.
In large pitcher, combine 2 cups chilled tea with remaining ingredients; chill.
Meanwhile, in 2 ice cube trays, arrange 3 raspberries in each compartment. Pour remaining chilled tea over berries. Freeze 2 hours or until solid. To serve, pour punch into large pitcher or bowl. Add tea ice cubes. Serve immediately.
Tip: If you don't have ice cube trays, try using mini muffin pans or a 6-cup ring mold.

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Black Pearl Hot 'n Spicy Chocolate Tea

BLACK PEARL HOT 'N SPICY CHOCOLATE TEA

Serves: 2
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
1 cup fat free or 1 percent milk
1 cup water
2 Lipton Black Pearl Black Pyramid Tea Bags
1 tablespoon sugar, or to taste
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon chocolate syrup
Bring milk and water just to a boil in 2-quart saucepan. Remove from heat and add tea bags. Cover and brew 1-½ minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, stir in remaining ingredients. Serve immediately. Garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

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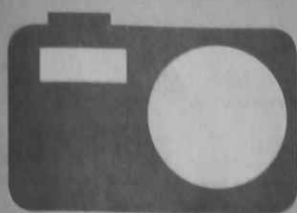


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MSU lawn care tips will help you 'go green'

Mowing is the most basic practice for maintaining lawn turf. Mowing performed at the correct height and frequency is essential to the health and density of the stand. Removing leaf tips induces plants to form new sprouts, increasing stand density. Mowing can affect water quality, also. A healthy stand can withstand more pest pressure and needs fewer pest control inputs. The denser turf cover also helps prevent soil erosion, which is an important pollution problem for the waters in the Great Lakes basin.

HEIGHT OF CUT

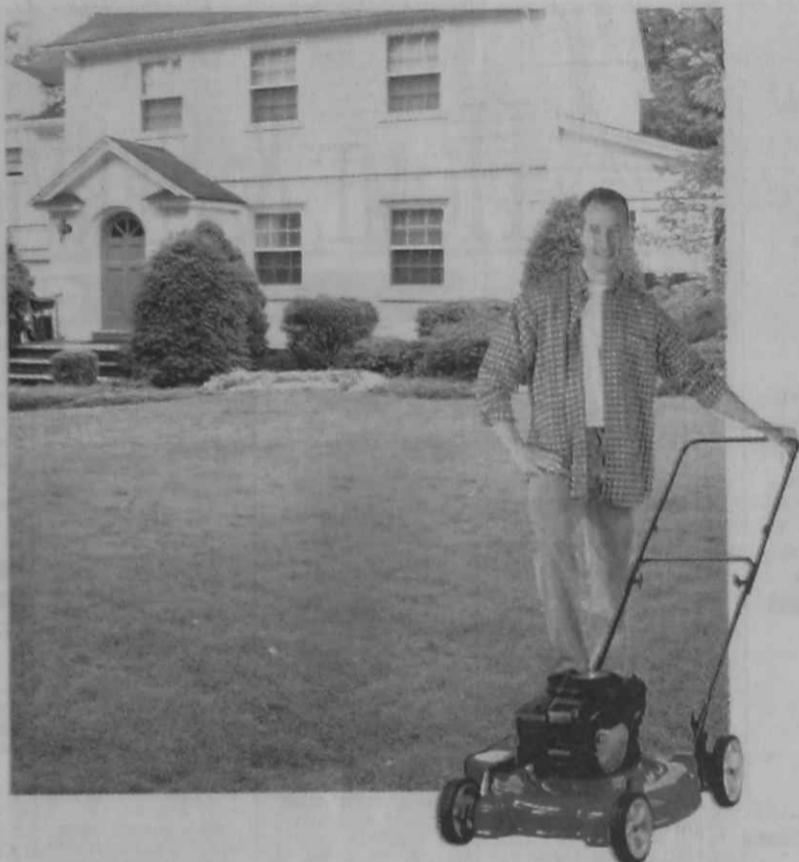
Turfgrasses are well adapted to frequent mowing, but mowing too short will reduce the vigor of the plants by reducing their ability to manufacture food. Also, there is a direct relationship between cutting height and the amount of roots a grass plant can maintain. Lowering the mowing height reduces the root system. This restricts the ability of the plant to absorb water and nutrients. In recent years, recommendations for mowing height have steadily increased for home lawns. Earlier recommendations for a cutting height of 1.5 inches were common. Current standards suggest between 2 and 3.75 inches. Higher cut lawn grasses are more stress tolerant. This is especially important during the summer heat period. Taller grass plants with higher density have a profound shading effect on the soil surface, which reduces germination of weed seeds, particularly crabgrass. This is an excellent way to reduce herbicide use, especially where the lawn is properly fertilized and watered to maintain vigor.

MOWING FREQUENCY

A general rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the total leaf surface when mowing your lawn. This may require mowing every four to five days during rapid growth in the spring. The table below describes the amount of growth allowed between mowings at specific cutting heights. As the table indicates, higher cutting heights allow more time between mowing cycles. This is desirable during periods of rapid growth. Removing more than one-third of total leaf surface can severely injure the grass plant by decreasing its ability to support its underground portions.

To cut one-third of the leaves
Height of cut/Mow when turf reaches/Growth between mowings

| | | |
|------|-------|-------|
| 1.0" | 1.50" | 0.50" |
| 2.0" | 3.00" | 1.00" |
| 2.5" | 3.75" | 1.25" |
| 3.0" | 4.50" | 1.50" |
| 3.5" | 5.25" | 1.75" |



DEALING WITH CLIPPINGS

Current Michigan law restricts many residents from dumping yard wastes such as grass clippings and leaves into landfills, so it is best to manage them on your site. Return clippings to the lawn whenever possible. When the lawn is mowed so that less than one-third of the total leaf surface is removed, grass clippings can easily be returned to the lawn. Excessive accumulation of clippings from infrequent mowing may smother the turf and should be removed. A common misconception is that clippings left on the lawn will promote thatch buildup. This is not true. Clippings do not make significant contributions to thatch and should be returned to the lawn whenever possible. These leaves contain mostly water and break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into the system. Returning grass clippings means that nitrogen applications can be reduced by as much as 1 pound per 1,000 square feet per year. To accommodate this practice, mulching mowers are now available that chop the clippings into small pieces and distribute them back to the turf surface.

If clippings are removed, they can be used in compost piles or as mulch. Backyard compost stations are becoming

increasingly popular, and grass clippings are a welcome addition. An important concept for composting is to create the correct carbon to nitrogen balance ("browns" to "greens") in the pile. Many experts suggest an ideal ratio of 30:1 carbon to nitrogen for best compost results. Grass clippings are relatively high in nitrogen, with an approximate 13:1 ratio for green clippings. Combining or layering grass clippings with tree leaves, straw, soil or other materials considered to have a high carbon content will be effective.

Many gardeners use grass clippings as a mulch in vegetable or ornamental gardens. This is an excellent use for this material, but caution is required if weed control products have been applied recently. In tests conducted at MSU, researchers applied several weed control products to lawn turf, then mowed at two and 14 days after application and used the clippings as mulch around a variety of annual flowers and vegetable plants. Some of the weed control products injured the plants when clippings were used as mulch up to 14 days after application. Insect or disease control products did not cause any noticeable injury. The conclusion: allow at least two weeks after applying weed control products before using clippings as mulch. These clippings can be returned to the

lawn or directed toward the compost pile. The weed control products will degrade quickly during the composting process.

MOWING TREE LEAVES

Mowing tree leaves in the autumn and returning them to the turf system is an outstanding alternative to raking and bagging (the same landfill constraints also apply to tree leaves). MSU studies have evaluated the effects of mowing tree leaves into lawns. In these studies, up to 6 inches of various types of tree leaves were mowed into lawns. No adverse effects were detected on the lawns. Reports from professional turf managers who have been practicing this technique on golf courses and commercial turf have been positive. Homeowners interested in an alternative to raking leaves might want to try mowing them. A couple of passes with the mower will break the leaves down into small pieces. The leaf residue will be evident after mowing, but it will sift into the turf within a few weeks and will be unnoticeable in the spring. You can even rake leaves that accumulate in planting beds, fence lines or other areas out into the lawn and mow them. For best results, raise your mowing height to better accommodate the tree leaves, and mow when the leaves are dry.

MOWING EQUIPMENT

The key to a quality cut with any style mower is to use a sharp, well adjusted mower. Dull, poorly adjusted equipment tears rather than cuts the grass, leaving a ready site for disease invasion and giving the lawn a frayed, brownish look. An easy way to accomplish this task is to purchase an extra mower blade for your machine so you can always keep a sharp blade on hand. The frequency of changing the blade is up to you. Many professional turf managers change blades daily, but once a month would be a good start. For best results, mow when the turf is dry; this will also eliminate clumping. Varying the mowing direction from time to time can reduce wear patterns. Recent industry advances in mulching mowers have made them increasingly popular. They differ from the side discharge and reel mowers by recirculating the grass within the mowing chamber to produce smaller pieces.

This lawn care column was written by K.W. Frank, G.T. Lyman and R.N. Calhoun of the Michigan State University Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. For more information, visit www.turf.msu.edu online.

Furnace call bill prompts query

Q: I live in an apartment converted to a condominium. Recently my carbon monoxide tester started beeping and I felt some dizziness. I contacted the management company and asked that my furnace be checked for carbon monoxide fumes. I received no contact from the management company and contacted the gas company who said I should call the fire department first. I was billed by the fire department for coming out and now I think it is the association's responsibility.



Robert Meisner

A: You have to see whether the furnace is an area that is to be maintained by you or the association. If you are responsible, then it is your responsibility to ensure that it is safe. If it is the association's responsibility, then it should defray the cost of fixing the furnace and determine the cause the carbon monoxide. Since you are a senior citizen with limited income, I suggest that you show this letter to your association if it is its responsibility.

Q: I have heard that commercial solar power is being utilized in various locales, including Napa Valley and rooftops in Texas. Does it make any sense for us to consider it as a commercial developer?

A: Commercial Solar presents an opportunity for building owners and tenants to achieve both sustainability and business goals. Solar is an energy source that can provide electricity rates potentially below grid rates. Using photovoltaic systems electricity also reduces a corporation's carbon footprint. However, the potential benefits of installing commercial solar present certain key concerns. The economics of commercial solar are improving but are still dependent on federal and state incentives. Only a limited number of states offer enough pro solar incentives to make installing a system economically feasible. The laws of each state vary on the size of the system that can take advantage of net metering. It is obviously difficult to predict what business and legal issues will arise as the Commercial Solar field continues to evolve.

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| 31193 Downing Pl | \$85,000 |
| 17032 Dunblaine Ave | \$125,000 |
| 30021 Fox Run Dr | \$245,000 |
| 16128 Marguerite St | \$118,000 |
| 31714 Sheridan Dr | \$224,000 |
| 32265 Southfield Rd | \$79,000 |
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| 951 Fairfax St | \$425,000 |
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| 1585 Henrietta St | \$850,000 |
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| Bloomfield Hills | |
| 1931 Rathmor Rd | \$1,875,000 |
| 1012 Stratford Ln | \$150,000 |
| Bloomfield Township | |
| 2852 Aldgate Dr | \$205,000 |
| 754 Brookwood Walke | \$312,000 |
| 3880 Franklin Rd | \$743,000 |
| 1080 Rock Spring Rd | \$155,000 |
| 3929 Spur Hill Dr | \$322,000 |
| 5144 Woodlands Ln | \$115,000 |
| 42266 Woodward Ave | \$49,000 |
| Clarkston | |
| 4013 Ardley Ct | \$208,000 |
| 5215 Clintonville Rd | \$80,000 |
| 10040 Ellis Rd | \$158,000 |
| 6811 Intermezzo Dr | \$235,000 |
| 7292 Rabbit Ears Pass | \$153,000 |
| 8225 Staghorn Trl | \$188,000 |
| Commerce Township | |
| 6711 Wealthy St | \$109,000 |
| 5525 Lancaster Ln | \$239,000 |
| 4640 Ravinewood Dr | \$230,000 |
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| Davidsburg | |
| 12415 Rattalee Lake Rd | \$134,000 |
| 11420 Shaffer Rd | \$150,000 |
| 8491 Zeerco Blvd | \$248,000 |
| Farmington | |
| 33242 Kirby St | \$147,000 |
| Farmington Hills | |
| 25520 Arden Park Dr | \$157,000 |
| 25887 Arden Park Dr | \$199,000 |
| 30780 Country Ridge Cir | \$190,000 |
| 29515 Greenboro St | \$196,000 |
| 21512 Orchard Lake Rd | \$100,000 |
| 21322 Whittington St | \$119,000 |
| Keego Harbor | |
| 2220 Maddy Ln | \$70,000 |
| Lake Orion | |
| 2585 Browning Dr | \$175,000 |
| 60 Burniah Ln | \$134,000 |
| 328 Hampton Woods Ln | \$263,000 |
| 3209 High Pointe Ridge Rd | \$55,000 |
| Lathrup Village | |
| 18753 San Diego Blvd | \$117,000 |
| 19141 Sunnybrook Ave | \$125,000 |
| Milford | |
| 969 Stone Barn | \$202,000 |
| Northville | |
| 21888 Cumberland Dr | \$190,000 |
| Novi | |
| 24581 Christina Ln | \$153,000 |
| 41662 Clemens Cir | \$308,000 |
| Oakland Township | |
| 5294 Brookemonte Cir | \$177,000 |
| 330 Camelot Way | \$309,000 |
| 3646 Sweet Bay Ct | \$500,000 |
| Orchard Lake | |
| 3497 Arrowvale Dr | \$165,000 |
| Oxford | |
| 1261 Lacrosse Trl | \$545,000 |
| 1230 Oakmont Dr | \$172,000 |
| 668 Oneta St | \$145,000 |
| 385 Pocahontas Trl | \$68,000 |
| 4794 Rue De Carolyn | \$235,000 |
| 640 Southshore Dr | \$347,000 |
| 51 W Burdick St | \$148,000 |
| Rochester | |
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| 1690 Stony Creek Dr | \$350,000 |
| Rochester Hills | |
| 612 Byron Ct | \$125,000 |
| 3761 Cedar Brook Dr | \$740,000 |
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| 742 E Bluff Ct | \$215,000 |
| 2970 Hillendale Dr | \$148,000 |
| 3570 Hogan Cir | \$290,000 |
| 907 Lafayette Ct | \$93,000 |
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| 790 Passive | \$125,000 |
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| South Lyon | |
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| Southfield | |
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| Troy | |
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| 11142 Windhurst St | \$31,000 |

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| 716 Georgetown St | \$125,000 |
| 44550 Lowell Ave | \$139,000 |
| 48822 Manhattan Cir | \$297,000 |
| 1645 Morrison Blvd | \$156,000 |
| 7899 N Royal Ct | \$209,000 |
| 47390 Northgate Dr | \$200,000 |
| Livonia | |
| 27931 Six Mile Rd | \$165,000 |
| 32940 Six Mile Rd | \$135,000 |
| 36697 Seven Mile Rd | \$155,000 |
| 9728 Adams St | \$125,000 |
| 15840 Foch St # C6 | \$98,000 |
| 33008 Grenada St | \$140,000 |
| 35989 Middleboro St | \$147,000 |
| 9951 Operto St | \$93,000 |
| 32045 Pembroke St | \$135,000 |
| Northville | |
| 44506 Larchwood Dr | \$450,000 |
| 41923 Sutters Ln | \$280,000 |
| 501 W Cady St | \$335,000 |
| Plymouth | |
| 235 Adams St | \$453,000 |
| 1473 Carol Ave | \$155,000 |
| 9134 Countrywood Dr | \$355,000 |
| 13684 Cranbrook Ct | \$415,000 |
| 45897 Denise Dr | \$265,000 |
| 9301 Hillcrest Dr | \$240,000 |
| 303 N Holbrook St | \$154,000 |
| 14532 Oxford | \$135,000 |
| 1217 Penniman Ave | \$333,000 |
| Redford | |
| 13938 Brady | \$63,000 |
| 9065 Hemingway | \$75,000 |
| 24230 Joy Rd | \$70,000 |
| 11409 Leverne | \$32,000 |
| 9975 Rockland | \$12,000 |
| 11409 Rockland | \$86,000 |
| 9128 San Jose | \$78,000 |
| 12711 Sioux | \$178,000 |
| 26653 Student | \$65,000 |
| Westland | |
| 36148 Avondale St | \$50,000 |
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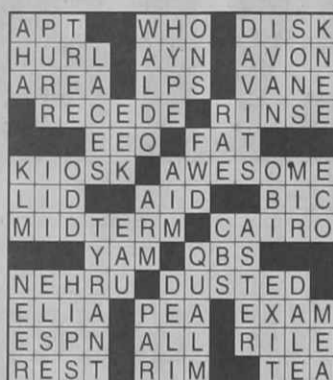
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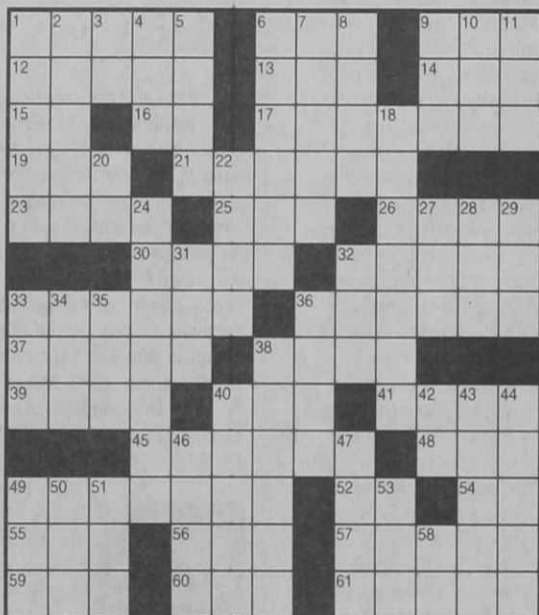
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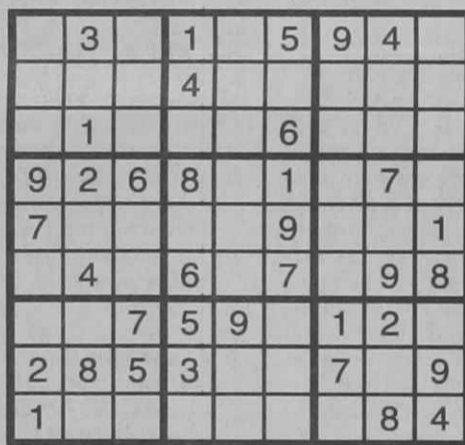


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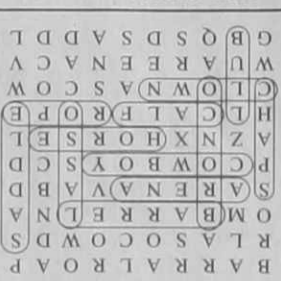
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AUTOMAKERS DIVERGE OVER CRUCIAL 'INFOTAINMENT' STRATEGIES

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CAReport



By Dale Buss

Over the decades, OEMs have gone their separate ways on a number of big strategic matters that ended up becoming major determinants of the industry's winners and losers. Front-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive? Unionized or non-union factories? Global mega-merger or not?

Nowadays, Edmunds.com says, automakers likewise are diverging around the question of how to approach the "infotainment" revolution in the vehicle. Platforms including General Motors' OnStar, Ford's SYNC, and Mercedes-Benz's Embrace represent early commitments to widely varying answers.

And Hyundai's recent announcement of tie-ins between iPad and the company's upcoming 2011 Equus luxury sedan is further indication that every OEM believes the procurement, packaging and presentation of wireless content and connections going into, coming out of, and bouncing around within vehicles can be a huge difference-maker.

"It's the next big battleground in the industry," said John Wolkonowicz, senior auto analyst for IHS Global Insight, a market-research firm in Lexington, Mass. "It is addressing what people under 50 years old today find absolutely mandatory in their vehicles."

That's because "the car is becoming the fourth screen" after the TV, the PC and the mobile phone, especially for younger Americans, said Fran Dance, development manager for BMW North America's

infotainment platform. "We have to do this very, very carefully."

But how? "You're starting to see two general camps emerging," said Robert Policano, product manager for Mercedes-Benz's Embrace infotainment system. "There's a lot of uncertainty, and everyone's approach is ever-evolving."

For each OEM, the basic decision about infotainment is this: whether to "embed" most of the enabling hardware and software for wireless communications into the infrastructure of the vehicle itself, essentially creating their own mobile devices -- or to minimize such integration and concentrate on producing the best possible interfaces with cell phones, smart phones and other appliances that consumers already are using and bringing with them into the vehicle.

Ford sits more or less at one end of the spectrum with SYNC, whose strength on a practical and marketing basis seems to be that the system makes it easy to use already-favorite wireless devices and programs in Ford's cars. Ford recently said 80 percent of potential customers report that a SYNC demonstration improves their opinion of Ford and 70 percent are more likely to consider purchase. And outside analysts are convinced that SYNC has become a big sales driver for hit models including Ford Fusion and Ford Focus.

"We're connecting you to apps you already know and love," said Julius Marchwicki, SYNC product manager for



Back in 1996, OnStar began with the now-famous button.

Nowadays, GM has equipped OnStar with new mobile applications.



Ford. "We want to integrate that connectivity into your vehicle."

On the other end of the scale is GM, which committed itself mainly to an embedded strategy nearly two decades ago with OnStar, building the service into its vehicles -- and basically has stuck with that approach since then. OnStar requires a subscription fee but handles everything for users on a voice-activated basis and, when required, with live human beings, from turn-by-turn navigation to help in a locked-out situation to emergency-services notification after a subscriber's accident. And OnStar doesn't require customers to carry anything with them into the vehicle or even do anything but press that magic OnStar button.

"We hold a unique place in the market in terms of understanding of communications within the vehicle," said Andrew Young, OnStar's marketing director.

Most other automakers say they're building infotainment platforms that include elements of both the "tethered" and embedded approaches.

Toyota, for example, has established a robust embedded platform to fuel the Safety Connect system which it launched last year as an option on many vehicles, similar to OnStar. Yet the company remains committed to creating interfaces that work with the communications and entertainment devices that consumers bring into its vehicles.

"We're really happy with our direction because we think we've cracked the best of both worlds," said Jon Bucci, vice president of advanced technology for Toyota Motor Sales USA.

BMW has been a leader in embedded communications for several years in its BMW-branded vehicles but, with its new Mini Countryman, will utilize the iPhone as the interface for accessing a menu of wireless services which will be called Mini Connected.

"The future offers a merged view of these things," Dance said. "The customer doesn't really care which way we go. They just want their functions -- whether it's safety and security or internet access -- and things that work."

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