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### CANTON CONNECTION On Broadway

Broadway actress Maria Couch returns to the role she originated on Broadway when she joins 8th Wonder Theatre at Cherry Hill for their August production of "Phantom."

Couch joins Ann Arbor teacher Jeffrey Willets (as Phantom) for the production, which runs at the Village Theater Aug. 6-14.



Couch played Christine in the first national touring production of Phantom. She is currently starring in "On the Levee" in New York.

Performance dates for the 8th Wonder production are 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13; and 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$13 for seniors and youth. Call (734) 394-5460 or go online to [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater) for details.

### New at Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit announced Jeffrey Ukraineec of Canton as the nonprofit organization's new director of donated goods operations.

Ukraineec will coordinate the expected fall 2010 opening of Goodwill's flagship retail store in Canton and will be responsible for the expansion of the organization's retail presence throughout metro Detroit. The 17,000 square-foot store



located at 41905 Ford Road will be the first retail location operated by Goodwill Industries of Greater

Detroit in Southeast Michigan since 2000.

"Goodwill is leading the way in the fight against Metro Detroit unemployment and Jeff will play an integral role as we continue seeking opportunities both to create jobs and generate revenue to fund local employment training and education programs," said Lindsay Chalmers, vice-president of business development, marketing, public relations and commercial operations.

Ukraineec earned a master's of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University and holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, where he studied materials and logistics management.



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### Day to remember

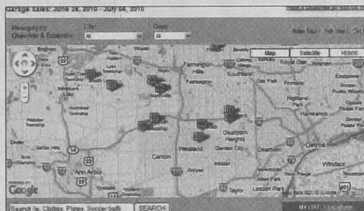
Monica and Anthony Greco attach stuffed bears to a memorial photo of Eddie Gross at the Canton site of the horrific car-train accident that claimed five young lives a year ago. Monica Greco is the aunt of Jessica Sadler, one of the teens killed in the accident, caused when the driver of a car tried to beat a speeding train across the tracks at the Hannan crossing. Family members and friends of the victims who died in the crash gathered Friday to remember their loved ones, lay flowers and release balloons in their honor. Killed in the accident, along with Sadler, a 14-year-old from Wayne, were Gross, 17, driver Daniel Broughton, 19, of Woodhaven, and brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor, and 21-year-old Terrence Harris of Stafford, Va. Videos released after the accident showed Broughton drove the black Ford Fusion around a stopped SUV into the path of an Amtrak train going about 70 mph.

## Garage sale map makes bargain hunting easy

Garage sale treasure hunters now have an easy way to make the most out of their day. We've added an innovative garage sale mapping feature to our website — [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) — that allows users to not only see exactly where the best sales are taking place, but also create a custom map that makes getting to them much easier.

The days of writing down addresses and plotting a course from one sale to the next are over because our new feature does all the work for you.

To get started, simply go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) and click on the garage sale map located below the main carousel of stories. A map showing the location of each sale will open in a new browser window. From there, users are able to select the sales they want to go to and generate a custom map that routes the easiest way from location to location. The garage sale map is proving popular with our online readers, too, as hits have tripled since its debut two weeks ago. That means anyone who wants to advertise a garage sale in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* may do so with the added confidence



of knowing a growing number of bargain hunters are turning to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) to make sure they don't get lost along the way. For a look at the current listings, go directly to the map at this link: <http://www.hometownlife.com/article/99999999/CLASSIFIEDS01/100610002>.

To place an ad for your garage, estate, rummage sale or auction, call our toll-free number: (800) 579-7355.

## Focus on jobs in 7th state Senate race

Munfakh: State must be 'business friendly'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Abe Munfakh has no illusions the process of fixing the state will be easy, but he figures the place to start is pretty simple.

Michigan, said the former Plymouth Township trustee, must become more business-friendly.

"This state has not been business-friendly for a lot of years," Munfakh said. "No attempt has been made to compete with our neighbors."

Munfakh, 67, a retired engineering management consultant, believes his



Munfakh

business background makes him the choice to help Michigan do just that. He's seeking the Republican nomination in the state's 7th Senate District, the seat being vacated by the term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson (Canton), in the Aug. 3 primary. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat

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Colbeck: Make state an 'enterprise zone'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick Colbeck believes the way for Michigan to climb out of its economic doldrums is clear, if not obvious: Climb from what he says is a ranking near the bottom in business-friendliness in the country to the top spot.

And the way he says the state should do it is to "start treating businesses as customers, not piggy banks."

"Businesses provide jobs ... the more people who have jobs, the more



Colbeck

taxpayers we will have," Colbeck said. "The more taxpayers we have, the more tax revenue we generate. The more tax revenue we have, the more we can effectively support the government services called for under our constitution."

Colbeck, a self-employed management consultant from Canton, is seeking the Republican nomi-

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

### Adopt a road

The River Meadow Community and AAA volunteer groups are doing an adopt-a-road clean-up 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24, on Geddes, between Beck and Sheldon, and on Beck, between Geddes and Michigan Avenue.

Volunteers are needed to pick up litter along both routes. Just show up in comfortable clothes and with work gloves. Trash bags and reflective vests are provided.

For more information contact Greg Greene at (734) 855-6192, log on in [www.gregreene.biz](http://www.gregreene.biz) or send an e-mail to [greeneedotbiz@aol.com](mailto:greeneedotbiz@aol.com).

### Constituent coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation Monday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

Slavens will also host a coffee hour on Monday, July 19, from 11 a.m. to noon at Mike's Red Apple Restaurant, 60 Main St. in Belleville.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov). Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at [www.house.mi.gov/dslavens](http://www.house.mi.gov/dslavens).

### Church picnics

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

Picnics will be held 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 com-



### Bridge for food

In an effort to ensure families facing tough economic times have access to fresh and local food, the Canton Farmers Market is now accepting Bridge Cards. "Farmers markets are a great place to purchase fresh Michigan produce and to connect with local farmers and your community," said Market Manager Tina Lloyd. "It makes sense to provide access to healthy food to those most in need." Bridge Card shoppers can now purchase specially designed tokens with their Bridge Card and use them to purchase farm fresh produce, meat, baked goods and other items from the farmers and vendors. Tokens can be purchased at the Bartlett-Travis House porch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday throughout the season. Each token has a value of \$1. For more information, check out the Market website at [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org), e-mail [cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org](mailto:cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org) or call (734) 398-5570, Ext. 5.

munity. 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).

### 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).

### 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).

### Spanish camp

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

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

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

### 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 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](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or send e-mail to [scotsofmi@yahoo.com](mailto: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.tutortime.com](http://www.tutortime.com).

### New school opportunity

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

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

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

### CORRECTION

The headline over the stories about 21st state House District Republican candidates Shannon Price and Lori Levi should have said, "Race heats up for GOP House nod."

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## Family fun night

Canton Leisure Services is partnering with Park It 4 Fun to present a free family fun night Thursday, July 22, in Heritage Park in Canton. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with outdoor games, activities, and inflatables followed by a musical performance at 7:30 p.m., featuring WDIV Anchor Devin Scillian and Arizona Sun performing toe-tapping country tunes. Then at dusk, take in a movie under the stars featuring the fan-favorite 'Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs.' This, as well as all shows in the Thursday Night Concert Series, is sponsored by Community Financial. For more information about this and all Canton Leisure Services events, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

## CHARGES

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• Selling or furnishing alcohol to a minor, which is a misdemeanor.

Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said the allegations came to light after one of the boys mentioned it during a counseling session. He and other authorities cautioned against drawing broader conclusions against scouting organizations just because of one case.

A statement from Canton police indicated the charges against Hoefling involve "inappropriate conduct and contact with minors" affiliated

with the Boy Scout troop with which he was formerly scoutmaster.

Schreiner declined to elaborate at length on the allegations. "It's not our intent to publicize this case in particular, but he was serving in a social group that was obviously visited by many kids within the community," Schreiner said. "It's important that we notify members of the community that this conduct did occur. We would certainly investigate any other incident where somebody was victimized or has information pertaining to this case."

Schreiner called the developments "a sad occurrence, and it's disheartening," but he said

it's important for the public to know that authorities are investigating the case.

Authorities have been investigating the allegations for several weeks, Schreiner said, adding that "the details of the case, we want to keep confidential."

"We've obviously had contact with the parents," he said. "They are aware of the situation."

Hoefling was arraigned after he voluntarily turned himself in.

"He did cooperate with the officer in charge," Schreiner said. "He did display cooperation during the investigation."

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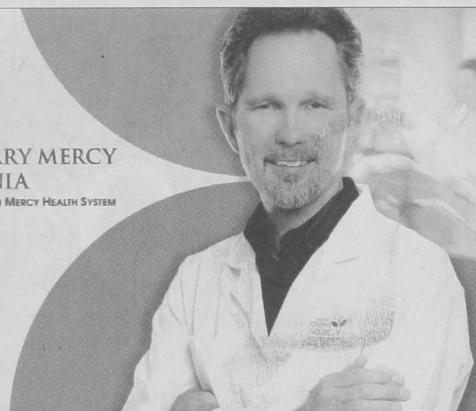
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# Plymouth volunteer back from Peace Corps assignment

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH  
CORRESPONDENT

"The toughest job you'll ever love" is the Peace Corps motto and Plymouth's Ashleigh Shiffler couldn't agree more.

The 22-year-old Shiffler recently returned from two years of Peace Corps service in Guatemala.

"It was an incredible experience with some of the hardest and best days of my life," Shiffler said. "It taught me to be creative and resourceful and to see the potential that I have in myself."

As a freshman in high school, Shiffler came home one day and told her mom she wanted to join the Peace Corps. The idea was not far-fetched, since her family always emphasized community service. Around the same time, she fell in love with the Spanish language and desired to travel and see the world.

Upon high school graduation, she attended Hope College,

where she attained degrees in Spanish and Sociology.

Established in 1961, the Peace Corps is an agency devoted to world peace and friendship. Currently, 7,671 volunteers and trainees are serving in 77 countries. Their service includes the areas of education, health and HIV/AIDS, business development, environment, agriculture and youth development. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment and the application process is lengthy.

Shiffler's placement in Guatemala, a Spanish speaking country, had a lot to do with her previous volunteer work in health related and social services. She'd been there before and envisioned a tropical and warm climate and, at first, it was. Her three-month language and technical training was right outside Antigua, a popular tourist attraction. She lived with a family, who taught her about local customs and culture.



Ashleigh Shiffler recently returned from two years of Peace Corps service in Guatemala, where she helped youngsters such as these children she posed with in Chiuatanzi.

"Learning so much about another culture and country helps you learn a lot about yourself, your culture and your country," she said.

After her training, Shiffler was assigned to Oliniteque, a village in the mountains, about 2,500 meters above sea level. The climate was a shock for Shiffler.

"It was six months of rain every day and six months of not a drop of rain," said Shiffler, who had a cell phone and Internet access, but no indoor heating. "I could even see my breath inside my house on cold nights." The first months were rough, she said.

Shiffler's primary assignment was part of the healthy schools program, where she taught health, nutrition and hygiene in three very rural elementary schools. She saw stu-

dents frequently, but her main focus was to train the teachers. She learned to be resourceful when she held an 8-hour long workshop, in Spanish, for 250 teachers with a \$12 budget.

Shiffler's secondary project was as director of Girls Leading Our World, which was an overnight three-day camp for underprivileged and indigenous girls between 12-17 years old. For most of the girls, GLOW was their first camping experience and first night away from home. Guatemalan girls, Shiffler discovered, are hardly given any opportunities.

"When they are given just a little bit of encouragement, a little bit of motivation from people they look up to, the results are just incredible," said Shiffler, who taught the girls about self-esteem, health and leadership. These are new concepts for most, said Shiffler, who admitted she "loved to see their enthusiasm when they realized that they can play an active role in their own lives and their communities."

Guatemala has over 20 different indigenous populations, each with its own language.

They share a lot of the same culture and customs, but it varies between regions. Shiffler found it interesting that cell phones came quickly for these regions and almost everyone has a cell phone.

However, when she went to the mall, she said, "Many had never seen an escalator and were taking pictures with their cell phones."

For the majority of Shiffler's service, she was the only Peace Corps volunteer in Oliniteque, where the locals spoke K'iche' and Spanish. She lived alone in a house she furnished from recycled things. She learned how to get herself out in the community and now feels "completely capable in almost every situation."

Now that Shiffler is back in Michigan, she is ready to make a difference as the Council Director of GOTR of Greater Detroit through the YCMA of Metropolitan Detroit. She wants to explore more of Michigan and the U.S. as a whole.

For more information about the Peace Corps, go to: [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

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## Tickets flow for grub crawl

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Food lovers who relish trying different restaurants have scooped up some 300 tickets for Grub Crawl, an event that allows patrons to sample dishes from 13 Canton eateries.

"We only have about 100 tickets left," said Jana Porter, Canton Chamber of Commerce administrative assistant.

Hungry? Better hurry. Patrons pay \$35 and get T-shirts that serve as their admission to Grub Crawl, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, followed immediately by an after-hours, free-pizza gathering at Kickers All-Star Grill on Michigan Avenue.

In a community that touts its diversity, the combined Grub Crawl menu offers an international flavor of dishes

such as chicken milano, fajitas, pierogies, chicken shawarma and barbecue ribs.

Though three popular Italian restaurants are among the participating eateries, the event offers a broad choice: 4 Friends Bar & Grill, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, bd's Mongolian Grill, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carraba's Italian Grill, Chili's, Crow's Nest Bar & Grill, Rose's Restaurant, Shish Kabob Cafe, Super Bowl Pizzeria, T.C. Gators Sports Page and T.G.I. Friday's.

Patrons are assigned a starting point, from which they can make their rounds by driving themselves or boarding shuttle buses and vans that continually travel the Grub Crawl route.

The chamber sponsors the event along with Canton Township and the Downtown

Development Authority.

Porter has noticed a change this year as participants buy tickets. In previous years, chamber members accounted for as much as 60 percent of Grub Crawl participants. This year, non-chamber residents have bought a majority of the tickets.

That, officials hope, could expose participating restaurants to a broader customer base, in hopes patrons will like the food they sample and return to explore the menus.

"We have a huge turnout by residents this year," Porter said.

For tickets, stop by the chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road west of Canton Center and north of Ford, or call (734) 453-4040.

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## MUNFAKH

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Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

"I believe Michigan needs to be run like a business by businessmen, not politicians," said Munfakh, who chairs the Wayne 11th Republican Committee. "I am an outsider who is not looking to further my career in Lansing, but to fix the disaster that the present administration has created. Michigan is bleeding, and I know how to heal it."

Munfakh, the retired president of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., and CEO of his own company, Munfakh & Associates, LLC, said job creation will be his "laser focus" if elected. He said the state needs to create a better business environment, easing up in areas such as permits and regulation and lowering the tax burden.

While Munfakh agrees the Single Business Tax the state dumped a couple of years ago was burdensome, he said the law with which it was replaced is equally cumbersome and more difficult to understand.

"It's so complicated, and rather than reduce taxes, they increased them," said Munfakh, who has lived in Plymouth for 32 years. "Small business is the engine that drives the state, and these are the ones paying the most taxes. How can they expand and stay in the state with that burden?"

Munfakh said his top priorities would include spending cuts and a better budgeting system. Legislators should have a two- to three-year budget plan, adopting the one-year

### THE MUNFAKH FILE

Who: Abe A. Munfakh, 67

What: Republican candidate, 7th District state Senate seat

Family: Wife of 40 years, Darlene; two daughters, three grandchildren

Residency: Plymouth, 32 years

Community involvement: president, Schoolcraft College Foundation Board; Plymouth Community Foundation; worship commission and minister of hospitality, Our Lady of Good Counsel; chairman of the board, Arab American & Chaldean Council

Hobbies: Music appreciation, fishing, reading

Related experience: Plymouth Township board, three terms; Plymouth Township planning commission; Wayne County Planning Commission; executive committee, SEMCOG.

Profession: civil engineer, retired president of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc.; CEO, Munfakh & Associates, LLC

Education: bachelor of Science in civil engineering, Louisiana State University; management courses through University of Michigan; registered professional engineer in Michigan, Indiana and Louisiana

Website: [www.Abe4Michigan.org](http://www.Abe4Michigan.org)

budget as required by the state Constitution. But Munfakh also said the state should start with "zero-based" budgeting "as is done in the private sector," he said, and start from scratch, rather than using the previous year's budget as a starting point.

"If you start at zero, you're going to find out the budget is going to be much smaller," he said.

Spending cuts should start with state payroll and benefits, the "prevailing wage" provision to paying for projects should be changed and taxes should be cut "so smaller industries get the message we are business-friendly," Munfakh said.

Munfakh also:

- Does not believe the state's sales tax should be expanded to include services. "Services are an industry that tend to human needs," he said. "To put a tax on human need is unfortunate, and I wouldn't do that."

- Doesn't think the state should necessarily be advocating for particular industries, such as the film industry, as a means of attracting business

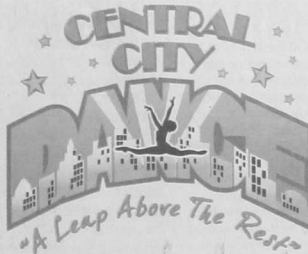
to the state. "The state should be advocating for bringing (all) business to the state, as opposed to pitting one community against another," he said. "Attracting the movie industry worked, but I think they gave away too much."

- Thinks the way to go is lowering taxes on everyone, including small businesses. "I also propose eliminating the surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax and lowering it by changing the formula, and eliminating red tape in state government by requiring rapid issuance of permits and reducing requirements for locating in Michigan, which would make us competitive with our neighboring states, grow our economy and create jobs."

Munfakh, whose third grandchild, Colleen, was born just a couple of months ago, said he's not running for the Senate just to get the gig.

"I'm not a professional politician, I'm not looking for a job," Munfakh said. "I'm doing it for your family, and I'm doing it for my family."

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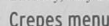
## Fridges swiped

A woman told police her silver Mercedes Benz was vandalized while it was in a parking lot on Ford Road east of

The man told police he had driven a 50-year-old woman to a business near Detroit Metro.

The man told police he may have left the vehicle unlocked.

In addition to the July 24 book signing, Trapani-Scott also will be leading a regular monthly essay writing group at Borders the third Tuesday



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# Adult readers like to mix it up in summer

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether it's "beach books" or a 500-page tome, local adults read in the summer.

Sue Patterson, adult services librarian at the Plymouth District Library, is encouraging people to participate in the adult summer reading program at her library, which she's coordinating. A number of area libraries have similar programs for adult readers.

The Stieg Larsson books are popular, Patterson said, including the first two of the trilogy, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* and *The Girl Who Played With Fire*. Among mystery fans, Janet Evanovich's latest, *Sizzling Sixteen*, is doing well in Plymouth.

Also popular in Plymouth is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. "That may be the one we have the most holds on now," Patterson said. Laura Bush's autobiography, *Spoken From the Heart*, is also popular.

Another nonfiction title sought in Plymouth is Michael Lewis' *The Big Short* on the financial meltdown. Readers also enjoy the humorous essay collection by Chelsea Handler *Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang*.

Patterson doesn't see all seeking beach fare in the summer. "Not necessarily," she said. "I think it depends what's out." Some readers like memoirs, some books on the financial crisis and some on wars in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Sebastian Junger wrote a book, *War*, on Afghanistan that's generating interest in Plymouth. Some readers seek the memoirs of Christopher Hitchens, *Hitch 22*, a journalist and author who's a political ideology pundit.

Glenn Beck, a conservative commentator, has tried his hand at fiction with a new thriller, *The Overton Window*. "This is his first work of fiction," Patterson said of the book, which is generating some interest.



The Plymouth District Library and Canton Public Library provide a comfortable haven where people can find a good read.

At the Canton Public Library, Karen Stark, adult services librarian, agreed the Stieg Larsson books are popular, especially the newest. Readers are also asking for Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray and Love*.

"The movie's due out in August," she said of that nonfiction title in which Gilbert traveled through Italy, India and Indonesia. She'll be played by Julia Roberts in the movie.

Stark said books related to Canton's summer reading theme, "Setting Sail," do well, including Michigan authors and travel. Janet Evanovich's *Sizzling Sixteen* is popular in Canton.

"There's still a ton of holds on that," Stark said. A book recommended by Oprah Winfrey, Jeneen Roth's nonfiction *Women, Food and God*, is doing well. A fiction title that's big in Canton is Robert Goodrick's *The Reliable Wife*, the tale of a Midwestern mail order bride in the early 1900s who's not all she seems.

Stark finds people reading a variety in the summer, and noted books on CD do well for car trips. "That would be mainly fiction," she said.

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## Phi Beta Kappa

Top graduating seniors of 106 area high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area are being honored this year by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

Honorees came from all three schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools:

• Canton High School: Ponnur Abraham, Sherri Anderson, Heba Ansari, Fatima Ansari, Ryan Barrie, Kalthoum Bayz, Yusef Bazzay, McKayla Beam, Kristen Benner, Kartik Bhatt, Ryan Boes, Kara Bongiovanni, Emily Bouse, Rachael Brunk, Sarah Caruso, Lillian Chen, Zachary Conrad, Michael Constantine, Callahan Coplai, Alyssa Cottrell, Abigail Davidson, Kayla Davis, Eva DeBeliso, Marina DeLuca, Sarah Dhi, Nikoli Dryden, Amy Dunleavy, Katarina Evans, Elizabeth Gatzek, Bisma Haque, Riley, Hoernschmeyer, Hiba Jawadi, Jon Jimenez, Max Julien, James Keena, Joshua Kempfer, Joseph Kraus, Yukiko Krolicki, Rebecca Krul, Laura Kushner, Charity Landrum, Kelly Larimore, Anna Lerner, Kelsey Lindberg, Erin Lixie, Elizabeth Loiselle, Mariah Madden, Jacob Magnusson, Kelsey Mason, Jingzhe Mi, Kylie Miller, James Mills, Lindsey Munro, Margaret Murphy, Shelby Olsen, Rujul Parikh, Adam Payter, Katherine Pfannes, Shannon Picking, Alexander Rahill, Neal Robillard, William Romanowski, Lydia Rund, Shirley Shue, Courtney Simpson, Zachary Spreitzer, Jayesh Srivastava, Sophia Tessema, Jessica Thoe, Eric Tian, Miranda VanAuken, Nicholas Vander Laan, Sean Walsh, Nicholas Wasylshyn, Kevin Weisz, Kevin Wheelock and Linda Yang.

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• Salem High School: Khaled Almadhoun, Akshay Armin, Jasmin Badwal, Zachary Basanes, Nicholas Brown, Taylor Burgoon, Allison Carpenter, Andrew Chimka, Sean Coleman, Robert Cowing, Brett DeBear, Cara Delaney, Amanda Dewey, Katelyn Dostader, Brittany Feuz, Derek Fine, Ivan Grozdanovski, Drew Hansen, Julia Hisey, Evan Hulscher, Michelle Hunsaker, Michael Ives, Kyle Kachin, John Kang, Mark Kemp, Daewoon Kim, Christopher Kordick, John Krutty, Jessica Lang, Michelle Lent, Marian Manning, BreAnn Martin, Alexandria McHugh, Eliza Miller, Jacob Misiolek, Jordyn Moore, Chad Newton, Lindsey Newton, Bianca Nolita, Rachel Norman, Casey Olson, Rachna Pannu, Viraj Patel, Akash Patel, Avni Patel, Amelia Peer, Kate Peterson, Shawn Quinn, Kayla Ragland, Rachel Rebandt, Katherine Reily, Alexandra Rodriguez, Austin Root, Samer Sabri,

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## Florida Institute of Technology

Christopher Kovalik of Canton was among the students from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne who were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, which ended in May. Kovalik is a Bio Sci, Marine Biology major. To be included on the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.4.

## Connecticut College

Leah Varga, class of 2012 at Connecticut College and a resident of Plymouth, has been named to the Dean's Honors list for the 2010 spring semester.

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## Ambrose embarks on dual A.D. role in WW

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Greg Ambrose is now wearing two hats.  
That's because he'll be overseeing athletics at both Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn high schools.

The new dual position, held originally by Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart, was consolidated for the 2010-11 school calendar year because of budget cuts.

Ambrose, who has been Wayne's A.D. since 2006, was reassigned to an assistant principal's job at the same school, but recently moved back into athletics after Swinehart announced he was leaving for a similar position in Walled Lake overseeing sports at Central, Western and Northern highs.

Ambrose began his double-duty on Tuesday and is still working out all the parameters.

The plan is to either work half days at each high school, or spend three days one week at one school and two at the other, then alternating each week.

"It's still a work in progress as far as when and where, it all depends where the need is," Ambrose said. "I don't have all the details worked out yet."

"The biggest part is the transition and maintaining the same things at John Glenn. It's like adopting another family. They have to get used to me and I have to get used to them. Right now is a familiarity thing and I'm working on accessing everything I'll need."

Ambrose was scheduled to meet with Swinehart on Thursday and be briefed.

"We'll have an assistant A.D. in each building," Ambrose said. "Kathy Stella will be at Wayne and Ron Staples is at Glenn. Each position has an extra hour of release time. That was taken care of by Brian (Swinehart)."

Ambrose arrived at Wayne-Westland after spending four years as an athletic administrative building coordinator at Farmington High under district-wide A.D. Dennis Noe.

Ambrose, a graduate of Rochester H.S. and Alma College, taught 15 years in the Farmington Public Schools where his wife Bonnie also is employed as a para professional. His daughter Caroline will be a junior at Michigan State.

Ambrose said he has all fall coaching positions in place at both high schools with the exception of boys cross country and boys varsity basketball at Wayne (where Wayne Woodard resigned last month after 10 seasons).

"Wayne (Woodard) did some really nice things for our kids," Ambrose said. "I've got some applications, but it's a matter of getting through them and finding someone. We're falling behind right now because of the timeline. I had hoped by this point we'd have someone, but it hasn't happened because of vacations and so forth."

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## 'Fast Eddie II'



The Fast Eddie II is named for owner Jim Sechler's late brother and driver Dan Kanfoush's son. Sechler and Kanfoush have won five straight APBA championships with the Fast Eddie II.

### Hydroplane racing team goes for sixth national championship

BY DAN O'NEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills and his team have won five consecutive national championships in hydroplane racing and are working on their sixth.

Sechler, the owner of the Fast Eddie II, and driver Dan Kanfoush are again the current leaders in the American Power Boat Association's one-liter modified class.

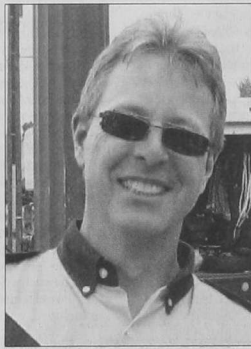
They hope to add to their season point total when they go for a sixth straight win at the Quake on the Lake July 17-18 on Pontiac Lake in Waterford.

"Every year it gets harder and harder to win with the competition," Sechler said. "At the last race in Syracuse (N.Y.), the best we could do was third."

"It used to be it was relatively new and everyone else was coming up to speed. Now, there are four or five boats every race that can win. We're hoping to win, but we're going to have to see."

Sechler recalled a race several years ago when the team didn't have the right set-up and was late on the start.

"We gave up a few miles per hour



Jim Sechler

but still won the race, because we had enough speed on the boat," he said. "Now, if you make one small mistake, you can go from first to third really quick."

That hasn't happened very often to Sechler, 47, a product design engineer for TRW who likes to tinker with

engines in his garage and has an integral role in making the Fast Eddie II go.

Sechler and his team have set 14 world records in their class. There are only four possible records based on the length of the race courses, but they keep breaking their own records, Sechler explained.

All APBA races are five-mile races. The number of laps depends on the length of the course. The Quake on the Lake will consist of five laps on a one-mile course.

The event also will be a charitable fund-raiser for the Rainbow Connection, which is similar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation that grants special requests for children.

Sechler's team can earn another 400 points next weekend. There will be a qualifying heat and a final heat both days, and each heat is worth 100 points.

In the last five years, the Fast Eddie II has won 196 of 210 heats. Teams can enter a possible 30 events each season, but the national championship is based on the best 15 races.

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## The Buck Stops Here

### Goalkeeper Hildebrandt proves quick understudy

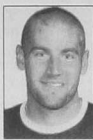
BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mitch Hildebrandt would be a perfect candidate for the TV show, "The Apprentice."

And after serving two years as an understudy to starter Steve Clark, the Oakland University goalkeeper wouldn't need an interview with Donald Trump.

Just give him the position.

Hildebrandt, a Livonia Stevenson grad, is coming off a stellar season in his first year as a starter with the Golden Grizzlies. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound redshirt sophomore led OU to a 9-5-3 overall record, including a 5-0-1 mark in the Summit League.



ished with seven shutouts, including wins over nationally-ranked Dayton and Michigan.

For his efforts, he was also named first-team All-League and Summit League Defensive Player of the Year.

Hildebrandt has continued his stellar play so far this summer with the Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League.

Please see **KEEPER, B2**

In 17 games, Hildebrandt allowed just 13 goals and made 94 saves (.879 percentage). He fin-



MICHIGAN BUCKS | PHOTO

Livonia Stevenson grad Mitch Hildebrandt (far left), who will be red-shirt junior this fall at Oakland University, was named Premier Development League Goalkeeper of the Week after posting his fourth shutout of the season.

## SIDELINES

### All-State netters

North Farmington led the way as several area girls earned postseason All-State recognition by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

In Division 2, North senior Jennifer Yen took All-State honors in singles, while teammate Akanksha Vaishnav, sophomore, was honorable mention.

The Raiders' senior doubles team of Emily Hand Emily Jan also made All-State.

In Division 1, Livonia Franklin junior Angelica Woods earned honorable mention in singles.

MHSTCA Regional Coaches of the Year included Barb Lehman (Canton) and Lin Ware (Salem) in Division 1-Region 3; and Whitney Wasielewski (North Farmington) in Division 2-Region 11.

### Here's Johnny

NHL goaltending great Johnny Bower made a lot of stops during his Hall of Fame career, and he'll make another one 2 p.m. Sunday. That's when Bower will make an appearance at Perani's Hockey World in Livonia.

Bower, whose best seasons were with the Toronto Maple Leafs during the 1960s, will sign any item for \$15. Perani's is located at 19330 Middlebelt Rd., between 7 and 8 mile roads. For more information, call (248) 476-8100.

### Waza FC at nationals

Five area soccer players are members of the under-16 boys Waza FC East Black that will compete in the U.S. Youth Soccer national championship tournament July 21-25.

Jake Finkbinder (Farmington), Adriel Neely (Farmington Hills/Detroit Country Day), Ashwin Vaishnav (Farmington Hills/North Farmington), Jeff Thomas (Livonia/Churchill) and Cameron Roberts (Redford/U-D Jesuit) are among the 17 boys from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties who comprise the team.

Waza FC East Black was the runner-up to the Grand Rapids Crew Juniors at the June regional tournament in Beaver Creek, Ohio.

Since the Crew Juniors had already qualified by winning the U.S. Youth Soccer National League, Waza FC also advanced to the national event in Overland Park, Kan.

In regional pool play, Waza FC edged Omaha (Neb.) FC Elite, 2-1; tied Chicago Fire, 1-1; and defeated Javonon (Ky.), 3-1.

Waza FC defeated Cleveland FC in overtime in a semifinal game, 3-2, but lost to the Grand Rapids team in the final, 1-0.

### Glenn football camp

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp for incoming grades 11-12 from 9 a.m. until noon July 12-14.

The camp is open to the public. You do not have to attend Glenn High School. For more information, including camp fee, call Glenn coach Tim Hardin at (734) 620-0063.

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# RACING

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"When you're actually working toward a national championship, it's really not your goal," Sechler said. "The goal is to go out and do the best you can every single race."

"Right around the end of July, you evaluate your season and decide if you're in a position to win high points. So far we've been in that position."

Anything can happen, Sechler said, adding a bad streak of luck could put him and the Fast Eddie II team on the beach.

"We don't reflect so much on what we've done as what we plan to do," he said. "That's how our team philosophy has always been, and it seems to work really well for us."

"The real indicator is going to be the next three weeks. We have the Western Division, the Quake and the world championships. If we do well, we'll be in pretty good shape. If we falter and the competition beats us, then we're going to be in a little trouble."

In the spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie, Sechler added he enjoys helping others in his racing class despite the growing competitiveness of the sport.

"It's kind of a small class; yet, we're experiencing more growth than any other class in our onboard category," he said. "Some of my best friends are



Pictured left to right are Allen Baskett, co-chairman of the Governor's Cup race in Celina, Ohio; Celina Mayor Sharon LaRue, Lynne Kanfoush, Fast Eddie II owner Jim Sechler, driver Dan Kanfoush, Eddie Kanfoush, crew member Tim Collins and race co-chairman Tom Saddler.

my biggest competitors.

"The guy I'm going to Seattle with (July 9-11) and who's taking both boats on a single trailer is one of my chief competitors. Yet, we're really close friends, and I built his engine."

"It's gratifying to know I'm helping the class and helping other teams get up and running."

In the six years since he began racing for points in earnest, Sechler has seen engines in the one-liter class change

from the bigger, automobile size to the kind used in personal watercraft and snowmobiles.

"They're so much lighter," Sechler said. "There are a lot fewer components in them. They make a lot of power for their size."

"We switched from a four-stroke motor to a two-stroke in 2004, and we've never looked back. If you want to be competitive in the class, that's what you have to run."

Sechler, who is sponsored by

Metro Aircraft Instruments in Pontiac, lets Kanfoush of Niagara Falls, N.Y., do all the driving. He derives his enjoyment from the behind-the-scenes work.

"When I used to race cars, I enjoyed it a lot," he said. "The only difference was you started with a car you bought from a dealer. Some factory built that car."

"Most boats are hand-built, and everybody has an idea on what works. It seems there are

so many more variables. To figure it all out is kinda difficult. If things go well and we did our homework, we're successful; if not, we go back and work harder."

"As an engineer who likes to take an idea from paper to water, it's a nice exercise. The proof is in the result, so you get instant feedback if you're successful."

Sechler and his fellow members of the Fast Eddie II team have had a lot of that.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Wayne-Westland soccer

Registration for the fall 2010 Wayne-Westland Soccer League (ages 4-19) will be held through Friday, July 30.

There will also be a co-ed adult league offered this fall.

For registration information, call (734) 467-5260, or visit [www.wvsoccer.com](http://www.wvsoccer.com).

### Falcon garage sale

The Farmington High School cross country teams will have a three-day garage sale July 15-17 at 33455 Alta Loma, Farmington.

The sale starts at 9 a.m. each day and coincides with the annual Founders Festival in downtown Farmington.

Alta Loma is located two blocks south of Grand River Avenue and west of Farmington Road.

### Summer track meets

Dearborn Divine Child High School will stage a series of youth and adult summer track meets each Wednesday, July 14, 21 and 28.

Field events start at 5:30 p.m. followed by running events at 6 p.m. The cost is \$4 per athlete.

Age groups include: Sub-Bantam (born 2002); Bantam (2000-01); Midget (1998-99); Youth (1996-97); Intermediate (1994-95); Young (1992-93); Open (ages 19-29); Sub-Masters (30-39); Masters (40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70-and-up).

For more information, call Randy Williams at (313) 283-6181; or e-mail [maddogsports@aol.com](mailto:maddogsports@aol.com).

### Pride needs coaches

The Plymouth-Canton Pride is taking coaching applications for all ages for the 2010-11 fast-pitch season.

Experienced coaches are needed for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under teams with an emphasis on college exposure.

Those interested can e-mail a resume to: [j4olszewski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j4olszewski@sbcglobal.net). Applications are also online at [www.eteamz.com](http://www.eteamz.com) for PCPride. You can also send a resume to: Jon Olszewski, 48465 Antique Road, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, call (313) 570-0800.

### Franklin needs coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls volleyball and freshman girls competitive cheer coach for the 2010-11 seasons.

For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammie at (734) 744-2889.

### Micro-Soccer Shootout

The University of Michigan men's soccer team will stage its 19th annual 3-v-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout Saturday, July 10 at UM's Mitchell fields in Ann Arbor.

The cost is \$100 per team with a four-game guarantee.

All under-7 team registration team fees will be free for the first 10 boys and girls teams to register.

Registrations, due by July 1 or dropped off by July 5, can be obtained at [www.usoccer.com](http://www.usoccer.com).

For more information, call (734) 647-1201; or e-mail [ldurkee@umich.edu](mailto:ldurkee@umich.edu).

### St. Mary Mercy 5K

Registration is on for the fourth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5-kilometer run-walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The race begins at 9 a.m. on the St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan roads.

The cost is \$22 for runners-walkers who register on or before Sept. 3 (race T-shirt guaranteed). It's \$27 for those signing up after Sept. 3.

Awards will go to the first-, second- and third-place overall male and female finishers in each age group of the 5K.

Following the 5K, a Community Open House will from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. offering music, games, food and health information and screenings. You can register online at [Active.com](http://Active.com) or by visiting [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

## KEEPER

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He recently earned PDL Goalkeeper of the Week, a national honor, after blanking the Cincinnati Kings, 3-0, on Wednesday, following an 11-save performance in a 0-0 draw on July 1 against the first-place Forest City London (Ontario).

Hildebrandt has four shutouts so far this season for the 7-3-2 Bucks.

"When I recruited him coming out of high school and club soccer, I saw a good, solid, steady goalkeeper with athleticism and good hands," said Bucks coach and former longtime OU coach Gary Parsons. "He had the experience as well, and had a good background."

"He's worked hard. He's got a big body and a frame with the potential to put on weight, but he's trimmed down and it shows in his game. He's quicker."

Hildebrandt was red-shirted his freshman year and backed up Clark for two seasons. He also backed up Clark last summer with the Bucks.

Clark, meanwhile, is now playing professionally in Norway.

Hildebrandt appeared in just two games for OU in 2008, but was unexpectedly thrown into the fire after Clark was red-carded in the Summit League championship match.

It was quite an initiation.

"I was still trying to get warm on the bench, I remember it was a frigid, cold day and I was still cold when I took off my warm-ups," Hildebrandt recalled.

With Clark suspended the next game, Hildebrandt was pressed into duty and performed well in the first-round of the NCAA College Cup where he blanked Ohio State. But unfortunately the Golden Grizzlies did not advance, eventually losing in a shootout on penalty

kicks.

"It was an awesome experience," Hildebrandt said about his two-year apprenticeship at OU. "I couldn't have a better person to be behind. I learned so much from him (Clark). Confidence and work ethic is the major thing learned from him."

"I saw the game I played in high school, but here (at OU) it was a different game. Sitting behind Steve, I learned what it becomes to be a college and pro keeper."

Getting a taste of the big time, the former All-State keeper, who helped spur Stevenson all the way to the 2007 Division I state finals, was ready to take over the starting duties after Clark's playing eligibility was exhausted.

"Knowing I was going to start the next year, my whole frame of mind going in was to gain confidence, and playing in the PDL definitely helped," he said. "Also going into that year it was Eric Pogue's first year. We talked and we were kind of in same boat. It was his first year as head coach and my first year as goalkeeper, and we both fed off it."

As he entered his first season as a starter, Hildebrandt took the advice of his old college coach.

"Like Gary (Parsons) said, 'Just don't make mistakes,'" Hildebrandt added. "You're going to let in goals here and there. In college, nobody is going to go through a whole season and not give up a goal. You just want to be solid and be mentally there each game."

In his first season as Bucks coach, Parsons stresses a more cerebral approach to the game during the PDL campaign.

"With all my players, it's about making good decisions all the time," he said. "It's a big key to Mitch's game, whether it's coming out off his line or his distribution. It's constantly becoming a smarter player. And it generally comes with experience that usually make them smarter."

Hildebrandt still has two seasons remaining at OU, but has the skills to give pro soccer a try.

"Mitch has the package to go to the next level, whether it's ULS, MLS or perhaps somewhere in Europe," Parsons said. "He has the potential to land somewhere."

"But when you're going from college to pro there's a risk involved. You get a lot of doors slammed in your face, but a guy like Steve Clark kept it. He really wanted it."

The PDL, a league of top collegiate and post-college players, is a stepping stone, according to Hildebrandt, who is majoring in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice at OU.

"My dream always be pro soccer player," he said. "I definitely don't know if I'm going to have to go to Norway, but if I have to go, I'll be chasing the dream, I guess."

"The PDL is such a pro league. With owners and coaches it's about winning. It gets your taste of next level, but it's still summer league."

"I enjoy soccer. You never know who's watching. That's why you want to come out and perform every game. College is different. You're representing a school. You're with the same guys six or seven months. It's like a brotherhood."

Hildebrandt dabbled in baseball as a youth, but quickly found himself between the pipes.

The apprenticeship began early.

"I started out in soccer playing on brother's (Mike) team," he said. "He (Mike) is five years older. I played goalie because I was smaller than everybody else. He's where I got my passion for soccer. I played the field for awhile, but when I was 10 or 11, our goalie didn't show up for game. They put me in, and I've been there ever since."

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## SPORTS CAMPS

### Youth grid camp

Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will sponsor a youth football camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 24, at Harrison High School.

The camp is part of an effort to re-establish ties between the Farmington Rockets and Harrison football programs, according to Tim Mumford, manager of Powerhouse Gym and a former Harrison player.

The camp is open to all players in the 7-14 age group, however. The cost is \$35. Lunch and a Powerhouse Gym T-shirt are included.

The camp instructors will include the Harrison coaching staff, former Detroit Lion Ron Rice and former MSU and Harrison star Mill Coleman.

There will be a cheerleading camp the same day at Harrison, too.

For more information and registration, contact Mumford at 248-875-9962.

### Summer cheer camp

The North Farmington High School Summer Cheer Camp for boys and girls ages 5-12 will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6.

The cost is \$100 per child. You must register by Friday, July 23, to receive a free T-shirt. Campers must bring a bag lunch.

All participants will be invited to cheer with the varsity cheerleaders at the first home football game.

For more information, contact varsity cheer coach Amanda O'Neill at either [amandaoneill@yahoo.com](mailto:amandaoneill@yahoo.com) or 734-624-8252.

### MU volleyball camp

Madonna University will offering a hitters and defensive camp, Monday through Thursday, July 12-15, at the

### Activities Center.

For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham at (734) 946-6664 (days) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also e-mail [jabraham211680mi@comcast.net](mailto:jabraham211680mi@comcast.net).

### Hoop Skills Camp

Redford Township Leisure Services is offering its Hoop Skills Camp tailored for youngsters between the ages of three and six with little or no experience playing basketball.

The one-week camp offered, either Aug. 9-13 or Aug. 16-20, will teach fundamentals of the sport, including shooting and dribbling, and focus on the basics. Parents are required to attend the camp with their children in order to reinforce proper technique and skills after camp. Classes will be held at Pearson Education Center.

Cost is \$25 and sessions will run daily from 10-10:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Redford Leisure Services at (313) 387-2650.

### Plymouth volleyball

The Plymouth volleyball camp for grades 5-10 will be from 1-4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 26-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$65.

For more information, e-mail Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at [kellymccausland@att.net](mailto:kellymccausland@att.net).

### Plymouth baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Summer Baseball Clinic for students entering grades 7-9 will be from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 at the high school baseball complex.

The cost is \$20 (if pre-registered) or \$25 the day of the clinic. T-shirts are available for an additional \$8.

The camp, limited to the first 50 registrants, will focus on hitting, pitching, infield, outfield and catching. Clinic attendees will also receive radar gun readings and take batting practice on the varsity field.

For more information, contact Bryan Boyd at Bryan.Boyd@pcesmail.net.

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Turner's triplicate a hearty feat

Redford's WGCC to play host to annual MICSA Finals

During the past season, it was business as usual for most league bowlers. The scoring was hot while the weather was not. One of the more memorable feats was that of a teen bowler in the Country High School League.

His name is Ryan Turner, age 17, and all he did on a recent morning at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills was to shoot consecutive games of 268-268-268. That equals an 804 series and the triplicate also might possibly be the highest by a youth in the Detroit area, ever. There are no records on hand to confirm or deny such a record score, but triplicates themselves are a rarity regardless of the score bowled. If any youth bowler has ever bowled a higher triplicate, I'd like to hear about it.

There was another outstanding performance as 76-year-old Larry Norville of Livonia ran up an 803 series with games of 237-297-269 in the Woodland Guys & Dolls League at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

Larry has been bowling since the early 1960s. He didn't carry a 200 average until he turned 70 and he was averaging 199 when he bowled the 803. He had only one open frame in his three game set and at one point had 16 strikes in a row.

This just goes to show that bowlers can attain outstanding scores, young and old alike. We have seen a resurgence in high scores in recent years, a result of better equipment, more bowlers taking coaching from the pros and being able to adjust quickly to varying lane conditions. There are more 300s bowled in our area, but an 800 series is a score that fewer bowlers are ever able to see next to their name.

Thousands of bowlers travel from the four corners of our nation to compete in the USBC (formerly the ABC) Open Championships held in differing venues every year. Reno, Nev., is this year's site.

While bowling well can win a few hundred or, even a few thousand dollars, one guy came home with over \$10 million in winnings before he even got to the lanes. John Johnson of Golden, Colo. put \$20 into an airport slot machine and minutes later was the winner of the \$10,422,754-08 Megabucks Megajackpot.

And he hadn't even taken his ball out of the bag yet. "The Biggest Little City in the World" has become a special destination for the 36-year old Johnson as three of his six USBC Open Championships have come at Reno's National Bowling Stadium and while in town for the 2007 event, he and his wife, Stephanie were married.

Al Harrison is a Southfield resident, a member of the Bowlers Writers Association of America and a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached by e-mail at [tenpinalley710@yahoo.com](mailto:tenpinalley710@yahoo.com).



Ten Pin Alley  
Al Harrison

Bucks earn critical win vs. Cincinnati Kings, 3-0

The Michigan Bucks got a much-needed victory in their third and final trip to the state of Ohio during the regular season with a 3-0 Premier Development League men's soccer triumph Wednesday night over host Cincinnati Kings at Town & Country Sports Complex.

PDL Goalkeeper of the week Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) registered his fourth shutout of the season in recording his seventh win of the season as the Bucks improved to 7-3-2 (23 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

That puts the second-place Bucks in a three-way tie for the final playoff spot with the Chicago Fire Premier and the Dayton Dutch Lions.

But it was a costly victory as the Bucks' leading scorer Kenny Uziogwe, who has nine goals, was ejected with his second yellow card in the 70th minute and missed Saturday's home showdown against the Chicago Fire Premier (7-3-2).

The visitors struck early when newcomer Gilles Nziengui headed home a corner kick from Stefan St. Louis in the 13th minute for a 1-0 lead.

In the 52nd minute, St. Louis dribbled through three Cincinnati defenders and slotted a neat shot past Kings goal-keeper Corey Whisenhunt.

At 2-0, Bucks coach Gary Parsons added some defensive substitutions, but kept the attackers headed towards the goal. In the 79th minute Max Touloutte would score his first goal of the year when he took a long Hildebrandt punt and would convert for the 3-0 final.

The loss drops Cincinnati to 5-5-2 (17 points).

If the Bucks win their final four matches, they are assured of at least one of the two division spots for the Central Conference semifinals to be played the weekend of July 30-31.

RECREATION SOFTBALL									
Men's - Lower (Friday)					COED - Lower (Tuesday)				
Foul Balls	7	0	0	14	Dod's Sport	10	0	0	20
Old School	6	2	0	12	Frm. Hills COG	8	2	0	16
Hitters	5	1	1	11	Sandys/Kelly	7	3	0	14
Sport Gumbo	5	3	0	10	Sandys/AITLK	7	3	0	14
Timberwolf	4	2	0	8	Strange Brew	5	4	1	11
Fat Kats 2	4	3	0	8	Uncray-Denise	4	6	0	8
JC Distributor	4	3	0	8	Brew Crew II	4	6	0	8
Phillies	4	4	0	8	The Saints	4	6	0	8
IPS	3	4	1	7	Uncray-Patrik	3	7	0	6
Don Massey	2	5	0	4	Redford Moose	2	7	1	5
Rusty Gloves	1	5	0	2	Liquid Chaos	0	10	0	0
Burton Tree	0	6	0	0	COED - Upper (Wednesday)				
Transformer	0	7	0	0	College Park	10	0	0	20
Women's - Upper (Monday)					Cant. Comp.	6	3	0	12
BMV Doctors	9	0	0	18	John's Team	5	5	0	10
LadyBlue	7	3	0	10	Btrzap/Sandys	4	5	0	8
Sand's Lounge	7	3	0	10	Hit N' Run	4	6	0	8
Gabby's	5	5	0	10	One Under	4	6	0	8
St. Val's	2	6	0	4	Doc's Sports	3	7	0	6
Morse M&S	2	7	0	4	Buf. Wild Wings	2	7	0	4
Telway Tow	1	9	0	2	COED - Lower (Wednesday)				
Women's - Lower (Monday)					UNC Rays-Andy	10	0	0	20
Yardbirds	9	1	0	18	Ray's Team	7	1	0	14
Redford B&G	8	2	0	16	Emptypitchers	6	3	0	12
Livewires	6	2	0	12	Thoro-Bredz	5	4	0	10
Duffy's	6	4	0	12	Don Lora Elec.	5	5	0	10
Scat. Sunshine	2	7	0	4	Angry Rhinos	4	5	0	8
SB W/Attitude	1	8	0	2	8 Second Ride	2	6	0	4
NW Fellowship	1	9	0	2	Bryan's Team	2	8	0	4
COED - Upper (Tuesday)					Tom's Tree Service	0	9	0	0
The Truth	6	1	2	12					
Stables-Tom	5	3	1	11					
Oak Plumbing	5	3	1	11					
Stables Mike	4	5	0	8					
Crusaders	4	6	0	8					
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Keford's Tow	3	5	0	6					
White Rhino	3	5	0	6					
Badnewsbeer	1	7	0	2					
Morningwood	0	8	0	0					

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After more than seven decades the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association continues to peak the interest of competitive swimmers during the summer months. And now in its 71st year of existence, MICSA — the oldest swimming association in the country — will send its 12 club members onto Western Golf & Country Club (WGCC) July 23-25 to participate in the 2010 MICSA Swim Finals.

The three-day event at WGCC in Redford will feature some 1,400 youngsters, ranging in age from 6 to 17, showcasing their pool talents as they seek supremacy in their respective events.

And just announced Thursday by WGCC, Angels' Place — which provides people-centered services, including homes and professional support for persons with developmental disabilities — has been selected as part of the club's philanthropic mission for this year. WGCC will donate 10 percent of its Market Square entry fees — collected from Michigan-based sponsors displaying their goods, services and offerings inside the club's Market Place — to Angels' Place in its quest to help people in need.

"The members and staff at WGCC are looking forward to hosting this year's MICSA Swim Finals," Jason Iding, PGA professional, general manager and COO of WGCC said. "It's a great opportunity for the Club to showcase our exceptional facilities, as well as benefit the community. WGCC hopes to serve as an example to other businesses by giving back and helping those in need — in this case, Angels' Place."

"The individuals Angels' Place serves will be with us for life - on average over 40 years," said Angels' Place Director of Development Barbara Urbiel. "That is a commitment we can't take lightly. We will be their family until the end of their days."

"We are so grateful to Western Golf & Country Club for helping us raise funds to insure these homes and services will carry on," Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods has had a stranglehold on winning the event, finishing first as a team the past six years. Lochmoor Club enters this year's competition as a heavy favorite again after splashing through the dual meet portion of the schedule undefeated.

Joining talented swimmers from Lochmoor and host WGCC, will be young tankers representing Birmingham Athletic Club, Country Club of Detroit, Dearborn Country Club, Detroit Golf Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Great Oaks Country Club, Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Oakland Hills Country Club, Plum Hollow Country Club and Red Run Golf Club.

Friday's competition will begin at 11:30 a.m. with warm-ups for swimmers in the 8 & under and 9-10 age groups. Events will run from approximately 1-4 p.m.

Saturday will see warm-ups for swimmers in age groups 11-12, 13-14 and 15-17 begin at 9:30 a.m. Events will begin at 11 a.m.

Sunday's Final Events day will see the Opening Ceremonies take place at 11 a.m. and competition beginning at noon.

Cost is \$5 daily for adults and \$3 daily for youngsters 17 and under.

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# Whalers add 2 picks to fill import quota

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers picked up two players last week in Canadian Hockey League Import Draft.

With the 41st overall selection, the Whalers took 17-year-old right wing Rickard Rakell, who played last season for AIK in Sweden.

Skating for the J-18 and J-20 teams of AIK in 2009-10, Rakell scored 28 goals and 17 assists for 45 points over 38 games. He also played in international competition for Sweden, scoring eight goals with three assists for 11 points in 19 games last year during three tournaments.

With the 50th pick, Plymouth added 17-year-old defenseman Dario Trutmann, who played last season for EV Zug in Switzerland.

Trutmann scored right goals with 15 assists for 23 points and 78 penalty minutes during 28 regular season while contributing a goal and an assist in 10 playoff games.

The 6-foot, 183-pound Trutmann scored five assists in six games in international competition last year. He is eligible for the 2011 National Hockey League Entry Draft. "We like both players," said Mike Vellucci, the Whalers' President, General Manager and head coach. "They should fit right in with our team. We look for both of them to be impact players right away."

The 6-foot, 185-pound Rakell, who hails from Stockholm, is also eligible for the 2011 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

"I'm very excited to be coming to Plymouth," Rakell said in a phone interview. "It's going to be fun. I'd don't copy any one player, but I would say I'm a physical play-



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Rickard Rakell of AIK Sweden was the 41st selection in the CHL's Import Draft by the Plymouth Whalers.



Dario Trutmann

er with a good shot. So many Swedish players play for the Red Wings, it's an inspiration. They are very successful."

Rakell was succinct when speaking about his attraction

to the CHL.

"I think it's the best junior league in the World," he said. "And my goal is to reach the National Hockey League."

Trutmann expressed the same sentiments about the CHL.

"It's the best junior league in the World," the Swiss player said in a phone interview. "It's a dream to be playing in it. I pattern myself after Mark Streit, a Swiss who plays for the New York Islanders."

CHL teams are allowed to carry two imports of their roster.

With veteran defenseman Michal Jordan signing with the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, Rakell and Trutmann fill Plymouth's Import quota.

Both are expected to report to Plymouth's training camp in late August.



## Flying high

The Garden City Cardinals Bronco team has done a lot of celebrating following its championships performances in the Upper Division League Playoffs and the inaugural GCYAA 12U House League Tournament. Competing in the Upper Division League Playoffs, the Cardinals went a perfect 3-0 in the single-elimination format, while in the league tourney the team posted a 2-1 record in pool play before going a perfect 2-0 in the championship round. Pictured above are Cardinal team members (back row, left to right) Brendan 'BB' Brandau, Noah Greene, Connor Gawne, coach Mike Waronek, Trent Wallace, manager Mark Barikmo, coach Randy Dunn, Essa Abulawi, (front row, l-r) Trevor Dunn, Kevin 'KB' Banasiak, Kevin Brewer, Brady Spehar and Bryan Browne.



## Reds capture house crown

The 12-and-under Reds won the South Farmington house league baseball championship with a 13-12 victory over the Cardinals on June 25. The members of the Reds team are (front row, left to right) Craig Crawford, Andrew Brown, Andrew Clark, Langston Beamer, Sassoun Tcholakian, Lucian Gumma, (middle row) William Stefan, Andrew Jalbert, Bailey Benoit, Lawrence Beamer, Justin Woodcock, (back row) Chad Hoffman, coach Terri Wilder, manager Bill Brown, Mher Tcholakian and coach Dennis Hoffman.

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## Tying the knot: The second time around, things are a bit different

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Weddings the second time around tend to be smaller with less of the glitz associated with the first one.

Gina Tait, owner of Events 2 Remember in Farmington Hills, says most brides who walk the wedding aisle for the second time are calmer than first timers.

"When they marry for the second time, a lot of the times, it's for the right reasons," Tait said.

Her client, Yolanda Smith of Detroit, plans to marry in October.

"You are more mature the second time around," said Smith, who was married for seven years. "You understand what is important and not to sweat the small stuff. A lot of times the reasons for being married when you are younger is the dream — the home, the husband and the kids. The second time around you are focused on peace of mind, love and companionship. And those are the things you look for and find."

The most common question second time brides ask is whether it's OK to wear white, said Christi Henderson, owner of Affordable Events by Chris in Livonia.

"All the etiquette rules are out the window," she said. "You can do what you want. The brides have already had the princess wedding. The big focus is on the party and the reception. It seems like the second weddings are much lighter. The focus is on the actual marriage and the celebration that follows."

The couple places emphasis on making sure children from previous marriages feel included. The children, no matter what their ages, are often cast as focal points of second marriage ceremonies.

Laura Bommarito, owner of What an Event in Plymouth, said she planned a



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## Tips on blending families

Getting married a second time often means uniting children from past marriages and that can be just as tricky or more than trying to make the marriage work.

Since one out of two Western marriages ends in divorce, people trying to bring children of different marriages together have a lot of company. Some 66 percent of marriages and living together situations fail when children are actively involved, according to statistics from the Stepfamily Foundation.

Throw into the mix trying to deal with ex-spouses, ex-in-laws, new stepchildren and all the problems of everyday life. Instead of families blending, they can easily divide into factions. Here are some strategies to help.

- Make each member of the new blended family feel loved and wanted.

- Help the child, young or old, decide whether they will "have" to call this new person dad or mom.

- Talk about how everyone in the new family will get along on a daily basis.

- Ask yourself whether one set of children are making more sacrifices than the other.

- Try to be a good example to the child that true love can exist even if it didn't work out with his/her mom/dad.

- Make a real effort to understand the children personally by regularly asking what is going on in their lives; know what their favorite food, color and television show are?

- Make sure you agree with your new spouse about rearing rules and apply them evenly to all the children.

- Don't call the child my "step" daughter or son to others because that automatically separates the two of you.

- Timing is important. Don't jump into a second marriage before you and the child deal with the loss of the spouse.

- Above all, BE PATIENT.

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As a result the operation can proceed smoothly and the surgeon can act without delay. The patient has the proper repair and remains under anesthesia for the least amount of time needed.

However, a physician will not obtain an MRI for every swollen joint or persistent muscle pain. In many instances of arthritis, pain, an x-ray will give the physician the information he needs to make a diagnosis. If a question arises whether pain comes from a fracture, no imaging is better than an x-ray. The same holds if the physician believes a knee problem reflects osteoarthritis. No imaging trumps weight bearing x-ray films of the knee.

Remember, that MRI is expensive, usually costing \$1,300 or more, and requires that the patient go to a center with MRI equipment. In contrast, an x-ray costs \$35, with the equipment in the doctor's office.

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Yolanda Smith and DeShawn Bean have set an Oct. 1 wedding date. Gina Tait, owner of Events 2 Remember in Farmington Hills is the wedding planner for the event.

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wedding for a couple who each had a daughter from a previous marriage. At the ceremony, they gave each girl — who happened to be about the same age — a matching necklace, which symbolically united them in sisterhood.

Kathy Byrum, owner of Dream Weddings and Event Planners in Canton, said, "Quite often they will involve all of the children. They will have them be more a part of the wedding. I've seen fathers have their sons as the best man."

### CEREMONY

Couples who are walking down the aisle for the second time also tend to focus less on the reception and more on the ceremony, she added.

"It's more about how we can make sure the children are included," Bommarito added. "The ceremony takes on a whole different level of importance to unify the family and make the children feel special."

There are a lot of variables that will affect the low key rule for second marriages. For instance, if it's the first wedding for either the bride or the groom there likely will be more traditional "tie the knot" festivities.

Also, older couples tend to play down receptions on their second trip down the aisle, according to the experts.

Landon Vick, a DJ and owner of Masters of Ceremony Productions in Novi, has worked for couples on first-time weddings and the same brides and grooms on their second marriages.

Rather than big reception halls, the venue for second weddings are often in private rooms of restaurants or even the couple's home, Vick said.

"They're normally older couples and the receptions tend to be a little smaller," he added. "There's no more than 100 people compared to 150 plus at first weddings."

The guest list might not include every relative who came to the first wedding.

Women marrying for the second time will just as often wear white as first-timers, according to Maria Choi, who works at LaSposa Bridal studio in Farmington.

And then there's always the question of whether it's appropriate to accept gifts at second-time weddings. Wedding planners say one way to handle that is to say, "please, no gifts" or

ask for a donation to a favorite charity on the invitation.

### PERSONAL

Smaller receptions create a more intimate atmosphere for the couples, as well as the guests, according to David McKnight, owner of Emerald City Design in Farmington Hills.

"Hosts want to interact with their guests and offer an experience that they may never have had before," McKnight said. "The style of the invitation is typically a finer design including an invite for a wedding weekend and having multiple events throughout."

Some people who are tying marriage for a second time want their ceremony and reception at destination spots, like the ultra-romantic beach side event in Jamaica, Hawaii, Paris and Venice. An exotic locale will definitely set it apart from anything that happened at the first marriages.

"A lot get married on cruises and come back to Michigan and have a party about a week later," Vick said, adding that the average length of receptions for first timers is usually six hours compared to second timers who tend to wrap up the festivities in three hours or less.

"Whether we have created a nice dinner party, or themed event — the experiences are best described as being detailed, sophisticated and understated," McKnight said.

Many couples who have been married before hire help the second time, Byrum said.

"They see the need in the value of a planner, because they've done it before and they can see how difficult it is to do it yourself," she said.

The Rev. Jan Raney, a Livonia marriage officiant, is often called when couples are without a religious affiliation.

She's been part of weddings involving second marriages at homes, wedding chapels, in restaurants, parks, the beach and even a swinging bridge in Romeo.

"I'll go anywhere," she said. "The first wedding is all about the bride and the fantasy and she wants all the attention on her and the second marriage — it's all about the couple, their hopes and plans and dreams for the future. The focus is not on her, it's moved to them as a couple and more toward family than friends," said Raney.

Quoting one bride who was getting married a second time, Raney said, "Friends can change, but your family doesn't change. They are there for you and that's what we want for our mar-

# See cars at senior living community

Botsford Commons Senior Community will hold its sixth annual classic car show from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 30. The event will feature cars of every size from the golden years of production and a free outdoor concert featuring

### Party On DJ.

Reservations are required for car exhibitors, and can be made by calling Botsford at (248) 426-6951. Botsford Commons is located at 21450 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake

### Road, in Farmington Hills.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. For more information visit the website at: [www.botsfordcommons.org](http://www.botsfordcommons.org)

## REUNION CALENDAR

### Belleville High School

#### Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: [BHS.1971@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 [sublime71@yahoo.com](mailto:sublime71@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. E-mail to [yankessouthern@hotmail.com](mailto:yankessouthern@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](mailto: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 Optimystics 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 can 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@wow-way.com](mailto:timdunning@wow-way.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](mailto: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 [dbiehn@aol.com](mailto:dbiehn@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\\_1hs1980@yahoo.com](mailto:kelly_1hs1980@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](mailto: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](mailto:karber@comcast.net) or Teri Friedman at [terifriedman@gmail.com](mailto: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@livoniafranklin1980.com](mailto:info@livoniafranklin1980.com).

### Livonia Stevenson

#### Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to [payments@institutionalmarkets.com](mailto:payments@institutionalmarkets.com). Send e-mail correspondence to [stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.LivoniaStevenson1990.classquest.com) for more details.

### 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/sle/>. Contact the reunion committee at [1980cantonsalem@comcast.net](mailto:1980cantonsalem@comcast.net).



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# Canton Community Foundation program helps with college cost

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dustin Piepsney played football and baseball in high school, but his bread-and-butter sport, according to his dad, was wrestling.

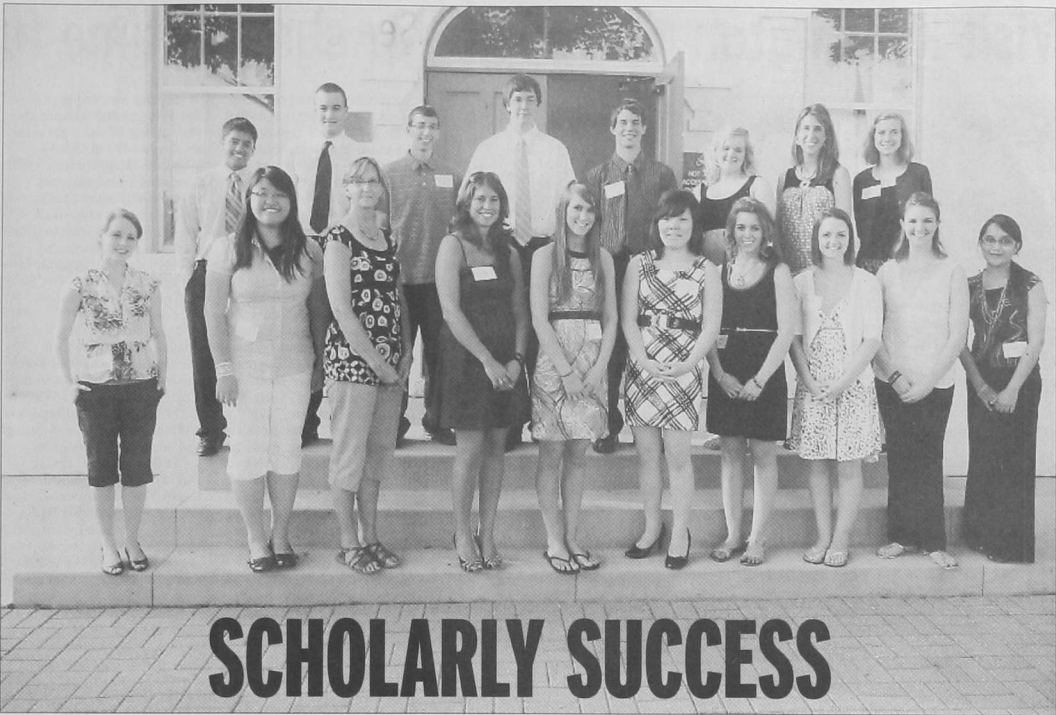
So when Canton residents Bill and Amy Piepsney decided to establish a scholarship with the Canton Community Foundation in honor of their son, who passed away in December 2008, it seemed natural to give it to an athlete. That's why Jason Avedesian, a wrestler, got the \$750 scholarship.

"One of the main reasons we did it was to keep his name alive and honor him," Bill Piepsney said. "He was such a generous, giving person, it's a way to follow up with something he'd be all for. We donated it for sports, which is what he would have liked."

Bill Piepsney said he and his wife were overwhelmed with the generosity of people helping raise money to endow the scholarship.

"We just want to thank the community for supporting us," he said. "A lot of people put a lot of effort into raising the money for it."

It was one of 25 scholarships,



## SCHOLARLY SUCCESS

Students collected more than \$31,000 in scholarships handed out this year through the Canton Community Foundation's annual scholarship program.

totaling \$31,200, handed out this year in the annual scholarship program sponsored by the CCF. It was the 20th year for the scholarship program, which CCF officials consider one of their most important annual programs.

In those 20 years, the Canton Community Foundation has given out more than \$495,000 in grants.

And, judging by the stories

they hear back from recipients, the money handed out in one of the foundation's most important programs is being put to good use.

The primary requirements for eligibility for a CCF scholarship is residency in either Canton or Plymouth and a minimum 2.5 grade-point average. Each scholarship, Noricks pointed out, may also carry other eligibility require-

ments; for instance, some stipulate the student must attend a school in Michigan.

Noricks said the bulk of the scholarships given out over 20 years have gone to students who continued their studies in Michigan. The feedback from recipients, she said, is very positive.

"You feel really good when you see the success stories from some of the students over the

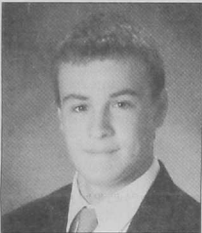
years," Noricks said. "When they come back and report how they've done and what the scholarships have meant to them, it's a good feeling."

A variety of scholarships are sponsored. Yazaki North America sponsors two, valued at \$8,000 each; the CCF partners with the Schoolcraft College Foundation on a pair of \$500 scholarships and funds a pair of \$1,000 scholarships

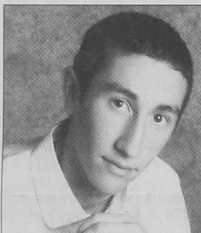
on its own. The family of Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton Township trustee, endowed three \$500 scholarships this year.

"An educated society is very important," CCF President Joan Noricks said. "If we're able to assist students who might not be able to do that otherwise, that's a good thing."

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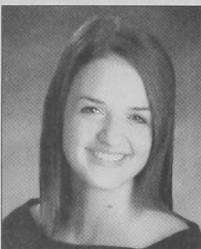
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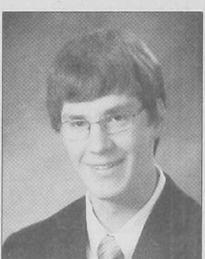
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### THE SCHOLARS ARE ...

Jason Avedesian, Yazaki	\$8,000	Julia Hisey, Whalen	\$500	Alyse Ruark, Taj Family	\$500
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Kirsten Clemons, Leadership	\$500	Alanna Mason, CCF/SCF	\$500	Stephanie Stergiadis, CPBW	\$500
Ryan Daniels, CCF/SCF	\$500	James Middleditch, Piepsney	\$750	Nancy Szczepanski, CPBW	\$500
Angela Donald, CCF/EMU	\$1,000	Rujul Parikh, CCF	\$1,000	Caroline Williams, Yazaki	\$8,000
Amy Geick, CCF/Klei	\$500	Anjali Patel, Taj Family	\$500	Alex Wolski, Kiwanis	\$1,000
Heidi Good, Durack	\$500	Priyasha Patel, Demmer Ford	\$650	Zhuo Wu, CCF	\$1,000
Kelly Hahn, Schulz	\$300	Brooke Rodwell, CCF/U-M	\$500		
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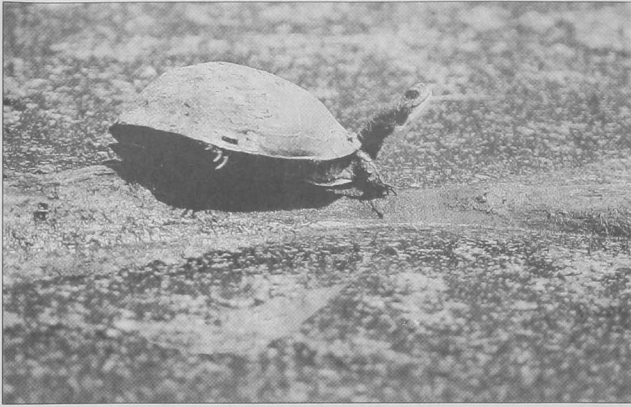


Zhuo Wu



Bill and Amy Piepsney, with scholarship recipient Jason Avedesian (center), endowed a scholarship in honor of their son, Dustin, who passed away in December 2008.

# Visit Kensington Metropark for summertime fun in sun



A turtle basks in the sun at Kensington Metropark.

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A number of interpretive events will be offered in August at Kensington Metropark.

For additional information or to register for programs at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center or Farm Center located near Milford/Brighton, call (800) 477-3178.

At the Nature Center: "Dinosaur Days," Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m., Nature Center. The fascinating world of dinosaurs will be explored through slides, fossils and models. Plus, help build a scale model dinosaur skeleton. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

"Rattlesnakes and Their Lookalikes," Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m., Nature Center. Not every snake that makes you quake is a rattlesnake. Learn to tell the difference between rattlesnakes and similar species found in the area. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

"Nature's All-You-Can-Eat Buffet," Sunday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m., Nature Center. Locate the many edible plants in nature and take home some recipes. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

"Family Fishing Friday," Friday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m., West Boat Launch. Bring the family and learn to fish. Poles, tackle and bait will be provided, or bring your own. Meet at the West Boat Launch. For ages

8 and older. Fee: \$5 per person. Preregistration required. Participants 16 years and older must have a fishing license.

"Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening," Saturday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m., Nature Center. Discover how to plan an all-you-can-eat restaurant to attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your back yard. For ages 10 and older. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

"Beasts on the Beach," Sunday, Aug. 22, 1-4 p.m., Martindale Beach. Snakes and turtles are among the most fascinating of all animals. While at the beach, meet the interpreters and learn all about them during this ongoing, free program.

"Calling All Owls," Friday, Aug. 27, at 8 p.m., Nature Center. Owls are mysterious and fascinating birds. Separate fact from fiction, and then attempt to locate resident screech owls. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

"Spiders and Friends," Saturday, Aug. 28, at 1 p.m., Nature Center. Learn about some of nature's most misunderstood creatures and sort out fact from fiction. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

"Summer Insects," Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m., Nature

Center. Grab a butterfly net and head out to the field with an interpreter to see what you can find. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required.

At the Farm Center: "Apple Gel Candle," Saturday, Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m., Farm Center. Customize your own fragrant candle to take home or use as a gift. Fee: \$10 per person. Preregistration required.

"Senior Hayrides," Wednesday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Farm Center. Free tractor-drawn hayrides are available for seniors at the Farm Center for Senior Appreciation Day.

"Papermaking," Saturday, Aug. 28, 2-5 p.m., Farm Center. Give a valentine created from your hands as well as your heart. Enjoy learning the basic process of papermaking. Fee: \$15 per person. Preregistration required.

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# July tour showcases 10 ponds, yards

## MILESTONES

BY LINDA ANN CHROMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Ponding seems to breed ideas. Ron Kardynski started with a 1,000-gallon water garden in the back yard of the Westland home he shares with wife Sue. The couple are avid ponders. They recently tore their first pond out, but before doing so relocated their 14 koi to a small pool so they could eventually expand the fishes' swimming hole to 8,000-gallons. On Saturday, July 17, the couple is looking forward to solidifying plans for the new pond while touring 10 homes with water features in the Royal Oak, Oak Park and Pleasant Ridge communities. The Kardynskis are members of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club (MKPC) presenting the walk from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 5-15 with an adult. Call the

Kardynskis at (734) 646-7607 for tickets.

"In the past we had homes in Northville, Rochester, very large ponds. People commented 'this is too big for my yard,'" said Ron Kardynski. "Royal Oak is a very trendy community with smaller lots. These water gardens people make the best use of their available space."

One home spotlights the owners' rail-roading hobby with a duplicate of Lion Lake Railroad. In addition to the 7,000-gallon pond with koi a set of train tracks run through the area.

"A few of the homes have very limited grass. It's garden and pond," said Kardynski. "One home has 30 to 40 bonsai plants that open to his pond, another has 3 ponds that the family is treating as a memorial to the mother who died of breast cancer a year ago. She loved ponding."

The Kardynskis have been in ponding

since 2000.

"A pond is something I always wanted," said Kardynski. "My parents had a tiny pond. Sue and I went on a walk and came home and laid our hose out (in the shape of a pond). By joining the club we learn from other people and their mistakes. When you talk to pond people they always refer to 'my first pond' because the first one is never big enough."

Upon purchasing wristbands for the tour, a booklet will be given with a description of each yard and a map to the homes. KOI Cops (MKPC members) will be at each location to answer questions. Tour wristbands and booklets can be purchased on the day of the tour at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center at 3500 Marais, two blocks north of 13 Mile, between Crooks and North Main. For information about the club and walk, visit [www.mkpc-se.com](http://www.mkpc-se.com).

## Gibbs-Stearns

Jennie Rose Gibbs of Chicago, Ill., and Christopher James Stearns of Chicago plan a July wedding at Cleveland InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Their parents are Karen and AJ Sperli of Westlake, Ohio, Arnold Gibbs of Orlando, Fla., and James and Carol Stearns of Redford.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westlake High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in English in 2006. She completed a master of science degree in education and social policy in 2009 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She teaches secondary English classes at Dunbar Vocational Academy in the Chicago Public Schools. She is also the girls cheer-leading coach at Dunbar. Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of



Thurston High School, Redford, and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University, with two bachelor's degrees, one in finance and the other in advertising. He is a self-employed sales account manager.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail [sdcargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdcargay@hometownlife.com) or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Fee free to send a related photo in jpg format.

## JULY 1-7

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m. July 3, 10, 17 and 24  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Back to the Sources," lunch and study series will explore the world of Rabbinic text, including Torah commentaries, Talmud, Midrash, and Aggadah. Each session will be self-contained and can be attended separately. To help plan for food and seating and ensure enough copies of study materials for back to the Sources, advance registration is requested. However, walk-ins will be accommodated. **Contact:** (248) 851-6880 or e-mail [director@cbahm.org](mailto:director@cbahm.org)

## JULY 8-14

### Canton Christian Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 14  
**Location:** 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details:** Clothing Bank will be open. Clothing is free

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686, (734) 404-2480 or visit [CantonCF.org](http://CantonCF.org)  
**Christ the King Lutheran**

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. July 13-16  
**Location:** 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Vacation Bible School, "Baobab Blast," for preschool through grade six. No registration fee

**Contact:** (734) 421-0749 or register at [www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com](http://www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com)

**Concordia Lutheran School**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. July 13 and Aug. 11

**Location:** Grades K-4, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; grades 5-8, 9600 Levee, Redford

**Details:** Open house for the school, a tuition-based, congregation-supported, association school that offers Christian education. The school is accepting enrollment now for grades K-8

**Contact:** (313) 937-2233 or (248) 474-2488

**Orchard United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., July 12-16

**Location:** 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Vacation Bible School, "High Seas Expedition," is open to all children, age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade. Each day includes singing, games, yummy snacks, experiencing Bible adventures, crafts and more. The fee before July 1 is \$25 per child (family maximum of \$65) and includes a CD and an iron-on transfer for a solid color T-shirt

**Contact:** Julie Wright at (248) 626-3620 or (248) 626-3620  
**St. James Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., July 8-10

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Thrift store clearance sale;

all items, except those marked "firm," that are \$1 or more are half off. Kathy's Bake Sale also will be open during the sale  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730  
**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., July 12 and Aug. 16

**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

**Contact:** (734) 422-6038

## JULY 15-21

### Livonia Church of Christ

**Time/Date:** Deadline for contributing books is July 18  
**Location:** 15431 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The church is conducting a used books drive for Good Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that helps needy families with clothes and food. It's accepting trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVD's and books on CD (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer) mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer). No dirty, moldy, water-damaged books, books with excessive highlighting or writing, pages missing, excessive damage to cover, or encyclopedias or magazines will be accepted. Place donations under the awning. These donated items will be traded to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families.

**Contact:** (734) 427-8743

## JULY 22-28

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. July 26-29  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Soccer mini-camp for boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game. Fee of \$10 per student includes instruction, snacks, and soccer ball to take home. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items are not required to enroll.

**Contact:** Linda Hollman, outreach director, at (734) 522-6830; FAX: (734) 522-5949; register at [christoursavior.org](http://christoursavior.org)

**His Anglican Church**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. serving and 1 p.m. walk or 2 p.m. serving and 3:30 p.m. walk, July 17

**Location:** The Livonia church is sponsoring the event at 18677 Fox Hollow Court, off Beck north of Six Mile, in Northville.

**Details:** "Tea at the Garden" and raffie includes a tea, a garden walk and raffie. Tickets are \$20 per person. Two quilts, \$500 and more will be raffied at 4 p.m. Raffie tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each

**Contact:** Joan Peterson at (734) 421-9464

## ONGOING

### AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096  
**Classes/study**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [jcook59@att.net](mailto:jcook59@att.net).

**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Oigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org)

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

**Location:** 26701 Joy  
**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

**Contact:** (313) 274-3820  
**Seeds of Mercy Mission Home**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday  
**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bible study  
**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Clothing bank**  
**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)

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ALAN FRANCIS OMILIAN

Age 22 of Plymouth, July 5, 2010. Beloved son of Robert and Gwen. Loving brother of Andy and Lili. Dear grandson of Marian Omilian and Francis Larkin. In state-Friday 12 Noon until the 1 PM funeral mass at Catholic Central High School Chapel, 27255 Wixom Road, Novi, MI 48374. Visitation Wednesday 4 - 9 PM and Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, or to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

## AUDREY A. BURGESS

Age 74, passed on June 25, 2010 in Louisville, KY. Audrey was a loving & devoted wife of 55 years to Herbert L. Burgess, wonderful mother to Jeff Burgess, Jim Burgess, Cindy Kerns and Jason Burgess. Also survived by her mother, Helen Hollenbeck, brothers Jack and Walter Bullock, and a superb grandmother to Justin Kerns, Tucker Burgess, Renee and Mallory Burgess. Audrey worked many years in retail, enjoying dressing up at Halloween and her favorite time of year to work was the chaos and spirit of Christmas. Her hobbies included camping, fishing, bowling, ceramics, puzzles, yard work, and Needlepoint. Neighbors would often see "Mrs. Harley" riding her mini bike around Crystal Lake to fish at one of her favorite spots! Memorial Service will be held on July 24, 2010 at Crystal Lake Clubhouse, LaGrange, KY. Please contact family for more details. Donations can be made to American Cancer Society, Oldham County Funeral Home, LaGrange, KY entrusted with arrangements.



BETTY AMOROSE RUSSELL

Age 79, July 6, 2010. Dear wife of James J. and the late Savino Amorose. Beloved mother of Vicki (Harvey) Fyke, Scot (Ruth) Amorose and Brian (Angela) Amorose. Grandmother of 13. Great grandmother of 12. Loving sister of Joanne Clark, Joyce Klock, Janice McCullough, Terri Taylor-Pearce, Jack Helmer, Jerry Helmer, Dennis Helmer, Duane Williams and the late Mary Hillner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (bet. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), [www.santeufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeufuneralhome.com)

## DONNA G. DURIGON

July 7, 2010, age 63, of Canton. Loving mother of Karen, Dear sister of Russell (Jan) Beardsley and Ken (Mary) Beardsley. Donna taught elementary school for 41 years in the Van Buren school district. Funeral Monday 11am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). Visitation Sunday 2-9pm. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

## HENRIETTA NEDROSCIK

Age 89, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away July 7, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, FARMINGTON, MI.

## LARRY J. NELSON

Age 55, of Tecumseh, passed away unexpectedly July 3, 2010. Larry was born December 25, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan the son of John and Marlene (Schraack) Nelson. On July 1, 1977 he married Birute Theresa Zubrickas in Livonia, MI. He was a graduate of Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. He had a passion for buying and selling antiques, and loved the thrill of the hunt. He was involved in the family business for most of his life most recently The Hitching Post in Tecumseh. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. His generous heart knew no boundaries and will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the antique community. Larry is survived by his wife, Theresa; children, Christopher, Julia and Andrew; granddaughter, Olivia; parents, John and Marlene; brothers, Eric and Ken; sister, Lori and numerous relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be 1:00 P.M. Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh. Visitation will be 4-8PM Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be made online at [www.pursefuneralhome.com](http://www.pursefuneralhome.com)



LLOYD EDWARD DASHER

Age 82 of Sevierville, TN, passed away on June 15, 2010 at LeComte Memorial Center in Sevierville. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Gwen Dasher of Sevierville, TN; sons, Wayne Dasher and wife, Cathy of Novi, Michigan and Dennis Dasher of Detroit, Michigan; sister, Joyce Mate and husband, Joe of South Gate, Michigan; grandchildren, Kim Hamlin and husband, Jim, Michael Dasher and wife, Michelle; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Madison Hamlin, Kylie and Joy Dasher, 13 nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 32070 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, MI at 2pm on Saturday, July 17th. [www.rawlingsfuneralhome.com](http://www.rawlingsfuneralhome.com)



MARGARET M. CALLAHAN

Age 88, July 2, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Clarence L. Dear mother of Sheila (Dan) Arguelles, Susie (Bob) Cywacki, Kathy Hicks, Molly, Michael and Peggy (Gary) Golasa. Survived by a huge and loving family including 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Sister of George (Mickey) Cochran. Funeral Services were Monday July 5 at the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or [donors@stjude.com](mailto:donors@stjude.com) [www.stjudefuneralhome.com](http://www.stjudefuneralhome.com)

## MILTON GRAHAM (POPPY) LAIBLE

Passed away in his sleep on the 4th of July. Born November 23, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan, Graham spent his life as a teacher (graduating with his BS and MS from the U of M) to the students in his classes and all he met and loved. A lifelong resident of Plymouth Michigan, Graham is a veteran of WWII, Mason for 60+ years, and enjoyed saving animals, trains, woodworking, antique cars and loving his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beatrice Hartmann Laible, daughter Mary, son Richard and grandchildren Emily, Colin, Harrison & Lauren. Graham was preceded in death by his precious daughter Martha Laible Stieles, his beloved parents, Milton R. and Ellen G. Laible and brother Robert J. Laible. A private memorial service will be held for family and close friends in mid-August. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund for donations has been established at the Plymouth Historical Museum. ... otherwise, spend some quality time with family and friends the way Graham spent his life, loving those around him.

## THERESA G. OLEXA

Age 77, July 5, 2010. Loving wife of the late Clarence. Dear mother of Deborah (Wesley Hall) and Michelle (Matthew) Brown. Grandmother of Veronica, Colleen and Annalene. Beloved sister of Dorothy Selke and Delores Williams. Gerry loved being outdoors and especially working in the yard. She adored all Pomeranians, especially her baby Taffy. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

## THOMAS E. PILURAS

A memorial gathering will be held at Naam Nditi, 16100 Sherrin Hines Park on July 30th, 2010 to celebrate the life of Thomas E. Piluras, class of 1972, Churchill High School. Please stop by and share any memory you may have of Tom, 6:00pm until dusk. The family is asking that any donations made will please be sent to: Providence Hospice of Snohomish County, 2731 Wetmore, suite 500, Everett, WA 98201

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## Class focuses on kids with diabetes

The Pediatric Endocrinology Department at the University of Michigan is offering a class for grandparents, teachers, baby sitters, step-parents, and others interested in learning about how to care for a child with diabetes.

The new class will meet from 1-4 p.m., July 29, at the Danto Auditorium, in the Cardiovascular Center at the University of Michigan Medical Center, located at Fuller and East Medical Center Drive, in Ann Arbor. It will teach the skills needed to care for a child with diabetes.

The class will be an interactive and educational session with plenty of time to practice and time to ask questions.

The cost is \$15 per person and covers the handouts that will be given at class and light refreshments.

It will cover such topics as Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, insulin pens, syringes, and pumps, calculating insulin doses, nutrition, exercise, low blood sugar, glucagon, glucose monitoring, A1C, urine ketones, and complications.

Call (734) 764-5175 with questions. Make checks payable to the University of Michigan and send it to Pediatric Endocrinology, Attn: Caregiver Class, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, D1205 MPB, SPC 5718, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

## JULY

## Eye exams

The Coburn-Kleinfeld Eye Clinic will offer free eye examinations for senior adults from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at 33400 W. Six Mile, at Farmington Road, in Livonia. Board-certified physicians and staff members will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other eye conditions which are more common among older individuals. The exam is free and patients will be examined in the order of their arrival. A limited supply of free eye drops for glaucoma will be distributed at the screening. Free parking is adjacent to the clinic building, which is wheelchair-accessible, and free refreshments will be served. Patients are asked to bring two canned goods or other non-perishable food items that will be donated to Help's on the Way, a local non-profit organization that provides food to the needy in the Detroit area. (734) 421-2020

## Caregiver class

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## Physical therapy

Find out how physical therapy can help relieve back, knee and shoulder pain while keeping joints and muscles strong and healthy, at a free community seminar presented by Beaumont Hospital. The one-hour seminar will be led by a Beaumont physical therapist and a Beaumont doctor. The program is scheduled for 2-3 p.m., July 29 and 6-7 p.m., Aug. 2, at the hospital, located on Woodward Ave., and 13 Mile in Royal Oak. Register at (800) 663-7377.

## ONGOING

## Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day



Eating for heart health is among topics covered in local classes.

Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail: jeanieweaver@charter.net.

## Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

## Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

## Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of

each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

## Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

## Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

## Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

## CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar](http://www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar) or call (248) 937-3314.

## Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

## Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-

Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

## Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail [marthapaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthapaul@sbcglobal.net). Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org). No charge, contributions collected.

## Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

## Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs. Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

## Health enhancement classes

Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hearing of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330. Free mask fitting clinic. For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.



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