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## CANTON CONNECTION Classic cars

Waltonwood Cherry Hill Senior Living hosts its sixth annual Classic Cars for a Cure to show support and raise money for the Alzheimer's Association 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Waltonwood.

America's Most Wanted Car Club will be participating in the event by showing a collection of classic cars. A silent auction will take place inside Waltonwood where items such as Detroit Tigers tickets and signed memorabilia will be up for bidding. There will also be live entertainment and barbecue.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Waltonwood Cherry Hill is located on the corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill in Canton. This event is open to the community.

For more information, contact Renee Wertheimer or Jennifer Alwin at (734) 981-7100.

## Write a play

TLC Productions has organized Canton's first One-Acts Festival and is accepting scripts for consideration, postmarked no later than Aug. 24. Comedies, dramas and yes, even musicals will be considered. Canton's first One-Acts Festival takes place Jan. 21-23 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

TLC is looking for original plays and musicals in length from 15-60 minutes (preference given to 30-45-minute shows). Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed; however, no children's shows will be considered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process, go to [www.TLCprod.wordpress.com](http://www.TLCprod.wordpress.com).

## Seat open

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees invites individuals interested in filling a vacancy on the board to apply by 3 p.m. July 2.

Applications are available from the Office of the President, Room 190, Administration Center, at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus. The board intends to interview selected applicants and make an appointment in July.

The seven-member board is the college's policy-making body. Applicants must be registered voters and residents of the Schoolcraft district, which includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

The term runs through Dec. 31. In order to be considered, applicants must be willing to complete this term and to run for the new six-year term in the Nov. 2 general election. The new term will begin Jan. 1, 2011, and run through 2016.

The vacancy is the result of Dr. Philip Cascade's decision to step down July 1 due to work obligations. Cascade was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2004 and was elected to a six-year term in 2005.



Mike Schultz plows and Richard Waldecker discs the soil along the land that will be farmed.

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## Blast of the past

### Farming project digs up Canton's roots

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard Waldecker knows of Canton's long history in farming, just like he knows that history is moving farther into the past the more Canton grows.

But Waldecker, who's lived in the community nearly 50 years, is working with a variety of partners to try and keep at least a piece of the township's legacy intact in a unique way.

Waldecker is leading the charge to farm some seven acres of land that lies beneath a string of power lines that run next to the area known as Preservation Park at Cherry Hill and Denton.

"We're trying to preserve the not-too-long-ago history of Canton," said Waldecker, who retired after a long career at Ford Motor Co. "We're using old equipment and demonstrating old-style farming techniques. We want to show people a living farm."

The idea began germinating after a 2005 conversation Waldecker had with Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett and Melissa McLaughlin, now

the township treasurer. He said McLaughlin and Bennett talked about "their idea of having a living farm." Waldecker knew he'd be retiring from Ford and was going to be looking for something to do.

The township's master plan included such a project, Waldecker said; what needed to be done was to acquire the land, which belonged to the International Transmission Co. Canton parks and facility manager Brad Sharp started working with ITC in 2007, the contract was signed in 2009 and the project was on its way.

After some consultation with the Wayne County Conservation District, things got started with the planting of some three or four acres of sweet corn in 2009.

"Dick had this great plan for farming it," said Connie Boris, executive director of the Wayne County Conservation District. "We looked in the Wayne County Soil Survey book for the best crop to plant, and it turned out to be sweet corn."

Now Waldecker plans to plant

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Mike Schultz drives a tractor in the shadow of the ITC power lines. That land is where the crops will be planted.

## Audit shows Canton faces 'rough waters'

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barring a housing market rebound and an uptick in the business sector, Canton faces a difficult, 14-year climb to reach the taxable value it had in 2007, a newly released audit report shows.

The latest report from the auditing firm Plante & Moran, released Tuesday night, reveals the severe fallout that a crushing economy has had on Canton — a community that nonetheless has fared much better than its recession-battered neighbors.

"This is grim," township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said, as Plante & Moran officials rolled out the latest audit during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Yet, local officials refused to accept projections — largely based on the current economic climate — that Canton's taxable value will not fully rebound until 2024. Rather, they vowed an aggressive pitch to spur new business growth, and they remain hopeful that new housing starts and the sale of existing homes can help to reverse the gloomy forecast.

Township officials are keenly aware of the difficult road ahead as they try to maintain services amid declining property tax revenue and state-shared funding sources.

"Tighten up your boots. We've got some rough waters ahead," Trustee Pat Williams said.

Consider why:

- Canton's unreserved general fund balance plunged from \$7.5 million in 2008 to \$5.8 million in 2009, as local officials dipped into the surplus to offset declining revenues and to maintain services. The balance fell despite budget-cutting measures such as opting not to fill certain job vacancies.

- Canton's general fund revenue fell from \$27 million to \$25.1 million during the same period.

- Property tax values decreased 5.8 percent for 2010, and Finance Director Rick Eva said even steeper declines are expected at 12 percent in 2011 and 6 percent in 2012.

Plante & Moran manager Alisha Davis warned that declining property tax revenues are expected to affect the local budget through 2013, saying recent drops are "just the start of it."

- State-shared revenue has fallen dramatically, from nearly \$7.1 million in 2002 to \$4.8 million in 2010, and Plante & Moran partner Michael Swartz said another 4 percent is likely looming as Lansing grapples with its own budget problems.

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## Thousands enjoy Canton's Liberty Fest

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To celebrate his 6-year-old daughter Olivia's kindergarten graduation from Canton Charter Academy, Vince Ilagan brought her to Liberty Fest for a rollicking good time.

Seriously, where else could Olivia climb into an inflatable ball that rolls around in a pool of water?

"It's like you're a gerbil," she said, smiling.

It's not the first time Ilagan had brought his daughter to Liberty Fest, a celebration of family, friends and

freedom that, according to Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, draws as many as 50,000 to 60,000 visitors over three days to picturesque Heritage Park.

Said Ilagan, "It seems to keep growing."

Canton resident Tammy Pitt strolled around Heritage Park on Thursday with 8-year-old grandson Taylor Pitt, who was visiting from Presidio, Texas.

"I rode the roller coaster and the bumper cars. They were awesome," Taylor said. "I want to ride that big roller coaster some more. We don't

have any roller coasters where I live."

Pitt was planning to return Friday with Taylor's 7-year-old brother, Ronin, who was visiting other relatives Thursday.

"Ronin's going to want to ride the train, I know that for sure," Pitt said.

To complete a three-day trek to Liberty Fest, Pitt said a family outing was being planned for Saturday night's festival-crowning fireworks display — and festival revelers hoped for cooperative weather.

"The fireworks are the best part,"

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Todd Frey and daughter Sydney Frey stop to talk with Canton Officer Joe Bialy.



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## FARMING

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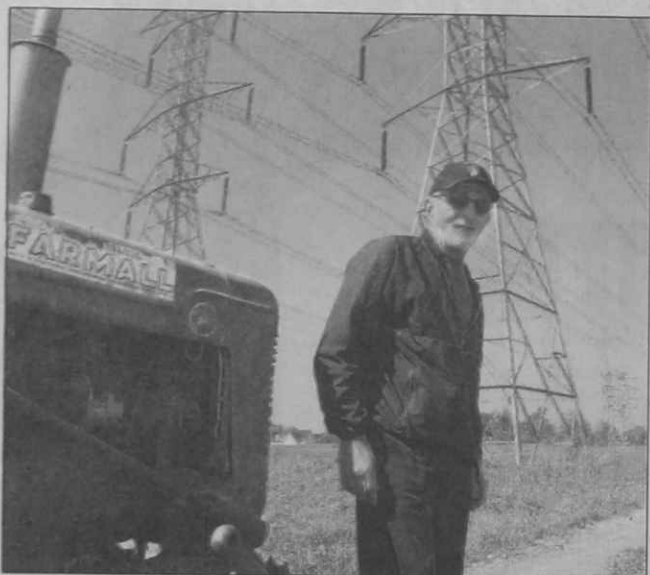
an additional three acres of crops — more corn, green beans, melon and pumpkin among them — this year.

"The property hadn't been farmed in 30 or 40 years," Waldecker said. "We were looking at weeds and rocks and everything. We had to clear it all out."

Waldecker is quick to point out all the help he's gotten. He's talked to current farmers for advice and some physical help. For instance, people have donated several pieces of vintage farm equipment. Volunteers like Mike Schultz — "I'm a laid-off electrician," he said. "This is a great way not to have to sit around" — help out however they can.

"I depend heavily on people," Waldecker said. "That's how farmers are. They help each other."

Plans for the farm include more than just preserving the



Richard Waldecker is creating an historic farm next to the Bartlett-Travis House. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

farming. Waldecker is working with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials to figure out a way to get elementary school children out to the site to teach them about the project. And last year's

corn crop went to Connection Church in Canton for the church's food bank, which Waldecker said fed some 1,300 people.

"That's part of the intent of this project," he said. "We want



Mike Schultz attaches the disc to the tractor. Richard Waldecker found the disk, which dates back to the 1930s, in a wooded area off Canton Center Road.

to help people."

It also fits in with the township's desire to preserve its legacy. Waldecker's farming project is located adjacent to Preservation Park, which already houses the Bartlett-Travis house and a relocated silo.

"It's an educational process for the public," Sharp said. "It fits with Preservation Park. This was a farming community. We wanted to enhance that by showing all of this together."

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## St. Joe's hosts 13th golf classic June 28

The 13th annual St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic is scheduled for June 28 at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The event aims to raise \$150,000, and the funds will support prescription co-pays, medications and supplies, and transportation for the uninsured and underinsured cancer patients receiving care at the new St. Joseph Mercy Canton Center for Advanced Medicine and Surgery.

Providing support such as this helps ensure that the cancer program offered in the center meets the needs of the patients, their families and the community.

Hockey great Ted Lindsay, the golf classic's chair emeri-

tus, will be on hand for the day's events. Celebrity appearances include Joe Kocur, four-time Stanley Cup Champion, former Detroit Red Wing player and assistant coach; and Jeff Lesson, sports anchor, and host of "Lesson on Golf".

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start follows at 9 a.m. The St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic will conclude with a cocktail reception, awards dinner and silent auction.

It's not too late to sign up, but officials say spots are going fast. Sponsorships and dinner tickets are available for purchase.

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Cancer concert

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is the site for a benefit concert by Michael McDermott 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

McDermott will be performing an acoustic set of his music.

Tickets are \$22 each. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.cantonvillage-theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage-theater.org) or at (734) 394-5300. Find out more about McDermott at [www.michael-mcdermott.com](http://www.michael-mcdermott.com)

Church picnics

Living Peace Church is inviting all Canton area residents to join them at four picnics this summer.

Picnics will be held June 27 at Heritage Park and July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5 at Freedom Park. The members of Living Peace Church want to meet Canton Area residents and hear about their concerns and ideas for the Canton community. Food will be provided free of charge from noon to 2 p.m. on all four dates and children's activities will be provided.

Living Peace Church is coming to Canton this fall and will begin meeting for worship in Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton on Sunday, Sept. 12.

For more information call or text us at (734) 233-1466 or e-mail us at [livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com](mailto:livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com).

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.

**Chiefette fund-raiser**

Buffalo Wild Wings of Canton sponsors a fund raiser for the Canton High School Chiefettes 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



Great outdoors

Harvest Bible Chapel of Canton hosts its third annual outdoor service 5-6:15 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton. A free picnic dinner follows at 6:15 p.m. and will include chili dogs, chips, drinks and watermelon. The event features volleyball and activities for children. Anyone who attends and fills out an entry form will be entered into a drawing for a new Apple iPad. The drawing takes place following the service (must be present to win). For more information visit the chapel's website at [www.harvestcanton.org](http://www.harvestcanton.org) or call (734) 459-7795.

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

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).

Pancake breakfast

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will be the beneficiary of the first annual "Good Morning USA" Pancake Breakfast scheduled for July 4 in downtown Plymouth. The pancake and sausage breakfast

is hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters.

Tickets are available at the door for \$6 per person, children under five are free. The breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. in The Gathering, right off of Kellogg Park, and will continue as the "Good Morning USA Parade"

gets underway and run through 11 a.m. or until sold out.

In addition to pancakes and sausage, patrons can enjoy juice and coffee as they watch the annual Independence Day parade. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as it prepares for its 2011 appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

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 3-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 4s class and 5-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.

Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. It offers classes for 2-, 3- and 4-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 information 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.

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.

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## AUDIT

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• Due to a deficit in the local golf course budget, local officials are expected as early as Tuesday to transfer \$106,000 from the public improvement fund to offset the losses.

Despite the grim economic news, auditors said many deficit-plagued Michigan municipalities would relish Canton's financial position, given its \$5.8 million general fund balance.

"There are a lot of communities that would be pretty envious of you," Swartz told township trustees.

To be sure, Canton has the ability to raise its tax rate by 1.5 mills without going to

voters, because the township has levied less than it has the authority to impose. But local officials, aware of the economic struggles of many local residents, haven't even hinted at such a measure.

"We're just going to keep doing everything we can to be good stewards of the people's money," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday.

In response to a question from Trustee John Anthony, Swartz described Canton's financial position as "strong with a lot of clouds on the horizon because of a (declining) revenue stream that is beyond your control."

But, he warned, "to make it stay strong is not easy."

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# W-W board tells Lansing 'hands off' school money

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Wayne-Westland school officials want to send a clear message to Lansing: hands off the \$400 million surplus in the School Aid Fund.

The board, at the urging of Superintendent Greg Baracy, has approved a resolution calling on residents of the district to contact lawmakers and let them know that the money should be spent on the K-12 program not to offset the state's general fund deficit.

"For at least the last five years, Wayne-Westland has lost millions of dollars, this money is needed to go into the classroom," said Baracy. "This is a critical issue. We need every staff member and every parent to protest. Don't raid the fund and take that money out."

At the heart of the battle cry is a proposal to shift money from the School Aid Fund to the general fund to bolster community colleges

and university and other educational programs. It appears that Gov. Jennifer Granholm, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop are on board with the idea which one superintendent described as "stealing from our children."

The resolution recognizes that bills before the House and Senate don't divert any school aid funds to other areas and requests that the legislature not be used for general fund expenditures. However, it "recognizes that any resources available in the current economy that have been set aside for public education need to be maintained in order to eliminate additional funding cuts and possibly restore some of the recent cuts."

"There is a structural problem at the state level that we have to react to year after year," Baracy said. "If we work together, talk to legislators who don't understand, we could be successful. Local legislators

understand, but there are those who don't understand it's not easy for us, it's not for school districts across the state."

William H. Mayes, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, sent out a letter urging school officials to launch the letter writing campaign after news reports surfaced about the possible money shift.

"Despite the rhetoric coming out of Lansing, Michigan's schools do not have any surplus revenue, and that the past few years have been devastating for schools — massive cuts, record layoffs and school closures have been commonplace."

"As parents, grandparents and public servants, we need to ensure that every child has access to the same quality education that our parents afforded us," he said. "The threat of the legislature raiding School Aid dollars is very real. Tell Lansing to keep their hands off of our children's future."

School funding was slashed \$165 per student last year and that the "extra revenue" projected in the most recent fiscal estimate is not even enough to restore that cut, let alone cover the \$150 per pupil cost of the retirement rate increase or the over 20 percent health care cost increase coming next year, Mayes said.

And even with an improved economic forecast, schools will still be forced to layoff staff and cut programs, he said.

Wayne-Westland just closed six elementary schools and reconfigured its elementary program in an effort to cut expenses by \$5 million. It also is seeking concessions from all of its employee groups, laid off employees and cut spending in hopes of making it through the next two years without ending up in deficit.

"If enough people do this, we may have a sliver of hope to accomplish this," said Baracy.

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## Giving Circle hands out grants

Grants totaling \$5,000 were recently awarded to three local non-profit organizations by the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle.

First Step, the Canton Public Library and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging each received funding for programs operating in the area that support the Giving Circle's mission of helping local women and their families.

A much-needed fitness program for senior citizens will be offered at one of the Independent Senior Living Apartments thanks to a \$1,000 grant to PCCA. Senior Chair Aerobics is a pilot program that consists of a six-week session designed to provide a cardiovascular workout for those with certain physical limitations.

The Canton Public Library received \$2,000 to support a mother-daughter book club. Books and other supplies will

be provided to a target group of mothers and their daughters in the 5th to 7th grade.

And finally, First Step will use a \$2,000 grant for the establishment of a Safe Children/Safe Families program to increase public awareness of the issues of violence and how it impacts women and children. This is a one-year program scheduled to begin in July.

Established in 2006, the Giving Circle consists of 65 local women who pool their philanthropic dollars to benefit local women and children in need. In addition, they are learning about community needs and are creating an endowment fund to meet future needs.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Giving Circle can contact the Canton Community Foundation at 734-495-1200, or send an e-mail to GivingHopeWGC@gmail.com.



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## 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 or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

## Scottish fun

The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun summer Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) 3-7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. Partial proceeds from the second annual fund-raising event by the group will go to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Post 154 in Roseville.

The Ceilidh will feature a Scottish meal of steak pie, mushy peas, chips (fries) and cole slaw, plus great entertainment including Detroit Caledonian Pipe Band, solo piping competition, Highland dancers, Celtic fiddler, Raggle Taggle Band, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for kids 10 and under. Kids

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4 and under are free. Seating is limited to 150 and the cut off for tickets is Monday, July 21. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more ticket information, please visit www.scotsofmichigan.com or send e-mail to scotsofmi@yahoo.com.

## Adventure camp

Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center, 951 N. Canton Center, announced enrollment for its summer Adventure Camp program, designed for school age children ages 5-12 years old. (Children must have completed Kindergarten to participate).

Summer camp children go off-site four days a week on field trips. They go all over and do a variety of activities related to each of the week's themes. Examples of the themes are Operation Rising Dough (cooking week) and Creature Feature (animal week).

Tutor Time offers fulltime or flexible schedules which allows families the option for children to attend the entire summer or just a few weeks. Early enrollment is encouraged to ensure availability.

For additional information about Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center and the summer camp program, call (734) 981-8463 or visit www.tutor-time.com.



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The Old Hickory Stick, the trophy awarded to the winner of the EEF's annual golf outing, has made a variety of pit stops since being swiped from the office of the winner shortly after last year's event.

## Golfers await Old Hickory Stick

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Old Hickory Stick apparently gets around.

The stick, which serves as the trophy/plaque awarded to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools team with the best score at the annual PCCS Open golf outing to benefit the Education Excellence Foundation, has been seen in places such as along a highway in Florida and on a racetrack.

Where it hasn't been seen recently is the place it most belongs - on the wall of Clint Smiley's office. Smiley earned the right to display the stick at the 2009 Open, where his West Middle School team won its second straight title.

But shortly after the stick went on display, it was stolen - and though there are suspects, nobody really knows who swiped it.

It was actually a repeat offense. After the West Middle School team won the stick in 2008, it was stolen, and no one knew whether it was a student prank or - perhaps - the work of a sore loser. While suspects were questioned, school officials said, few clues were discovered.

However, the Old Hickory Stick made its dramatic reappearance last year in the

### GOIN' GOLFING

**What:** Educational Excellence Foundation golf outing

**When:** Wednesday, June 23, shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.

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clutches of a Gorilla, who brought it into the clubhouse at Fox Hills, where the outing is played, during the luncheon. Smiley, officials said, gave chase, but the gorilla escaped.

Smiley vowed then to keep the stick safe, even if it meant chaining it to the wall, which he did. Shortly afterward, though, he entered his office to find the chain cut and the stick, once again, missing.

Since then, someone (the gorilla?) has been updating the escapades of the Stick using the Internet (find its journey at [www.OLDHICKORYTRAVELS.blogspot.com](http://www.OLDHICKORYTRAVELS.blogspot.com)).

Officials are hoping the stick makes its reappearance again when the EEF hosts the annual fund-raiser Wednesday at Fox Hills.

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## Students use their 'voice' in Lansing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The leaders of Liberty City are anxiously waiting for proof their voices will actually be heard outside the city limits.

Those "leaders" are fourth-grade students in Wendy Gravlin's class at Gallimore Elementary School, where they created the fictional town to further the learning in their social studies curriculum.

Since they were learning about government anyway, the students put their lessons to good use, crafting a bill that would give Michigan something it heretofore hadn't owned: A state fruit.

Liberty City inhabitants, with the help of state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, authored a bill that would make the tart cherry the state fruit. Slavens introduced the bill in the House, where it will now be discussed in committee.

"We are thrilled our voices have been heard," Gravlin said.

It was the latest lesson for the inhabitants of Liberty City, who spent the year learning about government. The students formed all three branches of government, with students holding down jobs ranging from police officer to Supreme Court justice.

Students voted on the town name, decided on the differences between rules and laws, and were responsible for deciding where local services would be located.

"We modified everything to fit our community, and then we kind of lived it," Gravlin said. "I wanted to make it as hands-on as possible. We tried to make it come alive."

It worked, as students learned what each role encompassed, devised business plans and learned, for instance, how taxes work.

"I didn't know much about



Fourth-graders from Gallimore Elementary School join state Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton) on the House floor during a visit to the Capitol.



Gallimore fourth-grader Natalie Meloche asks a question of state Rep. Dian Slavens, who was at the school for a 'March is Reading Month' appearance.

the branches of government," said 10-year-old Lindsey Torey, who served as the lieutenant governor (Gravlin was governor). "It's like ... when a law was passed, we got to

decide if it was fair, and if we were going to veto it or approve it. It made social studies more fun."

Slavens made an appearance during "March is Reading Month" to read to the students and talk to them about government. She was impressed with some 19 letters students wrote her, explaining why they thought the tart cherry should be the state fruit.

Then, on a subsequent visit to the Capitol, Slavens had a surprise for the students: She had turned their idea into a bill, which is now in committee.

"I was very impressed they'd done the research," Slavens said of the fourth-graders. "It's important the children know they have a voice in the process. When they came to

Lansing, they had great questions. I think that's great. That (interest) hopefully will keep growing as they become adults."

The hands-on development of their own city, the trip to Lansing and actually getting a voice in the system changed some students' outlook on school in general and social studies in particular.

"When we used to do social studies, it was kinda boring," said 9-year-old Karlyn Siterlet. "When we learned about the branches (of government), we got to DO the branches. 'Usually we just memorize it. This time, we got to do it. I used to tell my friends I didn't like social studies; now I can't wait to get to it.'"

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# Canton police nab seat-belt scofflaws

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A surprising number of Canton motorists still aren't buckling their seat belts, even though Michigan has one of the nation's highest compliance rates at nearly 98 percent.

New statistics obtained from Canton police reveal that township patrol officers issued 218 tickets for seat-belt violations during a two-week Click It or Ticket campaign that ended June 5.

Motorists who still refuse to buckle up face a \$65 fine.

"We hope they will wear their seat belts the next time, and maybe it will save a life," Scott Hilden, Canton special services lieutenant, said. "That's the whole purpose of the program."

Canton has some of the state's highest-crash intersections, particularly along bustling Ford Road, yet police officers nabbed motorists all across the township during the Click It or Ticket campaign.

Local officers initiated nearly 300 traffic stops during the special two-week initiative. Hilden released the following statistics:

- Officers cited 218 motorists for seat-belt violations.
- They issued 30 tickets to drivers who blew through red traffic lights.

- Police wrote two tickets for each of the following violations: illegal turns, speeding and driving without insurance.

- Officers caught four drivers for driving with a suspended license.

- Police made four arrests, including one for drunken driving and three for other misdemeanor offenses.

- Officers wrote an additional 32 tickets for other traffic violations.

Police hope the federally funded Click It or Ticket program, part of an annual nationwide campaign, convinces motorists to drive safely to avoid possibly injury to themselves and others.

"Absolutely I would say the program was a success," Hilden said. "There's a tremendous volume of traffic in the areas where the officers do the (Click It or Ticket) details."

The vast majority of motorists obey seat-belt laws, he said, but for those who didn't, "everyone got a ticket."

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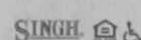
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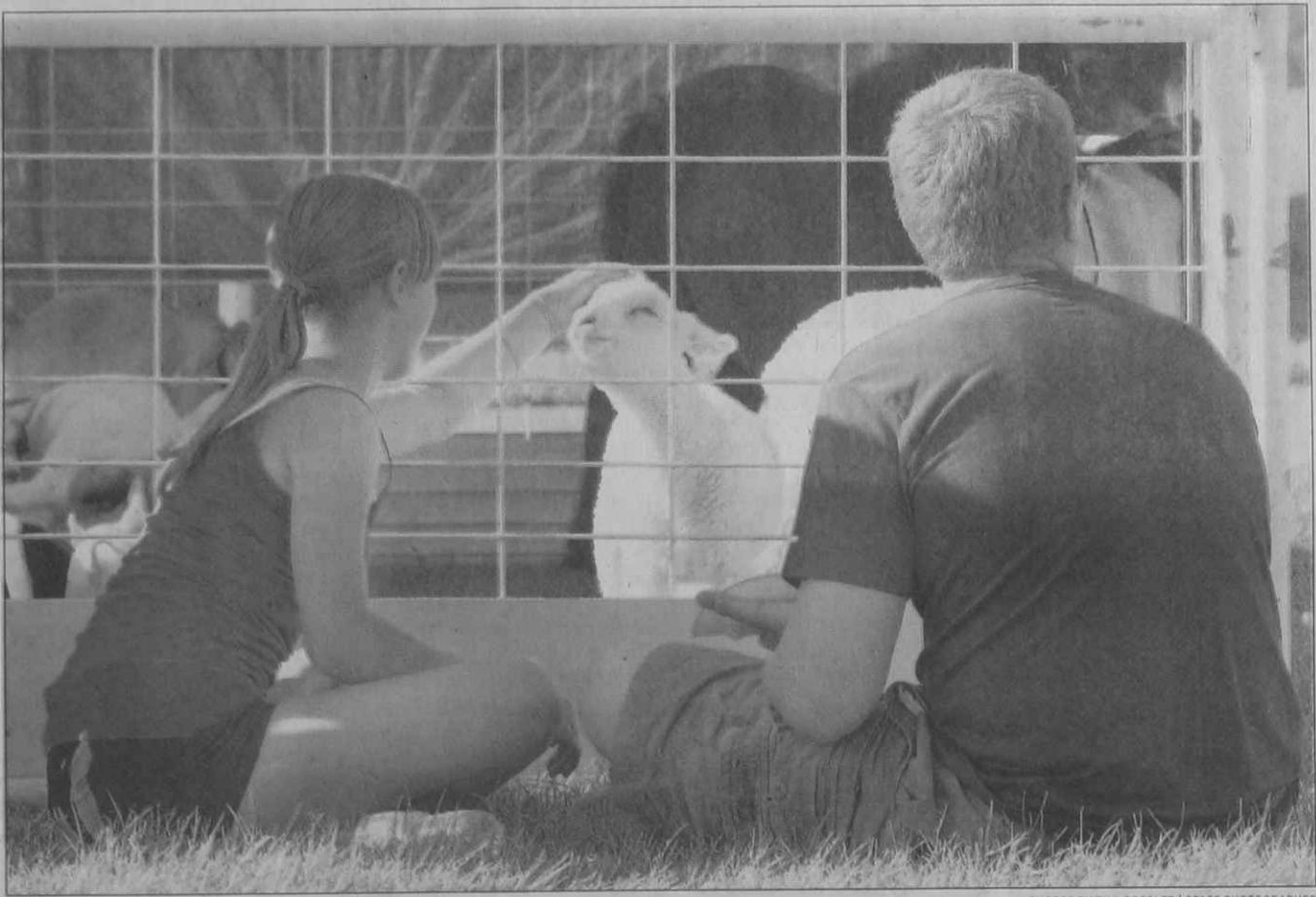


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Megan LeMieux and Josh Allen spend a little time with the animals.

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Thursday night's Canton Liberty Festival featured the sneak preview of the carnival midway.

**LIBERTY**  
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Pitt said. "I love the festival. I enjoy walking around and looking at all the things they have in the tents."

Some festival fans favor the Saturday morning parade along Ford Road. Some charitable organizations use Liberty Fest, in its 19th year, to raise money to help others. Other people enjoy rock bands and a diverse display of international music and dance.

Shawn Mueller, a Canton employee who works at the Summit on the Park day-care center, stood Thursday evening inside a booth to hand out township promotional brochures and to direct festival visitors.

"It has been a really good turnout for opening day," he said.

Opening day included a ceremony unveiling Canton's latest recreation offering — a new cricket field in Heritage Park.

And, really, what's a festival without food — and lots of it, from Cajun to cotton candy.

Cherie Pollard of Romulus ate french fries as she sat on a bench with daughter Courtney Chaney, who works in Canton. They waited for other family members such as Pollard's grandson, 9-year-old Jordan Wilcoxson, who could hardly contain his excitement.

"I just went on the Super Slide, and it was awesome," he said. "Now I want to go on the Twister."

Off he ran — into a crowd that, one more time, embraced Liberty Fest for the summer memory-making event it has become.

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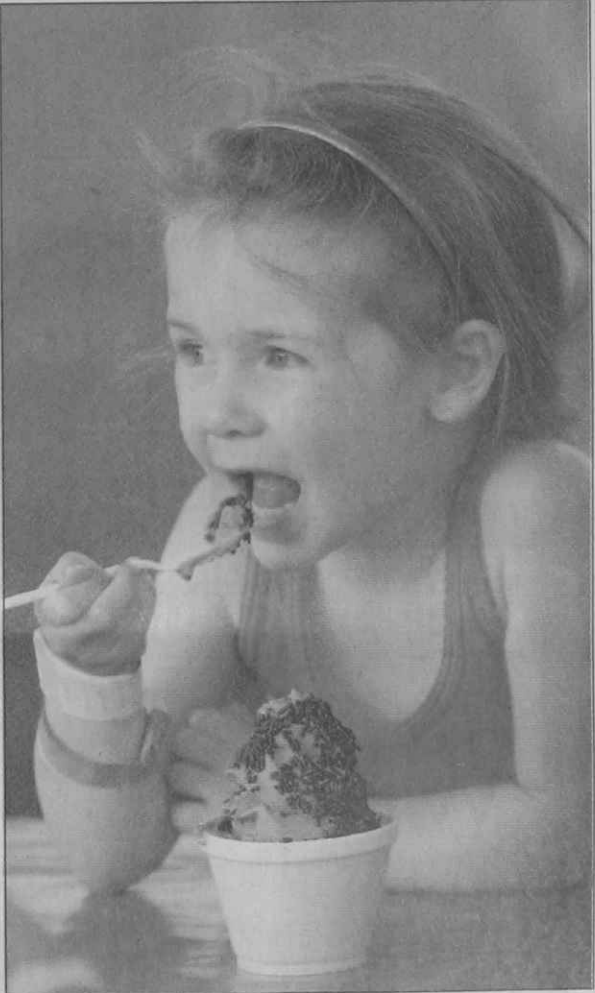
Gyl Savoie and 15-month-old daughter Rhiana stay cool in a water mister.



Josh Cox hangs on with a little help from dad, Michael Cox.



The Super Slide drew a crowd for Liberty Festival's opening preview night.



Malea Smith enjoys a little ice cream on the opening preview night of the 2010 Canton Liberty Fest.



# Readers remember Dad on Father's Day!

My first childhood memory, of Dad's lessons, was when I was about 4 years old in a grocery store with Dad. I picked up a grape in the produce section and started to put it in my mouth but dad made me put it back and taught me not to steal. From that moment on, I knew right from wrong, as far as stealing from a store, and never stole from a store.

Dad also was ingenious, he would tell his 5 kids when they were in the store with him buying groceries and the usual wining would start, asking for candy or other treats at the check out counter. Dad would simply say we couldn't have candy because it wasn't on the grocery list, he faithfully carried with him in the store-and for years we believed him!! My brother when he grew up, a father of 4, said the

same things to his kids and it worked! No candy unless it was on the list! And they believed him for years!

Above all, my Dad, now age 85, taught me the most important things in life were religion, job, family and saving money, being frugal. He raised 5 kids, worked full time, went to school at night and got degrees until I was married at age 20, and had an income tax business on the side. We missed out on Father and daughter dances in high school because he was at night school, but I knew he cared and I learned what sacrifice meant. I learned how important family, religion, and working was. I learned by his example. I am grateful for his example and love. I'm proud to call him my Dad. Happy Father's Day!

Louise



Ivan McKinney

Well, my 80-year old father (Ivan McKinney) had one heck of a week at the U.S. Air Force Academy during the last week of May. He watched his grandson, Austin McKinney, graduate as Valedictorian of his Class of 2010 and get commissioned as a new second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. I am Austin's father (Blaine McKinney) and we are proud that Austin is now a third-generation Air Force officer. My dad is a retired lieutenant colonel and former navigator. I am a retired major and flew as a pilot. I got to swear Austin in because I am a retired officer; 32 years ago, my dad swore me in because he is also a retired officer. My dad used to tell us, "Luck is when opportunity meets preparation." Austin departs in September for the University of London, where he will begin his graduate work as a Marshall Scholar.

Blaine McKinney  
Canton



John Stewart

When we think of our dad we think of determination and support. There is nothing that he would not do for his girls or his community. Whether it is running for office, being a lawyer, or singing the National Anthem he does it all giving it 100%. Through all of those endeavors he still had plenty of time to play catcher for his daughter the softball pitcher and he had time to go to a regatta for his daughter the crew team member. He shows his support for his girls by making time for us and not letting anything get in the way of quality dad and daughter time.

Our dad is an amazing dad and a dedicated member of his community. He has taught us the value of being involved in your community and that one person can have a significant impact. But through it all he stayed committed to showing us the value of family. So even though we are in another city we feel loved and supported no matter where we are or what tasks we want to conquer. We love you dad and all the way from Charlotte we want to love and support you in all that you do! Happy Father's Day!

Laura and Sarah Stewart  
Plymouth



Jerry Grimes

As I think about the many memories my dad and I have shared; fishing, shooting rockets off, and pie eating contests, one stands out. Going to the zoo. I remember finding an eagle feather, being scared by a peacock, buying Popsicles and running ahead of everyone, so I could be first to see the next animal. Even though Father's Day only comes once a year. I think every day is a special day with my dad around. I love you Dad!

Grace Grimes



John Adams

My dad (here giving a how-to lesson to grandkids Dillon, 13, and Emilie, 8) during his hard-working days was in charge of production at Awrey Bakeries. Now with the slower-paced days of retirement, he bakes yeast bread and cooks nearly every day. He has perfected many different kinds of bread: English muffin bread (great toasted with jelly!), an artisan loaf and most recently, cinnamon rolls. He has shared this love of baking with his four daughters and grandchildren, often giving us his freshly baked goods. In addition, he donates his time and talents by baking and cooking for the Miles Christi Priests once a month. Our Papa also plants an enormous vegetable garden every year from seed. We are a tomato-loving family because of my dad. Food and family go together, and my dad has taught us this well! I love you Dad!

Jeanne Stevenson  
Plymouth



Dad,

You have taught me to cherish life. Whether it's making dinner together, going to a Tigers game, or watching a Sunday mass on TV, we always have a great time. I'm going to sincerely miss you in the fall as I leave for college, but don't worry, I'll be spending all my time in my new home away from home... the library!

Sarah Duxter



Alvin Givens

After eighth grade my father, Alvin L. Givens, was needed on the farm. His schooling came to an abrupt halt, but he never stopped learning and working hard. He was raised in the Pennsylvania Dutch culture where parents never praised their kids because it would make them conceited and proud. You proved your worth by working hard, obeying God and your parents, and loving your neighbors as yourself.

I remember once when as a high school student, I had won the regional competition as a Youth for Christ song leader. The area director asked me to lead singing every Saturday night. I overheard my father talking to my mother about getting me a new suit, since I was in front of people so much. That was unusual in our family of six boys who lived on hand-me-downs. I knew it was an expression of his love.

Fast forward 20 years. We were working in the Philippines when we got the news that Dad was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). I felt like my father died right then and I was half a world away. However, we returned to our headquarters in Michigan and settled in Canton. In March 1982, Dad made his last trip before he died in November that same year. My in-laws brought him to see and experience our life here in Michigan.

Thanks for the life lessons, Dad. And even though you're not here to see your great-grandkids, they know about you. And they know how much God loved you so you could love us.

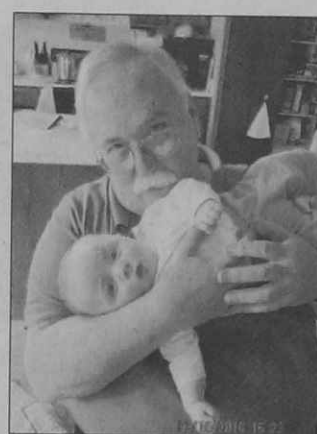
David Givens  
Canton



Gone Fishing

My favorite memories of my dad happen out on the lake. He is a wonderful fisherman who loves catching (and eating) walleye. We both wake up at 6:30 on some Sunday mornings to go fishing. Together we cruise out on the boat and start our fishing voyage. One time when we were on the lake we got terribly lost. Instead of heading back to our docking destination, we drove the boat in the complete opposite direction. We must have gotten very disoriented to drive so far out of our way. We eventually got back home but with sunburned faces and dashed spirits (After our little escapade, my dad went out and bought a GPS.). There are many more memories that have taken place on the lake and countless more to come. Love you dad! Can't wait till we catch a Muskie!

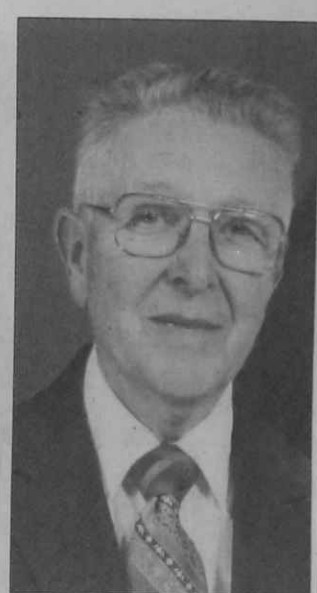
Ellen Grimes



Richard Bronkhorst

My dad (Richard Bronkhorst, pictured with his grandson, Caden Bronkhorst) is the smartest man I know. He taught me to work hard and save my money for things I really want in life. He has worked hard all of his life to provide my sisters and I with everything we needed. I hope I can teach my son everything he taught me. I love you dad! Happy Fathers Day!

Kerri Bronkhorst  
Canton



In the 1950s, my dad took an informal vacation picture of the children our family — my older sister was about age 9, I was 7, my brother was about 6, and my baby sister was about 2. The picture was taken in the woods at the Shenandoah Valley in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. My father carried this picture with him constantly. It was a simple illustration of how important family was to my Dad and we always felt the depth of his love. This picture was in his wallet when he passed away this spring, March 2, 2010, at age 92.

Christine Day  
Canton

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Michael White

The most important lesson my dad has taught me so far is to have fun and always try your best. He is always there to play with me and teach me a new sport. He helps out with my T-Ball team and encourages me to do my very best — I might not always be the best, but as long as I try, he is there to help me out. I love you daddy and I thank you for being the best daddy there is. Happy Father's Day Daddy!

Olivia White



Greg Rutkowski

The most important lesson my dad taught me is to fight for what you want. If someone shuts you down or tells you it can't be done — prove them wrong and find a way to make it happen. I have always lived by this. I don't think I would have ? of what I do today, if I didn't find a way and fight for what I wanted. My dad also taught me how important a family is to you. They may not always agree with a choice you've made or like what you are doing, but they are your family and they will always stand behind you and defend you in any way they can. My dad (and my entire family) are the most important part of my life. Thank you dad for all that you have given to me and taught me. I love you and I hope you have a wonderful Father's Day.

Tracy White



John Toth

One of my most endearing memories is dancing with my father; my little barefoot feet on top of his, step for step. I would hang on to his hands for dear life, trying not to fall off amidst the giggles. He seemed so tall! We danced without music; his simple hum was enough to make the living room spin.

My father was, and is, fervently loyal to his family. Perhaps his devotion stems from having his family of seven children separated during the great depression. Perhaps his memories of the 1930s orphanage and being "rescued" by his older brother shaped his "do anything for family" attitude. Perhaps it is simply that John Toth is a good man.

My Dad's humble silence is an admirable quality, yet it often pangs me with sadness, for I know time is short, and there is so much yet to discover about my daddy. My silent hero is too silent, and I am resigned often to use my imagination to fill in the gaps of his life story. Each day and each memory is a gift from God. As I watch my father's body weaken with age and cancer, I realize the best gift I can give him demonstrate the qualities he has taught me; it is now my turn to show my devotion to him. Happy Father's Day Dad!

Christina Rearick  
Plymouth Township

Stanley Clinansmith

My father, Stanley Clinansmith (who would be 100 years old if alive today) began a construction business with his brother Walter back in the 1940s. The company, Clinansmith Brothers Construction, grew to become Plymouth Excavating and one of many projects was demolishing buildings for the City to make way for urban renewal.

Like my father, I love learning the history of the town I grew up in. He saved whatever he could, parts of structures, antiques, etc., and donated his findings to Margaret Dunning and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

My brother, Tom, worked closely with my dad and remembers many trips to the new museum (back then just a converted house) where he would call Margaret out to say, "Well, Margaret, I have another load for you out in my pickup." This was his way of preserving the history of Plymouth, as well as recycling and reusing.

I am proud of my father that he took the time to preserve Plymouth history and left so many memories for all of us to cherish for years to come.

Nancy (Clinansmith) Jowsey



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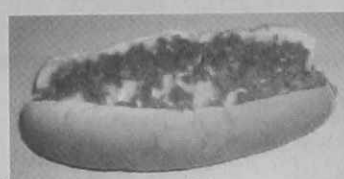
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# Blazers hit roadblock

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood hit a ton of road construction on Telegraph Road during its trek north to the Division 2 girls soccer state semifinal Wednesday at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

The Blazers then found an all too familiar roadblock when they arrived — defending state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian, which scored early and late to earn a 2-0 victory.

The victory put Marian, 21-1-2 overall, on the verge of its fourth state title in school history Saturday against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern at Williamston High School.

Ladywood, meanwhile, finishes its season at 14-5-4 overall.

Erin Ring's rebound goal off a deflection following a shot from teammate Stephanie Pilarski proved to be the game-winning goal just 2:11 into the match.

The Mustangs, who outshot Ladywood 13-4 for the game, finally put it away when Danielle Mazur scored on a give-and-go play with Alexa Finger with only 6:49 remaining.

Marian won all four meetings this season against its Catholic League Central Division rival by scores of 2-0, 6-2, 4-0 and 2-0.

Ladywood junior goalkeeper Maddie Reed repelled several serious Marian scoring threats to keep it a one-goal game until the final seven minutes after the Blazers had to push more players up top.

"In the 2-0 loss the first time, (Reed) was great in that game, too," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Today she showed what kind of goalkeeper she can be going forward. She was incredible."

The first goal bugaboo, however, came back to haunt the Blazers once again.

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PHOTOS BY ED HENGESH

Plymouth junior standout goalkeeper Marissa Williams corals the soccer ball, keeping it away from onrushing Charlie Socia (No. 23) of Portage Central during Wednesday's Division 1 semifinal at Holt High School.

## Plymouth boots way into D1 final

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Getting a step ahead of Portage Central defender Shelby Humphries (No. 14) during Wednesday's D1 semifinal is Plymouth junior forward McKenzie Hengesh — who scored during the second half.

Before too long, Plymouth junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams will be able to write the book on how to succeed in soccer shootouts.

Williams on Wednesday stoned an opponent in the penalty kick tiebreaker for the third time this postseason.

Only this time, it wasn't any team she thwarted. Williams and the Wildcats shocked defending champion Portage Central 2-1 in the Division 1 girls soccer semifinal at Holt High School. The last time the Mustangs lost was in June 2008.

"Wow, wow," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, whose unranked underdogs played

Saturday against No. 3 Novi (20-2-2) at Michigan State University with the state title at stake. "She (Williams) almost had two of them saved and they missed one. It's just incredible the confidence she plays with."

Plymouth (15-5-5) scored on three of its first four penalty kicks against junior goalie Mara Bennett, with sophomore Jessica Scott, senior Jessica Heck and junior Katelyn Moss finding the mark.

Meanwhile, after the first bid by Portage Central (25-1-2) sailed over the net, junior Lindsey Arnett bounced a shot off the left post and past Williams.

The third shooter, senior Natalie Hall, scored. But

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## Olympic experience in store for PCEP hockey players

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

February's electrifying Winter Olympics hockey showdown between Canada and the United States is still a hot topic for anybody involved with the sport.

And for Michigan high school hockey players — including six from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — they'll have a unique chance to compete in what's being touted as "an Olympic-style sports festival" later this week.

The 2010 Meijer State Games of Michigan will give hockey teams from the state's eight regions the opportunity to go after each other for medals and bragging rights. Competition takes place Thursday through Sunday, June 27, in Grand Rapids.

An opening ceremony at Van Andel Arena promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the hockey players and all other athletes participating.

"Players get to walk out, just like

they do at the Olympics," said Ryan Ossenmacher, Salem varsity head coach and general manager of the Metro West region team. "That's kind of a unique atmosphere that they typically don't get to be a part of, to walk out in front of that many people in a kind of parade of athletes."

Hockey is one of 15 sports on the State Games menus. Others include rowing, boxing, swimming, basketball, figure skating, rugby and track & field. About 3,500 athletes of all ages from across the state will compete.

The hockey games will be slated for Walker Ice & Fitness, Kentwood Ice Arena and Belknap Park Arena (Griffs Icehouse) with each team guaranteed a four-game slate. Semifinal crossovers are Saturday



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with the medal round games June 27 at Griffs, with gold, silver and bronze medals on the line.

"I think it's really interesting," said Plymouth varsity boys hockey coach Paul Fassbender. "It should be a lot of fun for players to play in a mini-Olympics. It's a very unique opportunity."

### SIX FROM THE PARK

Two of Fassbender's 2009-10 players, defenseman Justin Bauer and forward Ryan Brown, are two of six PCEP players to suit up for the Metro West

squad.

Canton forward AJ Rosales and defenseman James Lafontaine will compete on the team as will Salem forward Mark McGee and blueliner Ryan Quigley. Livonia Churchill's Pete Mazzoni will be the head coach with other assistants including

Farmington's Mark Vellucci and Novi's Todd Krygier.

Team officials had the tough task of putting together a 20-man roster from a deep and very talented pool of players.

According to Ossenmacher, several evaluators tried to find the right blend of size, speed and toughness both up front and on the blueline. Having such a deep and balanced roster is essential because teams will play 60-minute games, he added.

"We need a group of guys who all can contribute and all can play," Ossenmacher said. "I think we've got a pretty good mix."

Fassbender concurred, noting that putting together an all-star team really wasn't the objective.

"They were looking for (players to fill) roles," Fassbender said. "Such as having two top lines, good skaters, a lot of skill. There are a lot of good kids who tried out."

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### Take Pride

The PC Pride is looking for experienced coaches to lead teams of all ages for the 2010-11 fast pitch softball season.

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For more information, contact Olszewski at (313) 570-0800.

### Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be opening registration for Fall Baseball Friday, June 25 through July 20.

Games are set to begin in mid-August and continue into early October. For more information or to register online, go to [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com) or contact [cott@canton-mim.org](mailto:cott@canton-mim.org). Programs are available for ages 4-14 for fall.

### Free golf clinic

PGA golf pro Tami Bealart 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).

### College showcase

Local high school baseball players (classes 2010-13) who might want to play at the collegiate level someday are invited to participate in the "Michigan All-Star Showcase," June 29-30 at Fifth Third Ballpark in Grand Rapids (home of the minor league Whitecaps). Fifteen colleges will be in attendance. For more information, call (616) 635-0010 or go to [grandvalleystatebaseballcamps.com](http://grandvalleystatebaseballcamps.com).

### Whalers Alumni Game

The Plymouth Whalers will play their second annual Alumni Game on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Computware Arena. Much like last season, the game will feature alumni from all eras of the team, going back to the team's early days as the Detroit Computware Ambassadors and Detroit Junior Red Wings to the Detroit and Plymouth Whalers.

Last year's first Alumni Game featured 26 players from all eras of the franchise in a game that ended 12-11 for the Whites over the Blues.

More information will be released to the public later in the summer. Alumni interested in playing in the game or attending the event can contact Natalie Shaver at (734) 453-3216 or [natalies@plymouthwhalers.com](mailto:natalies@plymouthwhalers.com) for more information.

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Williams waited, waited, and dove to her right to get her hands on junior Charlie Socia's try.

"I knew I had it," said Williams, who exudes confidence without being brash.

When Plymouth junior Jen Babcock's kick found the top right corner, for the Wildcats' fourth straight shootout goal, the victory and trip to the finals was all theirs. That then set off a happy mob scene on the field and in the Plymouth side of the bleachers.

According to Neschich, the 4-for-5 performance by Plymouth shooters underscored how much the extra practice time on penalty kicks is also paying off from an offensive standpoint.

"We've just been practicing them and sticking with what's working," he noted.

Norman, meanwhile, said his goalkeeper (Bennett) had never been in such a situation and couldn't match Williams' experience.

"She (Williams) has been there, she's been under that pressure," Portage Central veteran head coach Pat Norman said. "Our goalie's never been under that pressure before."

### BRING IT ON

Williams is "just feeling really confident right now," and in a PK comfort zone — having beaten Northville, Dearborn and the Mustangs in shootouts this post-season. "But I have a great defense in front of me."

Still, the nimble, aggressive goalkeeper was a major reason for the Wildcats even getting to the shootout. She blocked the onrushing Lauren Brown from point-blank range in the final moments of the first 15-minute overtime.



ED HENGESH

Portage Central's Paige Wester (No. 25) and Plymouth's Katelyn Moss (No. 18) are in a footrace during Wednesday's hard-fought Division 1 semifinal. The Wildcats earned a 2-1 victory in a shootout and play against Novi Saturday for the state title.

During the second OT, Arnett ripped a shot from inside the box that looked labeled for inside the left post, but Williams sprawled and got her hand on it.

The only mark on her ledger was the tying goal, scored by Paige Wester with just under seven minutes left in the second half. A free kick bounced off a defender over to Wester, who made no mistake.

That energized the Mustangs, but they were unable to get the next one.

"That (tying goal) gave us an emotional swing and from that point on we owned the field," Norman said. "We just couldn't put the damn ball in the net."

Norman estimated that his slick-passing team took 25-to-30 shots, easily three times as many as Plymouth took.

There were chunks of the OT sessions where the Mustangs were so strong that the Wildcats could not clear the ball out of trouble.

But Plymouth was effective when it counted with its bend-but-don't-break defensive style.

"That's just something we've been working on all year, not just having one person go to the ball," said Neschich, about team defense. "Two people go to the ball and when we move we all move together."

### ON THE BOARD

Plymouth did have periods of offensive intensity and it yielded dividends with a goal at 8:23 of the second half, putting the Wildcats up 1-0.

Speedy junior forward McKenzie Hengesh took a nifty through ball from sophomore Stephanie Sheridan.

Hengesh then deftly controlled her body and the ball within close quarters inside the box — spinning and burying a kick into the top right corner.

"It was really exciting because I hadn't scored in a while," Hengesh said. "It felt so good to finally score again, and of all the games the state semis. It's amazing."

After the tying goal, Hengesh nearly scored the winner in the final minute of regulation.

Goalkeeper Bennett stopped Hengesh's in-close header at the left post, off a corner kick by freshman Stephanie Dillon.

"I just didn't get enough oomph on to it," Hengesh added.

Both Hengesh and freshman Morgan Klabunde, among others, gave the Mustangs fits with their speed and relentless pursuit of the ball.

"McKenzie had a great game for us up there, she scored our goal in regulation," Neschich said. "And Morgan Klabunde and Stephanie Sheridan have stepped in and have really brought some speed and spark to the lineup up there."

"As well as Jen Babcock and Abby Livingston, who also played smart up top."

For results of the D1 final, go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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### LEARNING CURVE

That selection process wasn't so cut-and-dried, either.

"It was a big learning experience," Fassbender said. "Some players got cut who thought they were really elite players, and others made the team who were thinking they weren't in the elite field."

Ossenmacher, meanwhile, said the Metro West team should be very competitive in Grand Rapids, having been picked from 20 of the state's best high school hockey programs.

In addition to the PCEP contingent, players from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association on the Metro

West include: Churchill forward Steven Klisz; Livonia Stevenson forwards Timothy Pruchnik, Justin Shureb and defenseman Christian Wood; Novi forward Joey Ferriss, defenseman Brock Krygier and goaltender Michael Pesendorfer.

North Farmington defenseman Andrew Debrincat also is on the squad, as is Orchard Lake St. Mary's goalie Joe Janiga.

"We've got some offensive defensemen and defensive defenseman and we also have two of the better goalies in the state," Ossenmacher said.

To keep up on the Metro West team's progress at the State Games, go to [www.stategamesofmichigan.com/sports/hockey](http://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/sports/hockey).

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"We lasted two minutes and 30 seconds longer this time we did the last time," Shingledecker said. "It is what it is. (Marian) is a great team. We just settled in after that, but you've got to score goals on them. Until you can do that, they're going to always win

when they score."

Marian's backline also kept the Blazers from penetrating most of the 80 minutes of action.

The future looks promising as 15 of Ladywood's 20 players return for next season, but Shingledecker won't forget the efforts of his 2010 squad.

"We left it on the field," he said. "This is the best group of kids I've ever coached. Great experience from day one."

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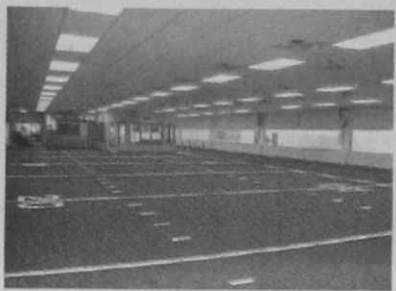
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# Boys track & field athletes raise the bar

**FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS**  
**Kyle Brindza, Jr., Plymouth (shot put):** Brindza – an outstanding football punter-kicker and soccer goalie – is just as excellent in track & field. The junior set a new Plymouth school record in the shot put with a personal best and first place throw of 52 feet, 3 inches at the KLAA conference meet.

Other highlights this spring included placing second at the association and regional meets with respective tosses of 50-11 and 51-3.5. At the Division 1 state meet at Rockford, Brindza's 45-11 throw earned him 25th place.

"Kyle, as a junior, is an amazing all around athlete," said Wildcats coach Jon Mikosz about Notre Dame-bound punter-kicker. "On top of being one of the top throwers in the state he also scored points for us in the high jump and in relays."

"Kyle is determined to make sure he is one of the top throwers in the state for his senior year."

**Nate Coleman, Sr., Liv. Franklin (discus):** The senior was the team's anchor in a deep group of throwers. Coleman, bound for Howard University on a football scholarship, was undefeated in dual meets and was Livonia City and Kensington Conference champion this season.

He threw a personal best 156-1 and he broke the 150 mark three teams while finishing runner-up in the regional to qualify for the Division 1 state meet.

**Jordan Allen, Sr., Ply. Christian (high jump):** Eagles coach Jennifer Lemieux said Allen was born to be a high jumper and he backed that up in 2010.

Allen jumped 6 feet, 6 inches at the Division 4 regionals, breaking the PCA record he set in 2009.

He was the model of consistency, placing first in every meet except the season opener and won at the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, regionals and Larry Steeb Championship meets. Allen then took seventh at the state finals.

The honors student will study psychology and criminal justice at Michigan State University and return next spring to help Lemieux coach PCA high jumpers.

"He is a wonderful young man with a strong faith in God," Lemieux said. "He will do well."

**Scott Coppola, Sr., Liv. Churchill (long jump):** The senior co-captain and team MVP was a Division 1 state qualifier for the third year in a row after winning the regional at Canton.

Coppola, a two-time All-Observer selection, is the school's record holder in the long jump (21-9.75).

He also took runner-up honors in the 100-meter dash at the Kensington Conference meet. As a junior, he was a member of Churchill's All-State 4 x 400 relay team which placed fifth. His season best in the 100 was 11.0 and he placed sixth in the 200 at the conference meet.

"Scott has been a steady varsity performer since his freshman year," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Each year he became stronger and faster."

**Joe Marlow, Sr., Liv. Churchill (pole vault):** The senior co-captain, who posted a personal best of 14-2, repeated as Kensington Conference champion and captured the Division 1 regional.

Marlow also competed in the long jump where he recorded a season best of 20-4.5.

"Joe has been a steady performer for us in the pole vault – 14 feet all season long," Austin said. "He's a naturally gifted athlete combining speed and strength on the runway."

**Shammah Carter, Jr., N.**

## ALL-AREA TRACK & FIELD

### 2010 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK TEAMS

**Shot put:** 1. Kyle Brindza, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Ed Merhi, Sr., Salem; 3. Dana Baltazar, Sr., Salem.

**Discus:** 1. Nate Coleman, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 2. Sean McAuliffe, Sr., Franklin; 3. Tom Norris, Jr., Farmington.

**High jump:** 1. Jordan Allen, Sr., Plymouth Christian; 2. Anthony Blair, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Pawan Dahlwal, Sr., Plymouth.

**Long jump:** 1. Scott Coppola, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. James Vincent-Taylor, Jr., Farmington; 3. Will Burek, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

**Pole vault:** 1. Joe Marlow, Sr., Churchill; 2. Nick Alaniva, Jr., Canton; 2. Mike Kaplan, Sr., Franklin.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Shammah Carter, Jr., North Farmington; 2. Kenton Janzen, Sr., Farmington Harrison; 3. (tie) Antonio Hawk, Sr., Livonia Clarenceville; Chris Ryba, Sr., Farmington.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Scott O'Connor, Sr., Salem; 2. Ben Watts, Sr., Clarenceville; 3. Dennis Hardaway, Sr., N. Farmington.

**100 dash:** 1. Charles Anthony, Sr., Farmington; 2. Jeremy Langford, Sr., John Glenn; 3. Stefan Anthony, Jr., John Glenn.

**200:** 1. Jaihus Ingram, Sr., Farmington; 2. Zack Gaskell, Sr., Salem; 3. Kassius Kelly, Soph., Clarenceville.

**400:** 1. Kevin Buford, Soph., Canton; 2. Keith Marshall, Sr., Redford Union; 3. Anthony LeMerise, Jr., Plymouth.

**800:** 1. Dan Martin, Jr., Salem; 2. Warren Buzzard, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Matt Williams, Jr., Stevenson.

**1,600:** 1. Matt Neumann, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Zack Spreitzer, Sr., Canton; 3. Adam Chludzinski, Jr., Stevenson.

**3,200:** 1. Joe Porcari, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Thomas Windle, Jr., Churchill; 3. Derek Gielarowski, Soph., Plymouth.

**400 relay:** 1. Farmington (Davud Kucukarslan, Sr.; James Vincent-Taylor, Jr.; Jaihus Ingram, Sr.; Charles Anthony, Sr.); 2. John Glenn (Rico Cole, Jr.; Luciano Kenle, Sr.; Stefan Anthony, Jr.; Jeremy Langford, Sr.); 3. North Farmington (Daniel Davis, Sr.; Chad Bridges, Jr.; Josh Smith, Sr.; Jason Ervin, Soph.).

**800 relay:** 1. Farmington (Anthony Ward, Jr.; Charles Anthony, Sr.; James Vincent-Taylor, Jr.; Jaihus Ingram, Sr.); 2. Clarenceville (Levonte Brooks, Sr.; Moses Hobson, Jr.; Leonard Hogan, Sr.; Kassius Kelly, Soph.); 3. John Glenn (Rico Cole, Jr.; Luciano Kenle, Sr.; Stefan Anthony, Jr.; Jeremy Langford, Sr.).

**1,600 relay:** 1. Salem (Scott O'Connor, Sr.; Ken Middlebrooks, Jr.; Zack Gaskell, Sr.; Dan Martin, Jr.); 2. Canton (Ben Spreitzer, Jr.; Jordan Wisniewski, Sr.; Keith Zech, Sr.; Kevin Buford, Soph.); 3. Stevenson (Pat Smith, Jr.; Travis Gosselin, Sr.; Adam Chludzinski, Jr.; Matt Williams, Jr.; Joe Urso, Jr.).

**3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Matt Neumann, Sr.; Justin Heck, Jr.; Joe Porcari, Jr.; Warren Buzzard, Sr.); 2. Canton (Keith Zech, Sr.; Max Schmiel, Sr.; Paul Rakovits, Sr.; Zack Spreitzer, Sr.); 3. Stevenson (Adam Chludzinski, Jr.; Travis Gosselin, Sr.; Matt Williams, Jr.; Joe Urso, Jr.).

**CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR**  
Jon Mikosz, Plymouth  
Charles Bridges, Kim Sturm, Farmington

**Farmington (110 hurdles):** Carter has been North Farmington's leading scorer the last two years. He's a two-time OAA Blue Division champion, and he set the school record of 14.5 seconds at the division meet this year. Carter was undefeated in duals for two years in the 110 hurdles. He was second at the regional and a state semifinalist. Carter also led North to victories in the shuttle hurdles relay at the Huron and Raider relays.

**Scott O'Connor, Sr., Salem, (300 hurdles):** The versatile O'Connor capped off an excellent high school



Kyle Brindza  
Plymouth



Nate Coleman  
Franklin



Jordan Allen  
Ply. Christian



Scott Coppola  
Churchill



Joe Marlow  
Churchill



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Farmington



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Farmington



Anthony Ward  
Farmington



Zack Gaskell  
Salem



Justin Heck  
Plymouth

career, breaking Salem's school record in the 300 hurdles at the association meet with a runner-up time of 39.4 (FAT).

Meteyer said O'Connor had been "chipping away" at the record since his sophomore season. Over the past three years, he kept his event time under 41 seconds and finally finished his quest.

"He peaked at the right time his senior year, breaking the school record in the next to last meet," Meteyer added.

O'Connor also was part of the 1,600 relay team that broke another school record in 2010.

**Charles Anthony, Sr., Farmington (100):** Anthony had the best finish among area runners at the state meets, taking fifth in Division 1 with an 11.18 time. He is a regional champion and the city champ in the 100 and long jump. He was second at the Observerland and Oakland County meets in the 100.

Anthony went to state four straight years – in the 400 relay as a freshman, in the open 100 as a sophomore and the last two years in the sprint relays and the 100. He will run for U-of-D Mercy next year.

**Jaihus Ingram, Sr., Farmington**



Warren Buzzard  
Plymouth



Jon Mikosz  
Plymouth coach



Charles Bridges  
Farmington co-coach



Kim Sturm  
Farmington co-coach

(200): Entering the season, coach Bridges and Ingram thought the 400 would be his best event, but it ended up being the 200. He was third in the regional and an additional state qualifier with a 22.4 time, and he was sixth in Oakland County. Ingram ran his best time of 22.1, from a FAT time of 22.37, in the county prelims. He ran a sub-50 quarter in the 1,600 relay at the city meet, an he was outstanding in the sprint relays.

**Kevin Buford, Soph., Canton (400):** The explosive sophomore dazzled as a football player last fall and he followed that up with a

record-breaking track season for the Chiefs.

Buford finished 48.6 at the Division 1 state meet, earning him sixth place and breaking the 2000 school record of 49.3 set by Jerry Gaines.

"So he didn't really just beat it, he kind of crushed that school record," said Canton head coach Bob Richardson.

The All-Stater brings solid leadership and a strong work ethic to the team, qualities Richardson said augment his amazing running abil-

ity.

"Obviously he's very talented, he sees the big picture that the more success you get the harder you have to work," Richardson said. "Otherwise, stuff falls apart. We're looking forward to two more great seasons out of him."

**Dan Martin, Jr., Salem (800):** Martin eyed Salem's school record in the 800 run as something he could finally reach as a senior, but

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Meeting dates: January 19, February 23, March 9 & 23, April 20, May 11 & 25, June 22

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Joe Bridgman, CMC  
Township Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 10-08	201 Arthur Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback, Corner Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Rod & Heidi MacIntyre
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

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This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2010

6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2010 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1473: 47248 Beechcrest, Requesting an 8 foot wooden privacy fence when only a 4 foot fence is allowed. Requesting a 4 foot variance in fence height.

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

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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## Role model, mentor

### Dad plays a crucial role in raising kids

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
CORRESPONDENT

As dad encourages his child to explore and climb up to a newly built tree house, odds are that mom stands nearby armed with apprehension and a first aid kit.

The inherent characteristics that differentiate the sexes find themselves neatly packaged in the dynamics of average families. It's not a secret that women tend to be more verbal and emotional. On the other hand, men tend to talk less and take more risks.

"You have this beautiful balance in a healthy family," said the Rev. William Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Canton Township. "I'm generalizing, but moms tend to be the relationship makers and dads are goal oriented. God knew what he was doing when he created men and women."

When fathers and fatherhood are celebrated today, June 20, children — young and old — will reflect on the men in their lives who guided them into the tough world of reality, who helped them establish personal and professional goals, and who taught them the consequences for bad choices and misbehavior.

#### DIFFERENCES

"Men nurture in a very different way," said Mike Kildee of the Michigan Fatherhood Coalition, which includes members in Wayne and Oakland counties. "Mothers are more about holding their children close. Men nurture by

**Typically, it is dad who will enforce rules, or when their children want the benefits of maturity, but not its consequences and responsibilities. If a teenager begs for a car of his or her own, it is dad who tells them to get a job to pay for it. Mom, meanwhile, is likely pondering how she can afford a car for their child, Moore said.**

encouraging them to try and take risks."

The coalition is a network of some 250 professionals — psychologists, judges, service agencies, and social workers — who work directly with families to raise awareness of the need for responsible fatherhood.

Like Kildee, area clergy and psychologists believe the roles men and women play in their families are equally difficult and equally important. Yet dads play a distinctly different role than mom in raising children. Some behaviors are based on how parents themselves were parented, while others are due simply to how men and women differ, he added.

"Fathers bring to the family relationship a certain course of boundaries and the fostering of self control over immediate gratification," Moore said.

Typically, it is dad who will enforce rules, or when their children want the benefits of maturity, but not its consequences and responsibilities. If a teenager begs for a car of his or her own, it is dad who tells them to get a job to pay for it. Mom, meanwhile, is likely pondering how she can afford a car for their child, Moore said.

In his role as father, a man provides an additional layer of support for his children. But as the children mature, dads tend to defer more responsibility to them individually. "He lets life become the corrector of consequences. Dads are more realistic about life," Moore added.

#### DAD'S ROLE CRUCIAL

Psychologist Jim Dignan of Abundant Life Christian Counseling in Livonia believes fathers play a crucial role in providing children with support and a sense of security and self value.

While mom nurtures with hugs and kisses, dad — through example or discussion — nurtures by preparing his children for a competitive, and often, cruel world. "Typically, fathers will bond through an activity, whether it's sports, jokes, or stories," Dignan said.

Sports are often a dad's way of connecting with his son, while with his daughter he may seek another type of common interest that will encourage time spent together. "A father doesn't change his mode of operation between the kids,"

Please see **MENTOR, B7**

## Juggling roles: He's dad and mom and loves it

Greg Hinkle, 41, of Garden City is dad and mom to his five children ages 15, 14, 11, 12 and 9. He is very busy and he *loves* every minute of it.

As you read this on Sunday morning — Father's Day — Hinkle and daughter, Elizabeth, 12, are participating in the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Fun Run. He's running because he knows the exercise is good for him and because he is Elizabeth's dad and "she wanted to do this."

Hinkle's wife, Cynthia, died of complications from pneumonia in June 2009. She wasn't sick for long — about a week — but when she eventually ended up in the hospital it was too late. Her condition deteriorated and even modern medicine couldn't save the wife and mother of five.

The family was devastated but pulled together and life went on — forever changed — with help (from family), lots of love and patience.

Hinkle works tirelessly to give his kids the best dad possible. To that end, he underwent gastric bypass surgery in October 2009 "because I wanted to as healthy as I can for the kids."

He weighed 322 pounds at surgery (he lost weight before the surgery). He is now down to 218 pounds and wants to lose another 48-50 pounds in the next year.

Hinkle knows that



Greg Hinkle (back middle) is dad and mom to his children (from left back) Erich, 15; Christopher, 14; (front row left) Matthew, 11; Jason, 9, and Elizabeth, 12.

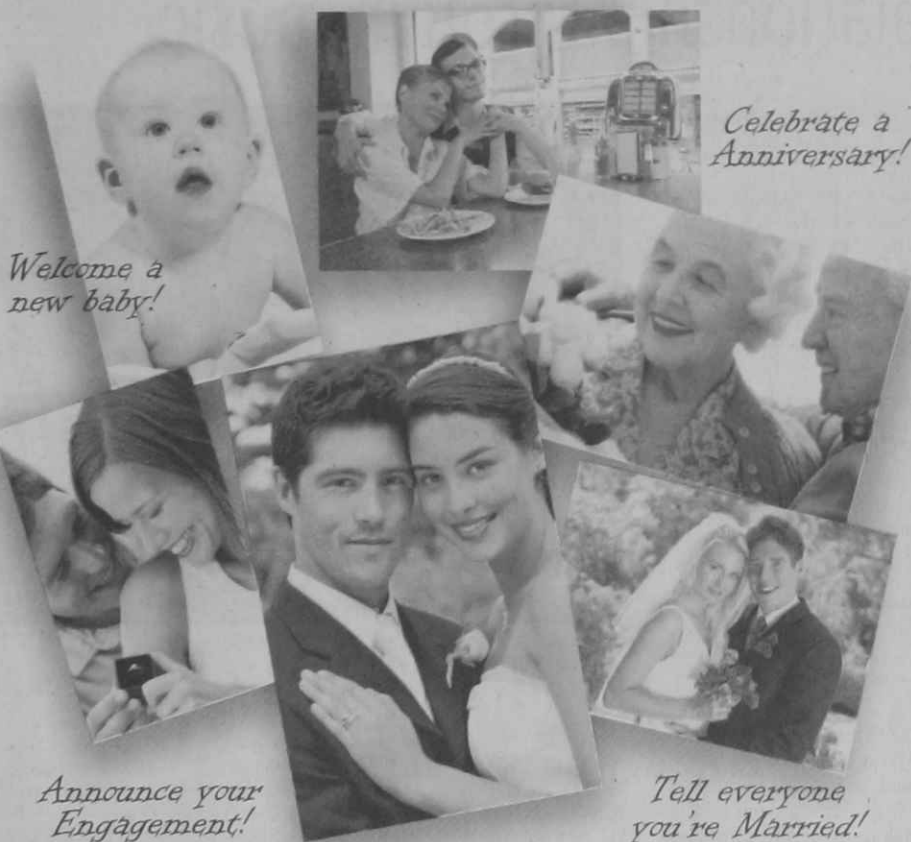
Erich, 15; Christopher, 14; Matthew, 11; Elizabeth, 12; and Jason, 9 are counting on him being around for a long time.

Hinkle, a 1987 graduate of Garden City High School, works full time as a quality leader at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne.

He says his biggest challenge is trying to be both mom and dad to his young, energetic family. He gets help from Sherri Frost, his late wife's sister, and his dad, John Hinkle for which he is grateful.

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## McCann: Dad set the bar high

My father is very special because of his dedication to family and community. Throughout his lifetime he has made a special effort to remain close, not only to my family, but to his brothers and their children as well. His dedication to the community was not just being a Judge. It was being involved in the Michigan District Judges Association, the Tenure Commission, creating the Probation Department, and drug abuse counseling. He always remained involved in every aspect of his work. To this day, he still represents the Michigan District Judges Educational Association. My father pushed all of his children to get a strong education. My brother Wade, my sister Kathleen and I received our jurist doctorate degrees from Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State College of Law). My sister Maureen received a master's degree in education from Michigan State University. My father urged his children to excel in our

jobs and be involved professionally within our field. I am on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Probate Bar Association and serve as president of the Livonia City Council. When I walk into the James R. McCann Hall of Justice I feel a real sense of pride of my father's accomplishments and his teachings. It brings out the emotional attachment I have to a community where I was born, raised, and have raised my family. Although it is hard to express in words how important a person is to you in your life, my parents created a culture and gave us the tools we needed to succeed. We have been fortunate to raise our children in such a wonderful city and have our family so involved in the success of our community.

**James McCann** is president of the Livonia City Council. He and wife, Linda, have four children and one grandson.



Retired 16th District Judge James R. McCann (left) is pictured with his daughter, 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann, and son, City Council President James C. McCann, earlier this year at Livonia 175th anniversary celebration.

## Following in dad's footsteps: Judge pays tribute to her dad

My dad is an Irishman through and through. Every cliché and stereotype fits him like a fisherman's sweater from the old sod. He was gifted with wavy dark hair — which has changed several colors to find a respectable gray — and piercing blue eyes that either made his kids laugh hysterically or hide in fear. While he came from a very poor background, he did not lack in self esteem. Dad's father died when he was eight, leaving a widow and four boys during the height of the Great Depression. He was called upon to contribute to the family as there were no employment opportunities for my grandmother. He worked paper routes, grocery deliveries and planted trees in northern Michigan as part of the CCC until the start of World War II. Dad attended Cass Tech and was told that although perhaps not a scholar he was a very talented student. He didn't buy into that though and decided he was worthy of great

studies. College would not have been likely without the GI Bill so Dad enlisted with the Army Air Corps right out of high school. He served in France, England and Germany before returning to college at Hillsdale. Dad met and married my beautiful mother, Lillian, while they were still in college, and I was born less than a year later. Dad got a job teaching school in Ferndale and then along came my sister, Maureen. He transferred to Dearborn where the pay was a little better and registered for law school at Wayne State University at night. He was a busy guy but he would give my mom a break and take my sister and I out on weekends to the drug store for a fountain Coke or to visit our grandmother. A few years later Jim was born, Dad had a law degree and we needed more space. They opted for that western frontier Livonia, and bought a small but comfortable home on Westfield.

Dad needed his benefits, so he taught days and practiced law evenings and weekends. Within a year, in 1956, he decided this new place needed leadership and he was just the guy to lend a hand. Dad filed for Livonia City Council, gathered his troops and all the neighborhood kids and won his first election. Politics became a way of life in the McCann household. If Dad wasn't running for office he was running someone else's campaign. Once he was on the Livonia City Council he worked with others to bring order to the burgeoning growth of the city. By 1960, Mom was pregnant again, this time with my brother, Wade. That meant another move, this time to the new area by Idle Wyld Golf Course. We were thrilled and thought that meant we would all take up golfing. Actually, it meant that we were the gofers for Dad's friends who needed a beer off the first tee. Although Dad was busy during these times, we were very fortunate

children. Every summer, my parents would pack up a pop-up trailer and we would take off for a few weeks. In 1966, Dad decided to run for the Municipal Judge position in Livonia. It was hotly contested and we all joined in again for door-to-door campaigning. Dad won that election and became the first District Judge in Livonia, the longest serving Judge from the District Bench on the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission and President of the Michigan District Judges Association and the Wayne County District Judges Association. My dad had many other professional accomplishments, however, the best thing about him is that he always made us feel loved and protected. When we rebelled (and being Irish we each did to some degree) he took it somewhat in stride. He was a strict disciplinarian. My mom figured that he always said "no" so we would learn how to argue. He told me when I was very young that I should go to law school, and

after watching him for so many years, it seemed like a natural goal. Dad has always been ambitious for each of us, however, his ultimate goal is only that we are happy and healthy. No one has loved life more than my dad. He enjoys every occasion, every job, and almost every person he meets. I had the great pleasure of taking over as judge when he retired in 1994. I have always been proud of the attorneys who come in and wish him the best and I am grateful every day that the Court I now work in bears his name. When I see his face on the plaque I always remember those blue eyes, his indomitable energy, and his laugh... he could always make us laugh.

**Kathleen McCann** is chief judge of 16th District Court in Livonia and the eldest child of James and Lillian McCann. She is president of the Michigan District Judges Association and chair of the Judicial Tenure Commission.

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## Dad, children create harmonious relationship through music

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
CORRESPONDENT

Music — the love of it and the performance of it — is a common bond in the relationship Larry Hutchinson has with his children. But he's the first to admit that it's mom who knows the details of his children's lives. "I think at least in our family, Carol (Hutchinson) is so much more involved in the details. I tend to be the one on a need-to-know basis. I often learn of things after the fact," said the Farmington resident. A professional bassist and full-time member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Hutchinson is the father of Brian, 38, Chris, 22, and Ashley, 19. He is also a grandfather to Brian's two children. Although he doesn't know all the details of his children's daily lives, Hutchinson said he is much more involved than his own father was. "I always felt much closer to my mom. I had intimate conversations with my mom. But my relationship with my dad changed when my mother passed away." Hutchinson has watched the relationship with his children change as they have matured. Brian, his son from a previous marriage, lives in Arizona. Chris just graduated from Kalamazoo College and Ashley attends Michigan State University, where she studies music education. "Now that I am in music, it's given us more to talk about," said Ashley, who just finished her first year at MSU. "I'm going through what he has gone through."

### CLOSE TIES

With Chris, a guitarist, Hutchinson found an instant connection with their shared love of jazz music. He also saw their relationship take on a new life when he invited his



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Larry Hutchinson of Farmington and his daughter, Ashley, 19, share a love of music.

younger son to a jazz convention in Pennsylvania. The two are developing a stronger and deeper relationship that has included a "guy movie week," an event that does not include "mommy movies," Hutchinson said. But he does believe being the father of a daughter is quite different than parenting his sons. "Teenage girls have more things to go through," he said. More than that, Hutchinson said he has a special bond with Ashley because he was the one who delivered her — right on the staircase in their home. "It took one hour and 10 minutes." Even though he realizes he is the parent who learns of things long after they have happened, Hutchinson spent time with Ashley in a different way than he did with his boys. "I used to carry her in a backpack. I would take her to the mall and the zoo. I even had a rearview mirror on me so I could see her."

### DIFFERENT CONVERSATIONS

As the youngest child and the only girl, Ashley chalks

up her love of sports to hanging out with her brothers and their friends. Dad just isn't into sports. And, sure, her conversations with her dad are different than the ones she has with her mom. "I really don't talk about personal relationships with Ashley. It is more about social things with friends, and politics," Hutchinson said. Though Ashley and her dad are close, Hutchinson still defers a lot to his wife. "When I ask him things, he'll say, 'I don't know. Go ask your mom,' Ashley said. "But mom knows the plans," Hutchinson defended, adding that he believes he is able to have simple fun with his kids "because I am not the sergeant at arms." Reflecting on the years he and his wife raised their children, Hutchinson believes dads should just enjoy their kids because they grow up so fast. Ashley has a different take on fatherhood: "Be firm. But at the same time, let your kids make their own mistakes. Just be there when they screw up."





# Breakfast with dad is always special

I've never been one who relishes belonging to an elite group. But in one respect I do belong to a specially blessed group that gives me a feeling of daily gratitude.

I'm a son who gets to eat breakfast each week with my dad. For the younger among us, it may seem a mundane occasion. But for me it's a grand event. Every week, when I'm not on the road working, Vic Barnaby, my dad, and I gather at Bode's restaurant in Plymouth to order our precisely cooked eggs (Dad's, over easy, mine, over hard), corn beef hash, bacon and wheat toast.

Each week is a unique experience, the conversation ranging from the mundane to the magnificent. Politics, movies, new books, computer challenges and, of course stories from "the good old days." Dad and I are both expert at the later.

We laugh a lot, vent our frustrations over the political issues of the day, celebrate our differences and listen to each other's everyday concerns. Every once in a while a tear or two is shed.

This breakfast tradition began a decade or so ago. I was eating lunch with a business colleague. In the course of our conversation, I made reference to my dad. The reply from my client was life-changing.

"Steve, I would do anything to have 15 minutes to talk with my dad just one more time in my life," he said, noting that his father had died several years previously.

On the way to my next appointment I was on my cell phone to my dad.

"Pa, I've got an idea. I think we should meet for breakfast once a week." Of course, being the great dad that he is, he readily agreed, despite the



Steve Barnaby of Plymouth Township and his dad, Vic, enjoy breakfast at Bode's on North Main Street in Plymouth.

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fact that I had pretty much neglected our relationship, choosing rather to spend more than enough time on my career.

"And Pa, I love you." I concluded our conversation.

My dad was in his 70s at the time. Now he is in his middle 80s.

Our weekly breakfast meets have renewed our relationship. Not everyone gets another chance, but I did.

Recently, I was reminded of how fortunate I am. Coming

out of another restaurant where we occasionally meet, my dad tripped and took a hard fall. It was one of those slow motion incidents. Watching him fall, I thought I was losing my dad right before my eyes. I pictured a broken hip, an internal head injury or something even worse that would lead to his death.

He did fall hard, but quickly bounced to his feet. A large egg was rapidly growing on the side of his head. But a visit to the doctor determined that

all was fine.

The next week we had a good laugh as my dad sat at breakfast with sunglasses on to mask the two black eyes, the result of the fall.

"Well, Dad, we certainly dodged a bullet," I said as we left Bode's.

I grabbed his arm as we walked back to the car. "You are going to have to get used to me holding on to your arm, Pa. I'm not ready to lose you yet."

Indeed, I'm a lucky guy. I've gotten to spend a lot of additional 15 minutes with my dad.

**Steve Barnaby** lives in Plymouth Township. His dad, Vic Barnaby, a retired Detroit police officer, lives in Saline with his wife of more than 60 years, Beverly, and their cat, Max.

## MENTOR

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he added.

Even when teaching his son how to be a responsible male, a dad simultaneously shows his daughter how she should expect men to treat her. "He teaches her that respect from any man is part of the package," Dignan said.

Kildee agreed. "Of course, it depends on the relationship you had with your father. But fathers do model to their sons what it is to be a man and they model to their daughters what to expect from a man."

Raising a daughter can put a father on edge at times, simply because dad knows more about men than his little girl.

"We know what we were like at that age. But you have to establish a trusting relationship and explain to her what she should expect," Kildee continued.

### TODAY'S DAD

The Rev. Debbie Schueneman, interim pastor for the Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington, believes fathers can handle girls as aptly as they do boys.

"I am married to a man with daughters," Schueneman said. "I don't see the difference. He is extremely involved with our daughters."

Schueneman's husband just might be part of a growing trend. Gone are the traditional

fathers of the Baby Boomer generation. Fathers of adults, who are now in their 50s and 60s, may have been portrayed as somewhat emotionally distant, tough and demanding, but always as the consummate bread-winner and stoic protector.

"I think there is a generation difference. A great deal has changed. I see fathers who are involved in the (church) mission trips and other activities," Schueneman said.

For Dignan the key is to establish a trusting relationship that allows both the parent and the child — regardless of gender — to communicate freely.

"I think the role of a father changes as children grow. During the first portion of life — like one to 12 years — a dad is trying to exercise love and responsibility for creating a model for responsible living," Moore said. "When they become teenagers, dad acts as a mentor. He is never quite a peer. Sometimes, parents rob their child when they try to be a pal."

Children want and need authority and limits in their lives. That's why psychologically and spiritually, Moore said, the father is an important figure in the family. The greatest gifts he can give to his children are acceptance, support, love, and sense that they are valued for who they are.

## JUGGLING

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ingly well," said Frost.

A native of Garden City, Hinkle moved away for a short time but moved back in 2000. He says he found comfort in his familiar community.

What does the future hold for Hinkle and his family?

"Endless possibilities," he said with a laugh. "They are running my life and it's great."

His mom died Feb. 6 this year so the family has suffered lots of hurt over the last couple years.

"Cindy's passing was tragic and devastating for our family but by the grace of God, Greg and the kids are doing amaz-



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REUNION CALENDAR

**Belleville High School**  
**Class of 1971**

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@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.

**Class of 1965**

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkowski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

**Detroit Mackenzie**

**Class of 1962**

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

**Class of 1960**

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

**Detroit Pershing**

**Class of 1960**

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

**Farmington High School**

**Class of 1970**

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

**Class of 1980**

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington. Contact Kelly McDonald at kelly\_fhs1980@yahoo.com and Farmington High School Michigan Class of 1980 on Facebook

**Garden City High School**

**Class of 1960**

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

**Garden City East**

**Class of 1964**

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

**Garden City West**

**Class of 1970**

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

**Livonia Franklin**

**Class of 1980**

Reunion Friday July 30. Call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an e-mail to info@livo-

niafranklin1980.com

**Livonia Stevenson**

**Class of 1971**

Reunion Potluck Planing Picnic, from 3-6 p.m., July 10 at the Clements Circle Park, located at W. Chicago and Harrison Roads, in Livonia. The 40th class reunion will take place July 9, 2011 at The Historic Wilson Barn, in Livonia. Contact Kay Zimmerman Thomas at (734) 855-4094.

**Class of 1975**

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

**Class of 1990**

20-year reunion, Saturday, July 24. RSVP by July 1st for discounted tickets. Visit www.LivoniaStevenson1990.classquest.com for more details.

**Oak Park High School**

**Class of 1980**

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

**Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth-Salem**  
**Class of 1980**

Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its Web site visit http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/ Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net.

**Class of 1990**

Joint 20-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, July 17 at The Woodlands Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. Cost is \$54 per person and \$108 per couple. Open bar, full buffet and music. Payment deadline is June 30 through PayPal or by mailing a check to Natasha Gulkewicz, Bank of America, 825 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. The check should be made payable to Gulkewicz. Questions? E-mail to pcpcclasof1990reunion@gmail.com

**Plymouth High School**

**Class of 1950**

60th reunion, Saturday, July 10-11; contact Russ Maxwell at corumax@hotmail.com for details.

**Redford Union**

**Class of 1960**

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

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## MILESTONES

## WATKINS-BEJGER

Amber T. Watkins and Spc. Jason Bejger announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas and Debbie Watkins of Garden City, is employed as a receptionist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Brenda and Bill McCune, of Garden City, is serving in the Army National Guard.

A June 2010 wedding is planned at McClumpha Park



Watkins-Bejger

## DECEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Claire Petersen and Brandon Ferraro announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Colleen Petersen of Livonia, graduated in 2003 from Stevenson High School, Livonia. She earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 2007 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is employed as a mechanical engineer at Medtronic, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Janice Ferraro, also graduated from Stevenson High School in 2003. He earned a bachelor of science degree in packaging engineering in 2007 from Michigan State University. He



Petersen-Ferraro

is employed by General Mills, Minneapolis, Minn.

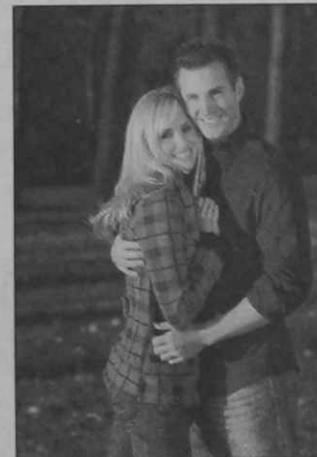
A December 2010 wedding is planned at St. Aidan, in Livonia, with a reception to follow at Western Golf and Country Club, in Redford.

## JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Stephanie Rothenberg and Matthew Carroll announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathie and Sol Rothenberg of Livonia, holds bachelor of arts degrees in Spanish and English and a master of arts degree in education, all from Michigan State University. She is a tenured Spanish and English teacher at Brighton High School.

Her fiancé, son of Jeannine Tissington of Park City, Utah and Richard Carroll of Saginaw, holds bachelor of science degrees in psychology and biology. He works as a regional sales manager at Brinkmann Pumps Engineering, in Wixom.



Rothenberg-Carroll

A July 2010 wedding is planned at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.



## Pets star in calendar

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) has extended its deadline for 2011 calendar photo submissions. Entries must be received by June 30. A \$20 tax-deductible entry fee guarantees your pet's photo will appear in MHS' 13th annual wall calendar, and 12 top photos will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement. For dog and cat photo entries, those wearing collars and ID tags, and cats photographed indoors, will receive the best consideration. Birds, rabbits and other companion animal photos are welcome as well. Download an entry form and complete photo guidelines at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org). Proceeds will help the Michigan Humane Society rescue and care for animals in need. Maddie, Bella and Oscar of Livonia earned a spot as the December Pets of the Month in this year's Michigan Humane Society calendar.

## Local Zonta Club seeks scholarship applicants

The Northwest Wayne County Zonta club is offering a \$500 scholarship to assist women with their academic goals.

Zonta International is a nonprofit women's organization that works to improve the status of women locally and globally.

Women who live in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, attending a Michigan college or university, have a concentration in math or science and have successfully completed one year of undergraduate studies with at least a 3.0 GPA.

The scholarship is renewable for a second semester with successful completion of course work. It is open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age.

Request an application form by e-mailing to [rsrand521@sbc-global.net](mailto:rsrand521@sbc-global.net). Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by July 30. Scholarship money will be awarded in August for the fall 2010 semester.

To learn more about Zonta International, visit [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

## CHANCE DAVID CURRIER

Chance David Currier was born April 14, 2010 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 22 inches.

Proud parents are Dave and Tracey Currier of Livonia. Grandparents are

Terry and Linda Crawford and George and Kathy Currier, all of Northville. Great-grandparents are Sue Murphy of Novi, Kathy Crawford of Farmington



Chance David Currier

Hills, George and Dorothy Currier of Novi and Norman and Phyllis Vecore of South Lyon.



## Five generations

In this composite photo, Shalonda Hubbard of Detroit, (left) stands next to her mother, Margueta Hubbard of Detroit, who is next to Shalonda's great-grandmother, Barbara Finney of Livonia and grandmother, Rhonda Sylvester of Detroit, (right). Seated in the center is Willie Mae Clark, the family's great-great-grandmother from Ravenna, Ohio.



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## LAWRENCE CARDINAL

Memorial for Lawrence Cardinal. Location: St. Priscilla's Catholic Church, Livonia, MI, Time: 10:00am Monday, June 21st. Larry passed away May 8, 2010.



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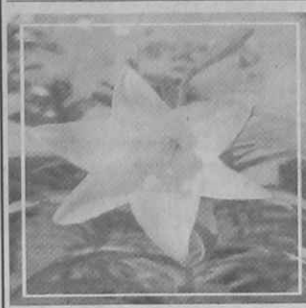
84, died peacefully June 11 at her home in Sun 'n Lakes, Sebring, FL, after a long illness. Born & educated in Columbus, Ohio, & formerly of Birmingham & Troy Michigan, many will remember her indefatigably positive attitude & dedication to community service. Always willing to lend a hand, impeccably dressed & invariably coiffed, Marge organized anything & everything to perfection, with a sense of humor & a ready & recognizable laugh. She enjoyed many activities, including golf, bridge, bowling, traveling, arts & crafts, decorating, & cooking. As our own Queen Mother, we will all affectionately remember her presiding over the deck of the cabin on our spectacular island hideaway, near Desbarats, Ont., Canada. She was beloved by all & will be dearly missed - John, Deborah, Rebecca, Jennifer, Sophia, Wes & Jeremy. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of America, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 or online at: [alz.org/join\\_the\\_cause\\_donate.asp](http://alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp).



## GEORGE M. CLELAND

Passed away on June 13, 2010 at the age of 85. Born in Detroit, MI on June 24, 1924, Mr. Cleland graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology with a degree in Business Administration. While an undergraduate, Mr. Cleland served as the Treasurer of Chi Phi fraternity. A veteran of World War II, he served with valor in the Pacific Theater in the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps. During his professional career in the aerospace industry, Mr. Cleland supplied materials and product to the airline and air cargo industries. He was renowned and respected for his finely-tuned negotiation skills, and was twice called out of retirement to provide his expertise in negotiating with national and international clients. Mr. Cleland was an active member of various men's groups including the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. A dedicated family man, Mr. Cleland was noted for his devotion to church and love of his country. Mr. Cleland was the beloved husband of Geraldine; father of Lynda (Michael) and Kim (Michael); grandfather of Colby, Kendall, Jordan and Chelsea; and great grandfather of Campbell. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army or First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. A memorial service will be held in July, 2010.

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## ERNESTINE W. (NEE DRAKE) DURHAM

Age 91. June 12, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Walter, Jr. Loving mother of Cheryl (Phillip) Beuckelaere. Cherished grandmother of Amanda and Matthew. Funeral services were held Wednesday at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

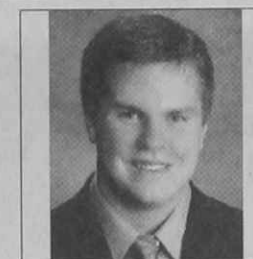


## MAGGIE KATHLEEN FURLONG

Age 15, of Plymouth, suddenly June 16, 2010. Loved daughter of Cheryl and Dennis. Best sister ever of Bridget. Dearest granddaughter of Robert and Ellene Moeller, Beverly Moeller, Maggie and Jim Fieler, and the late Daniel and Kathleen Furlong. Cherished niece of Maureen and Gary King, Kevin and Cindy Furlong, Anne and John Hill, Sean and Dianna Furlong, Gary and Sherrie Moeller, Lori and Gerry Mullen and Sandy and Todd Goyer. Dearest cousin of Mike, Brian, Shannon, Eric, Allison, Daniel, Keegan, Nolan, Nathan, Brenda, Kim, Molly, Kelly, Caitlin and Lauren. Loved by many great aunts, great uncles, cousins, family and friends. Maggie was a sophomore at Plymouth High School, a member of the Varsity Golf team, earning a Varsity letter as a freshman. Enjoyed traveling, playing golf, jumping on the trampoline, playing with her sister Bridget and watching the Gilmore Girls. Interred at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, Michigan. Donations in memory of Maggie can be made to the Plymouth-Canton Education Excellence Foundation Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Scholarship Fund.

## WILMA LEE (HARDESTY) GELINAS

June 13, 2010, Age 49, of Garden City. Beloved daughter of the late Claude (Cotton) and Deloris (Dee) Hardesty. Loving sister of Roger (Fran) Lundell, the late Lonnie (Mary) Lundell and the late Jimmy (Stacy) Hardesty. Also survived by two nephews, four nieces and many loving friends. A service was held on Wednesday June 16 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com).



## JORDAN ROBERT HILL

Age 20, June 14, 2010 of Westland. Beloved son of Shawn and Kimberly. Loving brother of Sarah. Grandson of James and Helen Joslin, and the late Evelyn Joslin, the late Brian and June Hill. Great nephew of Carolyn Norton and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who dearly loved him. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Scripture service Thursday 7 pm. In-state Friday from 10:30 am until Funeral Mass at 11:00 am at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)

## EDGAR JANES

June 14, 2010. Loving husband of the late Marion. Dear father of Diane (Bob) Hobbs, Bill (Kathy) Janes, Linda (Larry) Behringer, Susan (Gary) Dunning and Colleen (Gordie) Rowe. Grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 25. Brother of Harry and Bert and brother-in-law of Gracie. Edgar was a long time resident of Livonia, served in the Army in WWII from 1941-1945. His legacy is preserved in the many buildings that display his masonry skills. Later in life, he fulfilled his lifelong passions of golfing and ballroom dancing. Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm and funeral service 10 am Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Burial at Holy Sepulchre.

## HENRY PAUL KRUSIK

June 14, 2010, age 93. Beloved husband of the late Katharine for 68 years who passed away June 16, 2009. Loving father of Kim Rae (William) Mikkelsen, Mark (Lori) and Brent. Dear grandfather of Ian Isaac Mikkelsen. A Funeral Service was held on Sat, June 19, 2010 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Henry was laid to rest next to his wife at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, MI. Messages of condolence may be submitted in the online guestbook at: [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

## MAUREEN L. MADISH

Age 67, June 14, 2010 of Westland. Loving mother of Jon (Autumn) Madish, Melissa Blanchard and Christopher (Tiffany) Madish. Proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren. Dear sister of William Cronin. Visitation Thurs 5-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

## FREDRICK CLARK PYLE

Age 60, of Pahrump, Nevada, formerly of Livonia MI, passed away May 17, 2010. Beloved husband to Melodie, Dear father of Matthew (Theresa) and Scott (Renee). Grandfather to Jacob, Lauren, Payton and Cooper. A small memorial will be held in Michigan this July.

## MARTHA RAMBIE

Formerly of Birmingham and Rochester, MI, passed away June 15, 2010 at the age of 91 in Naples, Florida. Martha was very active at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham and remained very active in church work after moving to Naples, Florida. Her vibrant love of life, and her compassion for others has affected hundreds of lives, and her strong influence lives on as her legacy. She is survived by her three children, Gail Grenillo, Tim Rambie, and Deb Haines, as well as seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church in Naples, Florida on June 19, 2010. In lieu of flowers, should anyone desire to make a donation, the family asks that donations be made in Martha's name to Avow Hospice; 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

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## JOHN F. VOS III

John passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the age of 70. He is survived and greatly loved by his wife Carol, sons J. Jeffrey (Jamie) Vos and Christopher Randall (Jennifer) Vos Sr. Grandchildren Tyler, Morgan, Emily, Christopher Jr., Calvin, Spencer, Cameron, Elizabeth and Genevieve. John spent his life as a practicing attorney. He made Plymouth his home since 1950 having graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. He was the Past President of the Plymouth Rotary, an organization which he loved and was very dedicated to. Funeral Services will take place Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 11am at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Westland Stake, 7575 N. Hix Rd., Westland, Michigan. Friends may visit Wednesday at church beginning at 10am and at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Monday 4-8pm and Tuesday 2-8pm. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. To share a special thought or memory: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

## MAGDALENA WARNER

Age 93. Died June 13, 2010. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Mary (Robert) Connelly and Kathleen (James) Connelly. Dear grandmother of Kristin (Jeff) Denman, Laura (Bryan) Byerly, Steven Connelly, Kathryn (Tom) Hogg, Megan (Adam) Clous and Susan (Brandon) MacShara. Also survived by ten great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Theresa Smith. Lifetime Farmington resident and Trinity Episcopal Church organist for over 45 years. Arrangements entrusted to THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

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## County in top 10 for cancer fund raising

Wayne County raised more than \$1.7 million for the American Cancer Society through its annual Relay for Life last year.

It ranked ninth nationally among other counties with 1 million or more residents for per capita Relay for Life fund-raising in 2009. This is the first time Wayne County has ranked in the top 10.

As the largest non-governmental organization committed to eliminating cancer, the American Cancer Society relies on an army of passionate, local volunteers to increase awareness and raise funds in support of its mission to eliminate cancer.

"We congratulate Wayne County for being a community dedicated to giving back and fighting cancer, not to mention meeting this hallmark during one of the toughest economic times in our region's history," stated Jill Elder, senior executive director, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "We are inspired by our volunteers, whose hard work and dedication are the driving force behind the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birth-



Jill Elder, senior executive director for the American Cancer Society (right), presents Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano with an award that recognizes county residents for their fund-raising efforts for the American Cancer Society. Theresa Burgess, a volunteer with Relay For Life of Redford, also was on hand at ACS's Southfield office for the award presentation.

days."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano accepted an award of recognition on behalf of Wayne County on June 11. Ficano joined Theresa Burgess, a volunteer with the Relay For Life of Redford, at American Cancer Society's Southfield office for the award presentation.

Relay For Life takes place in more than 5,000 communities across the country, allowing community members an opportunity to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and participate in fighting back against the disease.

With an estimated 58 people diagnosed with cancer every day in Metro Detroit, the American Cancer Society relies on local

volunteers through events such as Relay For Life to help support its mission. Funds raised from Relay For Life events help the American Cancer Society save lives locally and across the country by investing in cancer research and providing critical support to patients throughout their cancer journey, including 24/7 access to information through cancer.org and a toll-free National Cancer Information Center at (800) 277-2345. The Society has approximately \$15 million currently invested in cancer research at Michigan hospitals and universities, providing promising cancer researchers the opportunity to make the latest advances in research.

## Parents not prepared to reduce concussion risk among youth

With growing media attention to concussions among athletes young and old, and recent actions of the National Football League to reduce dangers from multiple concussions among its players, the spotlight is now on what schools are doing to protect their student-athletes.

Do parents feel that their kids are safe, and do parents agree with school policies?

The latest C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health finds that nearly two-thirds of parents of young athletes, ages 12-17, worry that their children will get a concussion while playing school sports — yet half don't know if their children's school has a concussion policy.

Over the past few years, researchers have found that youth athletes are more likely to sustain concussions, and to take longer to recover from concussions, than adults. If a second concussion occurs before a child's brain recovers from the first, there is a greater chance of long-term neurologic affects.

The poll, conducted last month, also finds that more than one-third of parents of young athletes are unaware of the dangers of repeat concussions.

"Even though parents of youth athletes lack awareness about effects of repeat concussions, they demonstrate strong support for strategies to minimize the risk of concussion," stated Sarah J. Clark, research assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Michigan, and associate director of the poll.

A majority of parents would support these school requirements:

- After a concussion, athletes would be evaluated and cleared by a doctor before returning to sports
- For coaches to receive education about the risks of concussions
- After a concussion, for athletes to have a mandatory period of nonparticipation in sports
- Having a certified trainer on hand for practices and games

Parents are aware of the pressure to allow young athletes to continue playing, despite injury. In fact, 62 percent of respondents know of a parent who would have a young athlete return to school sports too soon after a concussion, and 50 percent know of a coach who would have a player return too soon.

"These figures are not surprising to those who work in youth sports," Clark stated. "However, the latest research makes it clear that early return to play after a concussion is very risky."

High school athletic organizations, injury prevention groups and professional sports leagues have become increasingly active in promoting policies to minimize the risks of repeat concussions among young athletes. However, not all policies include educating parents, which Clark views as a missed opportunity.

"Parent involvement in guarding against repeat concussions is critical. Most concussions do not result in loss of consciousness, and symptoms may not occur until several hours after the injury. If young athletes are afraid of losing playing time, they may not be honest with the coach or trainer about their symptoms," Clark stated.

Parents are in a unique position to recognize concussion signs and symptoms that occur outside of school, and to work with coaches, trainers, and other health care personnel to ensure that their child is appropriately monitored throughout his or her recovery and return to play.

Some common signs and symptoms of a concussion include confusion, loss of memory, headache, dizziness, a sensation of the world spinning (vertigo), imbalance, lack of awareness of surroundings, nausea and vomiting.

If these symptoms appear after a head injury, Clark says to consult a medical professional promptly for a full evaluation.

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However, there are circumstances when delay in making a decision is not reasonable and only adds risk to personal health.

One instance where delay is damaging is when weight bearing x-rays of the involved knee reveal "bone on bone." What that phrase means is that knee cartilage is completely gone and that the 2 bones that form the joint are rubbing against each other.

Another instance where delay in knee replacement is dangerous is when x-rays indicated both knees are severely involved, not yet being "bone on bone," but nearing that point.

The reason that timely knee replacement is necessary is that in both instances the knee joint is unstable. That instability can lead to an unexpected fall, which in turn can result in a serious fracture of the head, hip, knee or ankle. Furthermore, if a fall and fracture occur, the usual sequence of events is that EMS takes the patient to the nearest hospital, and the orthopedist on call, not the patient, makes the decision of what operation is in order.

When a physician tells a patient that the only treatment for a painful knee is an operation, the patient can certainly obtain a second or even third opinion. But the patient must act in a timely manner. If the other doctors reach the same conclusion, the patient should decide promptly on the orthopedist to perform the replacement, and go forward immediately with scheduling and undertaking the preoperative clearance the surgeon required.

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# Can You Come Back Successfully After Long-Term Unemployment?

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Despite many years of experience in the medical field, Betty Robinson had difficulty finding a job when she moved to northern New York. During her unemployment, she decided to boost her skills and sought an online degree from Rasmussen College. Armed with her associate degree in health information technology, she secured a position as a coding clerk six months after graduation. While happy to return to the work force, Robinson notes that she had to regain her confidence. Her biggest concern was trying to quickly learn the system used by her new employer. Challenges face every new employee, but workers like Robinson who are returning to the

workplace after prolonged unemployment may have special concerns or expectations. Here are a few ways to get off on the right foot and keep on progressing in the right direction. Getting to know the place While you might be eager to show your knowledge and make an impression on your new colleagues, experts often recommend patience. "Take some time to scan the environment before charging ahead with recommendations for new ways of doing things. Get to know the culture," says Roberta Chinsky Matuson, president of Human Resource Solutions in Northampton, Mass. Observations to make that will help you fit in and maximize your chances for success include:

Noting how people



dress. Studying the structure of meetings, such as who leads and how people contribute. Getting to know who holds the key to the resources you need to get your job done. Remembering people's names. Seeing when people arrive in the morning and how late they stay at night. Learning how goals and objectives are defined and measured.

David Hughen,  
founder of

AustinWorkNet, a firm in Austin, Texas, specializing in human resources strategies, recommends asking for an employee handbook or policies manual before your first day. "Even better is to find as many people as possible who you know work for this new employer and quiz them on the formal and informal practices of the company." This is your new job, not your old one. Perhaps you used to have a corner office

and now you have a windowless cubicle. While your disappointment might be understandable, your new co-workers probably aren't interested in hearing how things used to be for you. Likewise, you might think your new employer has a strange filing system, but trying to revamp it on your second day can come off as more pushy than helpful. Better ways to make an impression include:

Volunteering for a project that others do not want to take on. Offering genuine compliments. Asking others if you can help. Joining colleagues for lunch and other social gatherings. Refraining from criticizing the company or fellow workers. Demonstrating an eagerness to learn.

Leave your past behind and keep your future growing. With personal knowledge of the financial and emotional stress of unemployment, workers returning to the work force may be especially eager to avoid ever being in that situation again. "From a psychological standpoint, it's difficult to check your baggage at the door. But you must do so in order to thrive," Matuson says. "You have to quiet your mind from thinking that it will only be a matter of time before you lose your job again. Presume that everything will be fine. You've been selected from a vast pool of candidates, so clearly you must have what it takes." At the same time, the reality of the ever-changing job market is that no employee has a 100 percent guarantee. Thus, it doesn't hurt for any

worker to continue to develop skills and contacts. "Though there's much to be excited about with a new job, and that excitement can be all-consuming, it's critical to be prepared for a professional life beyond the immediate work in front of you," Hughen says. A last bit of advice

Having been away from the work force, it will take a bit of time to get a rhythm and routine going again. Give yourself a break and some time to adjust. Robinson's tip for returning workers: "It is important just to relax and learn the new way things are done."

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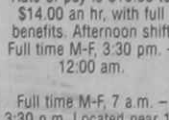
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8 Cut grain  
12 Villain's cry  
13 Long-legged  
14 Woody's son  
15 Like a bachelor  
17 Broad valley  
18 Fend off  
19 Not pro  
21 Vicksburg fighter  
23 Feelings  
27 Rural business  
30 Sunset colors  
33 Arapaho foe  
34 Wishes undone  
35 Promise to pay  
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37 Onassis nickname  
38 Kind of job  
39 Casts a vote  
40 Ballroom dance  
42 Wane  
44 Sultan's cousin

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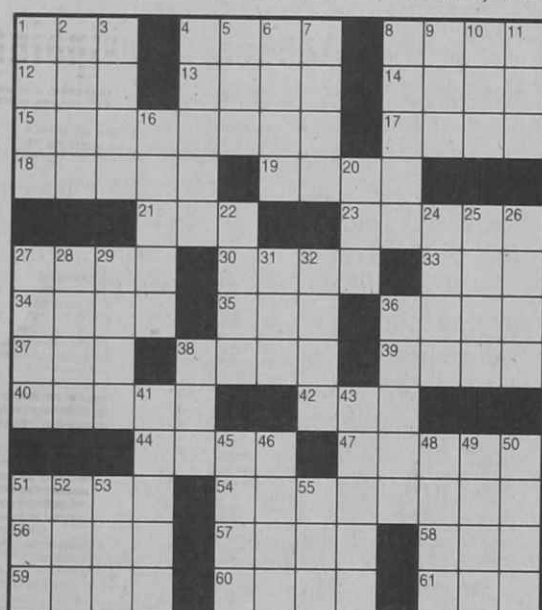
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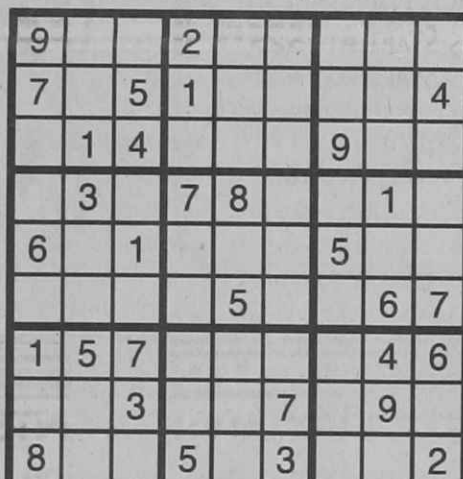
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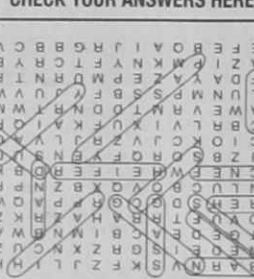
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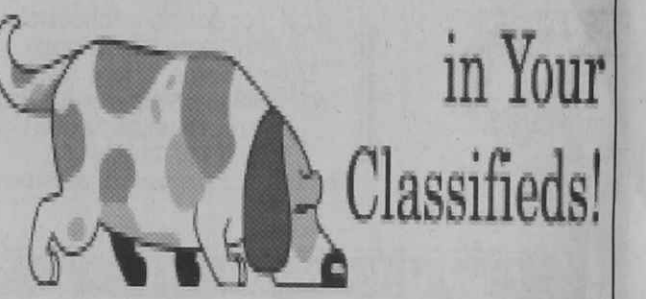
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## Lincoln Navigator gets a new look

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By Tenisha Mercer  
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Lincoln's Navigator SUV gets some new technological upgrades this year. A standard electronic system that comes with trailer sway control, improvements to Sync, and a standard Ford MyKey system that allows drivers to set maximum speed and volume for teens.

The minor improvements, though, still don't put the Navigator anywhere near its chief competitor — the Cadillac Escalade. The Escalade offers better fuel economy, horsepower, a more powerful V-8 and a hybrid model to boot.

First introduced in 1998 as a more luxurious Expedition, the Navigator is now in its third generation. It still shares the Expedition's chassis and powertrain. The Navigator was one of the first luxury SUVs out of the gate, but it has now fallen behind in that segment.

When it was first introduced, big, brawny luxury SUVs were in — and so were low gas prices. Filling up the big engine was nothing back then in the era of low gas prices, and pulling three tons of weight was barely an afterthought. Those years were heady status symbol moments for the Navigator, along with the Escalade and the Mercedes GL-Class.

It symbolized Detroit at the height of its SUV years: Customers were buying and luxury SUV sales showed no signs of slowing down. Fast forward a few years, higher gas prices, a recession and the popularity of gas sipping cars like hybrids and the Navigator seems a big ostentatious, wasteful even.

No one wants to brag that they spend \$100,000 on gas — without filling up. Sadly, the luster that once shone bright on luxury SUVs is now gone. While it used to be cool to brag about how much your SUV cost, now it's cool to brag about how much you saved on your SUV or crossover.

Big and flashy, the Navigator isn't the iconic luxury SUV it once was. Yet, it still holds its weight even after all these years. It still has bragging rights: It was the first full-size SUV offered by a domestic luxury brand. No one can take that away, even if luxury SUVs aren't as popular as they once were.

And while behemoth SUVs aren't as popular, the Navigator still competes with the Cadillac Escalade, the Mercedes GL-Class, the Infiniti QX56 and premium Toyota Sequoia. Despite those pitfalls, the Nav still has a lot to offer, including a lower price tag, superior handling and a functional third row seat that's roomy. If you're looking for an eye catching vehicle with class and style, the Navigator still fits the bill. This model is largely unchanged since a design overhaul in 2006. The Navigator's distinctive grille hasn't changed. It is still one of the most prominent features on the Navigator, boasting an egg-crate shaped design with a large horizontal bar and Lincoln logo, surrounded by xenon headlights.

Overall, the Navigator comes with a bevy of standard features: capless fuel system, rain sensing wipers, power liftgate and 18-inch aluminum wheels. A moonroof is optional, as well as 20-inch chrome rims. A heavy duty trailer tow package includes load leveling rear suspension, an integrated tow hitch and a heavy duty radiator and transmission cooler. Properly equipped, the Navigator can tow more than 9,000 pounds.

The Navigator comes in a base trim and a longer wheelbase L trim, with your choice of a two-wheel and four-wheel drive.

Inside, it's the finer details that count. The Nav is downright opulent, with plenty of luxurious features. The leather seats are heated and cooled, and pedals are adjustable. Wood accents are contained throughout the cabin. Second row captain's chairs are



The Navigator has new technology for 2010.

standard, but you can substitute a split bench seat with no extra charges. A power folding third-row seat is standard.

If you're looking for a vehicle big enough for the whole family — and then some — the Lincoln Navigator fits the bill. It's roomy and features a lot of cargo space. It's big enough for seven or eight people, and includes a backup camera, heated second-row seats, Sirius satellite radio with a 14-speaker, 600-watt sound system as standard. A backseat entertainment system with an 8-inch screen is optional. Stow away the second and third-row seats, which fold flat, and total cargo space is 104 cubic feet on the base Navigator.

Inside, the Sync voice activation system gives drivers hands-free operation of cell phones, iPods and MP3 players. Lincoln upgraded the Sync to include the ability to get driving directions, traffic and other info with Bluetooth cell phones. And while we like the MyKey System, I'm not so sure that the Navigator is a vehicle that I'd turn my teen loose in. An Expedition? Yes, with a nearly \$20,000 price difference. The Lincoln Nav? Probably not.

As far as interior packages, there are many. Choose among several packages: The Elite includes a touch-screen, DVD-based navigation, a rear DVD entertainment system and reverse camera. The Limited edition monochrome package includes a chrome grille, ebony wood trim and interior trim. The Premium package includes upgraded leather with contrast stitching.

The Navigator comes with a standard V-8, and offers rear or four-wheel drive. It boasts 310 horsepower, a 5.4-liter engine with 365-

lb. feet of torque. The engine is one of the Navigator's biggest disappointments, because it lacks sufficient power. Rear wheel drive is standard; four-wheel drive is a \$3,000 option.

It has 100 less horsepower than its chief competitor, the Cadillac Escalade. That's troubling considering the stiff competition in luxury SUV segment. For the price tag, we think the Navigator should have a more powerful engine.

The Navigator comes with a variety of safety features including:

- Anti-lock brakes.
- Electronic stability system with Roll Stability Control.
- Side-impact airbags for front-seat occupants.
- Side curtain airbags for all three rows of seats.
- Front and rear parking sensors.

Overall, the Navigator is quite agile and easy to maneuver for its large size. The only thing that concerns us is the lack of power. It's glaringly apparent if it's loaded with cargo or towing a trailer.

Make no mistake. The Navigator is a big vehicle with 6,200-pound curb weight. It seems to strain the engine, especially when compared to other vehicles. The four-wheel suspension gives a smooth, enjoyable ride.

Write Avanti NewsFeatures auto critic Tenisha Mercer at [avanti1054@aol.com](mailto:avanti1054@aol.com).

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