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Board spot

Schoolcraft College trustees have chosen James G. Fausone to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. He will be sworn in at the regular board meeting Aug. 25 and will serve until the next regular board election in November, at which time the seat will be up for election.

Fausone, a Canton resident, is an attorney and partner in the Fausone Bohn, LLP law firm in Northville. He holds a juris doctorate from Gonzaga

University School of Law and two bachelor's degrees, in environmental engineering and

oceanography, from the University of Michigan.

The Board of Trustees received four applications for the vacant position previously held by Dr. Philip N. Cascade. Interviews with the four candidates took place last week, after which the board met July 12 to select Fausone.

Suspect help

The Canton Police Department is looking for help identifying a woman pictured in a surveillance photo from a local bank in Canton.

Police want to question her in regard to a counterfeit check cashing ring in metro Detroit.



Canton Police are looking for help identifying this woman.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP or online to www.1800speakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads an arrest.

Donations accepted

Medical expenses for Dawn Hengesbaugh, the Canton Township woman who remains hospitalized due to injuries suffered in a Jan. 29 traffic crash in Plymouth Township, have so far been covered through automobile insurance, according to her husband, Larry Hengesbaugh.

But the family is accepting donations to cover other expenses. Checks, written to Dawn Hengesbaugh, can be sent to her at PNC Bank, 7219 N. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48187.

Dawn Hengesbaugh, 41, was in a coma for several weeks after the crash. She is paralyzed below the waist and suffers from memory and speech problems. Her family isn't sure when she will be able to leave St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and anticipates she will need long-term care.

HIDDEN GEM



The Canton Concert Band (above) was one of the original residents at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill (top) opened in fall 2004.

Village Theater bridging artistic boundaries

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Canton Township leaders started kicking around the idea of building a performance theater to complement the growth in the township's Cherry Hill Village section in the mid-1990s, then-Supervisor Tom Yack said the idea was simple.

Officials wanted to create a suburban performance venue that could augment or supplement the established theater system available in downtown Detroit. His baseball analogy seemed a perfect fit.

"The whole idea was this would be the minor leagues, and Detroit would be the major league," said Yack, who retired from township government when his term ended in 2008. "We would whet their appetites, and they'd end up at the Fisher or one of Detroit's other theaters."

Thus was established the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, a \$5 million, 400-seat venue opened in 2004. Born of theatrical dreams and the generosity of patrons, some of whom donated more than \$250,000 each, the theater got started with just a few resident groups — the Spotlight Players chief among them — but has grown into a popular landing spot for productions of all kinds.

HIDDEN GEM

How successful has it become? Joe Nederlander, whose family has run the Nederlander Theatrical Organization since

AT A GLANCE

What: Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Opened: Fall 2004

Size: 80,000 square feet, main theater seats 400
Budget: Some \$815,000 in 2010 (\$400,000 from Canton Township's Leisure Services budget)

Rental costs: Classroom (up to 40) \$60/hour with four-hour minimum; Studio (up to 80) \$75/hour with three-hour minimum; Main Stage (up to 400) \$250/hour with four-hour minimum for two-hour event/performance

1912 and manages theaters all over the world, said during a recent visit the Village Theater at Cherry Hill is one of the best-kept secrets in the theater world.

"I'm from Bloomfield, and they have nothing like this over there," Nederlander said. "This place is incredible. Everyone is interested in the arts, and you just don't find that everywhere. This is the best off-Broadway theater in the country. It just works."

Local officials started looking into the idea of building the performing arts center in April 1996. The township board set up a committee charged with figuring out funding, who might use such a facility and designing the potential finished product.

In the late 1990s, engineers studied the idea of putting both a 600-seat and 1,200-

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Fox network set to air Canton feature

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A televised profile of Canton, already airing in select markets, will be broadcast simultaneously across the nation Sunday, July 25, on Fox Business Network, local officials have confirmed.

Barring an unforeseen glitch, the segment is set to air at 4 p.m. in Eastern Standard Time markets — and earlier in other U.S. time zones — on cable and satellite news television channels that carry Fox Business Network, a sister channel to the Fox News Channel and a provider of business and financial news.

"This national airing can be seen anywhere in the United States," Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Termed a "pretty special" segment by township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, local officials say it could potentially stir interest in Canton from companies seeking to expand in the Midwest and from corporate executives, families and others considering a move to Michigan.

The five-minute piece was filmed in late March by a field producer for *Inside Business Report*, a show hosted by actor and Republican politician Fred Thompson, a former U.S. senator from Tennessee who once had presidential aspirations.

Local residents who want a sneak peek at the segment

before it airs nationally can log onto www.canton-mi.org and find a link by typing "Inside Business" in the search engine. LaJoy appears in a brief introduction to the national piece.

Inside Business Report already has introduced Canton's story in certain markets in places such as Wisconsin and west Michigan. The segment continues to roll out in select markets, with Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., on the radar in late July.

The program documents Canton's rise from farming community to economic gem of Michigan, mixing the township's history with how it became a draw to companies such as home furnishings giant IKEA and wind turbine generator manufacturer Danotek Motion Technologies.

Fox Business Network gives Canton its one-shot national airing, though Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the segment will continue to air throughout the year in select markets.

Moreover, Canton can use the piece for its own marketing purposes. Bilbrey-Honsowetz said it already has been shared with Wayne County and state of Michigan economic development organizations.

"We have received an overwhelmingly positive response," she said.

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Garrett Caffacus, field producer and photography director, readies his equipment to film a segment for a national program, "Inside Business Report." Looking on in the background is township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. He is facing Dave Harris, Canton's cable television coordinator, who assisted Caffacus.

Blitz set for annual school supplies drive

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at the Plymouth Salvation Army helped more than 300 students during last year's Back to School Blitz, the SA program designed to help get needy kids ready for school.

Still, corps officials are certain the need is even greater this year, but worry some people won't seek assistance because of a perceived stigma involved with asking for help. They're hoping such families will overcome that fear and come in for help.

"There are people in need, but there's definitely a hesitance," said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's director of Family and Community Ministries. "I know there

are people who need assistance who aren't comfortable calling for help. But if we can help them with back-to-school items, that in turn helps them stretch their dollars into other areas of their budgets."

Families will get the chance to take advantage of the program after the Salvation Army hosts its two collection dates next month. Supplies will be collected from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Walgreen's on Belleville Road in Belleville, then again two days later from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Plymouth Salvation Army parking lot on Main Street, just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Distribution takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the corps headquarters.

Items being collected include backpacks with school supplies appropriate to grade, including paper, pencils, pens, highlighters, notebooks, binders, folders, rulers, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, pencils boxes, etc.

Corps officials also have some 300 Payless gift cards worth \$25 (the shoe store offers a 25-percent discount to the program).

According to Aren, some 90 percent of the materials are donated by the public — "We are so blessed with a generous community," she said — or are purchased with monetary gifts donated by the public. Salvation Army officials identify some needy families and they work with officials in both

the Van Buren and Plymouth-Canton school districts to identify others.

"Things are still bad here in Michigan and, while we're looking at an affluent community in Plymouth and Canton, we're still finding a lot of families are struggling to provide basics like food and clothing, so things like school supplies get pushed aside," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for PCCS. "These are the things the Salvation Army focuses on so that, in a confidential way, they help kids get what they need, and we certainly appreciate that."

For more information on the Back to School Blitz, call the Plymouth Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

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Voter guides

Non-partisan Voters Guides prepared by the League of Women Voters for the candidates running for state, county and local elections Aug. 3rd are now available on the League's website, www.lwvnmw.org.

In this primary election, voters can vote in only one party's primary - either Republican or Democratic. A ballot will be invalidated if the voter 'crosses over' from one party to another. In a primary election, voters cannot split their ticket for partisan offices.

The League of Women Voters is a source of non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Aug. 3 election.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to

promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Blackwater Ballad

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents "Blackwater Ballad," a new musical from award-winning local playwright Joseph Zettelmair and local musician Brian Lillie retelling the story myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, set in the bayous of New Orleans in the 1930s.

The show, which features Canton resident Christine Kapusky, runs 8 p.m. Friday, July 23; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24; and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25. It tells the story of traveling musician Orlando Duval, who arrives in the small town of Blackwater Creek and captures the heart of Euralie, the daughter of the town's sheriff (aptly nicknamed "the Hangman"). Their plans to wed in secret are dashed by betrayal and murder, forcing

Orlandus to make the hardest of choices. His only hope lies with the hoodoo people who live deep in the swamps.

Tickets (\$17 adult, \$13 seniors and youth) can be purchased at The Summit at The Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or (734) 453-7939.

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 to www.greenebiz.org or send an e-mail to ggregreenedotbiz@aol.com.

Class reunions

The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970.com or Cathwage@med.umich.edu or call Cathy Wagenschutz at (734) 453-7939.

The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact Terry West at twest@rosemoving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE.716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

Usher training

Canton Leisure Services will be holding mandatory usher training for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Training sessions are set for Monday, Aug. 16, from 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 6-8 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. All training sessions will be held at Canton's The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. All volunteers interested in ushering at this popular performing arts center are required to attend one training session.

Volunteer support is crucial to The Village Theater's operations and is a great way to meet new people and show support for the arts by greeting patrons, taking tickets, handing out programs, giving tours, helping with hospitality/concessions and numerous other opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age



Rockette golf

The Salem High School Pom-Pon team hosts its 10th annual golf fund-raiser Aug. 8 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. The 18-hole outing will be held on the Golden Fox course and includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men, women and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Hot dogs and chips will be served at the turn. The cost for entering the tournament is \$100 per golfer, which includes \$15 in gift coupons to local businesses and a buffet dinner with open bar. Other attractions of the day are a fabulous performance by the Salem Rockettes Dance team, a silent auction with many exciting lots, such as an airplane ride over the Plymouth-Canton area and a raffle for a 42-inch Plasma TV. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125. To register call Manny Colon at (734) 981-6645.

with the ability to deal with the public in a tactful and courteous manner and must also be able to stand for extended periods of time.

To register for the training session or for more information on volunteering, call (734) 394-5191.

Homebuyers program

Would-be homeowners are invited to a Habitat for Humanity Homeowners Orientation 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The session will last approximately 1 to 1½ hours and include a video presentation, criteria to qualify, history of Habitat, question-and-answer segment and distribution of applications. Current Habitat homeowners will be present to talk about their experience.

Applicants must reside in the western Wayne County geographical service area. Criteria for the program includes ability to pay, need and willingness to partner with Habitat. Participants also must provide sweat equity as part of their home purchase. Habitat for Humanity

Western Wayne County was formed in 1995, and by the end of the year, it will have built or rehabbed 50 houses in Canton Township, Garden City, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Redford, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne, Westland and Van Buren Township.

For more information, call (734) 459-7744.

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 community. Food will be provided free of charge from noon to 2 p.m. on all four dates and children's activities will be provided.

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

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THEATER

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seat theater in (it was later scaled back to 400 seats). The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities began lining up benefactors and construction started in April 2003. Construction was completed by summer 2004 and the theater opened in the fall of that year.

GROWTH PLAN

At first, it was a residence center with two or three groups chiefly using it. The thought was to do some local performance stuff, then lace that schedule with professional entertainment.

That transition has "happened beautifully," according to Jennifer Tobin, the executive director of the Village Theater.

"We thought it would raise the bar for our groups, who would be working right next to professional acts," said Tobin, plucked from the Plymouth Community Arts Council to run the theater since the beginning.

Tobin said the original thought was the theater might struggle to fill dates, but just the opposite has happened. From such humble expectations has risen a theater Tobin said "might do more than any other theater I know of."

"When they initially sat down and did the plan, they figured there'd only be so many days of use, but we blew that out of the water the first year," said Tobin, who figures the theater is only "dark" three or four days a year. "The bad part is there are only 52 weeks a year."

The number of groups using the theater is growing. TLC Productions did its first production, *Behind the Curtain*, and earlier this year produced *Fonts*, with nine actors. The group, currently soliciting one-act shows it wants to produce in a 2-1/2 hour performance in August (find details at www.TLCprod.wordpress.com), finds the Village Theater a perfect place to perform.

"The acoustics are great and the staff bends over backward to give you what you need," said



The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has become a popular venue for cultural events such as a Dr. Martin Luther King celebration (above) and the International Festival.



The Spotlight Players, the Village Theater's resident acting group, used the main stage to produce 'Barefoot in the Park.'

Linda Pohl, TLC's director. "It's just a beautiful theater."

PERFECT PARTNERS

The 120-singer BeckRidge Chorale has begun doing some of its concerts at VT, and sold out its Christmas show. The venue allows BeckRidge, which normally performs in Northville, to attract a wider audience.

"In some cases, people come here for another production and hear about us, then decide they have to come back to see us," said Michael Gross, BeckRidge's long-time musical director. "The venue is terrific."

With all the partnerships that have sprung up with the

VT, one of Tobin's favorites is with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The partners split the tickets, and schools use the VT for everything ranging from PTO fundraisers to talent shows.

"As a mom who used to go to these things in a gym, where you can't see anything, this gives you a much more profes-

sional appearance," Tobin said. "It puts the kids in so much a better light, and the kids love it."

The kids must not be the only ones. According to Tobin, ticket sales haven't dropped off all that much, even in a down economy. In fact, she said, the economy may be helping the VT, since the theater provides an alternative to going downtown to more expensive venues such as the Fisher.

"I really think we're picking up those folks who like to go to the theater, but who don't want to go all the way downtown," Tobin said. "It's important to people to have a theater, to have parks. To me, the arts are the one thing that can bridge generational, geographical and cultural boundaries. To nurture that kind of balance, to weave it into our daily life... that's very important."

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W-W district fills two administrative positions

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board has approved the appointment of Kelly Bohl as senior executive director of human resources and Steven Kay as principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Bohl will replace Bernard LaPorte, who is retiring effective Aug. 31. Kay takes over the career technical center from Ginny Kowalski, who retired last month.

Bohl has worked with LaPorte as the executive director of human resources. She has been with the district since 2004. Prior to that, she worked as a benefits specialist with both Severstal North America and its predecessor, Rouge Steel.

A resident of Grosse Ile, she has a bachelor of science degree in labor and industrial relations from Michigan State University.

"I really appreciate this," Bohl said. "It's absolutely been an honor to serve in this school district for the past six years. This is an honor and I am excited about it."

"You're an extremely bright and hard worker," Trustee Martha Pitsenbarger said. "Mr. LaPorte will be missed, but I believe you will do a good job."

"You have big shoes to fill and I'm not talking about the shoe size," Trustee Carol Middel told Bohl. "I know you're up to the job."

The district will not be filling the position Bohl is vacating.

Kay joined the school district in 2006 as assistant principal at the center. Prior to that, he had been vice president and general manager

of Spring Engineering and Manufacturing Corp., and an accountant with Plante Moran. A Brighton resident, he has a bachelor of science degree in business from Wayne State University and a master of science degree in educational leadership and education administration from Concordia University.

"He's a very talented young man whom I believe will help the Career Technical Center grow and establish relationships with business," Supt. Greg Baracy said in recommending Kay for the appointment.

"I'm excited to continue serving as principal and continuing the rich tradition of serving the Career Technical Center," Kay said.

"You have not only met our expectations, but exceeded them. The staff and students highly respect you," board Secretary Cindy Schofield said. "That speaks to the relationship you have at the Career Technical Center."

"You've done a great job for us," board President Skip Monit added.

LaPorte is one of three administrators whose retirement was approved by the board last week. Also retiring are Judy Handley, director of elementary school development, and Sally Perkins, executive director of elementary education. Handley will retire Aug. 31 and Perkins July 30.

LaPorte has been with the district since 1969, while Handley has worked in Wayne-Westland since 1971. Perkins was hired in 1993. According to Baracy, the three retirees represent 120 years of experience in education.

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Plymouth resident wins video contest at PAH-Fest

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This story, titled "Unforgotten Love," was selected as the winner of this year's Mobiflicks video contest during PAH-Fest Motown at Madonna University. Written by Adam Woloszyk of Plymouth, the movie was filmed, edited, and produced by him and his crew in just five days as part of the festival.

Created by Christopher Coppola, PAH-Fest (Project Accessible Hollywood) is an entirely free, digital media festival that travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, engaging everyday people in the art of movie-making and digital storytelling. The Detroit version of the festival, PAH-Fest Motown, is in its fourth year and was hosted again by Madonna University.

Woloszyk and his team, dubbed "Team BCA," where among four metro-Detroit teams selected to participate in the video shooting competition. The teams were



Adam Woloszyk of Plymouth sets up a scene for his movie, 'Unforgotten Love.' The six-minute movie was selected as the winner of this year's PAH-Fest Mobiflicks contest.

given a video camera, some sound and lighting gear, a professional coach, and a week to shoot, edit, and produce a six minute film. In the end, the teams were judged partly by industry professionals and partly through online votes.

"I was very happy we won," Woloszyk said. "Our coach (Tom Durant) was instrumental in finding the right shots and giving us good tips. We had some good actors and great support from Madonna University

and the folks at PAH-Fest. It was stressful, I have to admit, but we learned so much in such a short time and we really had fun."

Team BCA included Walid Jaward, director of photography; Cynthia Hinojosa and Will Piper, producers; Christine Dixon and Stuart Hart, composers.

Since the team members had little or no experience shooting a film, they had to learn a lot on the fly.

And that's the point of PAH-Fest, said Christopher Coppola.

"This festival is about everyday people getting excited about telling their stories," Coppola said. "Everyone has a story to tell and I want to give them a chance to be heard; show people how easy it can be to get your message out, and hopefully get people really communicating with one another."

The film was shot in various locations around Plymouth, as part of PAH-Fest's goal is to get people to use their hometowns and lives as inspiration.

To watch the Mobiflicks entries, visit: <http://www.pahnation.org>, click on theater, then PAH-Fest Motown.



This month's production of 'High School Musical' at the Village Theater in Canton features (back, from left) Michael Barbour of Ann Arbor, Courtney Davis of Canton, Katie Farmer of Canton and Andrew Buckshaw of Canton, along with (bottom) Avery Ash of Canton and Justin Morley of Plymouth.

Theater brings 'Musical' to stage

Forever After Productions brings the Disney Channel's hit musical, *High School Musical*, to life on stage at the Village Theater later this month, featuring actors from Canton, Plymouth and other surrounding communities.

Officials said the production not only provides live summer entertainment for the whole family but it offers local 10- to 19-year-olds the opportunity to perform during the summer vacation. In addition to Plymouth and Canton, some 50 local youth from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Madison Heights, New Boston, Northville, Roseville, South Lyon, Westland and Ypsilanti are involved on stage in the cast and behind the scenes as theater technicians.

The production hits the stage July 29-30 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; July 31 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for groups of 15 or more and \$8 for the 10:30 a.m. shows July 29-30. Director Greg Wiklanski,

who hails from Windsor, Ontario, is a professional actor and director with extensive touring and cruise ship experience. Debby Ash of Canton is the choreographer, assisted by Olivia Rhoades of Plymouth.

Officials said the 1 hour, 45 minute show is appropriate for all ages and starts on the front steps of East High on the first day after winter break. The original version of *High School Musical* was a Disney Channel made-for-TV-movie.

In addition to this production, there are numerous summer theater camps being produced by Forever After Productions at the Village Theater. For more information, visit www.ForeverAfterProductions.com and click on Theater Summer Camps.

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CCF approves grant

The Canton Community Foundation Board of Directors approved a grant to the Open Door Food Pantry to purchase a new walk-in cooler. The \$6,500 grant award comes from the CCF Community Fund and the Jim and Linda Demmer Donor Advised Fund.

The Open Door Ministry is in the food distribution network of Gleaners Community Food Bank and Forgotten Harvest, as well as community donations. The Canton-based food pantry feeds people from the western Wayne County area and Ypsilanti, distributing nearly 700,000 pounds of food so far this year.

On weekly average, officials said, more than 400 families received food equaling 36,663 people to date. There has been a 42-percent increase in numbers of families requesting food in 2010 over 2009.

Steve and Jackie Darr, volunteer coordinators of the pantry, said the new cooler "triples the fresh fruit and vegetable capacity, just in time for the increased demand."

"Our guests are eager to take these nutritious items home to their families," Steve Darr said. "Approximately 6,000 pounds of food is placed in the new cooler each week; without this cooler we could not keep this amount of food fresh each week."

CCF takes the big-picture view of tough challenges and responds to community needs and leverages resources to create lasting change.

"This grant represents the Canton Community Foundation's recognition of the hardships many local residents are enduring and our efforts to alleviate some of the difficulties," said Joan Noricks, president of the foundation. "Open Door does an excellent job at distributing food to the hungry in an efficient and compassionate manner with the ultimate goal to enable families to provide food for themselves."

For more information about the Canton Community Foundation's work and mission, check the foundation's website at www.canton-foundation.org or call (734) 495-1200.

Patriotic Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout pledge "to serve ... my country" sends a select group of patriotic teens to Mackinac Island each summer, to serve on the Governor's Honor Guard, as Mackinac Island Honor Scouts.

Four girls from Plymouth - Avery Messina, Christina Christenson, Brenna Wayne and Madeline Stowe, from Cadette Troop 40196 - will be serving as Mackinac Island Honor Scouts this summer. They will conduct flag ceremonies, guide tourists around Fort Mackinac and perform service projects with 54 others from the Ann Arbor Region of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

MIHS Patrol 7901 has been serving as the Governor's Honor Guard since 1974, when local Girl Scouts (from what was then Huron Valley Girl Scout Council) petitioned the wife of then-Gov. William Milliken to allow girls to serve on



West Middle School student Avery Messina won the honor of firing the historic cannon each morning and evening during Patrol 7901's week on Mackinac Island.

the island, just as Boy Scouts had been doing since 1929 (President Gerald Ford was one of the early Eagle Scouts who served as a Mackinac Island Honor Scout).

Messina, who will be a seventh grader at West Middle School, won the honor of firing the historic cannon each morning and evening during Patrol 7901's week on the island.

"The patrol leaders have told us to expect to do a lot of work," Messina said. "That's OK, I am not afraid of hard work. We have to be in good physical condition and we have to stand at guard positions every day, answering questions about the island's history."

The girls practice flag etiquette and marching. They learn about the history of the island and Fort Mackinac. The honor guard is responsible for raising and lowering the 20' by 36' U.S. flag in formal ceremonies each morning and evening, complete with cannon and trumpet salutes. They perform community service projects, such as cleaning and painting benches, clearing trails, and cleaning cemetery headstones.

Several times a year, members of Troop 40196, which is led by Messina's mother, Christine Messina, and Karen Stowe, mother of Madeline Stowe, get up at 5 a.m. to travel to Detroit, where they give out food on "PB & J Saturdays," coordinated through Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Thirteen Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups (also including Troop 609 from the Saginaw Region of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan) serve throughout the summer. Patrol 7901 will be on the island the last week of August through Labor Day.

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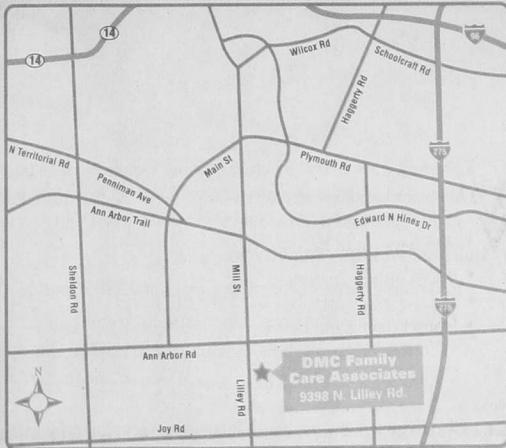
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Puppet master brings 'fun' show to library



Puppeteer Rob Papineau provided a detailed explanation about the workings of the puppets, stage and props during an appearance at the Plymouth District Library.

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nick Lewandowski, 6, of Canton was glad to visit the Plymouth District Library recently.

"Do we spend a lot of time at the library in the summer?" asked Nick's mom, Teresa Lewandowski. "Yes, we do."

They were among nearly 100 kids and 56 adults waiting for the Pippin Puppets show to begin. Rob Papineau of Livonia, who's worked with puppets professionally almost 40 years, kept the kids engaged in a lively, interactive show.

Nick was "looking for books." He likes to visit the library in summer, "so you don't forget stuff."

Papineau told his audience, "Almost every day I go someplace and do the puppet show. We'll just let the puppets do the show themselves and I will watch."

The youngsters chimed in that puppets don't work by themselves, so Papineau got to work. His story was of the



More than 100 children showed up for the puppet show at the Plymouth District Library.

Grumblefrog Magic School.

"It's old and dusty, but we love it," said the Headmaster character, describing a school magic contest at Grumblefrog.

Professor Boo explained scary magic. "Would you like to learn something scary right now?" The boy puppet, Teazleberry, won the school contest by creating a best friend.

"You know, everybody needs a best friend and you made one," the Headmaster said.

Papineau makes all his own

puppets, and took lots of time to explain how they work. He first became interested in puppetry as a boy.

"It's the best job ever," said Papineau, who has a son, 26, an animation artist in Pittsburgh. "I love my work."

His shows don't have a big message. "I'm just trying to impart a lot of fun," he said. Any message deals with self-worth, he said. He'd come up with the show idea before Harry Potter became the rage.

The summer reading pro-

gram for preschoolers and elementary-age youngsters has drawn some 1,600 this year, said Carol Champagne, youth coordinator at the Plymouth library. "It's the highest we've ever had," she said, adding there are also programs for older students and adults.

You can go to the library on Main in downtown Plymouth and register for summer reading through the end of July. "We still have a lot of really nice programs coming," Champagne said.

Call the Plymouth library at (734) 453-0750, press 5, for the youth department. The website is www.plymouthlibrary.org.

The Canton Public Library, on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, is also offering summer reading programs for all ages. Registration in Canton continues through Aug. 11 and can be done online at www.cantonpl.org or at the library in person at any reference desk. Call (734) 397-0999 for details.

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Family prays sale helps with medical bills

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Weaver has had kidney trouble since he was 4 years old, but never anything quite like this.

Weaver, now 46, has so many stones in his right kidney, his mother said doctors are considering taking it out in an effort to save his left kidney which, she said, is also starting to show signs of disease.

His mother, Beverly, is out of work due to medical problems of her own: She's got chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

that has left her unable to work.

And, with no health insurance and Medicaid (Weaver said) unwilling to help cover her son's medical issues, the bills are starting to mount, adding up to more than \$20,000.

"We have to do something," Beverly Weaver said. "His medical bills are outrageous."

The "something" Beverly Weaver decided to do is an estate sale of sorts she'll hold July 31 at the Livonia Elks Lodge in Livonia. The Weavers are gathering up nearly every-

HOPING IT HELPS

What: Weaver family 'estate' sale

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 31

Where: Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, just east of Merriman

Why: The family is selling most of its household possessions to try to whittle down a mountain of medical bills. Sale will include household goods, Christmas decorations, kids' items, clothing, jewelry, all at what Beverly Weaver said would be "great prices."

thing they own - "We have to keep some of the basics," Beverly Weaver said - and selling them at estate-sale prices in an effort to raise some capital to help with the mountain of bills.

For sale will be a host of household-style items, including Christmas ornaments, clothing, household goods, a small TV, brand-new linens,

kids' stuff and collectibles.

She's also got a 14-diamond ring she said has been appraised between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

"What else can I do?" she said of selling most of her possessions. "I have no other way of coming up with money. I know I'm not going to come up with that kind of money (more

than \$20,000). I'm just hoping to make enough to clear some of the smaller bills out of the way so I can focus on the larger ones."

Weaver said she's been disabled since 2002, laid up by her COPD, fibromyalgia and other medical problems that have made it difficult for her to get around and even breathe. Her son was struck by a car when he was 4 - his right kidney, she said, never grew properly - and has had problems ever since. Doctors, she said, started surgery on him when he was 12, but had to delay it because his blood pressure dropped.

Unable to work - except for brief stints doing odd jobs such as delivering pizza

when his health allows - John Weaver and his mother are hoping the sale will help.

"It's everything we've accumulated and collected," Beverly Weaver said. "Most of it is new, and a lot of it still has the tags on it."

For the July 31 sale, Weaver said her niece is helping her set up the booth, and her family, she said, has been very supportive, as have several churches in the area. With Social Security her only income, Weaver said it's been a struggle.

"My family ...," she said, choking back emotion. "I owe them so much. They and the churches have gotten us through the last year."

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

pay for the improvements. I did not want to finance the improvements using my 401(k) plan.

A: The home equity line of credit documents that you signed probably give the bank the right to revoke your line of credit. This is something many banks are doing for a number of reasons. They are doing it because housing values have dropped dramatically and there is not as much equity in homes as in the past and, with the sluggish economy, banks are more hesitant to make loans to individuals.

However, just because your bank doesn't want to issue you a line of credit doesn't mean you can't try another bank. We live in a competitive society and you may find that just because one bank doesn't want your business, there are others that do.

If you can't get a home

equity line of credit, how do you pay for the improvements? After reviewing your assets, I recommend cashing out your certificate of deposit (CD). The CD is paying 2 percent. Even if you were able to get a home equity loan, the after tax cost would be more than the 2 percent.

I am generally not in favor of borrowing from 401(k) plans. The general misconception is you are paying interest to yourself, so it's like free money. However, that is not the case. Keep in mind that the interest you pay into your 401(k) plan is not tax-deductible and when the money is eventually withdrawn from the IRA, the interest that you paid will be taxed to you. Since the interest you pay is not deductible and you're putting in post-tax money, the effect is that you will be double taxed on it.

There are other disadvantages to borrowing from a 401(k). Some plans provide that if you have an outstanding loan, you can no longer make new contributions. This could

reduce the amount you're saving for retirement and potentially prevent you from taking advantage of the company match.

Another potential disadvantage is if you decide to change jobs and you have an outstanding loan, it may be due immediately. Therefore, if you do not pay the loan at that point in time, there could be some adverse tax consequences. Other than in cases of emergency, I believe 401(k) money is sacred; do not like to touch it except for retirement and other extraordinary situations.

For those doing home improvements, the main issue is how to pay for them. Don't let the contractor dictate how you pay for the home improvements. You need to decide based upon what's good for you and only you.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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'Hey, bro, how's it going?'

Separated by adoption, brothers get second chance to build lives together

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Kirk isn't the kind of guy who signs on the dotted line without reading the fine print.

But that's the dilemma he faced June 24 as he stood in the Park and Ride at Silver Lake Road in Fenton. The only way he could find out the name of a sibling who wanted to contact him was sign a document, most of which was covered by the hands of confidential intermediary Mimi Mazzara.

Two days earlier, Kirk had received a private and confidential letter from the courts, alerting him to the fact that a sibling was looking for him. He called Mazzara the next day and agreed to meet her in Fenton.

"I couldn't see it until I signed it and I never sign anything without reading it, but I went ahead and signed it," Kirk said. "I knew I had an older brother, but I had nothing to go on to find him. I had no names."

More than 2,000 miles away in Casper, Wyo., Robert Staffig-Piotter was waiting and hoping Kirk would sign the paper so he could finally see the brother who he remembered would throw toys at him at night and laugh, the brother he had been looking for since he was 15 years old.

"He had to approve it; if he didn't, the search was over," Piotter said. "I got a call from Mimi and she asked if I wanted to talk to my brother. I said yes and she said, 'I got him right here, he signed the paper.'"

The first words Kirk heard from his long lost brother were, "Hey, bro, how's it going?"

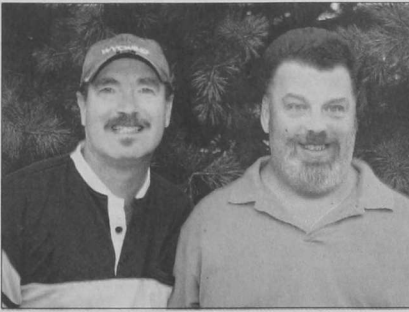
'COOL BEANS'

Sitting at a table in the Westland Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter, the two brothers had smiles that stretched from ear to ear. Two weeks after making the connection, they had spent most of the Fourth of July catching up on the 43 years they'd been apart. They had discovered a lot they had in common, from each having a brother named Mark to their favorite saying, "cool beans."

Kirk, who grew up in Westland; admitted that it had yet to sink in. Signing that paper had taken him from knowing he had three blood relatives — his three daughters — to six, including three half-brothers.

"If someone had said two weeks ago I'd be sitting here talking to my brother, I would have bought him a drink," Kirk said. "This has been more than wonderful."

"It's so nice to have a happy ending for us," added Piotter, who drove 19 hours from Casper with a stop in Davenport, Iowa, to meet the younger brother he knew as Don David. "It's been just so cool. We've spent the last three



Robert Staffig-Piotter (left) and David Kirk spent their Fourth of July catching up on the what's happened in the 43 years since they were separated by adoption. Kirk signed a document on June 24 that opened the door for the two brothers to be together again.

days catching up."

It is no coincidence that they were in western Wayne County. A lot of their early life is connected to Garden City. Their mother, Darlene Diane Staffig, had grown up in Garden City and attended Garden City High School. Their Aunt Shelly had lived in Westland before moving to Redford recently and had kept her maiden name listed in the phone book in hopes Piotter would find her.

Ironically, while Piotter grew up on a farm in the Thumb area, Kirk grew up in Westland less than a mile from Aunt Shelly and graduated from John Glenn High School in 1983. And his grandparents lived in Garden City.

"We've come full circle," said Piotter who is writing a book, *Fate Awaits*, a fictional story based on his life and his search for his biological family.

LOOKING FOR HIS FAMILY

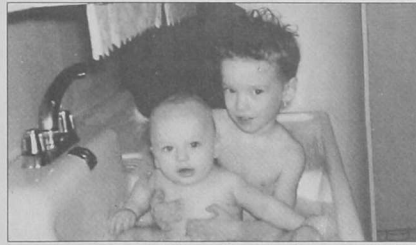
Piotter began searching for his biological family when he was about 15. His adoptive parents were always open about the adoption and gave him what information they had, "which was very little." He contacted the adoption agency, Lutheran Child and Family Services of Detroit, but was "stonewalled by sealed records."

In 1982, he moved west with friends and ended up in Wyoming. During a return visit to Michigan in 1984 to see family and friends, he went through his folks' paperwork and found information that led him to the last foster care family who cared for him.

They provided him with information about his baptism and a kindergarten picture with his birth name on the back of it. He uncovered his mother's and father's names. Through a baptismal certificate from St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, he was able to hook up with his godmother, Diane Paquin, who provided him with baby photos of himself and his mother. He eventually found his mother, who died in of cancer in 2006.

Piotter also got information on his brother's last name from his biological mother. He

started searching the Internet and found Kirk's half-brother living in North Carolina and talked to him. According to Piotter, his mother married Don Corman, but they divorced, prompting her to put the two boys up for adoption



Robert Staffig-Piotter believes his brother, whom he calls Don David, was about a year old when this photo was taken of them.

in 1967.

"I meet her. She couldn't handle the past, but I got the ghost out of the closet," he said. "The marriage didn't pan out and she couldn't care for us. We weren't placed together. The neglect was enough that they decided to separate us to give us one-on-one."

Kirk wasn't as lucky in his search. He knew he had an older brother, but with no names, he was stymied.

"It's bothered me my whole life. I've wanted to look like someone; it's an identity thing," he said. "I'd been searching, but I had no other data than a brother three years older than me. I contacted the agency and got the same non-identifying letter about my parents and nothing on him."

"People would tell me you look like so and so, and I'd go up and talk to them to see if we might be related," he

added.

Kirk was worried that his older brother might have spent his childhood growing up in the system. That question has been answered. They both know they were raised by families that loved them.

Piotter is back in Wyoming, and Kirk is back working at his computer job in Ann Arbor. They plan to get together again in December, when Piotter will return with his wife Vivian, who stayed in Wyoming to be with her daughter, who was due to deliver their first grandchild. It will be a family reunion that will include Kirk's wife Darcelle and their children.

"We've been given a second chance to build a life as brothers, but there will be no throwing toys at me," Piotter said. "I never gave up and other people looking for their relatives shouldn't either. It can happen. It happened for us, and it's been amazing."

"I'm along for the ride and I'm loving it," Kirk added.

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Rolling rookies

First-year skaters win medals, friendships

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

WHAT THEY SAID

Following are some of the thoughts of Skatin' Station II artistic skating club members who will compete July 24-25 at the 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating National Championships to be held in Lincoln, Neb.:

Rachel Bakewell of Plymouth: "I'm really proud of it and I can't wait to go."

Darrien Fordham of Canton: "I'm learning you really need to focus to get a good score in competitions and I'm learning friendship."

Anna Hanson of Canton: "I like roller skating because it kind of challenges me to be my best. And I just have lots of fun when I'm skating."

Ashlyn Nordquist of Westland: "I think I've gotten better since the beginning when I started. She (coach Vicki Hudson) helps us get better."

Shelby Vassel of Canton: "The competitions are fun and so is coming here all the time. I love skating."

It's the middle of summer, a time of year when pre-teen girls usually go to the pool or shopping mall with friends.

But there are five girls who'd rather spend hours going around in circles on the smooth surface at Canton's Skatin' Station II — practicing their favorite thing in the world.

Under the tutelage of veteran coach Vicki Hudson, the artistic skating club members beat the odds by qualifying for the 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating National Championships in just their first year of competition in the sport.

"I was really happy to make it to nationals," 10-year-old Anna Hanson of Canton said, "because it's unheard of for beginners at their first regional meet to get to nationals, so I was really proud."

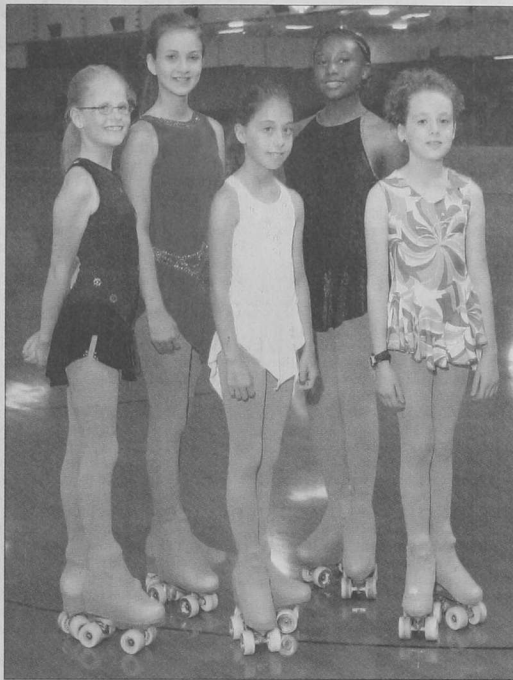
Hanson, four of her roller-skating friends, their families and coach Hudson will travel later this week to Lincoln, Neb., for the July 24-25 competition. They will take part in the 9-10 and 11-12 age brackets.

Also headed for nationals are Canton's Shelby Vassel (a gold-medal winner in figures at regionals) and Darrien Fordham, Plymouth's Rachel Bakewell and Westland's Ashlyn Nordquist.

They qualified for nationals June 26-30 at the Great Lakes Figure Skating Regional in West Chester, Ohio.

Hudson said all of the girls qualified in figures (the event where skaters gracefully follow a series of circles emblazoned on the rink), with Vassel and Fordham also making it in the dance category.

"I'm just so excited," Vassel said during a break from working with her coach. "I've only been skating for over a year and a half and I made first place in figures and that was a surprise to me."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The smiles say it all, as Skatin' Station II artistic skating club members (from left) Anna Hanson, Shelby Vassel, Ashlyn Nordquist, Darrien Fordham and Rachel Bakewell qualified for nationals in their first year of competition in the sport.

the nationals is no joke.

"You have to practice a lot. I practice three days a week," Vassel said. "I work on figures and dance, mostly. The hardest part is trying not to be nervous during the competitions and to stay strong."

According to Hudson, team members come to Skatin' Station II several times a week throughout the year, coming straight from school. The practice schedule usually includes three or four sessions weekly.

"It's very monotonous, the training and listening to me all the time,"

Hudson said. "But most people that start skating can be very good — if they want to be."

Their ascent in their initial year of competitive skating is plenty indication they do.

Christine Hanson, Anna's mom, said the girls put the time in and glean whatever useful instruction they can from their coach.

"Vicki's a wonderful coach," Hanson said. "They just come here and skate. Putting the time in is important."

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SIDELINES

SC athletes honored

Ten student athletes from Schoolcraft College are among the more than 1,300 student athletes nationwide to be recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association for excellence in the classroom as well as on the playing field.

Those NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American honorees from Schoolcraft include: Emily Bronkema, 3.84, volleyball; Jennifer Brunink, 3.80, volleyball; Tayler Seroke, 3.85, women's bowling; and Nicole Trivax, 3.94, women's soccer.

Gaining Academic All-American distinction were Blake Furnari (3.60, men's bowling), Michele Heikkinen (3.60, women's bowling), Jordan Kerr (3.73, volleyball), Kirstin Kirk (3.72, volleyball), Brittany Pickett (3.76, women's soccer) and Jamie Wick (3.63, women's cross country).

Award winners were required to achieve a 3.8 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn Distinguished Academic All-American honors and between 3.6-3.79 for Academic All-American honors.

Acc shooter

Russ Baumann of Livonia recorded his first hole-in-one at the age of 74 July 14 when he used a 9-wood to ace the 149-yard 16th hole at Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon.

Baumann shot 105 for his 18 holes of play.

Fall ball signup

Registration is continuing for returning teams looking to participate in the Redford Leisure Services fall softball leagues. Registration for new teams wanting to sign up will begin Monday, Aug. 9.

All teams are guaranteed a 12-game (doubleheader) schedule. Fees are \$350 per team, plus all umpires will collect \$14 per team at the field before the start of each game. Each team will need to supply a new ball before each game. Games begin the week of Aug. 30.

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

Tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks will host tryouts in mid-August for its competitive travel baseball program of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association. Players from Canton, Plymouth and surrounding areas are welcome to participate.

Tryouts are slated from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Aug. 15, followed by a 2-to-4 p.m. tryout on Friday, Aug. 20. All three tryouts will take place at the UAW Local 735, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Players must be willing to commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July of 2011.

To pre-register or have questions answered, contact coach Bill Boyd — 734-718-7782, motorcityriversharks@gmail.com. Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates.

'A Bitter Cup of Coffee'

Book details how former players were denied MLB pensions

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Al Moran played his last Major League baseball game 45 years ago, but he's still ready to go to bat today for former players like himself.

The Farmington Hills resident is among hundreds of men who were denied a pension and benefits, because their stay in the big leagues was too short.

Their story is told in Doug Gladstone's new book: 'A Bitter Cup of Coffee — How MLB and The Players Association Threw 874 Retirees a Curve.'

The book title derives from the fact the men were in the majors long enough to have a cup of coffee, which is sports jargon for a short stay.

Livonia-based attorney Jim Aho represented Moran and the other ex-players with less than four years of service in an unsuccessful 2003 class-action suit.

The core issue and focus of

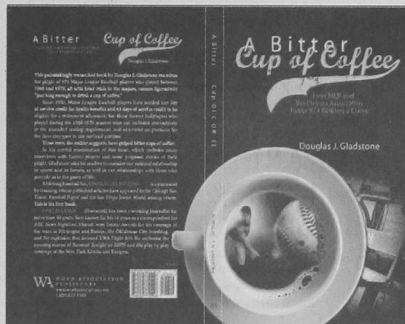


JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Al Moran, a resident of Farmington Hills, played his last Major League baseball game 45 years ago. He remains active in off the field affairs dealing with former Major League players.

Gladstone's book details with a 1980 change in the MLB Players Association pension agreement.

Prior to that, players had to be in the majors four years



A new book entitled 'A Bitter Cup of Coffee — How MLB and The Players Association Threw 874 Retirees a Curve,' focuses on past and present pension agreements between Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association.

to qualify. Players since then have needed one day of service for health insurance and 45 days on a MLB roster to get a pension.

Moran, a former shortstop who played less than three

full seasons with the Mets and Red Sox, and the others in his situation were never included retroactively.

Moran, 71, assisted Aho in building the case, serving as a class representative in the

Midwest, gathering information and fielding phone calls from former players.

When he left baseball in the mid 1960s, finishing with the then-Yankees farm team in Toledo, Moran went to work as a carpenter, doing construction work.

"I was pretty fortunate; I got a nice pension for that," Moran said, adding he's motivated by principle and for the sake of his former colleagues. "Like I told Doug in the book, I don't care if I get a penny."

"We've got homeless guys, guys in real bad shape. They keep promising us something, but we don't know if we'll ever get it. They say they'll do something at the winter meetings, but who knows?"

When work began on the lawsuit, there were nearly 1,500 former players who played between 1947 and 1979, from the time the first players union was organized and the change in vesting requirement.

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"A lot of guys have passed away," Moran said. "Business is business. The longer you wait ..."

Acho, also a Farmington Hills resident and, like Moran, a graduate of Catholic Central High School, said MLB's position is it's a matter for the Players Association.

"In truth, it probably is," he said. "If we could get the player reps in a room and explain how much would be needed (to cover the men in question, it might happen)."

Acho said it would take one half of Alex Rodriguez' annual salary to provide a \$10,000 pension and medical benefits for the retirees.

"The problem is (former) union chief Donald Fehr refused to put it before the players," he said. "I had good conversations with Fehr. He always put it off and had bigger fish to fry."

"Even though he was pleasant to deal with, he made it clear it was not a pressing issue on his agenda."

"I don't think it's greed. I don't think the (current) players want to see former players (go without). It's really ignorance. They're unaware of what goes on."

The only recourse is the hope current MLPA Executive Director Michael Weiner will take up the issue, Acho said.

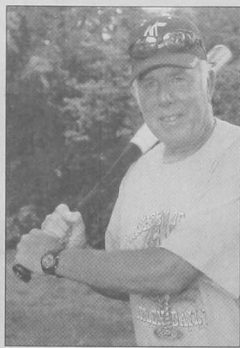
There's no going back to court. The judge who heard the original case said the players were morally right, according to Acho, but there was nothing that could be done. The statute of limitations was six years.

"I'm told the Players Alumni Association is actively working with (Weiner), and that's the only hope," Acho said. "There's no hope through the legal system. That ship has sailed; it had before we got involved."

"(The suit) should have been brought in the mid 1980s or earlier. The only reason we thought we had a chance in 2003 was I went under the theory of continuing violation."

MLB does provide a \$1,000-a-month pension to African-Americans who played in the old Negro League, because they were denied the opportunity to play in the Majors, Acho said. It's not called a pension but a special assessment, however.

"That's fantastic and richly



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deserved," Acho said. "Having said that, our players deserve a charitable contribution, because they made the game what it is today and helped these (current) players make millions."

Moran, echoes Acho's statement about players from past decades helping to pave the way for Major Leaguers of today to earn salaries beyond anyone's imagination when he played.

"We're actually the ones who built the foundation for these guys in the old days," he said. "The Major Leagues are so deluded with minor league players. When I played there were only eight teams in each division, and it was tough to make those teams in those days."

Moran was disillusioned after the lawsuit was rejected and became resigned the status-quo, but he believes the issue could be easily resolved.

"It's going to take somebody in the Major League office or alumni office to say: 'OK, let's get this thing done.' That's all it's going to take," Moran said.

"At some point, the guys feel, if they get something, it's a victory. Even if there's a hundred guys left, if they get something, it's all worth it, I guess."

Moran played college football until Red Sox made right offer

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Al Moran was a sophomore at Michigan State University in 1959, playing football on scholarship for legendary coach Duffy Daugherty.

A change in the bonus rule allowed Major League baseball teams to offer more money, and Moran decided to sign with the Boston Red Sox, the team that had drafted him.

He was later traded to the New York Mets and made it to the majors in 1963. He played a full season with the Met the following year and the first month in 1965 before being sent to the minor league team at Buffalo.

Detroit owned the farm team in Syracuse at the time, and Moran played against future Tiger greats Denny McLain, Willie Horton and Mickey Stanley.

"There were so many good players in the minor leagues, and they just needed a break," Moran said. "I wasn't a great ballplayer, but I played against a lot of hall of famers."

An injury that never healed contributed to the end of Moran's baseball career. He continued to play with the injury.

"It was a pulled groin muscle that went up into my stomach," Moran said. "In the old days, they didn't just put you on the shelf until you were ready. If you were out of the lineup, you'd never get back in there."

After leaving baseball, Moran, a former shortstop and later utility infielder, played softball at a high level and has been a member of many championships teams. He still plays today at age 71.

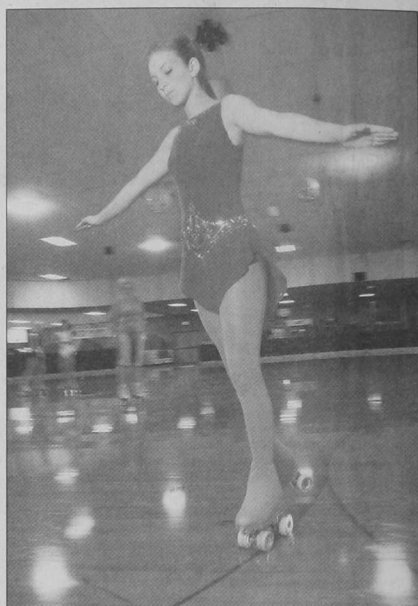
"Part of my game was running," Moran said, talking about the injury and how it affected his range at shortstop. "They time me with a sun dial now going down to first."

An all-state football, hockey and baseball player in high school at Detroit Catholic Central, Moran was the assistant to CC varsity baseball coach John Salter for 25 years.

"We hit it off well," Moran said. "We formed a partnership, and we did very well."

Moran left coaching in 2005, a year before Salter retired, but he returned this year to assist current CC coach Kevin Walters.

"Al Moran has helped hundreds if not thousands of kids over the past 40 years — quietly, selflessly," Livonia attorney Jim Acho, who worked with Moran in a class-action lawsuit against Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association, said. "He's done a ton of good in the community."



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Canton's Shelby Vassel works on figures during practice Wednesday at Skatin' Station II. Vassel won a gold medal in that event at the recent regionals. In figures, skaters must successfully complete two trips around a series of circles — requiring intense concentration.

NATIONALS

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HOOKED RIGHT AWAY

Hanson signed her daughter up last fall and "she just took to it like a fish to water. She just loved it from the very beginning."

Of course, Anna has had to devote herself to the sport. "She gets better on a weekly basis," her mother said. "Anna is very tenacious, so no matter how many times she falls, she gets right back up and does it again. I think that's a good life lesson."

Hudson said the girls must also keep their grades up in order to be on the club and being a good teammate is another must.

The first rung of the ladder tends to start with friendship.

"They skate individually, and everybody wants to win, but these girls are all real good friends," Hudson said. "They, all travel together and they have a comradery to go when they get out of school."

Friendship is a big reason Fordham relishes being on the team. "I like making friends here."

"When I went into skating, I never expected to actually go into doing stuff like this and competing," Bakewell said. "And I'm glad I actually did because I made lots of friends that I would never have."

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The girls also have discovered something they could be passionate about for years.

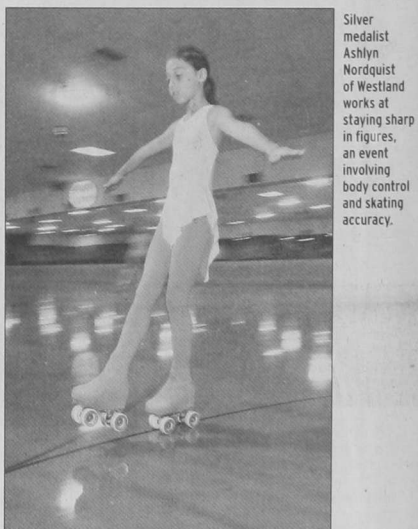
"I think it's important to keep the kids busy during the teenage years," Christine Hanson said. "I'm glad (Anna) found something. And I think it's wonderful they made nationals. I couldn't be happier."

That also goes for the youngest of the group, 9-year-old Ashlyn Nordquist, who only said one word — "happy" — when asked about how she felt about going to nationals.

These families must spend about \$5,000 per year to pay for practice time, equipment and travel expenses.

And there might be college scholarships down the road. But for now, Nordquist's response, and similar ones from the other girls, is plenty return on that investment.

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Silver medalist Ashlyn Nordquist works at staying sharp in figures, an event involving body control and skating accuracy.

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.

Just for kids

Redford Soccer Club's Summer Soccer Camp will be held July 19-23 at Bell Creek Park for players U6 through U19. Cost for the weeklong camp, which runs from 5:30-8:30 p.m. daily, is \$130. Waza FC's professional coaches will instruct youngsters in various aspects of the game. Participants are asked to bring shin guards, a soccer ball and a water bottle.

For more information, call Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4234.

Cougar camp

The Garden City High School Cougar football coaching staff will host its youth football camp for 8- and 9-year-olds July 19-22 from 5:30-8 p.m. and for 10- and 13-year-olds July 26-29 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost for each camp is \$55 and all campers will receive a t-shirt.

For more information, visit www.gecougar-country.com and click on the 'camps' section to print a registration form.

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 amanda-oneill@yahoo.com or 734-624-8252.

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.

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Victory's in the Cards

The Canton Cardinals 11U travel baseball team recently went 3-0 to win the 2010 Frankenmuth tournament. Getting the squad started was a come-from-behind 7-6 victory against Huron Valley with a two-out hit by Collin Werner winning the contest. The Cardinals won their final two games of the tournament more convincingly by beating the host Frankenmuth team 12-1 before overcoming rain delays to beat a very good Saginaw River Dogs team, 5-1. Offensive heroes were many, including Phil Lessnau, Jimmy Walkinshaw, Jason Arnold, Evan Voyles, Noah Spencer and Cody Zidzik, all with multiple hits. Strong pitching from Spencer, Arnold, Justin Goethe, and Mitchell King and solid defense from Goethe, Luke Hirschman, Zidzik, Werner and Voyles were instrumental in the tourney title. Pictured are the victorious Cards: (front row, from left) Luke Hirschman, Evan Voyles, Jimmy Walkinshaw, Cody Zidzik; (middle row, from left) Noah Spencer, Mitchell King, Justin Goethe, Phil Lessnau, Jason Arnold, Collin Werner; (back row, from left) coaches Mark Werner, Rob Hirschman, Doug Spencer and Alan Zidzik.



Big fish

The CCYAA Marlins girls softball team, comprised of players ages 11-13, completed a perfect 15-0 season by not only claiming the top spot in regular season play, but also emerging as champions in tournament action. Coached by Jim Gains, Sunday Gains and Brian Gidley, team members included Alyssa Smith, Rhiannon Stevens, Chloe Trigg, Heather Gains, Mariah Loschiavo, Hannah Udell, Melissa Beier, Jessica Pate, Rosie Muscat, Katie Thorn and Chelsea Dvikan.

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Tee time for ladies

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The event is open to the first 20 ladies age 21 and older who sign up by going to www.eagamd.com or calling either (734) 731-0238 or (248) 486-3355.

Beal will provide personal instruction in an informal setting. For \$25, each guest will receive a medium basket of range balls, golf tips from Beal, one margarita and homemade chips and salsa.

Hickory Creek Golf Course, where Beal also holds regular instructional events, is located at 3625 Napier Road just west of Canton off of Ford Road.

Wayne-Westland soccer

Registration for the fall 2010 Wayne-Westland Soccer League (ages 4-59) 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.wvslsoccer.com.

Summer track meets

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

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) 283-4618; or e-mail maddogsports@aol.com.

Pride needs coaches

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

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Baseball tryouts

The Canton Motor City Giants 9U and 10U travel baseball teams are hosting tryouts on Aug. 20, 21 and 28 at 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton. Please email giantbaseball@wowway.com or madtyreag@wowway.com for details.

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 Hammye at (734) 744-2889.

Tryouts for Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks will host tryouts in mid-August for its competitive travel baseball program of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association. Players from Canton, Plymouth and surrounding areas are welcome to participate.

Tryouts are slated from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Aug. 15, followed by a 2-to-4 p.m. tryout on Friday, Aug. 20. All three tryouts will take place at the UAW Local 735, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Players must be willing to commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July of 2011.

To pre-register or have questions answered, contact coach Bill Boyd — 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com. Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates.

St. Mary Mercy 5K

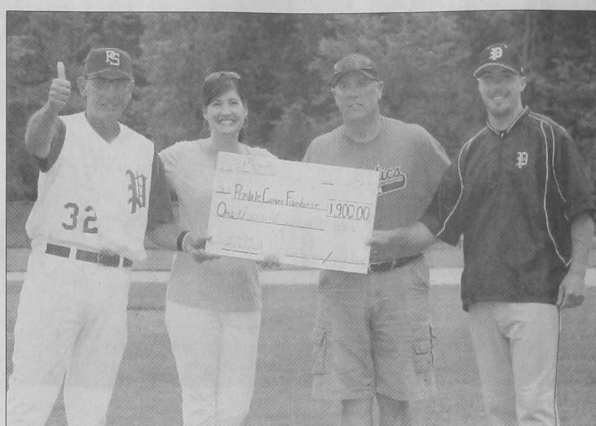
Registration is on for the fourth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5-kilometer run-walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 12.

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 or by visiting stmary-mercy.org.



Check it out

In May, the Plymouth and Salem baseball programs combined efforts for a 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer' fundraiser, with proceeds from varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Approximately \$2,000 was raised that weekend and the check was presented between games of a June 15 twinnish between Salem and Adrian — whose coach, Greg Jackson, is a prostate cancer survivor. Pictured are (from left) Salem head baseball coach Dale Rumberger, event spokeswoman Audrey Rodriguez, Jackson and Plymouth assistant coach John Schneider. The Salem Baseball Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters co-organized the benefit, part of a statewide effort all spring by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Michigan Rams outfit by Pride

Pitching has been at the forefront of the Michigan Rams' success on the baseball diamond all season. But that area of the game took a backseat Wednesday evening as the 22-and-under Pride pounded out 13 hits against three Rams pitchers in scoring a 9-5 victory in Michigan Collegiate Baseball League action at Bicentennial Park.

The Rams, who fell to 20-7-1 on the year, were quick to open the scoring by pushing across a single run in the top of the first inning. However, the Pride (15-11) came roaring back by roughing up Rams starter Joe Posler for three runs in the bottom of the frame.

The margin stood that way until the fourth when the Pride picked up a run off reliever Alex Pierce. They would add five more in the fifth to

take a commanding 9-1 lead.

The Rams made the final score a little more respectable by scoring two runs in each of the sixth and seventh frames.

Aaron Cieslak was the top hitter for the Rams, clubbing three of the team's eight hits.

He scored two runs and drove in one. John DiLaura and Evan Piechota each picked up a hit and knocked in two runs and Brett Mazmanian finished 2-for-3 at the plate with one run scored.

Billy Hardin paced the heavy-hitting Pride attack with four hits. He also drove in three runs.

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A concert, featuring Alicia Doudna on violin and Julia Siciliano on piano, also is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, July 26 in the recital hall. For more information

call the Schoolcraft Music Office at (734) 462-4403.

Learn about butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present "Exploring the Lifecycles and Host Plants of Blues, Coppers, and Hairstreak Butterflies," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Parking is available on Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. The cost is \$3 for non-members. (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

BOOKS

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beach read for this summer is Rachel Gibson's *Nothing But Trouble* and books by historical romance novelist Lisa Kleypas, including *Married by Morning* and *Love in the Afternoon*.

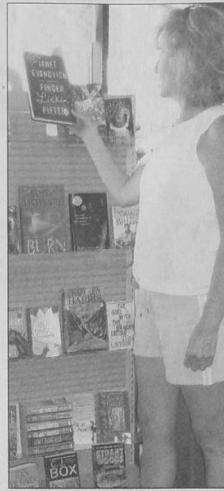
For most readers, it's not the medium that's the most important — it's still the story. A good "beach book" is engaging and a quick enough read that you can finish most of it on the beach before your sunscreen wears off, according to veteran summer readers. "Most people read for pleasure in the summer," admitted Golden.

RELAX AND READ

At Read It Again Books in Novi, owner Mary Mansour sees a whole different group of customers during the summer than those she sees all winter. "People really want to wind down and slow down on vacation in the summer," Mansour said. "They want to take a pile of books with them so they have something fun to do while they're relaxing."

She and her staff already are anticipating *Finding Perfect*, a light-hearted book by Susan Mallory that will be released next month. The author's *Almost Perfect* hit bookstore shelves in June and *Chasing Perfect* was published in April.

"The timing of these books for pleasure reading in the summer is



"Finger Lickin' Fifteen," a novel in the Janet Evanovich series about fictional bounty hunter Stephanie Plum, is a favorite beach read.

"just perfect," Mansour said.

Other favorite authors for summer reading are Janet Evanovich, Robyn Carr and "The Virgin River Series" with her newest book, *A Summer in Sonoma* released last month. "Anything by Debbie

Comparing E-readers: Which one to buy?

It is literally impossible to compare the dozens of E-reader devices available today, partly because the category constantly changes as models are improved and new styles added.

Also known as E-book readers, these are handheld portable devices designed to read electronic books, magazines, periodicals and newspapers, hence the E-reader name.

However, these four are seen as the leading E-readers as of June 2010, according to several sources, including ereaderbooks.com:

- **Sony Daily Edition:** Priced at \$399, it weighs under 13 ounces and has a 7.1-inch grayscale screen. Battery life is up to seven days with 3G wireless connection on. It has expandable storage, a virtual keyboard and has no browser.

- **Amazon Kindle:** Priced from \$259 for the Kindle 2 to \$489 for the new Kindle DX, it weighs about 19 ounces and has a 9.7-inch grayscale screen. Battery life is up to seven days with 3G

wireless connection on. It has expandable storage and a keyboard and features 400,000 books and 130,000 newspapers with a browser.

- **Barnes & Noble Nook:** Priced at \$259, it weighs 12 ounces and has a 7.7-by-4.9-inch grayscale screen for reading, but color for navigating. Battery life is 10 days with 3G wireless connection on. It has expandable storage, a virtual keyboard and offers 350,000 books for sale, 30 newspapers plus 1 million Google Books, without a browser.

- **Apple iPad:** Priced from \$499 to \$829 depending on features added, the iPad is more than just an E-reader, but it's the one all others are being compared with. It weighs 1.5 pounds and has a 9.7-inch color screen. Battery life is 11 hours with 3G wireless connection on. It has expandable storage, a touch screen keyboard and offers 500,000 books and several hundred newspapers, including Apple's Safari browser.

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SHOULDER-HAND

Nature acts in curious ways, and human bones and joints are no exception. An arthritic condition exists called shoulder-hand syndrome, in which the shoulder becomes stiff and immovable and the hand becomes swollen and painful. What is curious is that the rest of the arm, including the elbow joint, is completely normal.

Shoulder-hand syndrome most often occurs in people who are diabetic, though the degree of diabetic control and the type of diabetes, that is whether the person needs insulin or not, does not matter. Mild diabetes may experience the condition as well as those individuals who are uncontrolled.

Physicians do not know the underlying cause of Shoulder-hand syndrome, particularly why the elbow is spared. Present theories focus on the blood supply to the shoulder and hand and that nervous system control of the blood vessels to these areas is impaired. However, that explanation alone does not explain why the elbow is not involved.

Since doctors are unsure of the underlying cause of Shoulder-hand syndrome, the treatment is uncertain. The usual approach is to prescribe high doses of oral steroids such as 60 mgm a day of prednisone. However, if the patient is a diabetic this regimen is not practical since prednisone can raise blood sugar to a dangerous level even with diabetic treatment.

An alternative is injection of cortisone into the involved shoulder and hand joint. This procedure may not resolve the pain and swelling, but often brings discomfort to a level the patient can accept.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JULY 18-21

Cherry Hill Seventh day Adventist

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m., July 19-23
Location: 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Raindrops to Rainbows, a free Vacation Bible School for children in preschool through age 13, will include a science lab, puppet show, weather station, Bible stories, crafts and snacks
Contact: (734) 524-0880; www.CherryHillFellowship.com

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 Gods 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

St. Paul's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 19-23
Location: 27475 Five Mile Road, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: Creation Celebration Vacation Bible School is aimed at children, age 3, through those entering fifth grade and will include music, recreation, snack and story time. The service project will consist of collecting items for the Michigan Humane Society. Program fee is \$5
Contact: Call (734) 422-3470, ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@spcc-

email.org

JULY 22-28

Bell Creek Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 26-29
Location: 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia
Details: Vacation Bible School, free for kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade
Contact: www.bellcreek.org or (734) 367-4632

Berean Bible Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, July 26-30
Location: 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Free Vacation Bible School "High Seas Adventure" is open to all kids age 4 through completed 5th grade. Each day includes singing, crafts, games, snacks and Bible stories. Register at www.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/berean-biblechurch

Contact: Carrie Bulbuk at (734) 266-0311 or e-mail to davidbulbuk@att.net

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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., July 25
Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Annual Mass in the Grass service, followed by cake and beverages in celebration of the Rev. Wayne Knockel's 10th anniversary of ordination.

Contact: Arlene Williams at (734) 422-7106

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., July 26-30
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: High Seas Adventure Vacation Bible School for first through sixth grade students; free

Contact: (734) 466-8694

Living Peace Church

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m., Sunday, July 25
Location: Freedom Park, located at

the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer, in Canton

Details: The church invites Canton area residents to a picnic. Church members want to meet residents and hear their concerns and ideas for the Canton community. Food available free of charge. Children's activities will be provided. Additional picnics scheduled Aug. 22 and Sept. 5. Living Peace Church will begin meeting for worship Sept. 12 at Field Elementary, 1000 S. Haggerty, in Canton.
Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com

JULY 29-AUG. 4

Bethany West

Time/Date: 8-11 p.m., Friday, July 30; arrive at the restaurant by 7 p.m.
Location: Portofino's, 3455 Biddle Wyandotte

Details: Join Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South Downriver for a "Moon Light Cruise" on the Detroit River, starting at Portofino's. Tickets are \$30. Bethany provides spiritual, social, and educational assistance to divorced, separated and singles of all faiths through peer-to-peer ministry. It is a non-profit volunteer organization, and is part of the ministry of the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese Of Detroit

Contact: Pat at (313) 769-5818 or Judy at (313) 389-4730

Lola Park Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Aug. 1-5
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through adult, featuring lessons, crafts, singing and snacks

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523; lolaparklutheran.com

Newburg United Methodist

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 2-5
Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: "Campground of Miracles" Vacation Bible School for kids, 4-11. They'll explore their faith, enjoy summer activities such as sandcastle building, cooking over a campfire and fishing, make crafts and learn about the miracles of Jesus. \$10 per child

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Aug. 1
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Coffee house for teens
Contact: (313) 534-9000



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- Degenerative disc disease

- Back pain
- Sciatica
- Facet syndromes

Medical Proof This Treatment Works

While non-surgical spinal decompression is a rather new treatment, there's plenty of research to back up its claims. Here's just a handful of scientific studies...

"We thus submit that decompression therapy should be considered first, before the patient undergoes a surgical procedure which permanently alters the anatomy and function of the affected lumbar spine segment."

— **Journal Of Neuroscience Research**

"86% of the 219 patients who completed the therapy reported immediate resolution of symptoms" — **Orthopedic Technology Review**

"vertebral axial [spinal] decompression was successful in 71% of the 778 cases"

— **Journal of Neurological Research**

"good to excellent" relief in 86% patients with Herniated discs" — **The American Journal of Pain Management**

"decompression therapy reported a 76.5% with complete remission and 19.6% with partial remission of pain and disability"

— **Rio Grande Hospital, Department of Neurosurgery**

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Submit announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got an old class photo? Send it along with your announcement in jpg form.

Belleville High School

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

Birmingham Groves High School

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

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1970
40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

Bloomfield Hills Andover

Class of 1970
Reunion planned 7 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Gis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Bloomfield Hills Lahser
Class of 1980
30th reunion, Friday, Aug. 6, for tickets and more information e-mail to Jane Petersen at jane311@msn.com or visit www.lahser1980.myevent.com.

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.

Dearborn Lowrey High School

Classes of 1949-51

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

Dearborn Heights Haston High

Class of 1965
45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843 at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at pat-kopczyk@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.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Call Phil Varlone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

Class of 1965

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

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248)

573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School

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

Garden City High School

Garden City High School
Classes of 1950s and 1960s
Reunion events planned for Sept. 17-19. Call Donna at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail to odponte@wowway.com.

Class of 1960

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

Garden City East

Class of 1964
Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Medwid Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at terifriedma@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.

Ladywood

Class of 1978
The class plans a 50th birthday party this summer instead of a reunion. The event is a potluck/picnic at Robin (Burton) Keller's house. Bring a dish to share, your family, and a cooler with your beverage choice. Hot dogs

for grilling and marshmallows for making s'mores will be provided. RSVP to Robin (Burton) Keller at (734) 270-2010. Ann (Start) Bloetscher at (313) 535-6564.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1980
Reunion Friday July 30. Call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an e-mail to 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. Send e-mail correspondence to stevensclassof75@yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228.

Class of 1990

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

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-cast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/>. Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net.

Redford Union

Class of 1960
50-year reunion will be held 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information on the Redford Union reunion, contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol915000@att.net. Or call Tena (Reif) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

River Rouge High School

Classes of 1960-66
Reunion starts at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 21 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Cost is \$40 and includes buffet, cash bar, D.J. Mail check to Helen Minas (Tassi) at Hawthorne Valley, Contact Trisha (Pat) Mihau, at (313) 843-2415 or e-mail to tmehi@yahoo.com.

Royal Oak Dondero

All Classes

Family picnic, 1-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, VFW Park, at Lincoln and Campbell in Royal Oak. Bring your own lawn chairs, food and non-alcoholic beverages. Admission free; music provided. Presented by the Royal Oak Dondero Alumni Club. For more information call Jack Aardal at (248) 547-5389 or go to rdonderoalumni.org.

Royal Oak Kimball

Class of 1960
50-year class reunion for January and June classes, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 14, at Red Run Country Club, located on Rochester Road, just north of 12 Mile. \$50 per person includes dinner and valet parking. Make checks out to "ROKHS Class of '60" and mail to Doug Forner, 4089 Glenclaire, Troy, MI 48069. Include your full name (and maiden), spouse's name, current mailing address and e-mail to share with your classmates. Mail-in dead line is Aug. 1. For reservations after Aug. 1 or for questions, e-mail to usales@aol.com. The Drury Inn at Big Beaver and I-75 and Hampton Inn, at Stephenson Highway and 14 Mile, in Madison Heights are offering discounts for reunion participants. E-mail to usales@aol.com to obtain a list of attendees and lost classmates and help the organizing committee locate alumni.

St. Agatha

All school
For all graduates, students, teachers, and friends of St. Agatha Grade School and High Schools, members of St. Agatha Parish and St. Katharine Drexel VHS, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Aug. 21 at Capitol Park, 26590 Capitol, Redford. Pack your lunch or bring your grill and baseball/softball gear. There is an area for soccer/football and a skatepark. For more information, or to donate your time/services in getting the word out or by providing something you think may be a welcome addition to this event, contact Jan at aggies-reunion@yahoo.com. Visit the reunion Web site at www.redfordaggies.com.

St. Hyacinth

Saint Hyacinth Grade School and Commercial High School plan a reunion, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the school's closing, at

11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 19 at St. Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit. Mass at 11 a.m., school open house, snacks and refreshment. For more information, call the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

Troy Athens High School

Class of 1985
25-year reunion and related events the weekend of Aug. 7. For more information, e-mail to athens85reunion@yahoo.com or call Gordy Filips at (248) 819-7491.

Utica Henry Ford II

Class of 1982
Looking for classmates for a picnic planned on July 24 at Stony Creek MetroPark. Contact Gwynne (Doerner) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, for rd2982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

Warren Fitzgerald

Class of 1968
6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech.net, or Bill Ziemba at (248) 669-6216, billziemba1968@aol.com.

Wayne Memorial High School

Class of 1985
25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott, contact Steve Johnson at (248) 635-0369 or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734) 223-5558.

Westland John Glenn

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Reunion, 8 p.m., Aug. 21. For more details contact Laron Thomas-Kasmer at (248) 486-0595 or lkasmer1952@gmail.com; or Wanda Lack-Clancio at (248) 449-1260 or wclancio@gmail.com.

Class of 1975
35th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. RSVP and buy tickets at www.jghscass75.com. For more information call Loren Zeidman at (248) 877-0909 or e-mail to l_zeidman@americancredit1.com.

Class of 1985

25-Year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person before Aug. 1. Includes appetizers and entertainment. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy4208@wideopenwest.com or (734)748-8904 for more information.

CROWN CASTLE

Crown Castle is proposing to modify the cellular tower at the following site: Canton #876774 - 40442 Koppernick Rd., in Canton. Crown invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed project on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Sabrina Noplis at 724-416-2000 during normal business hours. Comments must be received by August 12, 2010.

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SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Alternative Energy Solutions Projects for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #1 consisting of:
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will be received until 10:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McCleendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted. This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

	Bid Division Description
140:	Plumbing
142:	HVAC
143:	Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the Salem High School construction trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scope of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Third Party Administration for Workers' Compensation Insurance including Excess Insurance**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCSCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. For additional information, please contact Ray Bihun of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-2736. Sealed bids are due to the PCSCS - E.J. McCleendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, July 28, 2010. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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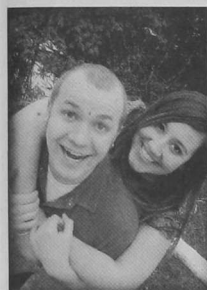
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Jennifer Marie Grima and Clark Benton Walker Bradley announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Edward and Rita Grima of Livonia, graduated from Divine Child High School in 2004. She earned a bachelor's degree in communicative sciences in 2008 from Michigan State University and a master's degree in speech and language pathology in 2010 from Wayne State University. She is employed as a speech

Her fiancé, son of Terry and Debra Bradley of Dearborn, also graduated in 2004 from Divine Child High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance in 2008 from Michigan State University and is employed as a personal banker for Chase Bank in Birmingham.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at Laurel Manor in Livonia.



Michelle Rose Ann Van Hatten and Alexander Rockwell Murray announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Jo Linda Van Hatten of Canton, graduated from Plymouth High School in 2006. She is pursuing a degree in teaching Spanish from Central Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Brennan and Kimberly Murray of Upper Saint Clair, Penn., graduated from Salem High School in 2005. He is pursuing a degree in information systems at Central Michigan University.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at Burton Manor in Livonia.



Erin Elizabeth Hermann and Michael William Horback announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Marcia Wilson Hermann of Livonia, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education at Western Michigan University. She teaches second grade at Star International Academy in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Gail Horback of Livonia, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University. He is self-employed.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at First Presbyterian, in Northville.



Sandra Weidl and Nathaniel Cooper announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Karen Weidl of Farmington Hills, is a 1996 graduate of Harrison High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, son of David Cooper of Chelsea, and Nanette Cooper of Ann Arbor, is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2002 graduate of Kalamazoo College.

An August 2010 wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.



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Age 74, o Redford, MI, passed away quietly at home on Sunday, July 11, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was of the Roman Catholic faith. Preceded in death by: father Robert Reinning, Canon City, CO; and mother Evelyn Haire, Sweetwater, TN. Survived by: daughter Evie Proulx, Ionia, MI; son Bill Bedford Sr. and wife Shannon, Ooltewah, TN; son Joe Bedford and wife Jill, Knoxville, TN; grandson Nathan Proulx, Fort Wayne, IN; granddaughter Sarah Hill and husband Jerome, Fort Wayne, IN; grandson Billy Bedford Jr., Knoxville, TN; and grandson Blake Bedford, Ooltewah, TN. No services will be held at the request of the deceased.



He was 89 years old. Mr. Brown was born March 28, 1921, in Newark, New Jersey to Mary and William P. Brown. He lived in Company 1, 1st Cavalry Division, and entered the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. Mr. Brown was sent to the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, to receive his commission and Lt. JG spent most of his four years in the Coast Guard as the Captain of his PT boat, the AV9, on the Pacific Ocean off southern California. He married Roberta Keganan also from Bloomfield, New Jersey, on January 24, 1945, and they lived in the same home in Bloomfield for the war. After the war he finished his schooling, graduating from Rutgers University and then receiving his MBA from New York University. Mr. Brown began working at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan in 1950 and retired in 1982 as Assistant Divisional Controller of the Metal Stamping Division in Dearborn, MI. He lived with his family in Bloomfield Hills, MI beginning in 1961. Mr. Brown was a member of the Dearborn Retirement Community in 2007. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Roberta, daughter, Valaree, of Prospect Heights, IL, son, Karl Edward (Mary) of Bloomfield Hills, daughter, Mary Ellen (Lauri) of Washington, D.C., Rachel of Washington, D.C. and Kelly (Bradley) Ferrara, of Shelby Township. He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothea Bennett. A private memorial service will take place at the Dearborn City Cemetery, 10000 Holly Conduces at 2:00 p.m.



Age 86, of Plymouth, MI, widow of Stanley Clinansmith passed away on June 30, 2010. She is survived by her sons Michael and Thomas, daughters Patricia Visger and Nancy Jowsey and step-children Henry Fallot and Myllis Hazel Bodnar.



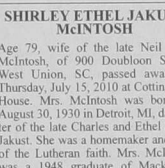
ge, 78, passed away July 10th with her family by her side. Former wife of the late Thomas Eugene Mallams Jr. for 31 years. Beloved mother of Cassie Kavanaugh, Andy (Cindy) Mollams, Lisa (Chris) Sproy, Tom Jr. (Sandy) Mollams Proud Grandmother to Nicole, Tiffany, Justin, Brian, Jonathan, Joy, Michael, Danielle and Chelsea. Great-grandmother to Stevie Jo, Destinee, Brett, Ashley, Ava, Chloe and Russell. Great-great-grandmother to Logan, with new baby sister Madalyn on the way. Also survived by best friend Maggie. Our hearts are broken but her legacy of love will remain within us forever. Visitation Thursday from 6-9pm and Friday at 10am with services immediately following at 11am. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland.



a, a long time resident of Farmington Hills, MI was granted her angel wings on July 8, 2010. After a long and very painful illness, Pamela was granted her eternal peace with Family by her side at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, MI and is joined into her eternal life with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Pamela was born in Detroit, MI on December 12, 1942 to the late and beloved daughter of David and Helen Miseran of Farmington Hills. She is survived by her Mother Helen, and siblings, David (Marlowe), Maxine, David (Mick), and David (Mike), who are crushed and heartbroken at her passing, but delighted in the thought that she joins her Father David and two other siblings, Clare and Donald, in the Kingdom Of Heaven. Pamela has four grandchildren, three nieces, nephews, and friends, whose lives were touched in so many thoughtful and personal ways by her, grief for her and miss her sorely. Pamela's entire work career was spent in the Detroit area, and her career gifted her, a real and very compassionate outlook on life. Pamela loved "crafting", party planning, entertaining and Christmas Time. Pamela always put a lot of thought or passion into the effort into the very personal things she did for those she loved. Her "personalized" photo albums reflected those qualities. Those that attended her Christmas Parties and her annual Christmas Eve "Old Time Wedding Anniversary, an exquisite and memorable affair, is but an example of her thoughtful, caring ways. Pam was active in social circles in her early years, and was a member of the "Old Time Wedding Party Club" for women 5' 10" and taller, she was a real socialite frequenting many charity events and fundraisers, and being spotted about town and at the "Detroit Yacht Club" and "Detroit Country Club". Pamela was the fairest of beauty pageants, she was beautiful both inside and out. A member of the Young Republicans, she loved political action and discussion. In later life, as she was active in the movement to bring about more awareness to women as well as participating in charity events where she could. As a final thoughtful act, she gifted her brother, David, with a scholarship to attend the University of Michigan College, for the further study of CIDP, the rare illness that so debilitated her body at the end of her memorable life. We will be celebrating Pamela's life with a Memorial Mass to



Plumly, age 41, died Sunday
July 11, 2010 at Beaumont Hospital
Royal Oak. A Memorial Service will
be held 2p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church,
7234 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc.
Flowers, contributions may be made
to Maple Grove. Visitation 1p.m.
Saturday until the time of the service.
The church. Loss was born in Grand
Pointe, Mich. on May 19, 1968. He
was a snowmobiling, boating, golfing
and coaching hockey. Surviving
sons, Logan Philip and Bryce
Keith; Sister and brother-in-law, Carol
and Tito Dellavero; Parents, Philip
and Eleanor Goebel; Grandmother,
Helen Goebel; Niece, Carolyn
Centofanti; Nephew, Tony Centofanti
and son, Diana Nancy; Uncles, Tom
and Hil Goebel; Many cousins. He was
preceded in death by nephew, Aaron
Philip and his wife, Jennifer.
He may be shared with the family at:
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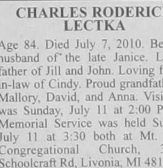
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 Belue; Grainger and Laura (Cris)
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 (Matt) Paruch, Kristin McIntosh, Alec
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 Amanda Belue, and Cheyenne Belue
 Shick; grandchildren, two granddaughters, Jeffrey McIntosh Paruch
 and William Dale Chiders. In addition
 to her husband, Mrs. McIntosh was
 predeceased by son, Dale John
 McIntosh and daughter, Linda
 McIntosh, brother, James McIntosh,
 and Sherry Ann McIntosh. Condolences
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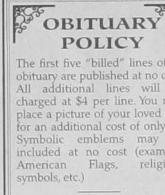
born 08 October 1855, 1919 and died June 1900, at the age of 90. Dear wife, Edw. they celebrated 42 years together on June 14, 1900. Over the years they lived in Livonia, Waldo, Lake, Farmington Hills and Dearborn, with many winters in Dearborn. Both enjoyed dancing, golf and playing Bridge. Gayle graduated from Purdue and taught music. Edw. graduated from the University of Michigan. Their children were: Mildred, Gladys, Helen, Pearl, Willard and Neil Bradshaw, born 1901. Willard Jr. (Jean) and first husband, John Willingham passed before he was survived by brothers Elbert (Genevieve) and Sherrill (Dora), also nine nieces and nephews Sisters-in-law Frances Kuczek and Lillian (Jerry) Cherniak and step-mom to Karen. Much love and greatly missed. Memorial visitation 11:00am-4:00pm at John N. Santeau Funeral Home, 1139 Lincoln (South of Ford Rd).



Passed away on
2010 at the age of 85. Born
in Detroit, MI on June 2,
1924. Mr. Cleland graduated
from the Detroit Institute
Technology with a degree in Business
Administration. While an undergradu-
ate, Mr. Cleland served as the Treasurer
of the College of Engineering. After
World War II, he served with valor
in the Pacific Theater in the U.S. Army
Quartermaster Corps. During his pro-
fessional career in the aerospace indus-
try, Mr. Cleland supplied materials and
product to the airline and air cargo
industries. He was a successful negoti-
ator for his finely-tuned negotia-
tion skills, and was twice called out
to retirement to provide his expertise
negotiating with national and interna-
tional clients. Mr. Cleland was an
active member of various men's groups,
including the First United Methodist
Church of Birmingham. A dedicated
family man, Mr. Cleland was noted
for his devotion to church and love of his
country. Mr. Cleland was the beloved
husband of Geraldine; father of Lynn
(Michael) and Kim (Michael); grand-
father of Colby, Kendall and David;
great-grandfather of Benjamin, John
Campbell, Memorial service Friday,
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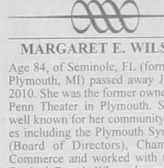
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Age 92 July 9, 2010. Birmingham resident for 65 years. Loving wife of the late Ralph. Mother of Richard (Janet) Schwarze and Katie (Tom) Campbell. Grandmother of Jennifer (Bruce) Rivera and Kathie (Mike) Tomlanovich. Great grandmother of Christopher, Kristina, Michael and Jenna. She was a life member of the Michigan Association of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and the Suburban Association of Retired School Personnel. She was a member of the Ezra Parker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for 43 years. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church.
Please sign Evelyn's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com.
Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Michigan, Detroit.



Florida International Museum, Bay Ridge Civic Association and the Food Bank. Although she enjoyed the warmth and sunshine of Florida, her heart remained with the Plymouth Community.

No funeral service is scheduled.

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Study looks at aspirin and the elderly

In an effort to extend the length of a disability-free life for older adults, researchers from Wayne State University are partnering with colleagues from across the U.S. and Australia in the largest international trial ever sponsored by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health.

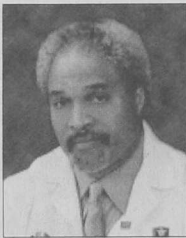
The research study, "Aspirin in Reducing Events in the Elderly," (ASPREE), aims to assess whether aspirin can not only prolong life but help provide a life free of physical disability and/or dementia for healthy older people.

"ASPREE is the largest study of its kind, and its sheer size and scope will enable investigators and society to learn a great deal about whether aspirin can help older adults 70 years and older live longer, healthier lives," said Dr. John Flack, professor of Medicine and Physiology, and chair of Internal Medicine at Wayne State University, and site investigator for the study.

In addition to Flack, Peter Lichtenberg, director of the Institute of Gerontology at WSU, will work with the ASPREE study team on community outreach and recruitment efforts.

Although it is known that aspirin prevents heart attacks and strokes in people with established heart disease, the role of aspirin in people without a history of cardiovascular disease is less certain.

"In the U.S., Australia and elsewhere, people are living longer, so identifying treat-



Flack

ments to prolong life free of physical disability and memory problems is increasingly important," said ASPREE investigator Dr. Anne Murray, epidemiologist and geriatrician and associate professor of medicine and geriatrics at the University of Minnesota. "Aspirin is a potentially useful drug, as it is cheap and widely available."

BENEFITS AND RISKS

To date, very little information is available about the overall effects of aspirin in older adults because most trials focus on middle-aged people. The ASPREE study, for the first time, will determine whether the potential benefits of low-dose aspirin outweigh the risks specifically for people age 70 and over.

"Because of its proven effectiveness in preventing second events, many doctors have also prescribed aspirin to prevent heart attacks and strokes in otherwise healthy people," said John McNeil, head of the Monash School of Public Health and Preventative Medicine

in Australia and also a principal investigator for ASPREE.

"However, in the last couple of years, serious doubts have been raised about the evidence supporting this practice and, as a result, editorials in major medical journals have called for this question to be settled."

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

The ASPREE study will enroll 6,500 healthy individuals age 70 and over in the U.S. and another 12,500 in Australia. Six hundred participants will be sought by Wayne State University. All eligible participants will be randomly assigned to take either low-dose aspirin or a placebo daily for about five years.

Patients will receive initial measurements on specific health markers as well as functional and cognitive ability, and changes in these will be monitored throughout the study.

"What we learn from the ASPREE study extends far beyond the effects of aspirin," said Dr. Flack. "The scope of the study includes other clinical measurements and assessments that could impact and transform the way clinicians medically treat the elderly in their everyday care."

ASPREE is being conducted in clinics and universities in select cities in Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Texas. For more information visit www.ASPREE.org.

Upcoming walks aid programs for mental health, bleeding disorders

NAMI WALKS

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, (NAMI) is gearing up for a family event and walk on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills.

The event is designed to raise money for and the mental health services it provides to families across the state. All the funds collected by walkers will be used to fund NAMI programs in Michigan. Registration for the 5K walk will begin at 9 a.m., with the walk running from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information or to register visit namimi.org or call (800) 331-4264.



HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

Registration is being accepted now for the Walkin' on the Wild Side fundraiser to benefit the Hemophilia Foundation's programs and services for individuals with bleeding disorders. The walk will start at 8:45 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Detroit Zoo, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward in Royal Oak. On-site registration will begin at 7:45 a.m.

The Foundation aims to raise \$100,000.

A registration fee of \$15 per person includes all-day admis-

sion to the zoo, refreshments and a Walk T-shirt. Children under 2 are free.

For every contribution of \$100, the individual donor's name will be put in a drawing for a 50-inch plasma television, an Apple iPad, and an Amazon Kindle. Winners will be drawn immediately after the Walk ends at 10:30 a.m. on the Grassy Knoll at the Detroit Zoo.

Donate to your favorite team captain, walker or directly to the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan. Donate online or mail donations to the Foundation by Wednesday, Aug. 25. Donations made after that date will not be included.

Register at www.hfmich.org or contact Dawn Evans at (800) 482-3041 or dawn@hfmich.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Comedy for a Cause

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan offers a night of comedy, Wednesday, July 28, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. Tickets for the event are \$15, with \$10 of that amount benefiting the organization. Seating will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m. To buy tickets, call Dawn at the Foundation at (800) 482-3041.

Free concert

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan is offering free concerts at rallies for its upcoming "Walkin' on the Wildside" fund-raising walk. Steel Traxx will perform at 6 p.m., July 28 at Booth Park in Birmingham. A concert also will be held at 6:30 p.m., July 27 at the Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti. The Foundation will provide free pop and pizza at each event. RSVP at (800) 482-3041.

Caregiver class

Learn the skills necessary to care for a child with diabetes, 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. 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 cost is \$15 per person and covers the handouts that will be given at class and light refreshments. 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.

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.

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Why Your Job Search Is Not All About You

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We all get calls from telemarketers. Their generic, impersonal sales pitches typically yield responses like: "Really? Why would I let you spend 10 minutes telling me about your vacuuming services? I have a vacuum cleaner in the closet." Click.

Chances are you have received this type of call. And chances are you have hung up before you even know what the caller has to offer.

Were the vacuum company to peek in your window for a few hours (creepy -- but go with the here) they'd find out you were a single parent with three kids, two shedding cats and a bad case of seasonal allergies. With this new background information, the call might go something like:

"Hello Ms. Murphy!



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Vacuum cleaners and allergies aside,

applying to a company without targeting your application to its needs is a lot like making a random courtesy call. Employers aren't going to pay attention to you unless they know what you can do for them.

Solve a problem, land a job

"You have a job for one reason: to solve a company's problem," says Debra Benton, author of "Lions Don't Need To Roar" and "The \$100,000 Club." "You do not have a job because

you need or want one; that is irrelevant to the marketplace." That means you need to stop focusing on what your strengths are and start focusing on how your strengths can help the company you'd like to work for, Benton suggests.

Putting it all out there -- strategically

Rich Dukas, president and CEO of Dukas Public Relations, says that targeting your cover letter to address the needs of each company you apply to is the only way to get noticed. "Specificity rules," he says. "I am impressed when a candidate spends the time to learn about our firm and tells me in a cover letter and interview how they would directly contribute to our business. Generic cover letters don't cut it."

Using employer-centric language when

applying to a position can also help, Benton advises. "Every part of your communication should be them-oriented instead of you-oriented, from the first word in your cover letter," she says. "Instead of writing, 'Dear Mr. Smith, I'm interested in a job at XYZ ...' your letter should start with 'Dear Mr. Smith, You have an exciting position at XYZ that I'm interested in ...'. Just making the first word 'you' versus 'I' is the start of a myriad of ways to be company-oriented."

Tina Chen, director of operations at Carlisle Staffing in Illinois, says today's tough job competition makes it especially necessary to focus your job search on the needs of employers and how you can make their organization a better one. "Employers are no longer just looking for 'qualified candidates' but rather those who will go above and beyond to justify their seat, so

job seekers really need to stay ahead of the curve and lay their best assets on the table," Chen says.

The bottom line: Employment is a relationship

Although it is important for your communication with a prospective employer to stress how your skills can meet its needs, employment is ultimately a relationship, and you still need to keep your own interests in mind.

"Take a step back, assess the potential employers that you would like to work for, do your homework and decide if there could be a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship. Look at it as 'job dating.' In order for the relationship to work, both parties have to bring something to the table," Chen advises.

Kurt Weyerhauser, managing partner at Kensington Stone, an international search

firm in California, also compares employment to a long-term relationship. "It's like a marriage of sorts," he says. "Most of us who are married realize that we wouldn't be married if leading up to the wedding it had been all about 'me' or, for that matter, all about my spouse's interests. The key is to understand that while your primary interest is you, it's not your sole interest."

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With the new Dodge Challenger, Ford Mustang and Chevrolet Camaro passing through my hands in the last month, it feels almost as if it were 1970 when the pony car wars were in full swing.

Each of these cars is a modern reinterpretation of the original, brought forward with contemporary components wrapped in styling that is totally new but reminiscent of the original. The modern versions are also considerably larger than their predecessors, although it's hard to tell that unless the new car is placed beside an old one.

Today's subject is the 2010 Camaro, a car for which Chevy loyalists have been waiting since the first concept made its debut at car shows in 2006.

The design appears to be a distillation of the essence of the 1969, yet the new car is dramatically bolder, especially the way the rear fenders bulge out to cover the 20-inch wheels of the SS.

Primary development of the Camaro was carried out in Australia by GM's Holden subsidiary, and it rides on a chassis that is derived from the Pontiac G8. Compared to the Pontiac, the Camaro's front wheels have been moved ahead by 3

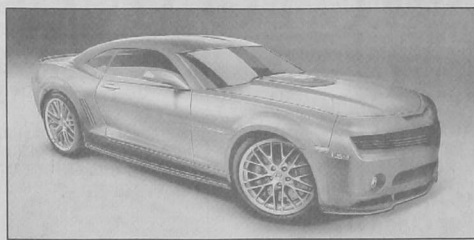
inches and the rear wheels by 5 inches. The wheelbase is 112.3 inches, which is quite long for a car in this segment.

The Camaro is available with a 304-horsepower, 3.6-liter V-6 or a 6.2-liter V-8 that is rated at 400 horsepower with the six-speed automatic or 426 horsepower when equipped with the six-speed manual transmission. Prices begin at \$22,245 and top out at \$33,430.

We drove both the V-6 and the V-8, both with automatic transmissions. The V-6 was equipped with the RS package of 20-inch wheels and rear spoiler, and its sticker price was \$30,115. The SS had a sticker price of \$35,835. The surprising thing about the V-6 is that it produces almost as much horsepower as a Mustang V-8, and it is rated at 29 miles per gallon on the highway.

The 426-horse output of the SS humbles the Mustang and compares favorably to the Dodge Challenger SRT8. The highway mileage rating is 25 mpg with the automatic transmission, in part because the engine uses Chevy's Active Fuel Management to shut down four cylinders when conditions permit.

Most people will find the performance of the V-6 to be more



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than adequate, but pony cars are all about neck-snapping acceleration. For that, pick the SS V-8. It hits 60 miles per hour in five seconds or less.

But the Camaro SS has more than just brutal acceleration. It handles very well on twisty roads, and the huge Brembo disc brakes scrub off speed with little drama.

The Camaro's gun-slit windows and low top look cool, and they contribute to the car's mean, hunkered-down stance. Both conspire to make the cabin feel just a tad claustrophobic, particularly when backing out of parking places or driveways. A rear-view camera would be a great option.

Speaking of options, there is no navigation system available, probably because it would bump up the cost.

The Camaro's cabin is snug but comfortable. The front seats provide excellent support for long trips or aggressive driving. The instrument panel has square surrounds for the tachometer and speedometer, reflecting the design of the original.

Four small gauges are located at the front of the center console.

Having the door lock button in the center of the dash is not handy, and the buttons for rear defrost and air conditioning are located in the center of temperature control knob were very small.

The V-6 Camaro 2LT had a base price of \$26,580. Options included the RS package and automatic transmission. The sticker price was \$30,115.

The V-8 Camaro SS had a base price of \$33,430. Options included the automatic transmission and 20-inch polished wheels. The sticker price was \$35,835.

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10,500 miles per year / \$3,648 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



Stock #10C7045

NEW 2010 FORD TAURUS FWD SEL

A/Z PLAN Price	\$25,633
Cash Back	-\$3,000
Buy For	\$22,633*

*A or Z Plan, w/renewal incentives. Plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

24 Month Lease

\$293³⁷*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$3,648 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



Stock #10T9075

NEW 2010 FORD FLEX FWD SE

A/Z PLAN Price	\$28,016
Cash Back	-\$5,000
Buy For	\$23,016*

*A or Z Plan, w/renewal incentives. Plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

24 Month Lease

\$304⁵²*
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