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## CANTON CONNECTION Habitat meeting

Western Wayne County residents hoping to be a part of the American dream of owning a home can attend Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland, for potential homeowners.

The 60- to 90-minute session will include video presentation, overview of criteria to qualify, history of Habitat, question and answer segment and distribution of applications. Current homeowners will be on hand to talk about their experience.

The meeting is mandatory for people interested in participating in the Habitat for Humanity program.

Applicants also must reside in the Habitat of Western Wayne County's geographical service area — Belleville, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Huron Township, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Romulus, Sumpter, Taylor, Van Buren, Wayne and Westland.

For more information, call Habitat of Western Wayne County at (734) 459-7744.

## Father's Day run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run will be Sunday, June 20. Events will start at 7:30 a.m. in downtown Plymouth, and the YMCA is looking for volunteers.

For race information or to register visit [www.ymca-metrodetroit.org/plymouth](http://www.ymca-metrodetroit.org/plymouth). To volunteer, contact Cindy Moresky at [cmoresky@ymca-metrodetroit.org](mailto:cmoresky@ymca-metrodetroit.org) or call (734) 453-2904.

## Safe schools

In a cooperative effort between the Canton Police Department and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park staff, several end-of-the-school year procedures are being implemented on the high school campus to ensure the safety of students and staff.

"We would also like to remind residents that police officers will be utilizing a zero tolerance approach to minors consuming and/or being served alcoholic beverages at parties," Community Relations Sergeant Mark Gajeski says. "There are adults who think it is all right to let minors consume alcohol if they stay on their property, but it is unlawful in Michigan, and the adult/property owner will be charged along with the minors."

In addition, Canton Police Department has also notified area hotel owners of key dates throughout the graduation season, and reminded them that it is unlawful for persons under the age of 21 to consume alcoholic beverages on their property. To avoid being charged, hotel owners are encouraged to adopt a "no room rental to persons under the age of 21" policy, especially during prom and graduation season.



Lois Beerbaum, a volunteer at the new Hope Clinic in Wayne, makes her point during Thursday's meeting on health care in Canton.

# Study shows growing need for 'charity care'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at the Canton Community Foundation have thought for some time now there's a gap in health care in the community, particularly for "transitional" employees who've recently lost jobs and can't afford the care.

After hearing the findings of a study they commissioned last fall, they're even more convinced of the need for "charity health care" for uninsured or underinsured residents.

The CCF's "Charity Health Care Clinic Need Validation Project," conducted by students at the University of Michigan's Ross Business School, indicates there is a growing need for subsidized health care in the region. The results of the study were presented at a town hall meeting Thursday night at the Summit in Canton.

"Anecdotally, we thought there was a need, and the study validated that," said CCF President Joan Noricks. "Validating the need and figuring out how many people there are was the first step. The next step is to figure out how to do it."



Stephen Brown, an MBA candidate at U-M's Ross Business School, discusses the results of a study he helped do for the Canton Community Foundation.

In conducting the study, M.B.A. candidates Kyle Beeman and Stephen Brown said they talked to health professionals at existing clinics such as Hope Clinic (with branches in Ypsilanti and Wayne),

the Western Wayne Family Clinic and the Wayne County Health Department. They also talked to representatives of the two major health systems in the community — St. Joseph Mercy and Oakwood, to help determine the need.

What they found, they said, was that an estimated 4,000 to 6,000 Canton residents are uninsured, representing some 12 percent, they said, of the state's uninsured population.

The need gets even larger, Brown said, when the rest of western Wayne County is considered.

"The message we heard was there's a growing need in western Wayne County for services," Brown said. "More and more people are showing up and needing subsidized care."

The study kicks around a variety of potential solutions to the problem, from building a new clinic in Canton to partnering with existing clinics to establishing a voucher program that would allow Canton residents to seek health care from an existing facility.

Whichever solution is ultimately reached — and the CCF is talking

Please see **HEALTH CARE, A5**

# Plans call for more Cherry Hill homes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In what signals Canton's largest single spurt of residential development in five years, a local company plans to build 33 new homes in a Victorian-style section of Cherry Hill Village.

Canton-based Livonia Builders hopes to begin site work within days, amid projections of starting construction by late summer and building the homes within the next year southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, Danny Veri, a company partner, said.

"Our first 10 buyers should be in their homes by the end of this year," he said.

The company, working with Canton-based Breault Homes, plans to build the homes south of Jackson, between Roosevelt and Buchanan, expanding a village where construction began nine years ago and where the streets are named after U.S. presidents.

"We've actually seen a demand for new housing," township Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. "I think everybody is happy that development is continuing."

The new housing comes as Canton, caught in a nationwide economic downturn, witnessed a dramatic decline in new home construction since 2005, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Canton issued just 38 new home permits in all of 2009, Faas said, and even that low number ranked the township as the fifth-busiest community in southeast Michigan for housing construction.

Prior to 2005, Faas said, Canton had typically issued permits for 1,000 to 1,200 homes each year.

Please see **CHERRY HILL, A5**



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A new wave of construction is coming this fall to Cherry Hill Village, where some new homes already are going up.

# Photographer honored with grand marshal spot

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Scoop the Newshound, the Observer Newspapers mascot, will be on hand as Canton Liberty Fest opens with its preview night Thursday. Starting around 5 p.m., Scoop will be handing out pizza coupons. Look for Scoop near the Heritage Park Amphitheater.

At age 89, with camera in hand, photographer Dick Swisher has earned a reputation for snapping pictures of Liberty Fest and other Canton events — celebrating the moments and capturing them for history.

When this year's Liberty Fest parade moves along Ford Road, Swisher himself will be in the spotlight as the grand marshal.

"How I'm going to be a grand marshal and take pictures is beyond me," he said.

Swisher, a part-time Canton Leisure Services photographer, will be grand marshal during the parade at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19. It starts in front of the Super Bowl, a bowling center on Ford east of Canton Center, and travels to the area of Outback Steakhouse, just west of Lilley.



Swisher

Swisher was appointed grand marshal by the Canton Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday night — the same night a crowd of people packed the board meeting room to celebrate his formal recognition by elected leaders.

"Dick is always present at special events and ready with his camera in hand to capture Canton's essence," Trustee John Anthony said, reading from a formal resolution in honor of Swisher. "As a staff photographer, Dick has become a vital part of the organization, sharing his outstanding talents and keen eye."

Anthony took pride in reading the resolution because Swisher is a grandfather to Anthony's daughter-in-law, Karen Anthony, who is married to Anthony's son, John Anthony IV.

Swisher began working for the township 10 years ago as a building attendant, but his current position is park ranger while he is on special assignment as Canton Leisure Services staff photographer. His pictures are used in promotional brochures and other places where Canton events are documented.

Anthony, reading from the resolution, said Swisher's commitment and loyalty to his job have "always shone brightly." Moreover, he said, "Dick has demonstrated his profound dedication to Leisure Services and the Canton community by utilizing his outstanding photography skills to capture significant moments and create memories while preserving Canton's history in pictures."

The ceremony ended with the crowd rising to its feet in a show of support for Swisher.

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### Wine and dine

The Pheasant Run Golf Club has a special Father's Day gift idea that Mom can enjoy too - its popular "9, Wine & Dine" golf and dinner package on Friday, July 30.

The package features a nine-hole golf scramble followed by a gourmet strolling dinner with unique wine pairings at the Summit on the Park. A wine sommelier will be on-site to provide insights on the wine offerings.

The cost is \$70 per couple for Pheasant Run Golf Club members or \$90 per couple for non-members.

"This is a great opportunity for couples to get out on the golf course together and then enjoy a relaxing gourmet dinner and delicious wines following their round," said Emily Lee, sales manager at Summit on the Park. "The '9, Wine & Dine' promotion is one of our most popular and successful events of the season."

Golf begins with a 5:30 p.m. shotgun start. For reservations, call the Pheasant Run pro shop at 734-397-6460.

Pheasant Run is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton Township. The Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center is located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

### Car wash

The Canton High School Cheerleaders Booster Club sponsors a fund-raising car wash 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 Canton Center, in Canton.

Customers at the car wash will receive a coupon for a free appetizer at Rose's (with the purchase of an entrée) for every car wash purchased.

### Mexican grill

El Fuego Fresh Mexican Grill features both Baja California-style Mexican food and traditional Mexican cuisine. The menu features Baja Beach Bucket dinners.

The restaurant, located in the space where Canton Family Restaurant used to be, offers a Sunday brunch and is also open for breakfast.

El Fuego is located at 45380 Hanford in Canton, a block north of Ford Road.

For more information, call owner Mike Braeult, (734) 414-1850.

### Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club's foundation is having its annual "dream vacation raffle."

The cost of the ticket is \$10, with a \$3,000, all-inclusive trip to anywhere in the world up for grabs.

All profits will go into the club's foundation for use in community and world programs, including high school scholarships, The Salvation Army, Goodfellows, senior citizens, literacy, fighting polio, clean water and health.

Tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the Farmer's Market each Sunday through June 13. Also look for the sign at your local business where a ticket maybe purchased.

For any ticket information, contact Gerry Folk at (734) 455-3344.

### 'Phantom' auditions

8th Wonder Theatre invites ALL actors to attend an open audition for one or both of these musicals: Blackwater Ballad or "Phantom" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton June 14 or June 15, 6-10 p.m., with callbacks on June 16 from 6-9 p.m. There are paid positions available for equity and non-equity actors.

Auditions and performances will take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 50400 Cherry Hill (at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge) in Canton.

Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections. These selections should be contemporary and can be either musical theatre or pop.

8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience (including Broadway veterans) and

faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University.

For more information visit [www.8thwondertheatre.com](http://www.8thwondertheatre.com) or call Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316, [ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com](mailto:ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com)

### Cheer clinic

The Canton High School Cheerleading "Summer Kids Cheer Clinic" takes place Monday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.) at Phase III-Canton Gym.

The clinic is open to kids ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Participants should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen.

Cost is \$50 (\$90 for two family members, \$120 for three), which includes the clinic, lunch, afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag. Registration deadline is June 11.

For more information, e-mail [allikl62@gmail.com](mailto:allikl62@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.cantoncheerleading.com](http://www.cantoncheerleading.com)

### Summer Camp

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will have Preschool Summer Camp for four weeks beginning on Monday, July 12, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. Camp will meet in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30. Two-day and four-day options are available, depending on your preschooler's age.

In the three-year-old and young four's class, the weekly themes will be: I am Special/a Super Hero, Treasure Island and Exploring Nature, Science Spectacular and Water Works, and Transportation and Space.

In the older four's class and five-year-old class, the weekly themes will be: Digging in the Dirt, Treasure Island, Exploring Nature, and Playing it Safe.

All classes are taught by certified teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at (734) 416-6190 or visit the department's website at [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood) for a Summer Camp Application.



### Rockets' red glare

The Canton community once again awaits the 2010 Liberty Fest fireworks display set for Saturday, June 19. This annual tradition will mark the end of the 19th annual Liberty Fest community celebration, which takes place June 17-19 in Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton's Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Summit Parkway. This year's show is scheduled to light up the sky starting at 10:10 p.m. and is expected to last at least 30 minutes.

### Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. We offer classes for two-, three- and four-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more informa-

tion at 734-416-6190 or visit [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood).

### Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6-years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road In Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

"Our program is especially designed to meet the development needs of young children," said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and play."

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org). Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

### Spanish camp

Students in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Bilingual Fun for a week long day camp 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at Praise Baptist Church.

Children will learn Spanish through thematic activities, music, movement, hands on activities, cultural crafts, outdoor play, and the week ends with a Fiesta! Registration is now open.

Contact Bilingual Fun at [info@bilingualfun.com](mailto:info@bilingualfun.com) or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

### Chieffette fund-raiser

Buffalo Wild Wings of Canton sponsors a fund raiser for the Canton High School Chieffettes Pom Pon team 5-9 p.m. June 23. During this time, 20 percent of qualifying purchases will be donated to the squad by BW3 by presenting an event sponsor form.

Forms are available at [www.cantonchieffettes.com](http://www.cantonchieffettes.com) (no forms will be available at the restaurant). Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 41980 Ford Road in the Willow Creek Shopping Center.

### New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4- 6 year olds this fall.

This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an enrichment bilingual program.

Contact: [membership@plymouthnursery.org](mailto:membership@plymouthnursery.org) or call (734) 455-6250. Membership applications are available at [www.plymouthnursery.org](http://www.plymouthnursery.org)

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# Input has district rethinking policy shift

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are reconsidering their stand on a policy shift they've been considering to provide broader control over student publications after school board members and administrators received letters from outside the district's boundaries criticizing what appeared to be a move toward more censorship.

The Student Press Law Center, a student journalism advocacy group headquartered in Arlington, Va., and the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan wrote letters to trustees on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, urging them to reconsider a policy shift that would alter the way journalistic forums within the district are governed.

The recommendation came from NEOLA, the policy consultant used by the district, as a change to the policy covering school-sponsored publications and productions.

The change would designate Plymouth-Canton publications such as *Perspective*, the district newspaper, as nonpublic forums, giving administrators more power over what can be printed, played or expressed

over forums such as WSDP 88.1FM, the student-run radio station, plays performed by the drama department and even the content of morning announcements.

Adopting the more-stringent option suggested by NEOLA "would be a terrible mistake on many levels, legally and educationally," according to Frank LoMonte, executive director of the SPLC.

"In the first place, making a drastic policy change in your district would be the epitome of fixing something that is not broken," LoMonte wrote. "The *Perspective* is an outstanding student newspaper with a long tradition of producing successful graduates. Tampering with something that successful — a vehicle that actually gets teenagers enthusiastic about writing — should be done only where there is a compelling reason for change, not just a speculative fear."

LoMonte said "ratcheting up the level of censorship" could lead to students taking discussions, particularly negative ones, about school conditions online to social networking sites where school administrators would have far less, if any, control over them.

"When students discuss the school on social-networking sites, none of the values and

principles of sound journalism apply," LoMonte wrote. "They need not check their facts, correct their mistakes, sign their real names or publish letters with opposing points of view."

"When you stifle controversial viewpoints, you do not eliminate dissent — you just relocate it," he said. "If you want to fuel the proliferation of 'my\_school\_sucks-dot-com' websites, then you should continue along your present course."

Instead, LoMonte urged the board to take a more liberal approach, as was done in Birmingham schools, where the board eschewed the two more restrictive NEOLA options in favor of a more balanced policy," LoMonte wrote.

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member John Jackson, who chairs the board's policy committee, said the letters, and especially input board members have gotten from teachers and oth-

ers within the district, has the administration reconsidering its options.

"We feel as though we've had good legal advice, (but) we don't want to infringe on students' free speech," Jackson said. "I'd like to take a couple steps back and systematically look through the reasons for the policy, what our counsel has said, what we've heard from others and put it all together and make sure we come up with a solid policy that does what we need to have it do."

The new policy, if adopted, applies to "school-sponsored media" such as *Perspective*, 88.1, yearbooks, playbills, blogs, library journals, theatrical productions and video and audio productions. It also extends to posters, pamphlets, and school-sponsored clothing such as T-shirts.

The policy prohibits content that is deemed defamatory, libelous, obscene or harmful to juveniles and speech "likely to

cause substantial disruption of or material interference with ... the educational process."

The biggest change, though, is the addition of a provision that provides for pre-publication review by administrators including the building principal — in this case likely Park Principal Bill Zolkowski — and district Superintendent Craig Fiegel. The policy allows those administrators "prior review and restraint" of the publications.

Plymouth-Canton administrators have said the district is seeking neither to hinder students' rights nor censor their opinions.

"What people are concerned about is 'Big Brother' censoring what kids are doing," said Bob Hayes, the district's director of student services. "That's not our intent."

In a letter to the district, ACLU of Michigan board member Loren Khogali pointed out the U.S. Supreme Court has "reiterated that students

'do not shed their constitutional rights of freedom of speech or expression at the school-house door.'

"I am greatly troubled by the fact that all of (NEOLA's recommendations) infringe on the students' rights under the First Amendment," Khogali wrote. "The sweeping language of the proposed policies allow censorship beyond that driven by educational purposes and threaten the First Amendment rights of the students."

During several Board of Education meeting discussions on the topic, Hayes said very little would actually change in how the district monitors its student publications.

"The intent is to make sure any copy sent out reflects academic excellence, and keep out objectionable content," said Hayes. "We want to teach students the responsibility that goes along with a free press."

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## Teachers hailed for going extra mile

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even as Cyndi Burnstein was accepting a Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday, she was crediting the guy who nominated her with all the success.

But the board was having none of it, and honored Burnstein, an English teacher at Salem High School.

It was the first of two Extra Miler awards handed out by the board, which also honored Plymouth High School special education teacher Renee Schmoekel.

Teacher consultant Jeff Crockett, who nominated Burnstein, lauded her efforts in obtaining grants, her pioneering the implementation of Projected Based Learning including a Shakespeare partnership with Bird Elementary School, and her service on district committees over her career, most recently the administration realignment task force.

Burnstein, Crockett noted, presented three times at the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning conference at the Michigan Integrated Technology Support Institute, and has been the teacher-leader for the Smaller Learning Communities and created a "successful, innovative model for the eighth-grade transition to high school."

Burnstein even volunteered to make costumes for student



English teacher Cyndi Burnstein accepts the Mary Beth Carroll Award from Plymouth-Canton Board of Education treasurer Judy Mardigian.



Special education teacher Renee Schmoekel (right) and Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustee Adrienne Davis share a laugh as Schmoekel accepts the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award.

performances at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It's all about engagement and student achievement,"

said Crockett, who pointed out he and Burnstein went to elementary school together. "If I could put (Burnstein) into a few phrases, it would be this: She leaps and then looks for the safety net."

But all Burnstein wanted to do was credit Crockett.

"Although Jeff nominated me, he really deserves the award," Burnstein said. "It's important to Jeff that kids can learn 24/7, because that's how kids learn these days."

How kids learn is especially important to Schmoekel, who works with special-needs students, particularly those with autism.

Nominated by board member Adrienne Davis, Schmoekel was hailed for being innovative and seeking new ideas, being well-versed in the autism community with many resources and relationships.

"Renee really embodies what the award is all about," Davis said. "Renee not only goes the extra mile, she's usually got two or three people she's picking up and taking with her. She advocates for each child as if they're her own child."

Julie Woodhams, the district's director for special services, said Schmoekel is the type of employee who only comes along "every once in awhile."

"She keeps us laughing and we love that," Woodhams said. "She is beyond passionate about her work. We call her own 'human Google' about autism."

For her part, Schmoekel said she's happy to be a part of the team.

"We do wonderful things with kids," Schmoekel said. "I love working with students. I just love my job."

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## ON CAMPUS

### Research grant

Adrienne Gibson of Canton received a \$3,500 grant to conduct student research at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. The Institute, a Biological Field Station located south of Hastings, Mich., recently awarded 18 grants to fund 11 research projects through the Undergraduate Research Grants for the Environment program.



Gibson

The URGE program provides a \$3,500 stipend for students conducting summer research at the Institute, along with up to a

\$3,500 faculty mentor stipend that can be used for equipment purchases, general expenses, travel, or training needed for conducting the research project. Additionally, each grant award allows for up to \$4,000 in room and board expenses for the student and faculty mentor.

Gibson and her research partner, Lauren Villalobos, along with their mentor, Dr. Eric Snyder, are examining how the aquatic communities are responding to the removal of the dam on the Thronapple River in Barry County, Michigan.

Gibson is a junior and biology major at Grand Valley State University. She is a 2008 graduate of Canton High School. She is the daughter of Mary Kay and Cedric Gibson of Canton.

### Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University announced its Dean's List for the Winter 2010 semester.

Bryanne Bellovary of Canton made the list with a grade-point average of 4.0.

Two Canton students - Amy Markey and Ashley Olson - and two Plymouth students

- Rachel Pawlowski and Kathryn Shepherd - made the list with grade-point averages between 3.25 and 3.99.

### Bucknell University

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Allison M. Janda, a 2006 graduate of Salem High School, and her sister, Kathryn Janda, a 2009 graduate of Salem High School, both made the list. They are the daughters of David and Elizabeth Janda of Plymouth.

Allison Janda graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Chemistry and departmental honors in Economics. A member of Phi Beta Kappa national honor society, Janda received the William C. Gretzinger Prize for the highest standing in economics and the Samuel Lewis Ziegler Prize for best exemplifying the goal of a premedical education.

### Washington and Lee

Robert Edwin Dean II received the juris doctor degree from Washington and Lee University during commencement exercises for the School of Law.

Dean was among 123 students receiving their J.D. and two receiving their LL.M. during the ceremonies held on Washington and Lee's historic Front Lawn.

### Harding University

Emily Stone of Canton is among the Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the spring semester. Stone is a sophomore double-majoring in Spanish and missions.

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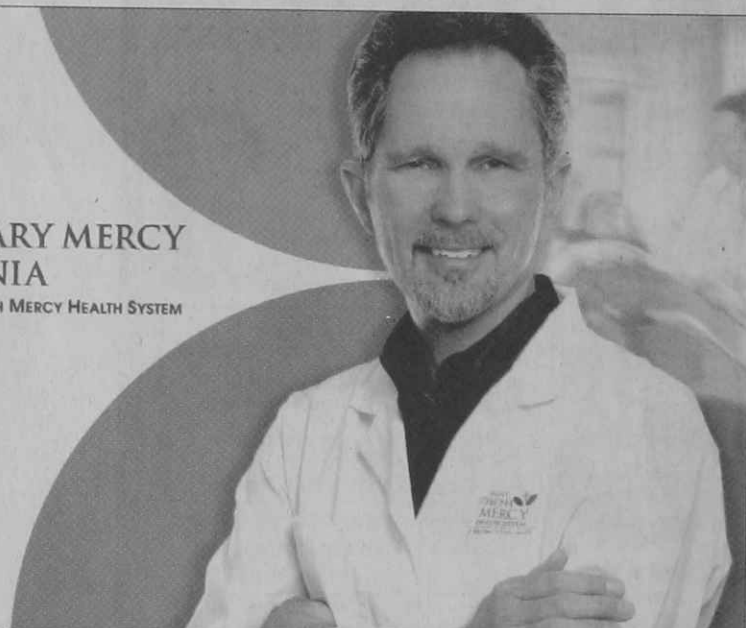
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## HEALTH CARE

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about forming a task force to find a solution — the result is likely to cost the CCF an estimated \$1.6 to \$5.4 million. That's why partnerships would be important, the consultants agreed.

"Partnerships with multiple programs is going to have the largest impact and make this program as strong as it can be," Beeman said.

According to the study, Canton residents spend an estimated \$8 million to \$12 million in uncompensated care — that is, care not covered by insurance carriers. The bulk of that — some \$6.5 million, according to the study — comes in the form of specialty care, or care such as follow-up to surgery or pharmaceutical needs.

"Specialty care is one of the big groups in charity care," Brown said. "It's very difficult to find that kind of care."

To sustain funding for any assistance program the CCF, according to the study, would need to look at:

- Taking advantage of part of some \$11 billion in federal funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
- Fund-raising activities.

The study points out this isn't generally considered a viable source of funding for free clinics, although contributions could be in-kind, such as doctors' services and office space.

- Finding hospitals willing to be business partners.
- Possibly seeking donations from Canton residents once they're back on their feet.

"Some of these individuals are going to be between jobs (when they seek uncompensated care)," Beeman said. "As they move on and re-establish themselves, there may be some support in an effort to 'pay it back.'"

Whatever the solution, consensus Thursday seemed to be that partnerships would be one of the key ingredients, particularly with the two major health-care systems — St. Joseph Mercy and Oakwood — in the area.

According to Oakwood's Carla O'Malley, the health system's uncompensated care costs have tripled the last three

years, with significant increases in uninsured and underinsured patients seeking care.

"Absolutely Oakwood has an interest," O'Malley said of potential partnerships. "For one thing, it's our mission, but our interest is in delivering the right care to fill the need. No single agency is going to be able to do this alone."

Noricks said the study was done to assess the need in Canton, but what it showed was the growing need even outside Canton's township limits. She said the task force will take boundaries into consideration in developing a plan to combat the problem.

"You have to start someplace, so Canton is where we started," Noricks said. "(But) there's a real opportunity for philanthropic services outside of Canton."

Complete results of the study can be found on the Canton Community Foundation's website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

## CHERRY HILL

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The projected price for the new homes is expected to start around \$180,000, Veri said, and he is confident there is a market for new houses in Cherry Hill Village, where sporadic construction has continued despite a market slump.

"The homes sell because Canton is a good community to live in and work in," Veri said.

The company received final site plan approval Tuesday night from an enthusiastic Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Livonia Builders and Breault Homes plan to construct 21 cottage-style homes that range in size from roughly 1,400 to 2,000 square feet with a 40-foot lot width. The remaining 12 village-style homes are larger, approximately 1,800 to 2,200 square feet with a lot width of 55 feet, Veri said.

Most homes have a lot depth of around 100 feet.

The two-story houses will be built on a nearly six-acre site. The new housing is less intensive than an earlier, preliminary site plan that called for 52 residences, including 32 attached condominiums in six buildings, 15 cottage homes and only five village units.

Since new development in Cherry Hill Village began nearly a decade ago, Goulet said, the area has seen 750 residences built, including 350 homes southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge, 100 houses in the River's Edge community to the west, and about 300 apartments in the Uptown area north of Cherry Hill Road.

Although Canton — like other communities — has seen a rapid decline in home values, Faas said new construction can only help Cherry Hill Village.

"At the very least, it helps stabilize values when there's new growth," he said.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has served as one of the focal points of the community, luring audiences to a wide array of performances.

Some business owners along the Cherry Hill Road business strip — and some residents, as well — have held out hope for more commercial growth, such as a grocery store.

Business growth has proved elusive amid the economic downturn and financing difficulties, according to township officials, but Goulet said there are signs that one new business — a convenience mart selling pizza and other items — may locate in a vacancy on the south side of Cherry Hill Road.

While local officials remain hopeful of more sustained commercial growth in the village, Faas said the new round of housing development will likely only benefit existing businesses.

"More rooftops here means more business for them," he said.



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Cherry Hill Village, southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, is on the drawing board for 33 new homes.

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# Church plants garden to fight hunger

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton church has started a small garden to fight a big problem.

Grace Lutheran Church volunteers have planted tomatoes, sweet peppers, bush green beans and peas in their first community garden, and they plan to turn their harvest over to food banks struggling to feed a growing number of hungry people.

Pastor Steve Newton and several volunteers at Grace Lutheran, on Warren west of Canton Center, planted their garden after Newton read an inspiring article in a religious outreach magazine.

"We're a small church," he said, "but we've got big hearts."

Grace Lutheran has nearly 100 members and typically draws about 50 people to its services, Newton said. They come from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Belleville.

Church member Ken Witt of Canton has volunteered to serve as leader of the garden endeavor.

"There are so many people out there in need," he said. "So many people are out of work."

Grace Lutheran volunteers

realize their garden will not provide massive relief for people in need, but they believe the cumulative effect of small endeavors like theirs can, indeed, make a difference.

"I felt the Lord was pressing on my heart to do something," Newton said.

It isn't the first time.

Newton, who grew up on Detroit's east side, said he left his job as a General Motors Corp. engineer and entered a four-year program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., in 2004. Newton, a father of two, said his decision was supported by his wife, Sharon.

"I felt that God wanted me to serve," he said.

Newton had an internship in Nebraska before returning to Michigan to lead Grace Lutheran, part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Grace Lutheran sits on three acres in Canton, but Newton said church volunteers decided to start with only a small garden. Already, volunteers are eager to see how well their project blossoms.

"Our hope," Newton said, "is that we can help some of the people who are in need."

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Steve Newton poses near some of the tomato plants his church members have planted.

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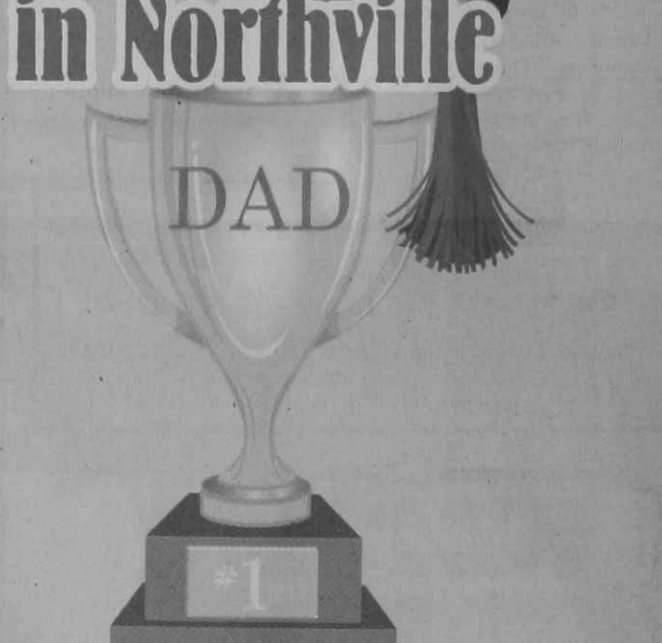


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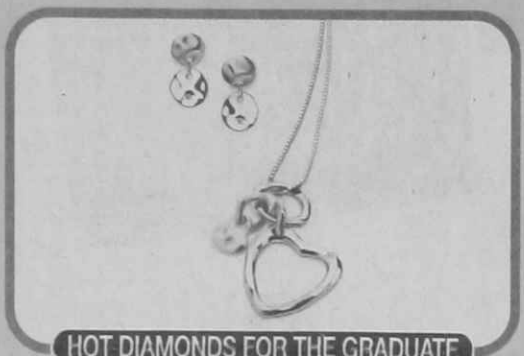
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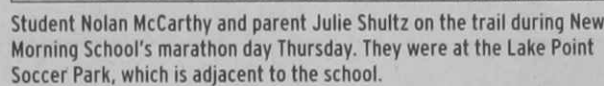
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# W-W explores partnership with Chinese university

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

East met West in a conference room in Westland Tuesday morning as school officials and Chinese university representatives got together to talk about a possible partnership.

The unusual conversation took place over the Internet and linked educators from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and officials and students from Mianyang Normal University, located in China's Szechuan Province.

"There seems to be a genuine interest in partnering with us and it seems there are people desirous of teaching Chinese to our kids," said Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit who participated in the hourlong discussion. "I'm enthusiastic about it. It's a real good opportunity for our district to get

involved in the initial phase to offer Chinese to our students."

Specifically, the language is Mandarin Chinese, which, according to educational consultant Tom Watkins, is "spoken by one-fifth of all humanity." The exploratory discussion centered on creating a partnership in which Mianyang University would send student teachers to Wayne-Westland to teach Mandarin Chinese.

"Think how powerful it would be to develop a relationship with a university that prepares Chinese teachers to teach Chinese to non-Chinese speaking individuals," said Watkins who is an honorary professor at Mianyang University. "If that can be set up, Wayne-Westland could have a very solid exchange program and people for quality teaching."

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, the interest is there on both



Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit (from left), Superintendent Greg Baracy, educational consultant Tom Watkins, Paul Salah, senior executive director for instruction, and consultant Koralo Chen participate in a Skype conference with officials of Mianyang Normal University in Szechuan, China.

ends of the Internet connection. The university president, professors and students want to come to this country to teach Chinese, and a partnership would allow the district to offer it to its students.

"If you look at the information about the future, Mandarin Chinese is going to become the language our students are going to need," he said.

The discussion is aimed at setting up a program that will be long-term, ongoing and advantageous to Wayne-

Westland students, according to Watkins. Szechuan Province has a sister province relationship with Michigan, and Mianyang University is looking for a similar relationship that will be "mutually beneficial."

"We have to build bridges with China that are educational, manufacturing based, cultural and academic," said Watkins. "Children in Wayne-Westland are no longer competing against the children sitting next to them or living in Livonia, they're competing against the children of the world. They have to have a knowledge of the fastest growing country in the world to better compete."

If the partnership was developed and all of the pieces fell into place, Wayne-Westland would join a handful of Wayne County school districts that offer Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language.

"We'll have to talk to the unions, we'll have present it to the community as another option for our students," said Monit. "China needs to be a country we need to understand. We need to know about their culture and we need to know their language."

Watkins added that Baracy "is sensitive to how to do it and do it right."

Admittedly, the district is in a difficult financial position, but Watkins believes the exchange program would have low cost or no cost for the district. The students' teachers possibly could come with stipends and require host families to house them.

"In the next 20-30 years China will eclipse the United States," Watkins said. "The smart schools, individuals, communities and states are making the connection now."

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# Up-to-date estate plan can avoid fights

**Q:** Dear Rick: I read about actor Gary Coleman and how there are fights over his estate. It seems I'm always reading something about fights when famous people die. Are fights over estates common when average everyday people die? What's the best way to prevent them?

**A:** Unfortunately, it happens all the time to everyday people. I believe the number of fights within families has increased substantially.

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you factor all this into consideration, there are more fights and disputes upon death than ever before.

I wish I could say there is a sure fire way to avoid

modern family is more intricate. It's no longer unusual for someone to have been married more than once and to have children from a variety of different relationships. When

fights and family disputes upon death, but there is none. However, there are ways to reduce the chances of having a family fight.

The best way to reduce the chance of dispute is to have an up-to-date estate plan. A plan that reflects your current situation.

Fights within families occur because an estate plans has not been updated for years. Having an up-to-date estate plan is a key ingredient in reducing family disputes.

Those who have an estate plan, should review it when there is any change in your

family situation such as a birth or marriage of an adult child. In addition, if your financial situation changes dramatically then it also makes sense to review your estate plan. At a minimum, an estate plan should be reviewed every two to three years. The number one reason to do an estate plan is to prevent family disputes upon death. It's probably one of the greatest legacies you can leave your family.

Many people assume that good estate planning means doing wills and trusts and other legal documents. Although these are valuable in

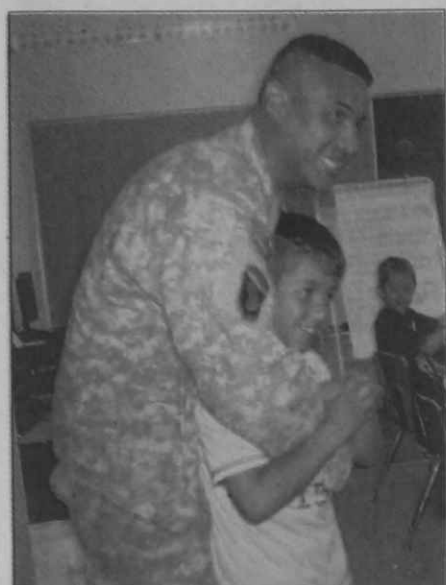
many situations, not everyone needs a trust. Everyone does need a document locator — a road map for your loved ones. If something happens to you, your loved ones should be able to pull out a list to help them locate your assets, locate your legal documents and know who your advisers have been.

It is amazing how much time and money is wasted upon death trying to locate a deceased person's assets. You don't need a lawyer or fancy software to do. It can be as simple as a handwritten document.

When it comes to estate planning, everyone's goals should be to make things as easy as possible for the beneficiaries. That is why it is important to keep a plan current. An estate plan that's out of date may cause more problems and aggravations than not having a plan. Good luck!

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## Home on leave, soldier surprises son at school



U.S. Army Sgt. Juan Hernandez hugs his son, Juan, after arriving home on leave two months early from Iraq and surprising him at school.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joe Schiffman, principal at Botsford Elementary in Livonia, knocked on the door and walked into Mrs. Nelson's third-grade class Thursday afternoon.

"We have a special visitor today," Schiffman said.

U.S. Army Sgt. Juan Hernandez walked in behind Schiffman, and his son, Juan, jumped out of his chair, and gave his Dad a big-time bear hug. Sgt. Hernandez returned the embrace as a father and his family planned to enjoy 15 days of R&R for the Army sergeant.

Hernandez had just arrived at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, where his wife, Michelle, picked him up. Hernandez had flown to Detroit from Wiesbaden in Germany after leaving Iraq.

"They bumped my leave up," Hernandez said. Hernandez wasn't supposed to be home on leave until August so young Juan received a surprise with

his father's arrival.

Hernandez, now serving on his third tour, has served six months in Iraq and will serve another six months there.

For now, it was time out from the war and time in for family.

Juan was happy to see his father. He shrugged his shoulders when he was asked what he wanted to do with his father that day.

The sergeant smiled when he was asked the same question about what activities the two of them like to do. "Play video games, play baseball and go swimming," Hernandez said. "We'll probably go swimming. It gets pretty hot in Iraq."

Wife Michelle said she expects Juan and her to spend some family time together with Juan, Xavier, 2, and 6-month-old Arianna.

Michelle said the children talk to Juan every day he is in Iraq. "They talk to each other with the computer with a Web cam so they see him every day," Michelle said.

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Basket Kreations owner Stella Delap shows off some of the store's 'made in Michigan' products. The store, on Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth, celebrates its 21st anniversary with a party on Thursday.

## Gift shop plans 21st anniversary celebration

Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations Gift Shoppe in Downtown Plymouth has seen a lot of ups and downs over the last 21 years. Since starting the business out of her basement, she has survived a recession, a collapsed roof, relocation, and now a streetscape construction project but she stays inspired by the happiness her gifts and gift baskets bring to their recipients.

Delap will celebrate the store's 21 years with cake, prizes and other fun surprises 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the store's location on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

"People said I was crazy," she said. "In 1989, times were not good. I had left my professional job years before to have my two boys. They were getting older and I wanted to do something more, but I also wanted the flexibility to be there for them when they needed me. Finding a happy medium between work and home when your kids are little is not easy. I didn't know where I could find a job like that so I decided to create my own."

She heard about the idea of baskets while researching ideas in Entrepreneur magazine.

"It reminded me of when I was younger, Watching my mom create these fabulous baskets for people," Delap said "She would give them as

gifts to family and friends and sometimes make things up for people in need. She took time with them and made every little detail so beautiful.

"The look on a person's face when they opened those lovely baskets full of goodies--you could see she had made a difference to that person with her gift," Delap added. "She could make a person's day with a basket! She passed away in 1983, a few years before I opened the business."

Delap originally set up shop in her basement and hosted home parties.

"It seems so simple to tell it now but looking back 21 years, I would get the kids off to school and build baskets, then build some more after I tucked them into bed," she said. "Sometimes the kids would even help. When times got busy I would hire all of the mothers in school to coordinate deliveries. The way it all worked it's hard to believe."

By Christmastime the baskets had taken over her garage and the whole house was overflowing. She decided to open her first storefront in Canton Township at Joy and Lilley in Golden Gate Plaza with Bob's of Canton.

Then in January 1999, she was on a buying trip in Atlanta when her husband called to tell her that there had been a major

snowstorm, the roof collapsed on the shopping center and all of the stores were condemned.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I immediately began looking for a new location. I contacted my current landlord who was wonderful getting me into this space right away. We opened here on Forest Ave in February 1999.

"Little did I know at the time that what appeared to be a tragedy was really a blessing in disguise," Delap said, "I attribute a portion of my lasting success to finding this location in Downtown Plymouth. The Chamber of Commerce, the DDA, the other merchants and all of the events that bring people make it a great environment to do business."

Delap said she's "excited" for the store's June 17 anniversary party.

"It's going to be great fun to see old faces and new friends and to reminisce a little about everything that has happened over the years," she said. "We'll definitely be celebrating our good fortune and the hope that there will be another 21 wonderful years to come."

Basket Kreations is located at 550 Forest, #10. For more information e-mail [basketkreations@gmail.com](mailto:basketkreations@gmail.com) or call (734) 354-9156. The store can also be found on the Web at [www.basketkreationsandgifts.com](http://www.basketkreationsandgifts.com).

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# The first win is the sweetest

Wildcats nab D1 regional, first-ever victory over Canton

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You can add Canton to the list of strong girls soccer teams that Plymouth junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams had all the answers for.

Williams — showing no fear time and again as she raced out into traffic to get to balls before the Chiefs did — backstopped the Wildcats to a 1-0 victory in Thursday's Division 1 regional final at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass soccer field.

An overtime goal by freshman midfielder Zoe Foster was all Williams and the rest of the team needed, as Plymouth knocked off Canton for the first time in school history. As a result, the Wildcats (14-4-4) move on to Wednesday's D1 semifinal while the 17-2-3 Chiefs go home.

"It's pretty amazing to me because Plymouth has been that no-name, like one of those 'Oh, they should be good' schools, but they never quite get through," said Williams following the contest. "And finally this year is our year to get through."

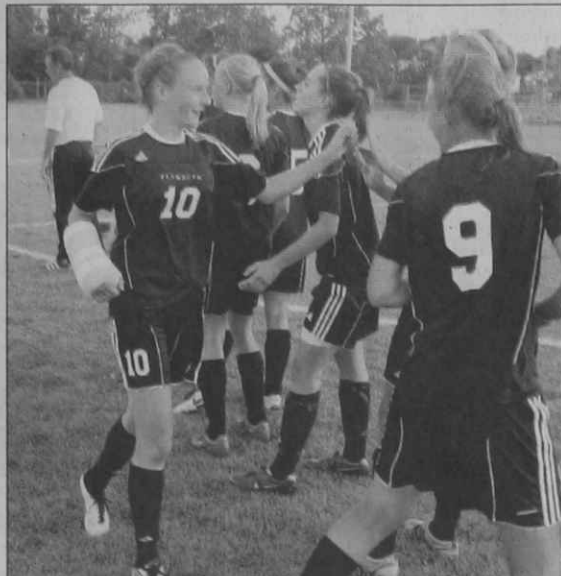
"And we cannot believe it right now, we just stand around and we're like 'Guys, we're Top-4 in the state right now.'"

Williams last week shocked No. 3-ranked Northville and Salem in the districts and followed up with Tuesday's regional win over Dearborn. All of the wins were 1-0, with two games decided by penalty kicks.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich could barely get the words out, with the thrill of the moment overwhelming him.

"It's been mushrooming, just getting better and better and better," Neschich said. "Exclamation point," he added about picking a regional final to get that elusive first win over Canton.

Canton head coach George Tomasso, whose team won the division, association and districts with a deep, tal-



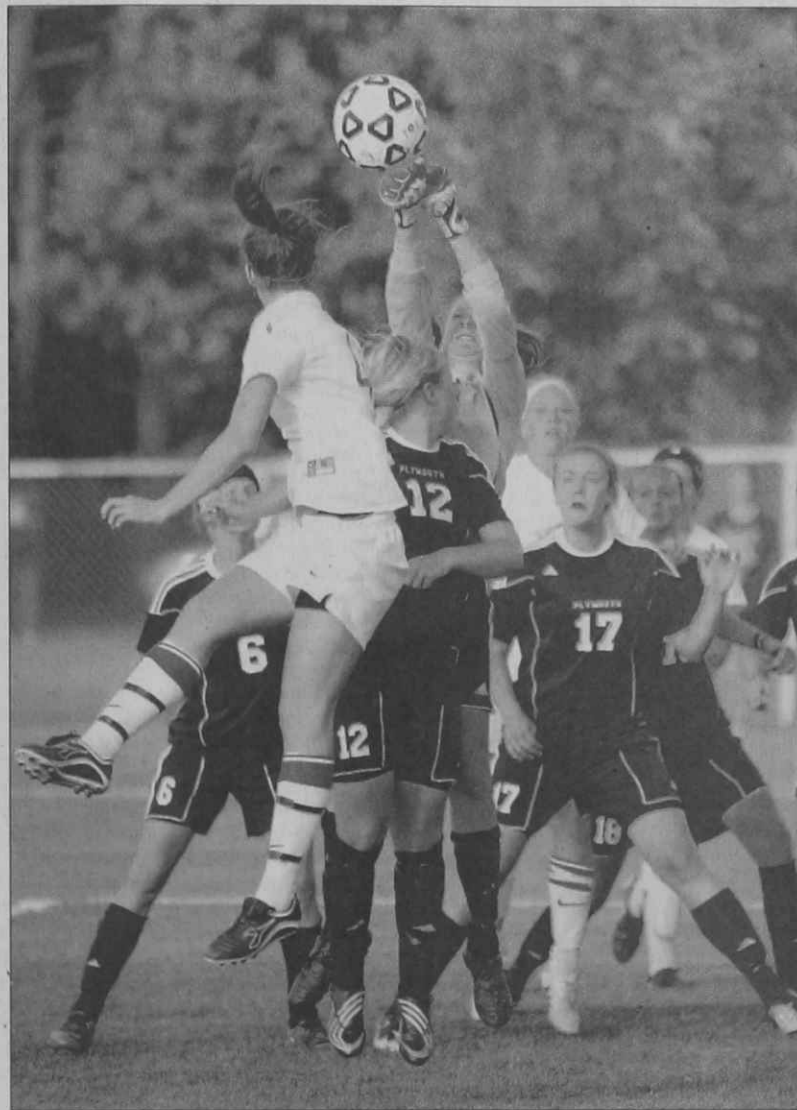
Plymouth freshman midfielder Zoe Foster (No. 10) celebrates with teammates following Thursday's regional final victory over Canton. Foster scored the winning goal in overtime. At right is senior midfielder Jessica Heck (No. 9).

ented roster, said there were enough scoring opportunities to win.

"It's just a shame that the ball didn't find the way into the back of the net," Tomasso said.

But he didn't hesitate to praise his squad, especially his eight seniors who came up two victories short of the coveted state championship.

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PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

The key to Plymouth's regional championship, junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, goes high above the crowd to snag the ball during Thursday's regional final.

## TOP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR PT. 1

# Winning's the thing for Canton trio

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether Kevin Delapaz is staring down an enemy batter from the pitcher's mound or doing the same to onrushing defensive linemen, it is obvious the Canton senior will do whatever he can to win that moment — and ultimately win the game for his team.

Ditto that for seniors Alyssa Cottrell and Lindsey Winters, among key contributors to the highly successful girls basketball and girls soccer teams they have suited up for during 2009-10.

Delapaz, the lefthanded-throwing pitcher and quarterback for Canton's just-as-successful baseball and football squads, recently earned Top Male Athlete of the Year honors at the high school while Cottrell and Winters shared Top Female Athlete honors.

All three underscore why there have been so many conference, district and regional championships at Canton all year — they are outstanding athletes and student leaders who get the most out of themselves and their teammates.

"I think it's deserving, he's a great kid, he's great in the classroom," said Chiefs baseball coach Mark Blomshield. "I've coached him for a long time, I've had him for four years now."

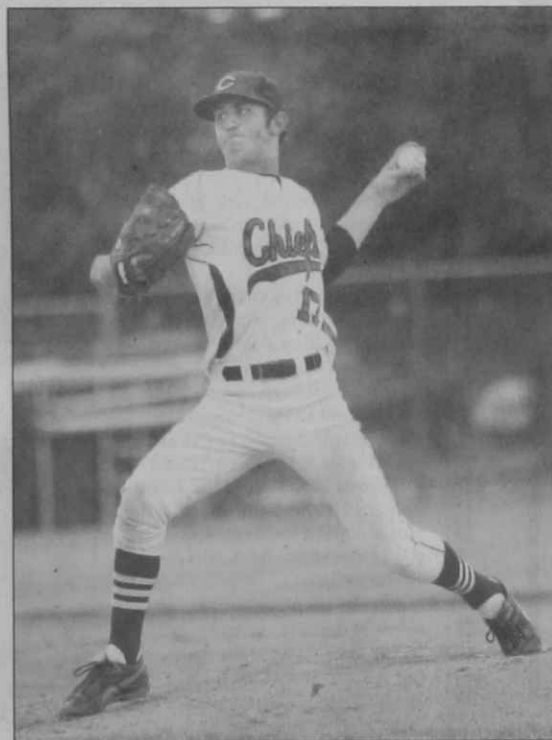
"And he's such a respectful kid, 'Yes sir, No sir.' He's one of the best athletes I've ever coached and one of the best human beings I've ever coached."

Brian Samulski, who coached Canton's girls basketball team to the Final Four in '09-10 in large part to the all-around contributions of Cottrell and Winters, called them outstanding student-athletes and "even better people."

"They've had huge impacts on both the soccer and basketball programs at Canton High School the past four years," Samulski said. "It was a true honor for me to coach them the past four years and both will truly be missed."

Delapaz showed plenty of true grit and on-field leadership as he spearheaded the Canton football team to a 10-2 record — just falling short of defeating eventual state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the regional final.

This spring, for the third year in a row, Delapaz pitched and won the baseball district final for the



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With determination etched on his face, Canton senior pitcher Kevin Delapaz eyes his target during Saturday's Division 1 baseball district final against Livonia Stevenson. Delapaz is Canton's Male Athlete of the Year.

Chiefs. This weekend, he pitched in a Division 1 regional game that took place after this issue of the *Observer* went to press.

All of that big-game pressure doesn't seem to rattle Delapaz, who will go to Bowling Green University in Ohio and bring his varied pitching repertoire. One big reason for that composure is fear of not letting down his teammates and coaches.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This year's Female Athlete of the Year for Salem is Brett deBear, who was Rock-solid with the girls basketball and soccer teams in 2009-10.

# They love to be versatile

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blake Abbey and Brett deBear have more in common than just being Salem's 2010 Male and Female Athlete of the Year, respectively.

They love being multisport athletes, displaying quiet leadership and providing younger kids with examples of how to compete with dignity and self-confidence.

"It's exciting to have achieved this

goal and know that all my hard work, commitment and guidance has been well worth it," said Abbey, co-captain this year for the football, wrestling and boys lacrosse teams. "And it was not only worth it for the award, but also the experience of working with all of my coaches and teammates and watching them grow as a result."

According to deBear, who was a co-captain for the girls basketball team

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# Area girls thinclads display talent

## 2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS

**Shot put:** 1. Chelsea Carradine, Sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Taylor Byron, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Trisha Jordan, Soph., North Farmington.

**Discus:** 1. Cally Perkins, Sr., Garden City; 2. Savannah Haig, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Lynn Nagengast, Sr., Farmington.

**High jump:** 1. Abbey Lovat, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. (tie) Emilie Freeman, Sr., Lutheran Westland; Sencclair McDonnell, Soph., Churchill; 3. Lindsay Lipa, Jr., Canton.

**Long jump:** 1. Aubrie Scott, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Becka Knox, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Leah Heinzelman, Soph., Churchill.

**Pole vault:** 1. Reagan Engstrom, Soph., Plymouth; 2. Jane McCurry, Fr., Plymouth; 3. Meghan Lark, Jr., Franklin.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Megan Yanik, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; 2. Senneca Scott, Sr., Franklin; 3. Karlyn Cassidy, Sr., Farmington Hills Harrison.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Becky Adamcheck, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Bobbi Beveridge, Sr., Garden City; 3. Altemecia Martin, Sr., Thurston.

**100 dash:** 1. Brianna Nixon, Fr., Thurston; 2. Clara Fullilove, Fr., N. Farmington; 3. Dominique Smith, Soph., Thurston.

**200:** 1. Tiera Parker, Soph., Harrison; 2. Madi Lewis, Fr., Plymouth; 3. Sydney Sterling, Fr., Farmington.

**400:** 1. Cherie Gaines, Jr., N. Farmington; 2. Josephine Zolynsky, Jr., Farmington; 3. Megan Kelly, Sr., Churchill.

**800:** 1. Sara Kroll, Sr., Churchill; 2. Megan Vitale, Jr., Ladywood; 3. Rachael Hille, Soph., Plymouth.

**1,600:** 1. Gabby DeFlorio, Soph., Farmington; 2. Kerrigan Riley, Fr., Churchill; 3. Nicole Zehel, Sr., Lutheran Westland.

**3,200:** 1. Megan McPherson, Jr., Franklin; 2. Bethany Pilat, Soph., Churchill; 3. Bianca Kubicki, Jr., Canton.

**400 relay:** 1. Thurston (Sonya Burks, Sr.; Brianna Nixon, Fr.; Altemecia Martin, Sr.; Dominique Smith, Soph.); 2. Harrison (Jakia Parker, Jr.; Karlyn Cassidy, Sr.; Talia Shuford, Jr.; Tiera Parker, Soph.); 3. North Farmington (Asha Freeman, Fr.; Maleah West, Fr.; Alex White, Sr.; DeJenee Berry, Jr.).

**800 relay:** 1. Thurston (Sonya Burks, Sr.; Brianna Nixon, Fr.; Arielle Harris, Fr.; Dominique Smith, Soph.); 2. North Farmington (Cherie Gaines, Jr.; Clara Fullilove, Fr.; Alex White, Sr.; DeJenee Berry, Jr.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Jr.; Kayla Jones, Fr.; Stephany Brown, Soph.; Aubrie Scott, Jr.).

**1,600 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Teresa Wojnarowski, Jr.; Shannon Scarlett, Jr.; Megan Vitale, Jr.; Megan Yanik, Sr.); 2. Farmington (Gabby DeFlorio, Soph.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Jr.; Sydney Sterling, Fr.; Josephine Zolynsky, Jr.); 3. Plymouth (Madi Lewis, Fr.; Carissa Buttermore, Jr.; Becka Knox, Soph.; Rachael Hille, Soph.).

**3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Tiffany Raisanen, Sr.; Bethany Pilat, Soph.; Kerrigan Riley, Fr.; Sara Kroll, Sr.); 2. Farmington (Gabby DeFlorio, Soph.; Olivia Salinas, Soph.; Lydia Macklin-Camel, Sr.; Josephine Zolynsky, Jr.); 3. Mercy (Heather Smith, Soph.; Katie Clark, Sr.; Lindsey Faraglia, Soph.; Jaclyn Godwin, Fr.).

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
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## FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

**Chelsea Carradine, Sr., Red. Thurston (shot put):** One of the finest track performers to ever compete at Thurston, Carradine again displayed grit and determination in earning her fourth consecutive opportunity to line up against the state's elite. Battling through injuries to her hamstring and shoulder during much of the 2010 campaign, Carradine was able to claim her fourth straight regional crown in the shot put.

"Chelsea finished third last year in the Division 2 finals, but was hampered by shoulder and hamstring injuries this year," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "She wasn't able to compete in the running events, but she was able to dominate in the shot put."

**Cally Perkins, Sr., Garden City (discus):** The Cougar senior concluded her second varsity campaign by earning a spot in the state finals. Consistently throwing the discus anywhere between 99 and 102 feet, Perkins acquired a new disc prior to the finals and promptly went on and improved on her mark by some 10 feet. Perkins' school-record toss of 112 feet at the finals placed her 12th overall.

**Abbey Lovat, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy (high jump):** Lovat was all-state again in the high jump, placing seventh in Division 1. She won the event at the Jackson Invite and Catholic League meet, and she was the regional runner-up. Lovat also excelled in the long jump and throwing events, and she was the Field Athlete of Meet at the River Rat Invite. The two-time team MVP scored 198 points this year, which is the school's third-best, single-season total since Gary Servais became the coach in 1988.

**Aubrie Scott, Jr., Westland Glenn (long jump):** The junior was Division 1 regional champion with a season-best 17-0.5 inches. Scott was also undefeated in dual meets and was Kensington Conference long jump champion (16-9).

"Aubrie was a huge part of our team this season," Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "After qualifying for the state meet in three events as a sophomore, Aubrie was excited for a great junior year. Her best event is the

long jump in which she had the furthest jump at every meet we attended this season."

Scott also excelled in the sprints and sprint relays. She clocked a 12.7 in the 100 and a 26.8 in the 200. She was Kensington Conference champ in the 100 and helped the Rockets to a first in the 4 x 200 and a second in the 4 x 100.

**Reagan Engstrom, Soph., Plymouth (pole vault):** The sophomore missed the first four weeks of the season due to an ankle injury, but then made up for lost time in a big way.

Engstrom took first place at the Division 1 regional with a mark of 9-feet, 8-inches. She then vaulted 10-9 in the prelims of the state final in Rockford, which established Plymouth High and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records.

"Reagan is an athlete that makes coaching easy," said Plymouth coach Ricky Styes, who noted that "the sky is the limit" for Engstrom during the next two years, considering her abundant talent, work ethic and leadership skills.

"We are confident that she will be one of the elite vaulters in the state these next two years," Styes added. "Being a captain this year, her work ethic became contagious within our vaulters, as well as the rest of the team."

**Megan Yanik, Sr., Liv. Ladywood (100 hurdles):** The senior, bound for Notre Dame, enjoyed the most productive state meet of any area athlete capturing the Division 2 state titles in the 100 hurdles (14.75) and 300 hurdles (43.85), both school records.

Yanik, the class valedictorian was also regional and Catholic League A-B Division champion in both events. She broke a 26-year-old record in the 300 hurdles (45.02) at the Catholic League meet.

"We gave her our MVP," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said. "She scored most of the points and was the reason why we finished fourth in the state (Division 2)."

**Becky Adamcheck, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (300 hurdles):** The senior, headed to DePaul University, moved up seven places from her heat to finish fourth in Division 1 in the 300 hurdles with a school-record

time of 45.4.

The two-year captain and top point-getter was also Public Schools of Livonia, Kensington Conference and regional champ in the 300 hurdles. She also helped the Spartans break the school record in the 1,600 relay.

"Becky has been one of the toughest competitors I have coached," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said.

The two-time MVP also earned Stevenson's prestigious Gabe Award.

**Brianna Nixon, Fr., Red. Thurston (100 dash):** This Eagle freshman left opponents shaking their heads at her ability to blaze a trail to the finish line in various sprint events. Participating in her first state final, Nixon was able to rack up a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.55 and took seventh in the 200 with a school-record clocking of 25.83. She also was a part of the 4x100 and 4x200 relay contingents that registered top 10 finishes at the state meet.

"Brianna has natural speed and she will get better," Chambo said. "She is very focused, especially for a ninth grader."

**Tiera Parker, Soph., Farm. Harrison (200):** Parker set a school record of 25.4 seconds in the 200 dash, surpassing Devron Kennedy's time of 25.8. Parker was second in the West Bloomfield regional and went to state. She was eighth in the 100 dash at the state meet with a 12.88 time, and she shares the school record (12.1) in that event with Kristen Hardy.

**Cherie Gaines, Jr., N. Farmington (400):** Gaines finished eighth in the state with an area-best time of 57.92 seconds for the 400 meters. Her time is a school record, bettering Heather Burcar's 1993 time of 58.4. Gaines also ran the second-fastest time (25.9) in school history in the 200. The team MVP helped set another record of 1:45.6 in the 800 relay and was part of the fastest 1,600 four-some.

**Sara Kroll, Sr., Liv. Churchill (800):** The senior was regional champ in the 800 and 1,600 runs, along with being a part of the first-place 3,200 relay quartet that placed at the Division 1 state meet (sixth).

Kroll, bound for Michigan State, was also Kensington Conference champion in all three events.

She holds school records in the 800 (2:13.2), 1,600 (4:54.25) and 3,200 (10:50.32) - all set this season.

"Sara is the most dominating distance runner in area and one of the top runners in the state," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "She's the best runner I have ever worked with, and the most talented and hardest working athlete that I have ever known."

**Gabby DeFlorio, Soph., Farmington (1,600):** DeFlorio was 10th in the state with a school-record time of 5:11.5, breaking Janelle Lindman's record of 5:15.7. She was second in the regional to state champ Megan Goethals.

DeFlorio is the OAA White Division champion in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, and she was the runner-up in the 800. She won the 1,600, 800 and 3,200 races in the city meet.

"Gabby displays equal measures of dedication and care toward her sport as well as her teammates," coach Chip Bridges said. "Her success is well deserved and, hopefully, just beginning."

**Megan McPherson, Jr., Liv. Franklin (3,200):** The junior posted a fifth-place finish in the Division 1 state finals with a school-record time of 10:53.84.

"Her state meet performance is one of my proudest moments in coaching," Franklin's Dave Bjorklund said. "Megan is our hardest worker, and after getting knocked down last year in the 3,200 run at the state meet, she was bound and determined to do well this year, and her hard work paid off."

McPherson was regional champ in the 3,200 (11:11.7) and runner-up in the 1,600 (5:07.4). She added a Kensington Conference title in the 3,200.

## FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

**Thurston, 400 (Sonya Burks, Sr.; Brianna Nixon, Fr.; Altemecia Martin, Sr.; Dominique Smith, Soph.):** This Eagle relay culminated an outstanding season of competition by placing fourth at the Division 1 state finals with a time of 48.85. With Burks leading off, opponents were often in quick pursuit with little hope of gaining ground on teammates Brianna Nixon, Altemecia Martin or Dominique Smith.

**Thurston, 800 (Sonya Burks, Sr.; Brianna Nixon, Fr.; Arielle Harris, Fr.; Dominique Smith, Soph.):** With two freshmen, a sophomore and one senior comprising the unit, this Eagle contingent was able to culminate an outstanding year of competition by racing to a school-record 1:44.19



Chelsea Carradine  
Thurston



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Garden City



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Churchill



Kerrigan Riley  
Churchill



Bethany Pilat  
Churchill



Pat Daugherty  
Churchill coach

showing at the state meet. The performance was good for 10th overall.

**Ladywood, 1,600 (Teresa Wojnarowski, Jr.; Shannon Scarlett, Sr.; Megan Vitale, Jr.; Megan Yanik, Sr.):** This foursome placed runner-up in Division 2 with a school-record time of 4:00.98. They were also Catholic League A-B Division champs (school-record 4:01.33), breaking a 34-year-old mark.

**Churchill, 3,200 (Tiffany Raisanen, Sr.; Bethany Pilat, Soph.; Kerrigan Riley, Fr.; Sara Kroll, Sr.):** This quartet peaked at the Division 1 state finals in Rockford with a sixth-place finish posting a school-record time of 9:18.98, almost eight seconds faster than their school-record effort of 9:27.19 in the KLAA Association meet.

## COACH OF THE YEAR

**Pat Daugherty, Churchill:** The third-year coach guided the Chargers to Public Schools of Livonia, KLAA South Division (5-0 dual record), Kensington Conference and Division 1-Region 5 championships.

The girls track team at Churchill has two things going for it, Daugherty said.

"First, we have girl athletes who are very talented, extremely competitive and dedicated hard workers," she said. "And secondly, a coaching staff made up of John Filiatraut, Angie Krolikowski, Al Smith and Vern Williams, who are great teachers and motivators. This has been our secret to our success this year."

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# SOCCER

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"These seniors have been absolutely amazing," Tomasso continued. "...Canton has some of the greatest athletes in the state."

## FREE KICK COSTS CHIEFS

The winner came with 6:13 left in the first overtime, starting with a free kick by Plymouth junior defender Katelyn Moss.

Her strong boot deep into the Canton end of the pitch started a chain reaction that led to the goal.

The ball bounced to the right side of the box with Canton junior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges seemingly pouncing on it.

But Wildcats' freshman defender Morgan Kladunde got to the ball at the same time and got enough of it to chip it over to Foster — who sent a low shot right-to-left, inside the left post.

"I think Morgan surprised her and it just got past her and I shot it," said Foster, adding that "I don't think anybody expected us to beat them. But this is definitely going to go down in school history. It's just so exciting."

Two members of Canton's outstanding senior class saw the decisive play a bit differently.

"They got the free kick and we just couldn't clear it," said Chiefs' midfielder Lindsey Winters. "And our keeper came up for the ball, she had it in her hands and apparently she didn't — and Plymouth scored. There should have been a whistle."

Alyssa Cottrell, who moved from midfield to defense late in regulation after an ankle injury sustained by rock-solid sophomore defender Robyn Mack, said



Plymouth junior defender Katelyn Moss (No. 18) tries to keep the ball away from Canton sophomore forward Kaylin Berinti (No. 11).

what hurt the most was not taking advantage of scoring chances.

"We just couldn't finish," Cottrell lamented. "We had three corner kicks in a row, and couldn't finish them. ... We had our chances."

Williams had something to do with it. She got in front of a dangerous shot by sophomore forward Allyson Krause with 30

minutes to go in the second half and later jumped high to deflect a Winters scoring bid out of play.

## GAME PLAN

Early in OT, Winters took those three consecutive corner kicks, but Williams wasn't about to flinch. Meanwhile, Plymouth's defensive corps (led by senior Meghan Hughes and Moss)



In hot pursuit of a 50/50 ball Thursday are Plymouth sophomore Alyssa Burris and Canton forward Jessikah McClendon.

for a long time, playing with and against them, too. But we knew going into it that their strong suit is corners and in the air on crosses and my coach told me before the game 'Marissa, that's you, I don't care how you get there just get there.'"

Just 18 minutes into the first half, Williams served notice that she intended on being as stingy against the Chiefs as she was in the previous three postseason matches.

Williams raced far out of the goal to meet Canton senior midfielder Christy Balewski, who seemed to always be around the ball with her speed and dribbling skills.

The goalkeeper slid near the 18-yard mark to scoop up the ball

before Balewski could reach it.

With about seven minutes left in the half, the Chiefs worked a nice offensive play from Balewski to senior forward Jessikah McClendon. But Hughes got in front of the subsequent shot, taken close in from the right side of the box.

"It was a great game, could have gone either way," Neschich said. "They had more than enough chances to tuck one in on us. Our goalie and defense just came up huge again tonight and we got a break."

The Wildcats will face either Okemos or Portage Central in Wednesday's semifinal. Those teams played Friday night.

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## FINAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD BESTS

### FINAL GIRLS TRACK LISTING SHOT PUT

Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 38-4.5  
Taylor Byron (Churchill) 37-9  
Lynn Nagengast (Farmington) 36-1.5  
Trisha Jordan (N. Farmington) 35-1.25  
Savannah Haig (Franklin) 34-2  
Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 33-11.5  
Mahogany Miller (Churchill) 33-9  
Magginne Holliday (Thurston) 34-3  
Andrea Gordon-McClain (Glenn) 33-2  
Kelsey Pizana (Mercy) 33-1

### DISCUS

Cally Perkins (Garden City) 112-0  
Savannah Haig (Franklin) 111-10  
Lynn Nagengast (Farmington) 111-7  
Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood) 110-6  
Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 108-6  
Alyssa Shirkey (Luth. Westland) 103-0  
Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 100-7  
Kelli Hagopian (Mercy) 100-3  
Kayla Branton (Stevenson) 100-0  
Christine Maleske (Churchill) 100-0

### HIGH JUMP

Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 5-4  
Lindsay Lipa (Canton) 5-2  
Senclair McDonnell (Churchill) 5-2  
Emilie Freeman (Luth. Westland) 5-2  
Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 5-2  
Timme Mackie (Mercy) 5-2  
Bridget Koessler (Stevenson) 5-1  
Lisa Hollaway (Franklin) 5-0  
Bobbi Beveridge (Garden City) 5-0  
Lynn Nagengast (Farmington) 5-0  
Micah Ernst (Mercy) 5-0

### LONG JUMP

Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 17-0.5  
Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 16-5.5  
Becka Knox (Plymouth) 16-1.5  
Leah Heinzelman (Churchill) 15-10  
Jen Mueller (Franklin) 15-9.5  
Lexi Baker (Farmington) 15-8.5  
Natalie Modes (Franklin) 15-8  
Kristina Klusek (Salem) 15-7.25  
Altemecia Martin (Thurston) 15-7  
Delia Uke (Mercy) 15-7

### POLE VAULT

Reagan Engstrom (Plymouth) 10-9  
Jane McCurry (Plymouth) 10-0  
Meghan Lark (Franklin) 9-6  
Megan Paruta (Salem) 9-4  
Alex Kitz (Stevenson) 9-4  
Lindsey Kreutzman (Churchill) 9-0  
Emily Wolf (Stevenson) 8-8  
Sally Tomala (Churchill) 8-6  
Kara Bongiovani (Canton) 8-6  
Lindsey Russell (Plymouth) 8-6

### 100-METER HURDLES

Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 14.75  
Madi Lewis (Plymouth) 15.41  
Senneca Scott (Franklin) 15.7  
Karlyn Cassidy (Harrison) 15.7  
Altemecia Martin (Thurston) 16.1  
Whitney Fields (Harrison) 16.3  
Jen Mueller (Franklin) 16.4

DeJene Berry (N. Farmington) 16.8  
Sheridan Cassidy (Harrison) 17.0  
Sierra Resovsky (Farmington) 17.1  
Jamie Coleman (Harrison) 17.1

### 300 HURDLES

Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 43.85  
Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 45.87  
Karlyn Cassidy (Harrison) 48.1  
Senneca Scott (Franklin) 48.3  
Bobbi Beveridge (Garden City) 48.6  
Altemecia Martin (Thurston) 49.04  
Jamie Coleman (Harrison) 49.1  
Whitney Fields (Harrison) 50.0  
Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood) 50.43  
Sierra Resovsky (Farmington) 51.3

### 100 DASH

Tiera Parker (Harrison) 12.1  
Briana Nixon (Thurston) 12.53  
Ciara Fullilove (N. Farmington) 12.6  
Dominique Smith (Thurston) 12.69  
Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 12.7  
Leah Heinzelman (Churchill) 12.8  
Cydney Henry (Mercy) 12.9  
E'Aijsha Guster (John Glenn) 12.9  
Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 13.0  
Brandy Jackson (John Glenn) 13.0

### 200

Tiera Parker (Harrison) 25.4  
Briana Nixon (Thurston) 25.55  
Madi Lewis (Plymouth) 25.7  
Cherie Gaines (N. Farmington) 25.9  
Ciara Fullilove (N. Farmington) 26.4  
Sydney Sterling (Farmington) 26.5  
Jakia Parker (Harrison) 26.7  
Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 26.8  
Jessica Soblesky (Ply. Christian) 27.1  
Sonya Burks (Thurston) 27.1

### 400

Cherie Gaines (N. Farmington) 57.92  
Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 59.7  
Josephine Zolynsky (Farmington) 1:00.6  
Sara Kroll (Churchill) 1:01.2  
Stephany Brown (John Glenn) 1:01.26  
Megan Kelly (Churchill) 1:01.3  
Beth Swanberg (Canton) 1:01.6  
Katie Clark (Mercy) 1:02.1  
Krystal Whitlow (Garden City) 1:02.1  
Becka Knox (Plymouth) 1:02.1

### 800

Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:13.2  
Megan Vitale (Ladywood) 2:19.6  
Rachael Hille (Plymouth) 2:20.9  
Megan McPherson (Franklin) 2:22.8  
Tiffany Raisen (Churchill) 2:25.4  
Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 2:25.5  
Olivia Salinas (Farmington) 2:26.0  
Nicole Zehel (Luth. Westland) 2:26.2  
Katie Clark (Mercy) 2:26.3  
Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 2:26.95

### 1,600

Sara Kroll (Churchill) 4:54.25  
Megan McPherson (Franklin) 5:06.93  
Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 5:11.5  
Kerrigan Riley (Churchill) 5:12.2  
Nicole Zehel (Luth. Westland) 5:16.69  
Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 5:22.93  
Heather Smith (Mercy) 5:28.6  
Paula Green (Plymouth) 5:32.0  
Meredith Houska (Ladywood) 5:36.8  
Angela Wright (N. Farmington) 5:37.0

### 3,200

Sara Kroll (Churchill) 10:50.32  
Megan McPherson (Franklin) 10:53.84  
Kerrigan Riley (Churchill) 11:22.7  
Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 11:27.4  
Bianca Kubicki (Canton) 11:31.3  
Meredith Houska (Ladywood) 11:50.5  
Angela Wright (N. Farmington) 11:51.1  
Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 11:55.4  
Heather Smith (Mercy) 11:59.7  
Victoria Tripp (Salem) 12:11.33

### 400 RELAY

Redford Thurston 48.85  
Farmington Harrison 50.1  
North Farmington 50.73  
Westland John Glenn 50.8  
Wayne Memorial 51.3

### 800 RELAY

Redford Thurston 1:44.19  
North Farmington 1:45.6  
Farmington Harrison 1:46.2  
Westland John Glenn 1:47.5  
Plymouth 1:48.2

### 1,600 RELAY

Livonia Ladywood 4:00.98  
Farmington 4:02.0  
Plymouth 4:02.8  
Livonia Stevenson 4:04.87  
Livonia Churchill 4:05.58

### 3,200 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 9:18.89  
Farmington 9:52.0  
Farmington Hills Mercy 10:00.0  
Livonia Franklin 10:07.2  
North Farmington 10:17.5

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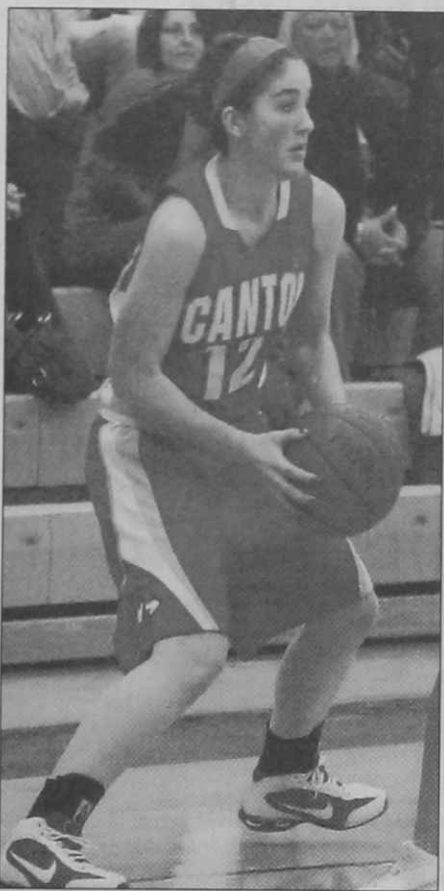


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Alyssa Cottrell's talent and leadership helped Canton's girls basketball and girls soccer teams have major success during 2009-10.



Canton senior Lindsey Winters (No. 5), like co-female athlete of the year Alyssa Cottrell, excelled throughout high school both in soccer and basketball.

## SALEM

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and just concluded the girls soccer season, she was "very surprised to hear my name called" for Salem's Top Female Athlete of the Year Award.

"I am very honored to represent Salem in this way," deBear said.

Both are solid students, too, with grade point averages of 3.0 for Abbey and 3.7 for deBear.

But they really excelled in the so-called athletic classroom, enthusiastically going from season to season and sport to sport.

"I didn't want to be a one-sport athlete," deBear said. "I can't get enough of sports, so I wanted to play as many as possible."

"I can't imagine life without soccer or basketball, so I had to play both."

Her soccer coach, Joe Nora, said deBear was a "wonderful choice" for the honor.

"She's just a top notch kid," Nora said. "(She's) always smiling, but working hard and striving to do her best. Brett's strength and competitiveness are her greatest qualities."

### THE RIGHT DECISION

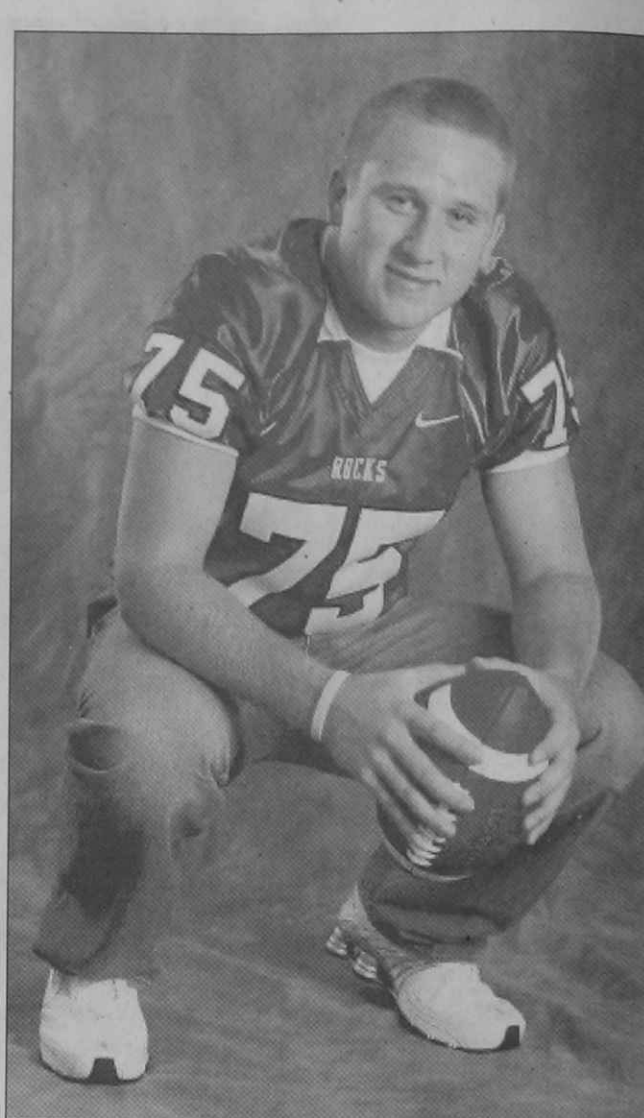
Abbey reached his goal of being a three-sport athlete for all four years of high school, earning 10 varsity letters in the process.

He's now more certain than ever that he did the right thing instead of specializing in one sport — which is becoming a trend in prep.

"I have always had thoughts of what would happen if I had just focused on one specific sport," Abbey said. "... but looking back it was well worth it not to."

"I have met so many amazing people, been through a variety of different successes and adversities and have helped many more people than I ever thought I could."

Being a successful varsity



Three-sport varsity athlete and co-captain Blake Abbey recently was named Male Athlete of the Year at Salem. Abbey amassed 10 letters at the high school, competing in football, wrestling and lacrosse.

## CANTON

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"I work hard to do my best for the team and try to set an example for the team," Delapaz emphasized.

Although he shows plenty of swagger, he also has a humble side, especially about his experiences as a Canton athlete and the award itself.

"It was a great honor," he said. "There's a lot of great athletes at Canton and to be named top (male) athlete was great because a bunch of athletes at our school could have gotten it."

As for the past four years as a Chief, Delapaz said he's "enjoyed it a lot. All the people that have been involved with it, I'm really

grateful for the experience that I've had."

For best friends Cottrell and Winters, their whole senior year turned out to be quite a "win-win" scenario. They won on the basketball court, soccer pitch and on campus as student leaders.

They even were able to stand next to each other on stage when each earned their share of female athlete honors.

"I was really excited, I had no idea it was coming," Winters said. "So it felt good to be standing on stage next to Alyssa."

According to Cottrell, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average and is Michigan State University-bound, getting the honor was "really exciting. I worked hard for four years to get to this point."

Both said their part in helping the girls basketball and soccer teams have big seasons helped get them noticed enough for such recognition.

"With basketball I had huge success there, and I'm having huge success here (soccer)," Cottrell said. "... We're good athletes, we work hard and we're able to do things with teams and be successful."

Winters, slated to attend Olivet College and play soccer there, said this year proves there is benefit to being a multi-sport athlete in an era where more athletes are encouraged to specialize in one.

"It helps ... because you compare stuff between basketball and soccer, on and off the field," she said.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Free golf clinic in June

PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is hosting a free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Course — located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

For more information, go to [www.TrainWithTami.com](http://www.TrainWithTami.com).

#### Thackaberry golf outing

The 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Memorial/Salem Baseball Golf Outing is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center (8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth).

Those interested should e-mail Steve Gordon ([sgordon88@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgordon88@sbcglobal.net)), Denny Devine ([devinev@aol.com](mailto:devinev@aol.com)) or go to [www.rocksbaseball.com](http://www.rocksbaseball.com).

## Team effort sparks state champ Splitz gymnasts

Splitz Gymnastics, based in Canton, won the National Division in the USAG Level 5 State Meet last month in Traverse City, with a team effort of 114.525 points.

Coaches Patti Bovee and Shannon Green said all 14 girls on the Level 5 team worked hard all season and focused on teamwork, keys to this year's success.

There were more than 30 teams at the state meet.

Following are gymnasts who excelled and were named state champions:

- Morgan Soper, 13 years old: State champ on bars, floor exercise, all-around; 2nd on vault; 3rd on beam.
- Emilie Devanie, 13: State champ on vault; 2nd on bars, beam and all-around.
- Megan McKeehan, 13: 3rd on vault and floor.

- Rachel Robitaille, 11: State champ on vault; 2nd on all-around; 3rd on bars, beam, floor.
- Erin Haslem, 11: State champ on beam, floor and all-around.
- Rebeca Simu, 11: State champ on bars; 2nd on vault; 3rd on beam and all-around.
- Aliisa Annala, 11: 4th on bars and beam.
- Maleah Marshall, 11: 3rd on beam.
- Kendall Chemotti, 10: State champ on beam and floor; 2nd on vault and all-around.
- Jordyn Williams, 10: State champ on vault; 3rd, all-around.
- Jana Hilditch, 10: 2nd on beam.
- Reghan Draper, 9: State champ on vault.
- Alexa Rybicki, 9: 4th on vault.
- Destiny Johnson, 9: State champ on bars; 3rd, all-around.



Celebrating after winning the USAG Level 5 State Meet & #8217;s National Division last month is Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics, coached by Patti Bovee and Shannon Green.

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## Mama Jazz keeps alive art form

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

They call her Mama Jazz — and for good reason. For nearly 70 years Midge Ellis has produced and promoted concerts showcasing the distinctly American art form. She's the powerhouse behind the Michigan Jazz Festival held every summer in Livonia.

The musicians can thank Ellis' father for introducing her to the music at a young age in the hills of Kentucky. She would sit on his lap for hours listening to the radio. By high school she was booking a band for her senior prom.

Ellis continued to represent musicians for the next several years at Air Force officer clubs. When her husband was transferred to Detroit, she rejoiced because Baker's Keyboard Lounge is known throughout the world as the oldest operating jazz club.

In search of a good place to raise her family, Ellis came to Livonia in 1960. It was here in the 1970s and 1980s she coordinated the Clarenceville Jazz Series bringing legendary Big Bands like Stan Kenton and Count Basie to Louis Schmidt Auditorium.

Ted Mallires remembers when Ellis started the Clarenceville series. He was a band director for the schools from 1959 to 1995. Ellis' children, Gary, Holly and Tim, played in the Clarenceville band.

"She convinced me to get a jazz band together with the kids, let them do a warm up



Midge Ellis (left) and Eileen Standley met at a jazz class years ago and now work together producing the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Midge Ellis gets a kiss from her son, Gary, who plays with Broken Arrow Blues Band.

down in the pits. I'm glad she was adamant," said Mallires. "It was really exciting times. The kids didn't realize but they were seeing history."

Johnny Trudell met Ellis in the 1970s. The Big Band leader has only praise for the

Livonia woman who turns 87 in September.

"There's so much that can be credited to Midge," said Trudell. "She instituted a jazz program where there was no jazz. The series is historic. The greatest names in jazz played there. It was amazing."

### JAZZ FESTIVALS

She served on the committee of the Montreaux Detroit Jazz Festival for the first six years then went on to help Trudell and Big Band leader Emil Moro produce the successful Michigan Jazz Festival. By the 1990s she had taken over day-to-day details of organizing the event including raising money at concerts several times a year to keep the festival free to the public.

Ellis moved the festival to the Botsford Inn in Farmington from Freedom Hill where it was first held in

1995. When the historic eatery and hotel closed she sought yet another venue, Schoolcraft College in Livonia where it has remained since 1999. Ellis worked in special events on the campus for 17 years.

"She's been Mama Jazz for a long time around here and the musicians have benefited," Trudell said. "She put my band to work. She was instrumental in getting us into Botsford. She started a jazz series there with Jack Brokensha and brought the jazz festival there. She single-handedly does the hands-on stuff. People don't realize what's involved with putting on a festival."

### POPULAR EVENT

Matt Michaels got to know Ellis when he was playing piano with Jack Brokensha at the Botsford Inn in the 1990s.

Please see **MAMA JAZZ, B6**

## Michigan Jazz Festival salutes longtime volunteer

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Eileen Standley of Plymouth is a little surprised to find her name under the dedication on this year's Michigan Jazz Festival promotional materials.

It's a long-standing tradition for the festival committee to dedicate the event to a jazz aficionado, but Standley, a member of the committee, never thought the honor would go to her.

"We had a board meeting a month and a half ago where we determine who is chosen. It turned out to be me."

She said the committee usually chooses someone involved in teaching others about jazz, often a musician.

"It's generally an educator, someone to further our music."

Standley, who handles contracts, fliers and other promotional materials for the festival, has done exactly that as a piano teacher, performer and festival committee member.

She taught classical piano for years and then met Midge Ellis, and her interest in jazz grew. She began working as a hostess on weekends at Baker's Keyboard Lounge and learning jazz piano at Wayne State University.



The Michigan Jazz Festival next month is dedicated to Eileen Standley of Plymouth.

Standley also accompanied the Schoolcraft College vocal group, SCool Jazz for 20 years.

"I've had so much fun and consider myself so lucky," Standley said. "I've worked closely with Midge the last 15 years with the festival."

"It's a labor of love," she said. "It's about the music, first of all, and the mission is to get younger people to start playing our music. Some of the high schools do offer jazz and have their bands. I think it's catching on."

Young people will perform at "Playing with the Pros" a one-hour portion of the festival and college musicians will play on the "Future of Jazz" stage.

The festival runs from noon to 9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft

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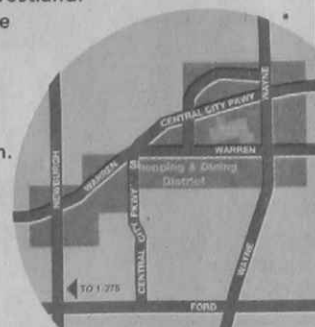
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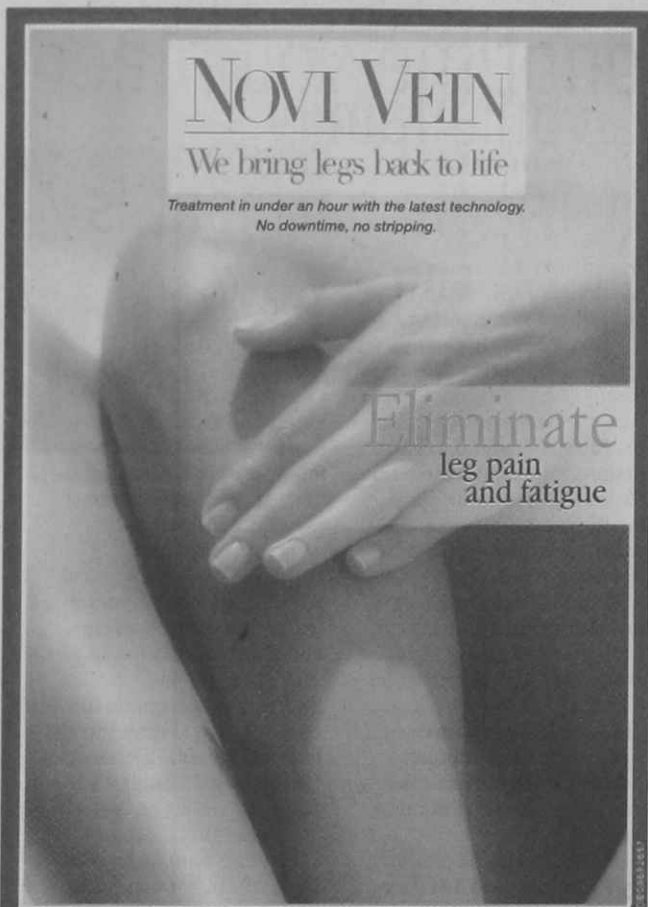
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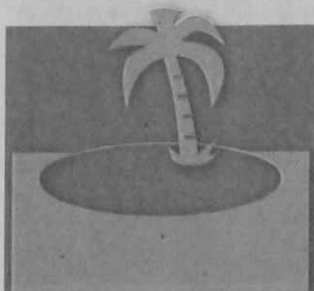
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## SALUTES

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College in Livonia and will include more than 147 musicians and six piano workshops.

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The festival's annual Father's Day brunch helps to keep it that way. The fund-raiser runs noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, just south of Seven Mile. Brunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. The Cliff Monear Trio, with vocalist Kelly Broadway, will perform until 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$27.50.

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## MAMA JAZZ

FROM PAGE B5

"The Michigan Jazz Festival was on the grounds, in the banquet hall, a tent and the hotel," said Michaels of Southfield. "It was packed. You couldn't even walk through the crowd."

Ellis knew the Botsford Inn well and thought it was the perfect spot for a jazz series and festival.

"She was great friends with Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Maynard Ferguson and they stayed at the Botsford. She was a Big Band buff, a real music lover, historically quite accurate, quite knowledgeable especially from the Big Band era," said Michaels, co-founder of the jazz studies program at Wayne State University. "She became a booking agent, booked Maynard. Woody Herman, when he was ill she got him in a hospital in Detroit where he passed away. She was a good friend of Stan Kenton. She knew all these band leaders."

Jerry McKenzie met Ellis in the 1970s when he was playing drums with Kenton. He credits Bob Talbert, the late Detroit Free Press columnist, with naming her Mama Jazz. Ellis has always mothered jazz players.

"When Stan's band came to town she would alert Stan and I would be invited up to play," said McKenzie who works in Farmington Hills and lives in West Bloomfield. "Over the years we just kept in contact. Midge has told many people about my band (Just Jazz) playing at Nikola's (in Southfield Thursday nights). She's stayed very active in promoting jazz."

Dan Jordan met Ellis in



Midge Ellis has been a part of the music scene for many years. Here she poses with Count Basie in the 1980s at Ford Auditorium in Detroit.

1972 at the Showers Club. Ellis had rented the space usually used to show dogs. Every Sunday night, Jordan and the house band would jam with guest artists from the Clarenceville series.

"She certainly must be commended for her dedication to the cause of jazz and the Michigan Jazz Festival, said Jordan, a South Lyon resident who plays bass with Just Jazz.

Saxophonist George Benson admires Ellis for her dedication to the Michigan Jazz Festival as well. He will perform at this year's event, which is free to the public.

"I've known Midge for years," said Benson of Detroit. "She's always been very active as far as jazz goes. She's worked hard to promote it."

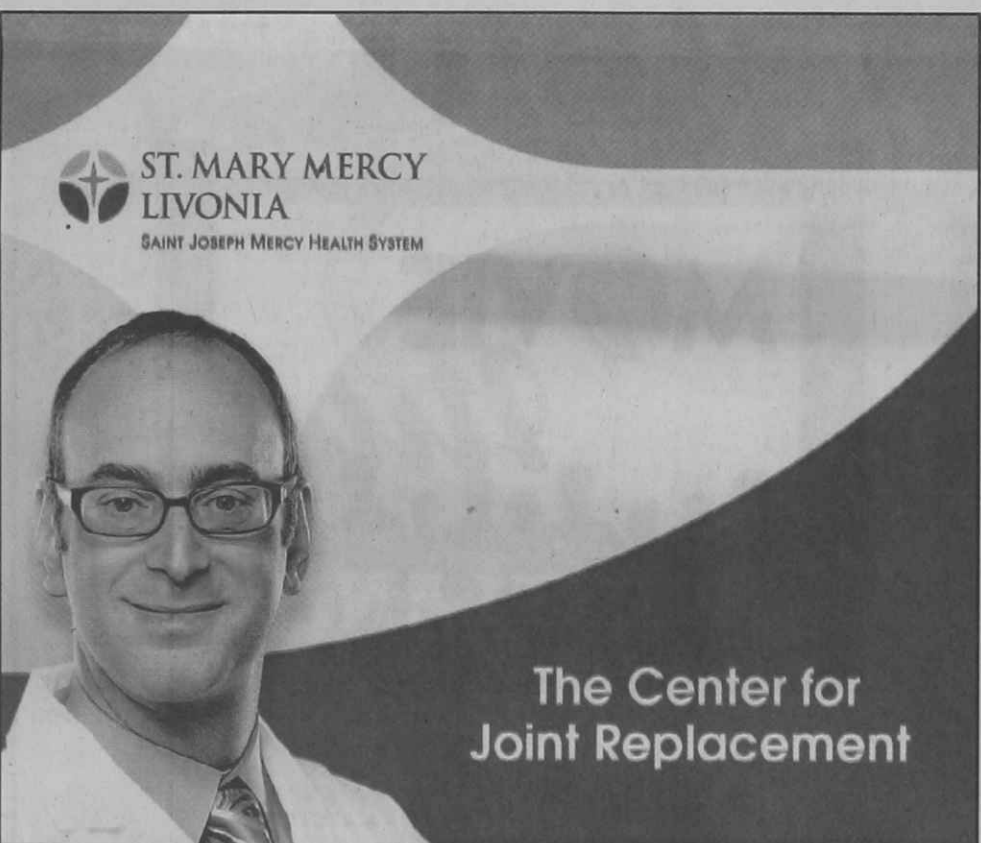
In 2006 she led a drive for used instruments that were donated at the festival then distributed to band programs in need. Ellis believes if jazz is to survive, young musicians must be exposed to the art form.

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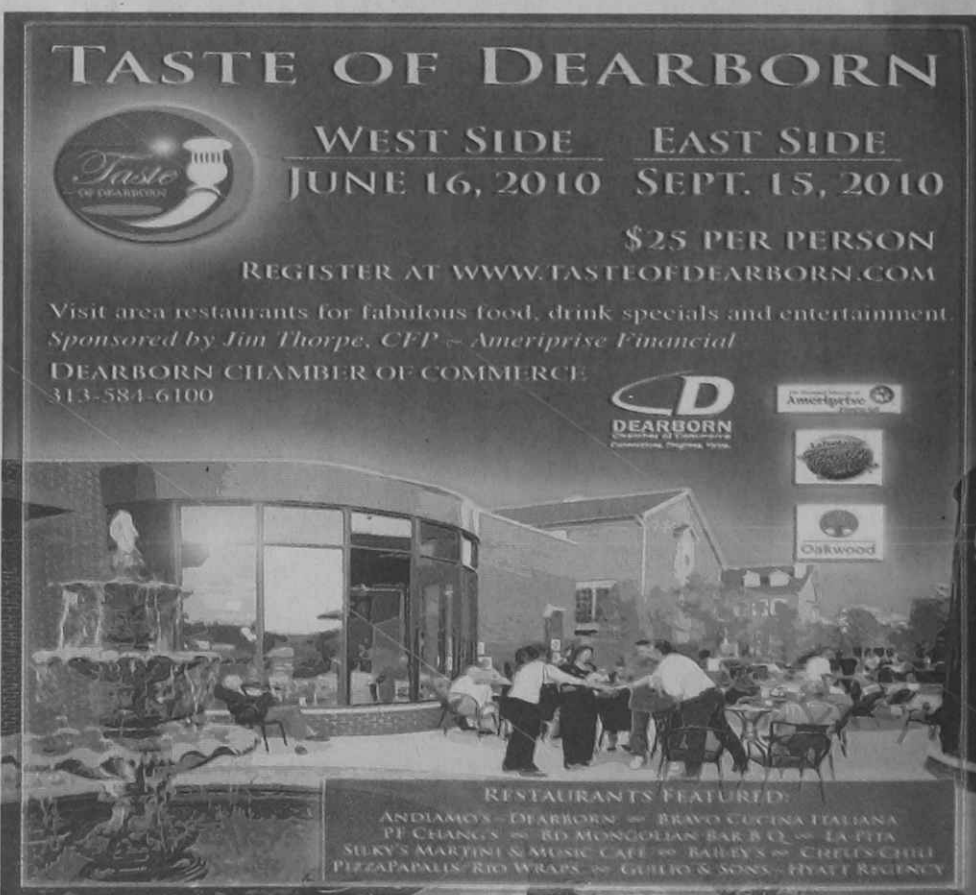
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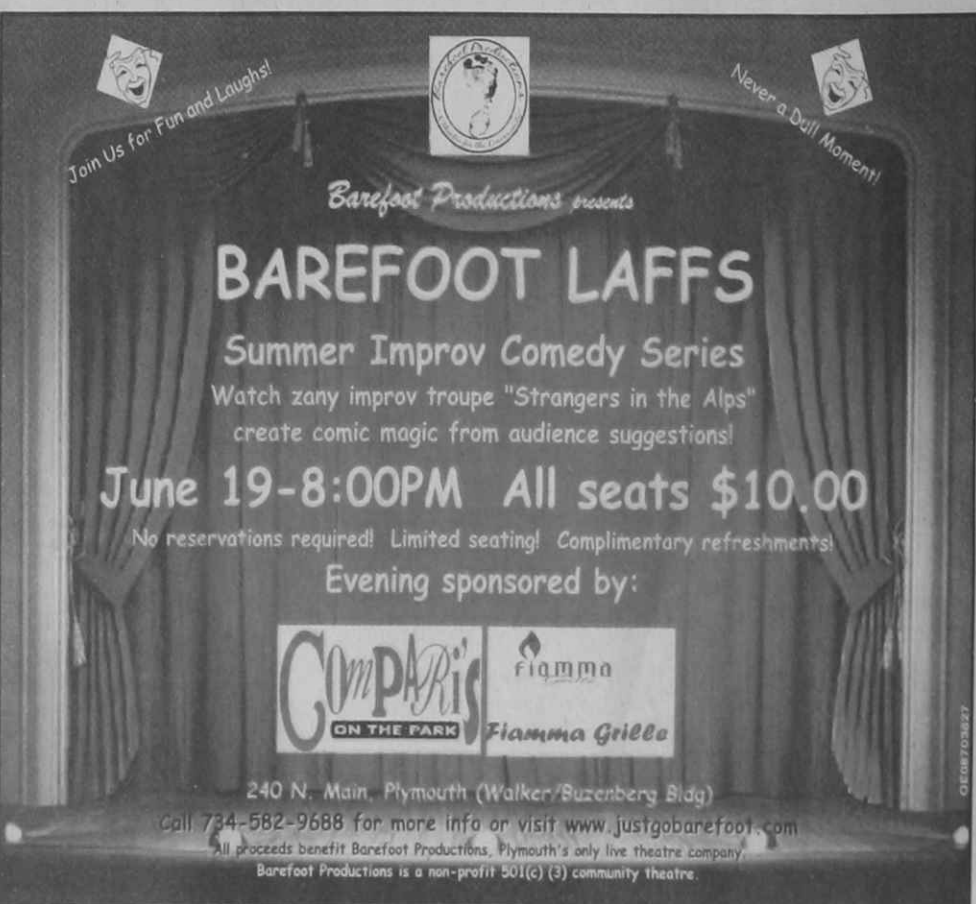
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Founded by Jean Kennedy Smith, VSA was originally known as Very Special Arts, then VSA arts. The nonprofit organization, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., sponsors art, music and dance therapy sessions throughout the year to help children and adults with disabilities express themselves. The annual Southeast Region festival showcases those talents.

Among the performers were students from Old Village School in Northville. They brought handmade xylophones to the DiPonio Room at Schoolcraft College to play *We Are the World* under the direction of Hayley Mieras, music therapist. Students from Pontiac, Detroit, Lincoln Park, and Monroe performed as well.

On Saturday, Karen Barsy's tap students from 5678 studio in Livonia danced to *We Will Rock You*. Cameron Barsy, Brandon Miller, Gabrielle and Brooke Kreza, and Caroline Pietron all had a good time. Raymond Wells of Plymouth enjoyed himself, too. A pianist, Wells performed *Sonatina*



Students from Old Village School in Northville play handmade xylophones at the Celebrate Abilities Festival in Livonia.



Students from 5678 Studio in Livonia tap dance at the Celebrate Abilities Festival, presented by VSA Michigan's Southeast Region Committee.

*Opus 36, No. 1* by Clementi. The FAR Conservatory Band from Birmingham played *Jailhouse Rock*.

Many visitors admired the touring Emerging Artists Exhibit while students enjoyed workshops in African drumming with Kevin Collins on Friday, and creating murals with Royal Oak artist, Daniel Cascardo, and movement with therapist Cindy Babcock both days.

Outside the DiPonio Room, Deb Madonna, co-chair of the Miracle League Plymouth, and

Elizabeth Anchor, marketing associate for Schoolcraft College, sat at a table taking donations for the Miracle League Field to be built behind Central Middle School in Plymouth. The field will provide children with disabilities an accessible area with rubberized surface for playing baseball. The Southeast Region Committee and Miracle League Plymouth decided to partner for the festival because of their like goals of helping children with disabilities.

The children were the

main reason volunteers from CVS pharmacies came to Schoolcraft College to set up easels and help with art projects including Father's Day cards and gift bags. CVS began partnering with VSA Michigan, the state organization on arts and disabilities, about two years ago as part of the CVS Caremark All Kids Can initiative to improve the quality of life for children with disabilities.

Without monetary support from CVS and in-kind donations from Schoolcraft College and the MSU Community Music School, the festival would not be heading into its 20th year in 2011.

Southeast Region Committee members include Jody Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Linda Ann Chomin, and Connie Lott.

For more information about Miracle League Plymouth visit [www.miracleleagueplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org). The organization believes "Every child deserves a chance to play baseball."

For information about VSA Michigan's Southeast Region Committee Festival, contact Jody Stark at (313) 273-7762 or [catinc@earthlink.net](mailto:catinc@earthlink.net).



Claudia King (left), daughter Jessica and son George make sure a family tradition continues. That's Zane in the heirloom gown, held by his father. His big brother, Vance, stands nearby holding great-grandfather Claude Centers' hand.

## Livonia family's heirloom garment is almost like new

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Patricia Centers of Livonia owns a 105-year-old gown that never seems to go out of style.

Dozens of family members have worn the cotton and lace garment, although each is allowed to dress in the handmade piece only once in a lifetime.

"I'm Claude's wife. It was his mother who wore it initially. His grandmother made the gown for her," Centers explained the history of the family heirloom christening gown.

In 1905, Edna Tischbein was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Detroit in the handmade baptismal dress.

Edna married Clyde Centers and with their three children Claude, Paul and Joanne, who all also wore the gown, moved to Livonia in 1950.

Patricia married Claude in 1952 and became the gown's

keeper. Since then Edna's 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren all followed the family tradition of wearing the family heirloom. Two great-grandchildren have been christened in the gown, one most recently this year.

"All we do is it's wrapped in tissue paper. I used to keep it in plastic, and then someone said to use tissue," Centers said. "When it's used, we wash it carefully and keep it in the dresser drawer. There's just a little mark around the neck. I think it's from formula. I was afraid to bleach it, but the rest is just perfect."

Centers said both sexes have worn the gown, raising a few eyebrows in the process.

"I remember when our little son was christened at Our Lady of Sorrows. There were 11 (being baptized) that day. We could hear the snickers, people saying 'Oh, look, that boy has a gown on.' But our whole family was proud."

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# Drive, package foods for kosher Meals on Wheels

The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section's Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers. For 37 years, Kosher Meals on Wheels has provided high quality lunches and dinners for the homebound. It's the only Meals on Wheels program in the community to provide kosher and glatt kosher meals, preparing and delivering 40,000 meals a year.

More than 150 volunteers package and deliver the meals to local communities five days a week. Volunteers range in age from youngsters just old enough to be volunteering for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service requirements to adults in their 90s. Each morning, packagers organize the meals and have them distributed in less than a half hour to cities throughout Oakland County. They deliver to Wayne County one day a week.

Founded by current volunteer treasurer Esther Rosenblum, Kosher Meals on Wheels provides lunches and dinners to its clients, who do not need to be Jewish, but who keep



A volunteer double checks paperwork near bagged meals that are ready for delivery.

kosher. Meals are prepared at the Jewish Senior Life Prentis Apartments in Oak Park by Morrison Senior Dining chef Dave Dry and his team.

Program participants make a donation within their ability to pay for meals, and some clients need not pay at all. The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit

Section provides the additional funding from the proceeds raised at their Council Thrift Shops in Royal Oak and Berkley. Additional support comes from AAA 1-B, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Older Americans Act. The program is run in cooperation with Jewish Family Service, which provides intake and casework



Volunteers assemble kosher meals.

services.

Drivers have dedicated routes and know the status and behaviors of each of their clients, who in some cases is the only person they will see all day. Not only do the drivers deliver the food but they also provide the social interaction that some of their clients are lacking.

"Kosher Meals on Wheels provides much more than

food. The program provides friendship and can sometimes be a very real lifesaver to our clients," stated Irma Glaser, President, National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section. "Our delivery volunteers have, in some instances, been the first at the side of a person in need.

"While we have wonderful, dedicated volunteers,

we are always looking for more. We have come to mean something to the community and to so many families. Our goal is to serve more in the years ahead."

For more information on Kosher Meals on Wheels, or to alert the organization to someone in need, call (248) 967-0967, 8-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Milk Products** for the 2010-2011 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter at 734-416-2741. **Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Milk Products Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m. EST, Thursday, June 24, 2010 where they will be opened and read publicly. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.**

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Nancy Eggenberger,  
Secretary

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Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### FAMILY BUTTERFLY EVENT

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association offers crafts for children, a tour of the Butterfly Garden, a movie on Monarch Butterfly migration and a Butterfly Plant sale by Barson's Greenhouse of Westland, noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, June 13 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail.

For questions call (734) 326-0578 or [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

### RAISE BUTTERFLIES

Learn how to find butterfly eggs, how to care for them until mature butterflies are born, and how to nurture them in your yard, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA). The meeting starts at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. Meeting fee is \$3 for non-members. For more information call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

### BOUNTY AND BLOOMS

Gardeners of Northville-Novi present a tour of seven exceptional gardens, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, on the day of the walk. For more information visit [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or call (248) 349-0376.

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### LIVONIA GARDENS

The Livonia Garden Walk, benefitting Historic Greenmead, runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Tour the Hill House gardens of Greenmead and six residential gardens. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 on event day. Greenmead is located at 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. (248) 477-7375.

### TRAILWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Tickets will be available beginning June 1 for the "Flowers are Forever Garden Walk" sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth. Cost is \$8 before the walk; \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under are half off. Strollers will not be permitted in the gardens. The event runs noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 29 and includes several gardens where complimentary refreshments will be served. Buy tickets at Saxton's Garden

Center, 587 Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and from Darlene Rinke, (734) 455-6867.

### NORTHVILLE GARDENS

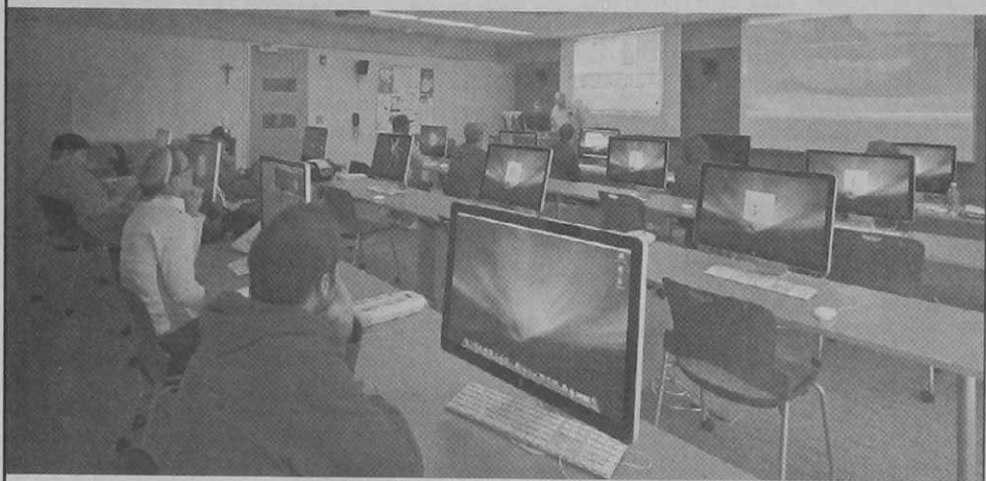
The 17th annual Garden Walk, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 7. The tour includes six gardens. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, available after June 7, at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event and will cost \$12 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville.

Visit the Country Garden Club of Northville Web site at <http://cgcnv.org/>

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3/4"	\$13.00	1.5" Tap	\$1,125.00	8" Tap	\$1,500.00
1"	\$19.76	2" Tap	\$1,500.00	10" Tap	\$3,000.00
1.5"	\$39.65	3" Tap	\$2,250.00	12" Tap	\$6,000.00
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Service Pipe Size	Charge
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1.5"	\$45.00
2"	\$75.00
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4"	\$154.00
6"	\$345.00
8"	\$700.00

All connections to the water supply system or the sewer disposal system shall be made by and at the expense of the property owner or user so connecting, subject to any rules or regulations therefore now or hereafter established by the city, and subject to inspection and approval prior to use. A permit for such connection shall be obtained in advance from the city, and the property owner or user making such connection shall pay all inspection charges now or hereafter established by the city prior to the use thereof.

Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, Regulations, or Laws.

### TAPS RESTRICTED

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•• Non-Payment Penalty - 15% Added To Total Bill For All Bills Paid After The Due Date ••

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## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED

Family and friends will gather on June 27 to celebrate the 67th anniversary of Woodson "Woody" and Fay Kilgore of Livonia. The couple originally exchanged vows at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Mo., where Woodson served in the U.S. Air Force.

They lived in Joplin, Mo., before moving to Livonia 54 years ago. They are the parents of four children, the late Tom Kilgore, Pat Escoe of Livonia, Diane Kilgore of Westland, and Mickey Kilgore of Westland. They have 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Woodson retired in 1982 from Firwood Manufacturing, where he worked as an electrical engineer, manager of



Woodson and Fay Kilgore's wedding photo. The Livonia couple will celebrate 67 years of marriage this month.

product development and the company pilot.

The couple says love, faith, communication and "til death do us part" is the key to their their longtime marriage.

## DECEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Rebecca McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park and Scott Robichaud of Detroit announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Marie McCurdy of Lansing, earned a B.A. degree in political theory and constitutional democracy from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate degree from Notre Dame. She is employed as staff attorney for Freedom House, Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Peg Robichaud of Canton, holds a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an automotive engineer for Ford Motor Company, Dearborn.

A wedding is planned for Dec. 11, 2010 at St. Aloysius, Detroit.



McCurdy-Robichaud

## LOUIS-GRANDMASON

Jason Robert Grandmason of Belleville and Miranda Renee Louis of Garden City announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debra Louis of Garden City and the late Randall Louis. Her fiancé is the son of Carolyn Noble of Fenton and Tom Grandmason of Belleville.

The couple plans to wed in June 2010 at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



Combs-Roberts

## COMBS-ROBERTS

Edward and Cynthia Roberts of Westland and Larry and Patricia Combs of Garden City are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Kristen Roberts and Jeff Combs.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Lutheran High Westland and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, and is employed in the hospitality industry.

Her husband is a 2003 graduate of Garden City High and a 2004 graduate of Northwestern Technical Institute, and is employed as a heating and cooling technician.

The two were wed May 1, 2010 in St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands. They honeymooned in the Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands, and St. Martin.

They currently live in Farmington Hills and plan to relocate to Chattanooga, Tenn., in a few years.



Brandon James Halik

## BRANDON JAMES HALIK

Brandon James Halik was born May 15, 2010, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Parents are David Halik and Dr. Janice Eagle of Kalamazoo. Proud grandparents are Ed and Eleanor Halik and Cheryl and Clarence Eagle, all of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Genevieve Uroda of Livonia.



CHERYL K. NICHOLAS

Passed away at the age of 54 on June 3, 2010. The cause of her death was breast cancer, which she and her doctors had managed for the past 17 years. Ms. Nicholas had worked as a summer associate at Brobeck Phleger and Harrison in Los Angeles and San Francisco and as a real estate lawyer at Goldstein & Manello in Boston. Ms. Nicholas also served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the late 1980s as the head of the Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, the state's farmland preservation program. In that capacity, Ms. Nicholas traveled throughout the Commonwealth in order to find important farmland and open space that the Commonwealth could preserve through the purchase of development rights. Ms. Nicholas was born in Detroit, Michigan, and moved to Plymouth, Michigan near Ann Arbor, after her father had a stroke. She attended the Honors Program at the University of Michigan, and earned a B.A. in History in 1977, and also attended Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, for one semester. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Ms. Nicholas attended the Harvard Divinity School with a fellowship, and earned a Masters of Theological Studies degree in 1981. While at the Harvard Divinity School, she had particular interests in the relationship of architecture to spirituality and in feminist theology. She subsequently attended Boalt Hall at the University of California at Berkeley, where she earned a J.D. in 1985. Ms. Nicholas was voracious reader who was interested in history, philosophy, religion, urban planning, architecture and politics. She married Brett Robbins, now a partner at Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston, in 1981, and gave birth to her daughter, Kelsey London Robbins, in 1988 and her son, Brennan Nicholas Robbins, in 1991. She was extremely dedicated to her children, and ceased working professionally after they were born. She nonetheless remained active in her community, devoting energy to causes that moved her. She was a board member of the Weston Land Trust, and an active member, and for some time President, of the League of Women Voters of the Town of Weston. She supported political efforts in favor of conservation land, agricultural land, and organic farming, and opposed governmental projects that, as planned, would adversely affect wetlands and conservation land. Ms. Nicholas's family and friends found her fascinating, profoundly intellectual, elegant and, most of all, empathetic and kind. She disliked hierarchy and class distinctions, and continually supported the disadvantaged. She was always open to new ideas, and easily made deep connections with those whom she encountered. Ms. Nicholas is survived by her husband, Brett Robbins, her daughter, Kelsey London Robbins, who is attending Brown University, and her son, Brennan Robbins, who will graduate Milton Academy this month and will attend Princeton University in the fall. Ms. Nicholas also is survived by two sisters, Susan Nicholas and Margaret Bake, three brothers, David Nicholas, Roland Nicholas, and Harold Nicholas, and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins. One of her sisters, Dorothy Noblet, is recently deceased.

## DORIE J MCCOLL (Little Bit)

July 29, 1958 - June 6, 2010

Loved by children Brian, Candy & Tony, Grandchildren Harmony, Christian, Billy and Amaya. Dearest daughter of Joan Gardner and Jim McDowell. Cherished sister of Sis (Larry), Sherry, Kathy (Gary), Merri Lou, Dawn, Wayne, Bill and Kenny. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Dearly loved her companion Jeff. Dorie will stay forever in our hearts.

## PHYLLIS M. TROMBLEY

Age 87, of Novi, MI, passed away June 9, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.



## HAZEL ASHWORTH

84 of Gaylord, died June 4, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Bob Ashworth. Dear mother of Rob and Carole. Grandmother of Katie. Memorials to Gaylord Kiwanis Club C/O Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com



## JANICE H. (BRADLEY) ELSTON

Age 87, of Miller's Merry Manor in Hope, IN, died peacefully on June 5, 2010. She was born in Charleston, West Virginia, September 11, 1922, the youngest of three to Anna and Mont Bradley. She was the first in her family to get a college degree, which was a BA from Anderson University. She went on to get a Masters Degree of Library Science from Eastern Michigan University. She was a teacher and an Elementary School Librarian at Bird and Tanger Schools for 33 years. She retired from the Plymouth School District in Michigan in 1984. Since retirement, she has done missionary work in Japan, worked at Warner Pacific College in Oregon, Warner Southern Christian Academy and White Chapel Christian School in Daytona Beach. She attended Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia, Michigan for 30 years and Park Place Church of God in Anderson for 15 years. While she was a resident at Four Seasons' Retirement Center she attended the chapel on-site regularly. Janice had a deep Christian faith that was committed to loving God, her family and serving the church. As an avid gardener, she started two garden clubs in Plymouth, Michigan and won numerous awards for her flower gardens. She was an amazingly fun hostess who enjoyed creating great celebrations. In her travels around the world and at home, Janice was a beloved storyteller and read to children of all ages. Her spirit was bright and loving, which drew people of all ages, races and faiths to her warmth. She had a passion for music and she loved singing traditional Church of God hymns. In essence, her enthusiasm and joy in living were unsurpassed. Her husband Gerald E. Elston of 57 years preceded her in death, as did her sister Ruth Davidson and brother, James Bradley. Survivors include a daughter, Sheryl Elston and her husband, David Hamilton of Columbus, IN and son Mark Elston and his wife Rhonda Elston of LaCenter, Washington, grandchildren, Kate and Davy Hamilton, Aaron and Rachael Elston, a nephew Nicky Bradley and his wife Judy Bradley and a beloved niece Becky Bridges and her husband Lawrence Bridges of Covington, Georgia. She had an extended family including Harold, Doris, Eric and Kevin Elston, Shirley, Ron and Randy Vandyne. A memorial celebration service will be held at Park Place Church of God on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 2:00PM, with Dr. David Markle sharing. There will be a gathering after for fellowship and story telling about Janice. Memorial contributions may be given to Anderson University, Attn: Development Office, 1100 East Fifth St., Anderson, IN 46012 or Hospice of South Central Indiana, 2626 E. 17th St. Columbus, IN 47201. E-mail condolences may be sent to RJFuneralSvc@AOL.com. Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service is handling arrangements.

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## JUDY SMOCK

Passed away June 9, 2010 at the age of 46. Judy is the beloved wife of Raymond M. Smock. Dearest mother of Michael Paul Smock and Jonathan Ryan Smock. Dear daughter of Joseph (Betty) Signorelli and the late Beverly LaVoisine. Dear sister of Lynn Signorelli, Cheryl (Mike) Signorelli-Watts and Julie Summerfield. Dear daughter-in-law of Raymond and Alice Smock. Judy was a resident of Westland, having grown up in Plymouth and graduating from Salem High School. She worked at St. Kenneth Catholic Church doing many jobs but mostly worked in the office. She enjoyed her job and also enjoyed volunteering many hours around the church to help out with various events. Her heart especially went out to seniors, helping them out with cleaning and laundry when they were unable to do it. Funeral services took place Saturday, June 12, 2010, 11am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth, followed by burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements handled through Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. To share a special thought or memory visit: www.schrader-howell.com



## JUSTINE FLORENCE MULLET

Age 76, June 7, 2010 of Garden City, a graduate of St. Leo High School and Magna Cum Laude graduate of Madonna University. Beloved wife of Donald. Loving mother of Donald W. (Wendy), Michele (Wayne) Woodard, Margaret (Charles) Henry, John (Diane), Joseph, Marilyn (John) Estrada and Justine (Ron) Pummil. Sister of Patrick (Helen) Brown. Survived by 33 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday 2-9 pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, and 9-9:30 am Thursday at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 15330 Beechwood, Garden City followed by a funeral mass at 9:30 am. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com

## KENNETH D. CLARY

Age 65, of Jamestown, KY, June 9, 2010. Beloved husband of Loretta Clary. Loving father of Craig (Christina) Clary and Stacey (Jeff) Beaudoin. Dear papa of Amanda and Sean. He was preceded in death by his parents Ivan and Frances Clary and his sister Jo Ann Lax. Service is Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 10:30 AM at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity, Russell Spring, Kentucky 42642

## LORRAINE J. BUSH

Age 77, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away June 6, 2010. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

## REUNION CALENDAR

### Belleville High School

#### Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: BHS1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

### Birmingham Groves High School

#### Class of 1975

35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

### Birmingham Seaholm

#### Class of 1970

40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

### Bloomfield Hills Andover

#### Class of 1970

Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com.

### Bloomfield Hills Lahser

#### Class of 1990

20-Year Class Reunion Weekend is Aug. 6-7, with a meet & greet, family picnic and reunion party. For tickets and additional information, contact Matt Fox at sub-

blime71@yahoo.com.

### Dearborn Lowrey High School

#### Classes of 1949-51

A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@hotmail.com.

### Dearborn Heights Haston High

#### Class of 1965

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

### Detroit Cody

#### Classes from 1950-1969

Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. BYOB and bring a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels and music CDs will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register - just show up. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

## PEGGY MACDONELL TOOMEY

June 6, 2010, Age 85 of Boca Raton, Florida formerly of Farmington, Michigan. Preceded in death by husband Jack Toomey and son Terry Toomey. Survivors include Linda (George) Todd of Millis, MA, Paul Toomey of Coconut Creek, FL, Jayne Toomey Henderson of Jupiter, FL, Gregg (Clara) Toomey of Ft. Myers, FL, Leigh (Paul) Peterson of Knoxville, TN and Patrick Toomey of Boca Raton, FL. Eleven grandchildren. Visitation was at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800 Wednesday 6-9 PM. Instate Thursday 10 AM until funeral liturgy at 10:30 AM at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI. Contributions can be made to Kids Cancer Foundation, 13833 Wellington Trace Suite E4-137, Wellington, FL 33414 in memory of Peggy Toomey. www.kidscancersf.org

(561-371-1298) Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



## PETER JOSEPH AHRENS

Died peacefully on June 4, 2010. He was born on March 10, 1928, in Germantown, Pennsylvania to Don and Lucile Ahrens. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, received his undergraduate degree, with honors, in English Literature in 1949 from Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN and an MBA from Harvard Business School in Boston, MA. In 1951, he also served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1952-1953. Peter married Margo Anderson on June 21, 1952 while working for the General Motors Corporation, Motors Holding Division, as a branch manager and lived in 12 locations across the United States. From Dallas, Texas they moved to Madison, when, in 1962, he established Ahrens Cadillac and Oldsmobile in the former Pyramid Motors on Gilman Street. Shortly thereafter Peter built the first automobile dealership on the West Beltline and led a successful business until his retirement in 2002. His son D.J. continued the dealership until 2004. Peter was also very involved with the Madison business community and served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the YMCA, United Bank, Little Brothers Home for Troubled Youth, Wm. F. Buckley's National Review, Madison Charity Horse Show, Non-Profit Capital Campaign and Apostolate to the Handicapped. Peter was greatly loved and admired by all who knew him. His hobbies were many and included golf, WWII History and international travel. He was preceded in death by his sister Gay Byrnes and is survived by his beloved wife Margo Anderson Ahrens, brother John Jeffery, sisters Sara Jane Ahrens and Sr. Louise Ahrens, M.M. He is further survived by his children, Catherine (Gary) Edge, Peter Martin Ahrens, Amanda (Bruce) Meier, Matthew (Deborah) Ahrens, D.J. Ahrens, Justin Ahrens, Adam Ahrens and his grandchildren, Matthew Alexander Ahrens, Austin, Jordan and Max Meier, Alexandria and Anna Ahrens, as well as 6 step grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Peter was active in his Catholic faith and served as Eucharistic Minister and Commentator at St. James Church for many years. His faith was ever present in his life. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Joyce-Ryan Funeral Home, 5701 Odana Road, Madison WI from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 10:30 AM at St. James Catholic Church, 1128 St. James Court. Private burial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the following: Apostolate to the Handicapped, PO Box 443, Monroe, WI, 53566 or St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, 700 S. Park Street, Madison, WI 53715. Lastly, we would like to express deep appreciation to Dr. Patrick McKenna, Michelle and Sr. Sandra Schmitz, O.P. of the St. Mary's Hospital MICU for their compassionate care of Peter and the family, as well as to Shaina of Brightstar Caregivers.

## RABBI MARTIN D. GORDON

Age 73, of Gloversville, NY died, June 4, 2010. Arrangements by Walrath & Stewart Funeral Home, Gloversville, NY. Visit the online guest book at www.brbfuneral.com



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# Father's Day event raises prostate cancer awareness

BY SHARON DARGAY  
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John Miles of Plymouth had no history of prostate cancer in his family.

But when a friend at work mentioned that his own father died from the disease, Miles, 57, decided to it was time to get serious about early detection.

"He told me, 'you'd better get checked,'" Miles recalled. "So I did."

A rectal exam and Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test led to a biopsy, an ultrasound and finally surgery two months ago. Robotic-assisted minimally invasive surgery at the Michigan Urology Institute removed the gland, which had been diagnosed with a "stage two" cancer.

Although recovery has been painful at times, Miles says he's glad he underwent the procedure. He urges other men to follow through with health exams and screening.

"Because it runs in the family I told my brothers to get checked," he said, adding that his 16-year-old son understands the importance of early detection.

Increasing awareness of prostate cancer is exactly why the Michigan Urology Institute is sponsoring the second annual Run for the Ribbon, a 5K run/walk on Father's Day, at the Detroit Zoo.

"For us, the most touching thing is to see our patients there ... to see fathers with sons and families celebrating Father's Day. One of our catch lines is 'Do it for Dad,'" said Dr. Michael Lutz, a urologist with the Institute

who primarily works out of Beaumont Hospital's West Bloomfield office.

"The first annual run was a huge success," he said, adding that the practice partnered with the Prostate Conditions Education Council in demonstrating the need for education, research and awareness.

Last year's event drew more than 200 participants, making it the largest of 11 Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) races held that year, Lutz said.

"We hope to have over 5,000 runners this year."

## THE DISEASE

Prostate cancer is cancer that grows in prostate gland, a small, walnut-sized structure that makes up part of a man's reproductive system. Although the cause of prostate cancer is unknown, some studies suggest that a high fat diet, as well as genetic factors, may play a role.

Men at higher risk include African-American men older than 60, farmers, tire plant workers, painters, and men exposed to cadmium. The lowest number of cases occurs in Japanese vegetarians, according to the Michigan Urology Institute Web site.

"There's no question that if you follow a heart-healthy diet, you're following a prostate-healthy diet," Lutz said. "A diet that's low in dairy fat and meat fat, that has a reasonable amount of cruciferous-type vegetables, a lycopene-rich diet, vitamin D — those are things that are healthy for the prostate."

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in the United States. It's the second leading cause of death



The crowd applauds for participants in the first annual Run for the Ribbon last year. The second annual event will be held June 20, at the Detroit Zoo.



The Michigan Institute of Urology's Run for the Ribbon raises awareness and funds for prostate cancer research.

from cancer among men and the most common cause of death from cancer in men over age 75. Lutz said more

than 200,000 men will be diagnosed with the disease in the U.S. this year. Although that's higher than in previ-

ous years, the mortality rate of prostate cancer has dropped as early detection has increased.

Screening includes rectal exams and a PSA test that pinpoints the amount of prostate-specific antigens in the body. The antigens are proteins produced by cells of the prostate gland.

The PSA test is aimed at all men age 50 and older and men at risk for the disease who are age 40 and older. An abnormal PSA count may lead to a prostate biopsy or imaging test.

"Early detection truly does help save lives," Lutz said. "What we haven't figured out yet is how we can prevent prostate cancer in the first place."

## RUN FOR THE RIBBON

**Night on the Townsend:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, between Pierce and Henrietta, three blocks south of Maple, in downtown Birmingham. The event features fine wine, food, a charity auction and music by Alexander Zonjic. Murray Feldman of WJBK Fox 2 is master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$125 and \$250.

**Run for the Ribbon:** 6:30 a.m. registration, 8 a.m.-noon event, Sunday, June 20, at the Detroit Zoo, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Free parking, awards, commemorative T-shirts and medals for all finishers, live entertainment, raffle and free entry to the Detroit Zoo for anyone registered to run or walk in the event. All participants will receive a blue ribbon honoring individuals with prostate cancer. Survivors will be given a hat. Early registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children; race-day fees are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children.

**Proceeds:** Both events benefit prostate cancer awareness, education, treatment and research in Southeastern Michigan. The Michigan Urology Institute in partnership with Prostate Conditions Education Council and PACE Race Series have partnered to present both events.

**Contact:** (586) 443-4272 or e-mail to info@MIURunForTheRibbon.org. Or visit [www.MIURunForTheRibbon.org](http://www.MIURunForTheRibbon.org).



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## How Long Should Your Résumé Be? Is One Page Too Short? Are Two Pages Too Long?

### Experts sound off on if it matters — and why

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Résumés are a subject of great debate in the world of careers. What to include, what not to include; serif or sans serif font; what color paper and which jobs to highlight? And, more commonly in today's job market: How long should my résumé be? And does it matter?

We asked résumé experts for their take on whether job seekers should use a one- or two-page résumé and why it matters. Here's what they had to say:

### The argument: One page

"Many people feel that a longer résumé makes them look more accomplished or important — not so. Recent college grads and those who have only had one to two jobs don't need more than one page. Avoid excessive spacing to fill up the page as well and instead flesh out your skill sets — even if you think you have none due to little experience." — *Kristen Fischer, author of "Ramen Noodles, Rent and Resumes: An After-College Guide to Life"*

"Someone newer to the work force may have a one-page résumé, with a more seasoned employee having two or more. Most experienced employees cannot fit their work history onto one page, and that's fine. What is critical is that the important information stands out. A very brief summary of who you are, what you're looking for, your key accomplishments and strengths, which tells the employer why they should hire you. This should be captured



at the beginning of your résumé in the top quarter of the page — then the employer could quickly scan where you worked and when, along with more details listed under each position." — *Michelle D. Rocca, senior vice president of corporate organizational development from Winter, Wyman*

"I personally believe that a one-page résumé, for the most part, is the way to go — unless you are a very senior executive with a number of accomplishments through your long career. Otherwise, short and focused is better." — *Jim Joseph, author of "The Experience Effect" and president of Lippe Taylor*

"Remember the length Golden Rule: You want your résumé to highlight your best attributes, and hiring authorities shouldn't have to search for them on your résumé. For this reason, stick to the one-page rule and carry over to a second page only if your experience warrants it. This will force you to choose only the most important information for your résumé." — *Alexis Lane, résumé writing specialist at Snelling Staffing - The Wyckoff*

### Group

"While I understand that most candidates want a two-page résumé (or longer), I happen to know that employers put the most focus on a candidate's first page. Their attention starts to wane before they even flip the page. Therefore, appropriate and strategic editing is a smart move. Most job seekers find it difficult to be so objective about their lengthy and accomplishment-based history, so here's a good tip to keep in mind: Job seekers have to think of themselves as a product and their résumé their marketing campaign. Any good marketing director knows to focus on their target consumer while creating a marketing campaign, right? Same thing applies here. You aren't writing your résumé for yourself, but rather, for your potential employers." — *Lauren Milligan, résumé expert and job coach at ResuMAYDAY*

"A one-page résumé is needed to get you in the door. At the outset of the process, most companies are using software to scan for keywords and subsequently weeding out those who haven't included

them. A two-page résumé is necessary once you've gotten in the door and are sitting in front of a human being. That said, it should not be dense. Bullet points are preferable to paragraphs." — *Frances Cole Jones, author of "The Wow Factor: The 33 Things You Must (and Must Not) Do to Guarantee Your Edge in Today's Business World"*

"Less is always more when it comes to résumés today, with one page preferable, as overworked HR departments need to process information faster and are mostly using electronic solutions to identify candidates to start with anyway. On top of this, the more experience you put on there, the more dollar signs begin to flash in hiring managers' heads, and they worry about what it's going to cost to acquire such an experienced candidate." — *Scott Steinberg, CEO, lead analyst, TechSavvy Global*

"It does matter, but primarily in relation to the quality of the content. Do not try to create a two-page résumé if you really only have related experiences that fill up one page. Using bigger font and wider space margins do not help your cause. Similarly, if you have a long, impressive career of related professional achievements, there is no need to try to shrink it all down onto one page. Having said all of that, do not go longer than three pages. You should be able to be able to present the best of the best in less than three pages, and if you must, you can add a note 'Additional work history provided upon request.'" — *Sara Sutton Fell, CEO of FlexJobs*

### The argument: Two pages

"A two-page résumé is important: Given the nature of today's job search, applicants are searching via the Internet and using job boards or a company's website as the first touch. HR professionals and

recruiters are either sifting through the résumés or résumés are searched automatically via a computer program. The more information you provide, the better your chances for a call back." — *Allison Rapaport, founder of www.hospitaldreamjobs.com*

"It is important to remember that whoever will be looking at your résumé will probably be looking at 50-100 others — so first impressions are critical. Like Goldilocks tasting the porridge, a two-page résumé is 'just about right.' A one-page résumé gives the impression that you do not have a lot of experience. Anything more than two pages gives the impression that you are 'all over the place' and simply don't have the ability to focus. Managers want to be reassured that you can zero in on what you need to do and get it done." — *Mario Almonte, managing partner, Herman and Almonte PR*

### The argument: It doesn't matter

"I am less concerned about a one-page résumé than assuring that a candidate for employment provides the necessary information in a concise, direct manner. It's the qualifications that need to get noticed. Tell the employer what you can do for them. Be concise but keep it to two pages. Grab their attention first and foremost. Design your résumé to bring out what the employer is seeking and align these requirements to your own personal strengths. Don't sell yourself short — quite literally." — *Wendy Powell, author of "Management Experience Acquired"*

"It really comes down to relevant content. If you have the experience needed to back up the position you're seeking, then you need to share it. If it's more than two pages then let it flow. If it's just fluff to fill blank paper, limit that fluff to the pertinent information.

Experienced hiring managers are very good at identifying fabricated content." — *Joel Rudy is COO of Photographic Solutions Inc.*

"Job seekers focus on the wrong thing when they obsess about whether hiring managers prefer a one- or two-page résumé. Job seekers with great experience, skills, industry connections and attitudes can stop worrying about the one-versus two-page résumé dilemma and be assured that hiring managers are not going to rule out a terrific candidate for sending a two-page résumé instead of a one-page résumé." — *Janet Civitelli, Ph.D., workplace psychologist and founder of career advice website VocationVillage.com*

"Your résumé is your introduction to a new company. It says volumes about you before you ever get a chance to and may decide if you get to say anything yourself. One or two pages don't really matter, but two pages in most cases are all you need. Résumés should incorporate both responsibilities and accomplishments, conveyed in specific and measurable form — how did you make or save your company money?" — *Ira Bershard, Kaye Bassman*

"I've seen stacks and stacks of résumés and have strong opinions on how they should be organized and written. As far as number of pages required for a résumé, the idea that everything should fit on one page is dated. Don't leave key experience out just because you're trying to keep it to one page. But DO make sure all of the key important experience is on the first page and highlighted appropriately. A good way to accomplish this is by creating a 'career highlights' section at the beginning of your résumé." — *Jenna (Gruhala) Oltersdorf, principal, Snackbox*

"A two-page résumé full of fluff and padding kills interest. Yet a one-page résumé that

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"Although I do prefer to see a one-page résumé, it's a mild preference and I definitely think this issue gets overemphasized. I have hired applicants that submitted a two-page résumé and would do so again in the future. My best advice is to keep in mind that hiring managers often scan résumés for only 20-30 seconds each. Because of this the wording of your bullet points is crucial they must be succinct and attention grabbing. Also consider placing a bulleted list of work accomplishments (from all jobs) at the top of your résumé. This technique is gaining more and more popularity as it can really help to grab the attention of the manager that is scanning the résumés." — *Kris Alban, director of strategic partnerships, iGrad*

The verdict: The length of your résumé will vary based on your experience. If you're a new graduate, or you have less experience, keep your résumé limited to one page. If you're a seasoned employee in the work force, it's OK to have your résumé a little longer.

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**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

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# Equinox Is A Quality Ride

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By Dave Menard  
For Avanti NewsFeatures

For the century that General Motors has been around, the Chevrolet Division has been seen as the place you go for value. You remember the hierarchy: Chevrolet for value, then Pontiac for sports and performance, Oldsmobile and Buick for larger, more comfortable cars, and Cadillac when you hit the big time (or started hitting the early bird specials).

Pontiac and Oldsmobile may no longer be a part of the new General Motors, but Chevrolet is, and that division is trying to keep its reputation for quality and value intact. In the crowded crossover SUV segment, Chevy is running out the 2010 Chevy Equinox, and it's a worthwhile competitor.

With styling similar to the Malibu and the Traverse (and that's not a bad thing), the Equinox features a two-tone grille, and the Chevy log front and center. Body-colored mirrors, which can be heated, are standard, as are roof rack side rails, but fog lamps aren't available on the 1LT (you can get them on the 2LT or the LTZ versions). 17-inch aluminum wheels are standard and look sharp.

The Equinox AWD 1LT (two-wheel drive is available, as well) is powered, oddly enough, by a four-cylinder engine. It's a new one — 2.4-liter, direct injection engine. The good news is that engine will deliver good fuel economy for an

AWD SUV, 20 mpg in city driving and 26 mpg on the highway. Rated at 182 horsepower and 172 lb.-ft. of torque, it felt a bit underpowered in an AWD SUV. If you're willing to trade off a few miles per gallon, you could go for the available 3.0-liter powerplant. That engine is rated at 264 hp and 222 lb.-ft. of torque. That engine is EPA rated at 17 mpg in city driving and 25 mpg on the highway.

The 2.4 engine is mated to a six-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission which has an "ECO" mode; this mode alters the shift points for maximum fuel economy.

Inside, the Chevrolet designers have acquitted themselves very well. The driver's position has the feel of a cockpit, which blue ambient lighting that accentuates the feeling. All the necessary controls are within easy reach in the center of the dash, and the center console features cupholders and storage bins, including one large enough to hold a laptop.

The cloth seats (leather available as an option) and comfortable and provide excellent support. The driver's seat is power adjustable. The rear seats split 60/40 and with the seats moved all the way forward, you get over 31 cubic feet of cargo room.

The Equinox 1LT comes with tilt steering column, remote keyless entry,

cruise control, power windows and locks, and air conditioning. For \$495, you can add Bluetooth for your phone, a leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, a USB port and a remote vehicle starting system (great for extremely hot or cold days so you can start the Equinox without having to venture outside).

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with an auxiliary input jack for your mp3 player. It also includes three months of satellite radio service, and you can add an integrated navigation system, if you choose. The same screen that serves the audio system can be used for the optional rear back-up camera, which could be the best \$320 you ever spend. Backing into parking spaces is a breeze with the camera, not to mention the fact it could save you from running over a kid's bike — or a kid.

Speaking of nice safety features, as with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard with the Equinox. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations, or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

And those airbags include dual frontal airbags, side impact airbags and head

curtain side airbags with rollover protection. A tire pressure monitoring system is standard, as are stability control and a theft deterrent system.

The Equinox provides a good solid ride that is quiet and comfortable. The front suspension features struts and springs with direct-acting stabilizer bar, while in the rear, it's an independent four-link system with coil springs and stabilizer bar. The 2.4-liter powertrain comes with rack-mounted electric power steering; the larger engine comes with power rack-and-pinion steering. The Equinox is fairly easy to handle. Like with most AWD SUVs, the turning circle can make maneuvering in tight spaces (like a U-turn) a bit of a challenge.

Where the Equinox shows its Chevy bloodlines is in its price. It starts at about \$25,000, and even with the rearview camera, leather-wrapped steering wheel, Bluetooth and the remote starter system still comes in at under \$27,000. When a lot of crossovers are checking in at \$35,000-plus, the Equinox is worth a look.

**2010 Chevrolet Equinox LT1 AWD**  
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