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While the state and national board of accoun-tancy cannot verify Brennan's claim because records are not kept regarding age and test accomplishment, Eli Broad, billionaire business-man and philanthropist, has long contended he was the youngest person to become a CPA in the state of Michigan. The Broad Foundations veri-fied Broad was 20 years. It months old when he passed the exam in 1954.

Non-partisan Voters Guides prepared by the League of Women Voters for the can-didates running for state, county and local elections Aun 3 are power available or

Aug. 3 are now available on the League's website, www.

the League's vectors, or when the lwynww.org. In this primary election, vol-ers can vole 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. I a normary election, voters

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cannot split their ticket for partisan offices. The League of Women Voters is a source of non-par-tisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters

to compare the candidates before the Aug. 3 election. Racial healing

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion offers an opportunity for open and honest dialogue on stories of racial healing. Organizers said the discus-sion is to be led by Phyllis and Eugene Unterschuetz, and is expected to be "a white cou-ple's personal account of a journey that pulled them out of their comfortable notions about race and into the lives of people of African descent, where they faced their great-est challenge - their own racial conditioning." The event takes place at 7 pm. Friday, July 30, at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. It will feature live reading with Phyllis and Eugene, plus the dialogue. Geneva Presbyterian Church is located at 5835 Sheldon in Canton. For more information, visit the Michigan Roundtable's web-site at www.miroundtable's web-site at www.miroundtable's web-site at www.miroundtable syn or the Unterschuet's website at www.storiesofracialhealing.com

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Plan aims for 'fair' property values CONNECTION Bradley Brennan, a 2010 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Business and a 2007 Plymouth High School graduate, is believed to be graduate, is believed to be dictionangest certified public accountant in the state of Michigan according to school

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BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All of Canton's 28,500 residential properties are expected to receive exterior inspections as the township assessor's office embarks on an ambi-tious plan to make sure local homes are properly – and fairly – assessed for tax purposes. Assessor Doug Shaw said the three-year project could begin as early as August if the Canton Township Board of Trustees, as expected, votes Tuesday

to support it. The alternative, he said, could mean the State Tax Commission forcing inspections and potentially withholding state-shared revenue to pay the tab.

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withholding state-snares. The project is expected to begin on Canton's northeast side. Property own-ers would receive notices by mail seven to 10 days before appraisers arrive to literally measure the exterior of homes, decks, porches, sheds, garages, hot tubs, balconies, air-conditioning units and other amenities. "It's only an exterior inspection,"

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Shaw said Thesday, during talks with township officials. It marks the first time Canton has launched a community-wide field inspection of all residential properties since 1982. Under a looming audit by the state, some cities recently finished the process for the first time ever. Th Garden City, we even found some houses that were not on the assessor's rolls, "Shaw said. "We don't anticipate inding anything like that in Canton." Still, an early sampling of nearly a dozen Canton subdivisions found 232

items — decks, porches, sheds and other amenities — not reflected in assessor's office records. The findings added an average \$1,110 to the taxable value of each home canvassed. That would add \$32 a year to a home's tax bill, Shaw said. However, homes on their tax bills due to a housing market slump and declining property values. Property owners would not face

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Goodwill taps Canton for retail store

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In its fight against unemployment, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit chose Canton for its first metro-area retail store in a decade.

chose Canton for its first metro-area retail store in a decade. Jeff Ukrainec, the nonprofit agency's director of donated goods, cited several reasons why Goodwill decided to move into a 17,000-square-for building at 41905 Ford Road, near Haggerty, with an expected opening in October. • Canton has a compara-tively high income level, and residents are likely to donate new or gently used clothing, furniture, pots and pans, lamps and other household items Goodwill can sell to provide education and job-training for a growing number of unemployed people. • The flagship retail store's location near 1-275 will make it accessible to donors – and shoppers – not only from Canton but also from neigh-boring communities such as Westland and Plymouth Township. • Goodwill hopes to draw customers from as far away as Canada and other Midwest states – customers who already are in Canton to visit the IKEA store, just across Ford Road. • The new store, near high-density population areas, faces a stretch of Ford Road

• The new store, near ngn-density population areas, faces a stretch of Ford Road that ranks among the state's most heavily traveled thor-oughfares. • Goodwill officials believe it's realistic they can generate



Jeff Ukrainec, director of donated goods for Goodwill Industries, says the Canton store will be the first retail location in 10 years when it opens in October.

LaJoy said. "We look forward to having them as part of the community." The new store will be mod-eled after Goodwill's two most successful retail locations in Indianapolis and Portland, Ore

Ore. "It's not going to have the look of a traditional, old-fash-ioned thrift store," Ukrainec said. "The atmosphere is going

to be more like a department store." Godwill, with a nearly 90-year history, has a Detroit headquarters but targets a broader area to help people with disabilities or other employment challenges by placing them in jobs or helping them with services ranging from job-training to resume-writing to GED help.

Clients can receive training in fields ranging from retail hos-pitality to skilled trades. "We have 830 employers who hire our people," Mark Lane, director of public rela-tions and special events, said. "Last year, we touched over 28,600 individuals. It could be people with disabilities. It

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Political uncertainty weighs on manufacturers

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Political uncertainties — about taxes, the outcome of Michigan's 2010 elections and the effect of a new federal health insurance mandate — are putting a damper on what for many was an already slow economic recovery, local business regional Michigan Manufacturers Association meeting at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township, during which about 16 people from a variety of industries discussed market diversification, lending, manufacturing trends and sup-port programs as well as taxes, heidh insurance, the gubernatorial race and other issues. "There's been a stall in the last six or eight

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weeks. We certainly see it in our clients," said Manufacturing Technology Center, a Plymouth John Luria, an economist with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, a Plymouth John China and China and China and China and China and medium-sized manufacturers. Luria was speaking of the manufacturing of the manufacturers. Luria was speaking of the manufacturing didded: "I certainly don't think there's a danger of a full second dip." Wane Pedlar, general manager at Durom fix. in Canton Township, labeled the new federal backet insurance law abig uncertainty. The law, signed this spring, will be fully enacted in 2014. Mediar said that at his company, which pays a preson, it might be more cost-effective to doro

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Chuck Hadden, president and CEO of the Michigan Man-ufacturers Association, said recent changes in said recent changes in the state's tax structure have helped create "instability and question in people's minds."

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Police looking for GOODWILL **GameStop thief**

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRIT

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER A masked gumman robbed for GameStop store on Ford socaped to Lilley and socaped with an undisclosed amount of money as two work-vers prepared to close for busi-socaped to close for busi-

as a handgun. He seized the money and fled on foot in an unknown direction from GameStop, a video game and entertainment software retailer.

The employees weren't able to get a detailed description of the suspect. They called 911 after the incident, but the

of the suspect. They called 911 after the incident, but the guman already had fled the scene. Canton authorities on Friday were asking for the public's help in identifying and finding the guman. Anyone who has informa-tion is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Also, anonymous tips for a possible cash reward may be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

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could be someone who worked in the steel mills or someone who was a mortgage broker."

broker." Goodwill Industries last year also had 1,132 direct job placements, but the Canton store will allow the nonprofit agency to help a growing number of peo-ple who need help because of a still-ailing economy.

ple who need help because of a still-ailing economy. Moreover, the Canton store itself will employ an estimated 23 people to start. "Our return to retail is about more than just opening a store. It's about cre-ating Metro Detroit jobs," said Lindsay Chalmers, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's vice president, who oversees busi-ness development for the organization. "As we lead the charge through the Detroit area's current unemployment cri-sis," Chalmers, said, "it's crucial not just to help local people earn jobs, but to create the businesses that will create those jobs," Plans for the Canton store come amid

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any retroactive payments for additions and amenities not reported by them or compa-nies that did the work. Rather,

support from community partners such as The Junior Group of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, Art Van Furniture, Rogers, Minn-based Archway Marketing Services and Detroit-based International Trading Solutions.

to absorb declining revenues. Shaw based his estimate on the preliminary sampling of 252 homes. To be sure, Canton will initially have to shell out \$570,000 over three years to pay for the inspections, but the township could begin to recoup some of the money next year as exterior improvements are reflected on tax rolls. After the project is paid off in three years, every porch, deck and other amenity added to assess-ments would continue to gen-erate new revenue. Altough state regulations are pushing the effort, Trustee Syed Taj still predicted that there will be some resistance

For more information, log on to www. goodwilldetroit.org. Goodwill also can be found on social networking sites Facebook and Twitter.

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to it." However, Shaw said oppo-sition hasn't been substan-tial in communities such as Plymouth, Ann Arbor Township, Garden City and Northville Township – places where inspections have been completed or are under way. "Everybody knows that we're coming," he said. "The post-card helps immensely." As a courtesy, apprais-ers carrying identification still knock on doors to alert property owners who may be at home. Local police depart-ments also are made aware of inspections.

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reported by the work. Rather, their assessments – and tax bills – would reflect the change going forward. Local officials said the exteri-or inspections aren't intended as punitive. Rather, they are meant to correct any errors, comply with state regulations and ensure fairness among property owners. Some homeowners could even see their assessments decline if they have removed a

deck, porch or shed and failed to notify the township. Think most people are wight amount of taxes," Trustee tat Williams said Tuesday. Within three years, the state is expected to perform and it, based on a sampling flocal homes, to determine to Canton has completed its canton has completed its performance. The the seases are shown of the the seases are shown which in their assessments and tax bills, Shaw said the sover ment might receive could top \$300,000 a year – money local officials would certainly welcome as they try **Vacation Bible School**

LOCAL NEWS

AROUND CANTON

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

Caddyshack golf The Friends of Fellows Creek Golf Club host their annual Caddyshack Golf Outing Sunday, Aug. 8. A fun filled day has been planned to raise money for course improvement projects and upgrades. Each year the group looks for golfers of all ages and abilities to come out for an afternoon of fellowship and golf. Golfers can participate in foursomes or as individuals. "We're hoping for a sunny summer day of golf for a good cause," said Ann Conklin, Canton Leisure Services Director. "We will be using this year's event to help raise necessary funds for future capital improvement." The event will include 18 holes of golf with a cart; lunch on the patio, sponsored by UAW, Region 1A; contests throughout the day; and an awards dinner. Activities for the day include several contests, shortest drive, straightest drive, shortest drive, straightest drive, shortest drive, straightest drive, shortest drive, straightest drive, shortest. All participants must register by Aug. 1. Check-in on the day of the outing and lunch begin at Noon, with a shotgun scramble start at 1 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. A \$75 dona-tion will reserve 18 holes of golf, agolf cart, lunch and dinner. Non-playing individuals can attend the dinner for just \$40. Companies and individu-als interested in helping this effort can sponsor holes, golf carts, refreshments or din-ner for the event. To register, become a sponsor, or to make a donation to the cause, call

Tiny tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has added a fourth class to the schedule. Parents can now register their 4-year-olds for

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Big catch

Some 200 youngsters competed in the 15th annual fishing derby sponsored by the Wayne County Parks department and the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 and chaired by Tom Brown, Bill Boudreau and Dean Bell. Along with many prizes for each age group, the biggest fish - caupit by Ethan Elsey - was mounted by Dave Reeves, commander of VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth. Scott Maher represented Wayne County Parks. Ethan and his family said they will be back next year.

county Parks. Ethan and his family sa the Monday/Wednesday/Friday PM class. The class time is from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; tuition is eight monthly payments of \$130. There are also openings for 3-year-olds in the Tuesday/ Thursday classes. To register, print off a registration form from the Salvation Army website, www. MiSalPlymouth.org, and drop it off with a \$35 registration fee. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451.S. Main Street in Plymouth. Man-to-man sale

Man-to-man sale

Man-to-man sale VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth for the sale start sale friday and Saturday, July 30-31, at the post headquarters located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth. The sale will feature things fike tools, computers, knife displays - "Stuff men want!" said post spokesman Gary Kubik - at reasonable prices. Vendors' tables are available inside the post for \$20, or out-duch will be available. The sale runs 2-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Veterans who wish to join the VFW will also to be able to do so at the sale. "Anyone who's served in harm's way is eligible," Kubik said. To reserve a table or for

more information, call Dennis (248) 486-0001. 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 ses-sions will be held at Canton's The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. All volunteers interested in usher-ing at this popular performing arts center are required to attend one training session. Volunteer support is cru-cial 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, hand-ing out programs, giving tours, helping with hospitality/con-cessions and numerous other opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age with the ability to deal with the public in a tact-ful and courteous manner and must also be able to stand for extended periods of time. To register for the training ses-sion or for more information on volunteering. call (734) 394–5191.



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minds, said Chuck Hadden, the MMA presi-dent. Hadden said the MMA wouldn't make endorsements in state elections until after the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary, and then may not endorse in every race. Without naming names, he said some of the candidates are friendly toward business, while some are not. The meeting's mood was not completely gloomy, however. Hadden said things appear to be looking up for Michigan manufacturers involved in the wind energy field. At at an MMA meeting on wind energy field. At at an SMA meeting on wind energy in September, he said, some 55 companies were represented, some already involved in the business.



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senior faces The folks at Wedding and Celebration Creations in Canton had never been part of anything like it before, so when the chance to take part in Teleflora's "Make Someone Smile Week" campaign came up, they jumped at it. Custer, employee Jan Cunningham and other volun-teers made the rounds of some of the area's assisted living flowers to people - in this case senior citizens - who don't usu-ally receive such gifts. And the plan worked, because they saw plenty of smiles. smiles

smites. "It was awesome," Cunningham said. "We had a couple of little girls with us, and two older girls who voluching to see the seniors' reaction to receiving flowers. They were just so excited, they couldn't believe we were giving them something." Make Someone Smile Week is aimed at just that, organiz-rers said: Evoking a bit of hap-piness in nursing home resi-dents, hospital patients and others who could benefit from a pick-me-up. According to organizers, 'It was



Kaylee Green offers flowers to Mamie Allen as part of 'Make Someone Smile' week

more than 22,000 florists more than 22,000 Horists across the country have donated time over the last decade to assemble and deliver more than 200,000 floral arrangements nationwide, and the program is growing; this year alone, Teleflora donated

50,000 of its "Be Happy" mugs for the project. Custer, Cunningham and their crew delivered flowers to Waltonwood at Cherry Hill assisted living center on Cherry Hill and to the Crystal Creek nursing home

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on Lilley. Organizers chose residents who "don't normally get much," Cunningham said, and the move paid off in smiles. "One woman started cry-ing, and that really toched the kids," Cunningham said. "It was so heart-warming." Circus act

Circus act The bi-annual circus sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club returns to the community when the Kelly Miller Circus performs twice Tuesday, Aug.10, at the Activities Field behind Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Performances are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Parents and kids might also be interested in seeing the elephants help raise the big top early in the morning of the shows. Organizers said that process usually starts around 8 a.m. and has been a hit with watchers.

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watchers. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 11 and younger. Tickets will cost \$12 and \$8 on the day of the show. Tickets may be obtained at the Plymouth Kroger (Ann Arbor Road and



Toni Hutton likes the bouquet she got for 'Make Someone Smile' week



The Kelly Miller Circus returns to Central Middle School Aug. 10.

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LOCAL NEWS

Classic cars, motorcycles hit Old Village streets

BY MATT JACHMAN DBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people visited Plymouth's Old Village on July 15 for Bumpers, Bikes & Bands, the neighborhood's annual festival. The free event combines a display of classic and antique cars — more than 100 this year — and motorcycles with per-formances by local bands and a variety of vendors. There was also a silent auction of goods and services donated by Old Villages businesses. Bumpers, Bikes & Bands is a fund-raiser for the Old Village Association. The festival was on

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Starkweather, north of Farmer and some adjacent streets. Tony Sebastian, who is active in the OVA, said the event attracted a large crowd, perhaps as much as last year, when attendance swelled over previous years. The festival area was larger this year, he said, so the crowd may have been more spread out. Bumpers, Bikes & Bands grossed about \$3,500 for the OVA, he said, through vehicle entry fees and fees from par-ticipating vendors. The association plans to direct some of the proceeds toward neighborhood beautific ation projects.

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Washburn poses with a Ford Falcon in Plymouth's Old Village on July 18 during the fourth annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands





Crowds flocked to Plymouth's Old Village July 18 for the neighborhood's fourth annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands.

'Pistol' Pete Midtgard, bassist and lead singer for the Twistin' Tarantula: performs during Bumpers, Bikes and Bands in Old Village. The annual ev is a fund-raiser for the Old Village Association.





OPINION

'Here we go again' as campaigns gain speed

When Patrick Colbeck walked into the Observer's conference room for his candidate inter-view — Colbeck is running for the 7th state Senate seat being vacated by Bruce Patterson — one of the first things he said was that his opponents had already started robo-call-ing people about his voting record.

My first thought was, "Here

My first thought was, "Here we go again." Politics have always been rough-and-tumble in this area A now-defunct newspaper used to bloody the noses of city commission candidates it didn't support. Plymouth Township elections are gener-ally fraught with accusations against one candidate and cross-accusations against

other. No election in the last 11 No election in the last 11 years was as rough as the attack on Beth Stewart a few years ago. Stewart, the wife of term-limited Rep. John Stewart, got into the Republican primary to fill the seat he was vacating. She got into some trouble by using the Plymouth Historical Museum – where she was the executive director — to campaign, and

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pointing out this malfeasance. Never mind that robo-calls do little more than anger people — we've gotten a couple of let-ters to the editor complaining out them

For his part, Colbeck said his opponents are obfuscating the issue by connecting it with the Great Lakes Tea Party ("It has nothing to do with them, so they're using the name of the Great Lakes Tea Party falsely." Colbeck said) and by making it look like he's an incumbent who misses sched-uled votes.

uled votes. They're obviously trying to put a wedge there. ... It's a sad state of affairs," Colbeck said.

"If that's what they need to do to try to win, that says it all, frankly."

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running against Lori Levi in the 21st state House race. Calls and letters have come in charging Price's campaign with the sign swiping. Price, instrumental in Abböx cam-paign against Stewart, flatly . We're not stealing any signs... in fact, I've instructed anyone connected to my cam-paign not to touch anyone else's signs." Price said. "The only thing we've done is repo-sition any of our signs that have been 'sandwiched' by other signs. I've been working closely with officials to make sure any signs we put up are in compliance with township ordinances." The trickiest negative deal revolve around 7th state Senate candidate Abe Munfakh, a former Plymouth fownship trustee who was a vice president at the engineer-ing firm Ayres, Lewis, Norris was given a lucrative com-tract to help get the Western

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Townships Utilities Authority started back in the late 1980s. Bloggers and other Munfakh opponents are hitting the

started back in the late 1980s. Bloggers and other Munfakh opponents are hitting the Internet hard with reminders of the "scandal." It's a 20-year-old issue, but politics knows no statute of limitations. These are all reasons you couldn't get me to run for office. They're also reasons I respect anyone who chooses to run. You really have to want it to be willing to have your life splayed open this way. And it seems the nastier the national political scene gets, the more it diribbles down into local politics. Things are ugly between Republicans and Democrats, between liber-als and conservatives on the national stage, and there's a chance they could get ugly here. But let's hope not.

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But let's hope not.

'This isn't a lifetime achievement award'

Westland honors work of veteran Observer reporter for 18 years of coverage

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRI

OBSERVER STAFF WRITE Darrell Clem is used to reporting the news, but for a brief time Wednesday evening the veteran reporter was the news as the City of Westland recognized him for 18 years covering the community for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "I want to thank all the peo-ple of Westland who invited me into their neighborhoods and their homes," said Clem. "Words can't express what a privilege it has been to cover the city. I hope I made a dif-ference."

"It had set dead in the water It had set dead in the water in Lansing for a year, your phone call to Lansing to check out its status gave it the jump-start it needed," Dale said. "It certainly was a pleasure working with you. You were



Staff writer Darrell Clem receives a standing ovation following a tribute to his 18 years of covering the Westland community for the Observed

Staff writer Darrell Clem receives a st always there to write anything needed for historical pur-poses." A native of southeastern Kentucky, Clem learned his frade at the University of daily newspaper in Henderson, Ky, before moving to Livonia any Newspaper in Henderson, Newspapers in 1989, covering the Lakes area in Oakland County until 1991 when he was biered by then-editor Leonard Ocument until 1991 when he was biered by then-editor Leonard Ocument until 1991 when he was biered by then-editor Leonard Newspaper is far too mumerous to mention, but what meant the most to me westland, documenting the fuestland, documenting the fuestland, documenting the fuestland, documenting the mostly writing stories about the everyday people, their

struggles and triumphs," Clem

struggles and triumphs," Clem said. When one young father was stricken with cancer, a story about his plight brought in tens of thousands of dollars to help his family. When a moth-er of three was homeless and staying in the Wayne County Family Shelter, a story about her situation brought her a job and a home where she could stay for free until she got on her feet. Clem covered the Westland heat until June 2009, when he was moved to the Canton Observer.

he was have Observer. "He was a pleasure to work with," said Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt. "It was a pleasure because I would see the way he worked with people, especially seniors

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work for the tribute.

He's more than a gentleman, he's a kind and gentle man." "Professionally, he's the ultimate professional. He's prepared, he knows the issues and he has a second sense about things," she said. "He knows when to be on and off the record. You know you can trust him."

Glenn Anderson, whom Clem reported on as a city councilman, state representa-tive and as the current state senator, described him as a "phenomenal reporter" who "checks his facts and does his homework." homework." "We have come to know him as a part of this community

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Arck Bloom option. The benefit is the principal will remain intact so if you need the money unexpected by down the road, it will be available to you. The downside of this plan is that interest rates are very low and you will be taxed on the income. U.S. Treasuries also have the advantage of safety. If you buy a U.S. Treasury and hold it to maturity, you will get your money back. However, just like CDs, the interest rate is low and subject to federal income taxes. I believe the main issue to concentrate on is whether you should gift the money to your children. Unless someone has substantial reserves, I'm not in favor of gifting. We never know what the future will bring. We are living longer and who knows what expenses are in the future. Good luck!

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

LOCAL NEWS

ROTC awards

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national security issues of the U.S. and the Army's security role in the international arena. Upon meeting academic requirements for graduation and completion of the ROTC program at Eastern Michigan University, the cadet will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission of second lieu-tenant in the Army. Hylko, a 2001 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of David K. and Nancy Hylko of Canton.

Cadet training

Cadet training Christopher T. Proctor has an ender Basic Cadet Training the U.S. Air Force Academy, origotado Springs, Colo, in preparation to enter the Academy, the six-week, two-phased orientation program must be program orientation program the six-week two-phased orientation program must be six-week, two-phased orientation program must be six-week two-phased orientation phased or

MILITARY NEWS

of being a cadet. Cadet train-ees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper weat of the uniform, saluting policies and proce-dures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards. During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, con-fidence, assault, and leader-ship reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior. Trootor, a 2010 gradu-ted form Arbor Pioneer High Schools, is the son of Anne Ward of Ann Arbor and Christopher Proctor of Canton.

Army commission

Benjamin A. Arbitter has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC

program and graduating whichigan State University. The new Officer will be not specific corps in the Army to serve on active duty or in the National Guad or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course military occupational special-uyjob. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced train-ing by attending basic officer easters of the serve of the second progression purpose. The ROTIC curriculum pre-progression querpose. The ROTIC curriculum pre-strategists in any competitive environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators, who ead other soldiers in all situa-tions occurring in ever-chang-ing environments. As trained problem-solvers, key influenc-ers and planners, they are drive-ners and planners, they are drive-tatem on every mission. Tho there, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, is the son of Daniel and Lauretta Arbitter of Plymouth.





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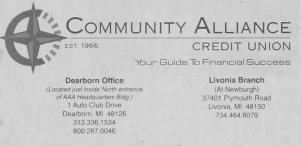
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Area sailor takes Mackinac race trophy

Farmington's Blaty wins new Doublehanded Class

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chuck Blaty has competed in more than a dozen Port Huron-to-Mackinac sailboat races, but this year's event was an entirely different experience for him. Blaty, a Farmington Hills resident and co-owner of the Days End with Russ Martiniak, won the Division V Doublehanded Class – a new category of competition. As opposed to other boats that are required to have a crew of five or more, it was just Blaty and Martiniak of Walled Lake manning the boat themselves. "It's almost like two singlehanded races, because one person is typically sailing the boat

"It's almost like two singlehanded races, because one person is typically sailing the boat and the other is getting his sleep," Blaty said. "We trade watches. One guy is down; one guy is up. If I'm on deck and everything is run-ning smoothy, I let him sleep and Russ does the same for me." During the night, both men were up a lot of the time, and they worked together quite a bit. With a two-man crew, that was most helpful in raising or lowering the spinnaker, the large sail.

sail. "It was more of a challenge, doing two-man sailing," Blaty said. "It usually takes three or four guys to raise and lower the spinnaker, and we did it with two of us. "We concentrated on trying to do it with one guy and trying not to wake the other. You would never do that with a full crew." "This is the second time in 14 races Blaty and Martiniak have won. With an eight-person crew onboard the Days End, they won the Cruising D Class in 2008.

Item DOUDLETIGITUEED CIGSS They not only captured their class flag this year. They also finished first among all boats in the Shore Course Division V. Baty is one of two Farmington Hills sailors to win this year. Tim Clayson, a multiple Port Huron-to-Mackinae winner, and his crew on the Unplugged won the Division IV Cruising D Class. While they're never met. Blaty and Clayson awa talked on the phone. Clayson called to con-gratulate Blaty after his 2008 victory. Near the starting line this year, they rec-orgized each other by their boat names and exchanged well wishes across the water. Blaty, 53, a self-employed electrical engineer, and Aratiniak, who works for General Motors, and never done a doublehanded race until this year.

year. The Mackinac Race was only their second. As preparation, they entered the Doublehanded Sailing Association's Huron Challenge on June

Sailing Associations Huron Challenge on June 26. That was a 185-mile race on Lake Huron as opposed to 205 in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac's Shore Course. "We didn't know what to expect for the Mackinac," Baty said. "By doing that race, we could get used to the experience. "Finishing was the important part. We under-stood what doublehanded sailing is and how important it is to get your rest and work togeth-et".

In sc n some respects, it was easier to plan for and cute the race with a smaller crew, according to Blaty

"The logistics were very simple as far as food and other things," he said. "We went shopping

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Members of the 14-and-under Livonia Storm-Gerou squad which captured the recent USSSA Last Chance Dualifier in Sterling Heights include (front row, from left): Delainey O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Murphy, Jessica Brandon, Celeste Fidge; (back row, from left) head coach Mike Gerou, Elaine Gerou, Halee Warren, assistant coach Kevin Bias, Catherine Porter, Shanon Watson, Kaitlyn Michtosh, Casey Bias and assistant coaches Jay McIntosh and Bob Warren. (Not pictured are Aubrie Cragg and Hanna Warren.)

Team 'Storms' into USSSA World Series

Florida sunshine is beckoning the 14U ivonia Storm-Gerou girls fastpitch softball

Storm-Gerou colled off six straight wins storm-Gerou colled off six straight wins July 17-18 to win the USSSA Last Chance World Qualifier at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights, culminating with a 6-0 win over the Dearborn Wild in the championship tilt. That qualified the team (41-9-1) for the fastpitch World Series, from Sunday through July 31 at ESPN's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. In the championship game, pitchers Jacquelyn Murphy and Elaine Gerou com-bined to blank the Wild, 6-0. Earlier in the Last Chance tourney, Gerou

(Plynouth) threw three complete game shut-outs — including ano-hitter. Maanwhile, Murphy also won three games, featuring one shutout. The pitchers enjoyed plenty of offensive support, as Storm-Gerou outscored oppo-nents by a total 57-5 count. The grist stepped up and everyone made key contributions to our team's tournament . Storm-Gerou is ranked No. 1 in Michigan and No. 3 in the U.S. according to the USSSA Class B Power Rankings. Gerou sia'd a season of 'dedicated hard work, conditioning and unselfishness has paid major dividends."



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Chuck Blaty of Farmington Hills (left) and teammate Russ Martiniak display the flag they received for winning the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Race July 17-19.

Coach: Trevor Gaines 'great player, person'

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trevor Gaines is remem-bered by his former high school coach, Denny Mikel, as one of the greatest basketball players Farmington High ever produced. Gaines, 29, who later starred at the University of Vermont, collapsed and died while playing a pick-up bas-ketball game Wednesday in Las Vegas. "He was certainly the most talented basketball player I had the opportunity to coach," Mikel said. "His senior season was just outstanding. "Up orecritical basering days

had the opportunity to coach, Mikel said. "His senior season was just outstanding. "He practically carried our team on his shoulders that whole season (1997-98). He was a fine example because he was the best player, but he was also the hardest worker. "He was just a wonder-ful human being. He was a pleasure to work with and to coach. He was just an all-around fine Christian young man. He was a great player but an even better person." The 6-fort-7 Gaines devel-oped into a bonafide col-lege prospect between his junior and senior years at Farmington, averaging 20.8

Farmington, averaging 20.8 points and 15.1 rebounds as a "Everybody we played knew

Trevor was the go-to guy," Mikel said. "They'd clog up the post and give us the outside shot. Trevor was still able to



Trevor Gaines was a star player at Farmington High and the University of Vermont.

get his points off rebounds. He got double- and triple-teamed a lot and still was a threat." Gaines committed early to Vermont in the summer before his senior year, and he stayed

vermon in the stayed with his commitment after other Division I schools came calling, Mikel said. After he graduated from Farmington High, Gaines' family moved to Las Vegas. He had played professional basketball in Europe since his college career ended in Las Vegas when he was back in the U.S. "But he always would find time to get back to Michigan and see his friends here," Mikel said. 'He'd give me a call or stop by the house, and we'd talk about old times."

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SIDELINES

O&E golf tourneys The Observer & *Eccentric* women's golf tournament will be played Saturday, Aug. 7, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Area golfers can register until 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. The fee is \$50 for the 18-hole medal play. The 0&E men's tournament

The UAE men's tournament will be a 36-hole event on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5-6. The first round will be played at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia, the second

at Whispering Willows The fee is \$95. The

at Whispering Willows. The fee is S95. The deadline to enter is 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The tour-nament is open to the first 120 golfers. The maximum handicap is 20. Men and women must have a U.S.G.A. index to participate. Gift certificates to the Whispering Willows pro shop will be awarded to the top players in each flight for low and net scores. For more information and to download an entry form, see the website at golflivonia. com; go to "leagues and out-ings" on the right side of the menu bar. The phone number to Whispering Willows is (248) 476-4493. **Chruispers at**

Cruisers at Ford Field

The Oakland County The Oakland County Cruisers, an unaffiliated minor league baseball team, will play two home series next weekend at Ford Field in Livonia (Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft). The Cruisers will play.

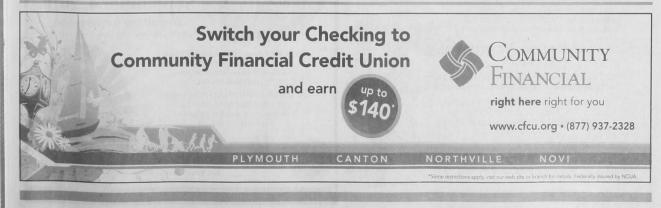
north of Schoolcraft). The Cruisers will play a doubleheader with the Washington Wild Things, starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31. The teams will play a single game Sunday, Aug. 1, with at 2 p.m. start. The first-place Cruisers, who are 32-16 and have a five-game lead in the Frontier League, will return to Ford Field for singles game Sept. 1-2 with the Kalamazoo Kings. For more information, see the websites at cruisersbase-ball.com and frontierleague. com.

Bowl-4-Animal Rescue

A passion for the sport of bowling and the care of ani-mals will come together in the annual charity event Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Saturday, Aug. 7, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile in Farmington Hills. Professional bowline cham-

Professional bowling cham-pions Aleta Sill and Michelle

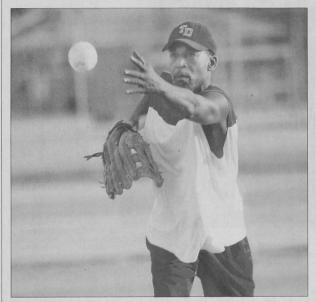
Trock Shora or Market Sill and Michele Mullen, co-owners of Aleta Sill's Bowling World at Country Lanes, will host the fifth annual event with the goal to raise money for the Michigan Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and include three games, food and shoe rental. Tickets may be pur-chased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 055-9060 or via e-mail at Michelle@ YourBowlingCoach.com.





Off the mark

heating up Wednesday at Claude Allison Park a Claude Allision Park in at Claude Allision Park in the opener of two adult coed slow-pitch softball playoff games, won 14-7 by Canton Computer Docs over John's Team. Here, a throw eludes Mark St. Aubin as Trisha Hackman reaches base safely. Both teams will return to action next Wednesday in the double elimination playoffs of Redford Parks and Recreation's spring/ summer season.



Here's the pitch

Pitcher Roland Chiados sends the ball toward home plate during Wednesday's second playoff game at Claude Allison Park in Redford Township, won 23-2 by College Park over Canton Computer Docs. The win improved College Park's record to 12-0-0 in the spring/summer adult coed softball league hosted by Redford Parks and Recreation.





T-riffic T-birds

The Canton Thunderbirds 13U fastpitch softball team is capping off an excellent season this weekend at the Midwest Sanctioned World Series in Columbus, Ohio. The Thunderbirds have already enjoyed success in 2010, finishing second at the Rizing Starz Fastpitch Tournament (in Toledo) and Northern Classic Fastpitch Tournament in Traverse City. The squad also won the Otisville (Mich.) Fastpitch Tournament in their division. Pictured in the front row (sitting, from left) are Lauren St. Pierre, Megan Jernigan, Sydni Smith, Bryn Birchler and Hannah Madill. In the midle row (from left) are Alexis Swanson, Amanda Demmy, Laura Neumann, Maddie Satterlee, Kaitlin Keys, Sarah Mays, Halie Barkume, Lexis Lester and coach Casey Lester. The back row includes (from left) assistant coach Jeff Cantwell and head coach Ray Barnes. Not pictured is coach Ron St. Pierre.



Call of the Wild

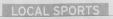
The Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild, a 12-and-under girls travel fastpitch softball team, posted a 5-0 record, July 10-11, to capture the Millington Invitational. Team members include: Alaina DeFrain, Megan Chapman, Sarah Grassel, Maggie Law, Victoria Lupher, Emma McCammon, Natalie Moore, Natalie Spada, Allie Strautz, Anne St. John, Julie St. John. Glenn Moore is the manager. He was assisted by Eric Lupher and Pete Chapman.



Fastpitch runner-up

The 10-and-under Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild, a girls fastpitch travel softball team, finished second recently in the Millington Invitational with a 3-2 record. Team members include: Britney Bitgood, Clare Bunton, Sarah Cervenan, Brooke Lynn Gazzarato, Haley Hart, Morgan Kruger, Brooke Lynn, Madison Maurier, Sarah Mesack, Ashley Mireles, Keisis Nowicki, Abby Reppen and Margaret Skubik. Matt Maurier is the team manager. He is assisted by Chris Mireles and Nina Bitgood.







Grand Tradition Martial Arts students participated July 16-18 in the World Tang Soo Do Association 2010 World Championship held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Students include those from Livonia YMCA and New Morning School in Plymouth. Pictured in the front row (from left) are: Master Chris Anderson, Jeff Kotalik, Gene Munch, Paul Stokfisz, Jesse Kotalik, Larry Walters, Alice Walters, Mike Flannery, Master Al Brace and Master Matt Ochs. Shown in the back row (from left) are: Becky Walters, Abby Walters, Zane Walters, Navier Walters, Cullen Walters. Noah Walters, Sarah Walters. The event is only held once every two years and competition for medals is fierce.

Locals shine at Tang Soo Do worlds

Grand Tradition Martial

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his ninth Dan rank was truly an exciting and historic event that will long be remembered by all who attended." Also representing GTMA were chief instructor Robert Elmore along with black belts Mike Flannery and Paul Stokfizz. Placing in their divisions were black-belt competitors Mike Canfield (second, spar-ring), Brian Minnick (third, forms) and Jeff Wensorski (second, forms). Gup ranks (below black-belt level) included awards for Abby Walters (first, sparring), Alice Walters (second, spar-third, forms), Alice Walters (third, sparring), Becky Walters (third, spar-ring). Additional participants

Additional participants competing with the best of WTSDA in the world were Darin Engle, Alex Jackman, Anna Jackman, Michael

Jackman, Mike Jackman, Cullen Walters, Nick Walters Sarah Walters and Xavier Walters. Little Dragon participants Michaela Jackman, Noah Walters and Zane Walters received medals for their accomplishments along with those 10 and under who com-peted. Grand Tradition Martial

those 10 and under who com-peted. Grand Tradition Martial Arts instructs in the tradition-al martial art of Tang Soo Do, promoting health, safety and self-improvement with classes for men, women, boys and girls ages 4 and up. Classes meet at two loca-tions: Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Rd, Livonia (734-261-2161) on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Plymouth New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Rd, Plymouth (gtma-plymouth.com) on Monday and Thursday eve-nings.

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Gaines was a two-time captain at Vermont The Catamounts won a school-record 21 games his senior year, and he led his team to the America East regular-season champion-chin

the America East regular-season enampor-ship. Gaines was named to the All-America East first team as a senior when he averaged 15.5 points and 11 rebounds. He set a Vermont record for double-doubles in a season with 17 and ranked seventh in the country in rebounding. Gaines scored 1,255 points in his college career and was 13th on the Vermont career list. He was third in redounds with 882.

NICHIGAN Bayview Mackinac Rar Chippers Hold S Chuck Blaty (right) and Russ Martiniak step on stage to receive their first-place flag from U.S. Coast Guard officers. class, but they won with a cor-rected time of 39:56:18. "If somebody is in a faster boat, they're given a time allowance, 'Blaty said. 'We were in one of the slower boats in the race. Because of time allowance, our corrected time was lower than theirs." For the sailors involved, winning is the icing on the cake. The real engiopment is derived from accomplishing the mission, from successfully

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He also received the J. Edward Donnelly Award as the top senior student-athlete at Vermont in 2002, graduating with a degree in community development and applied eco

The was one of the greatest people we ever thad at Vermont, "former Vermont coach Tom Brennan told the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press. "I was really proud to be his coach. It was an honor to coach a guy that was good in every phase of his life." There will be a visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Oh Pye Funeral Home, 17600 Plymouth Rd., Detroit. A funer-al service is planned for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Greater Emmanuel Institute Church, 19190 Schaefer, Detroit, with a viewing at II a.m.



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SUPER SNIFFER Four-pawed detective sleuths out bed bugs

BY SHARON DARGAY

"Addie, find your Bs." With a few simple words of encouragement from owner, Maureen Abbott, Addie, a cute Beagle, followed her nose along carpeting, past comfy arm chairs to a section of the skirted couch. There, right there, the pooch seemed to say as she stopped and scratched on the floor. "Yes," Abbott praised, feed-

Yes," Abbott praised, feed her as a reward for find-

ing the plastic vial hidden beneath the couch. Abbott, a Bentley High School graduate who grew up in Livonia, practices the hide-and-find training scenario every day with Addie, who can smell bed bugs and their eggs inside the transparent con-tainers.

Institute the term tainers. With bed bugs making a comeback nationally, Abbott, and her husband, Michael, took classes at J&K Canine in Florida, earlier this year and learned how to handle bed bug-sniffing dogs. Addie, who

spent five months at the facil-ity, trained to become one. Together, the Milford couple and their pooch offer custom-ized property inspections through their business, Bed Bug K9 Detectives. "Bed bugs are becoming a real problem everywhere. It's just everywhere because of all the world travel," Abbott said "People go on vacation, kids go to college and they have (bug) hitchhikers looking for a meal. They can live on anything and live anywhere as long as they have a food source."

PEST INFORMATION

PEST INFORMATION The Michigan Department of Health last week added several new resources about bed bugs to its website. Its new Michigan Manual for the Prevention and Control of Bed Bugs points out that bed bugs feed on sleeping humans and can be found in houses, hotels, shelters, apartments and dor-mitories.

success, apartments and our mitories. "The presence of bed bugs in human dwellings is not caused by a lack of cleanliness. They are an equal opportu-nity pest that only requires a warm body and a place to hide nearby. Bed bugs are difficult to control because they are so skilled at hiding," the manual points out.

skilled at hiding," the manual points out. What the human eye can't see – or might take hours to detect – the trained nose can quickly find. "It has a distinct smell," Abbott said. "That's what they (dogs) pick up on." Addie can find eggs and young insects as well as adult bugs, making it more likely to detect an infestation early when the insects are easier



Maureen Abbott holds a vial that contains a few live bed bugs, used daily to train the dog.

and less costly to control. Although Abbott doesn't eradicate the bugs, she can suggest various pest manage-ment companies to follow up on Addie's discovery.

ON THE JOB

ON THE JOB Since forming Bed Bug K9 Detectives in early spring this year, Abbott and Addie have taken on jobs at hotels, single family residences and group homes tamily tosses homes. "I had one woman ... they were all in her bedroom. Someone already had come

out and sprayed, but she knew the still had them. She wanted confirmation. Thave a college student who had his place sprayed by the and off the sprayed by the and sprayed in the corners. But they don't just live in cor-ners. The dog can pinpoint the exact location. The both said few women handle bed be dog sand only one other business — a pest cottor firm — offers the ser-vice in Michigan. This very discreet," she added. "There's no van with

Sommertime ...

a big (pest manage-ment) logo" rolling into the customer's driveway. Abbott said she's careful with Addie's practice vials. None have been broken or opened. And although she was a bit squeamish at first, Abbott finds the work more interesting than creepy.

"Two done a lot of jobs and had a lot of jife experience," she said. Twe done every thing. I was a school bus driver. I rented cars." She was out of wor

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She was out of work "well over a year ago" when shi saw a bed bug sniffing dog on television. "It just looked so interest-ing. I thought, 'Wow, I can do something like that. I like dogs." The couple owns two other canines, affable Labrador Retrievers, Cleo and Sam. They get along with Addie, but aren't trained as "working" dogs.

For more about Abbott, Addie and their business, visit www.bedbugk9. net. Or call Abbott at (734) 576-1832



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also will be on hand. The 25 participating rescue groups include Michigan Pug Rescue of Farmington and Guardian Angel Animal Rescue of Livonia.

DIVE IN Westland's "Magic Monday Family Pool Party," will include music, games, paper airplane flying, chalk drawing, a Moonwalk, face painting, food, and swim-ming in the pool. The fun is from 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2, at the Bailey Pool, 36651 Ford Road. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for chil-dren, 12 and under; and \$1 for face paint-ing, (734) 722-7620

HISTORY LESSON

HISTORY LESSON American House Senior Living Communities is offering free interactive classes about American history at 16 of its sites in southeast Michigan, including farmington Hills, Livonia and Westland. The classes are led by current or retired teachers, are open to the public and run through mid-September. We believe we all need a refresher course on our nation's history so we can truly understand the founding principles of America and put the true mean-ing back into national holidays such as Independence Day" stated Bob Gillette, founder, American House Senior Living Communities.

Three current or retired teachers teach the classes from the metro Detroit area: Dolly Katzenstein, herself an American

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Days of Summer" campaign. As part of the summer-long campaign, the organizations will accept donations of pet food through Aug. 31 for the Michigan Humane Society's pet food bank program, which assists pet guardians facing financial challenges. Unopened bags or cans of dog and cat food will be accepted. Donations can be dropped off during busi-ness hours at Flame Heating, Cooling & Electrical or at MHS.

ness hours at Flame Heating. Cooling & Electrical or at MHS. For donations in excess of 10 large unopened bags, donors must call ahead to make arrangements before deliver-ing directly to MHS. Warm weather pet safety information will be available at each drop-off location. Tt's important to make sure your pet is protected from sea-sonal dangers. All is takes is a few simple precautions to keep

animals safe," stated Gary Marowske, president of Flame Heating, Cooling & Electrical. He advises owners to keep pets away from backyard air condenser units. Rusted or malfunctioning units could leak dangerous coolant. Flame technicians recommend home owners construct small fences around the units to keep pets away.

around the units to keep pets away. MHS also emphasizes the importance of providing fresh water and shade for pets left outdoors for any length of time in hot weather, and limiting exercise to the cooler morning or evening hours. Flame Heating, Cooling & Electrical has a drop-off site at 11781 Longsdorf, Riverview, the Michigan Humane Society's Westland shelter is at 900 Newburgh. For more information, call

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit

elena Bardakijan of Liv

presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys five nights and six days in Florida. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals assist Helena in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor for her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives training, rehearsals, and finan-cial support.

receives training, rehearsals, and finan-cial support. Any business, organization, or private individual interested in becoming a spo sor for Helen may contact her Detroit pageant coordinator, at (800) 569-2487.



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PET PROJECTS

Pets may attend the event with their owners. Parking is \$5. For more information, visit www.michpetapalooza.com

Flame Heating, Cooling and Electrical is raising awareness of the struggles pets face in a tough economy by partnering with the Michigan Humane Society to kick off its "Dog

FOOD SOUGHT

TEEN PAGEANT Helena Bardakjian of Livonia recently was selected to participate in Nationals' 2010 Miss Teen Detroit pageant competi-

tion. Helena submitted an application and took part in an interview session and will compete Aug. 1. Challenges will include modeling casual wear and formal wear and an interview with the judging panel. If Helena wins the title of Miss Teen Detroit, she will represent Detroit and the surrounding communities at the Cities Of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla. More than \$60,000.00 in prizes and awards will be

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 1023

Class of 1971 Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmales and contact information. E-mail. BHS:1971@ yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 197140th sign up site: also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS. Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975 35th class reunion. Oct. 22:23. will Class of 1971

ass of 1975 35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game. Friday inght, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House Contact groves1975@gmail.com or forves Class O1975 @ 3th Class Reunion, on Facebook

Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1970

Class of 1970 40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham, Visit www.seabolmclas-sof70reunion.com for information i Moomfield Hills Andover lass of 1970 Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Clis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1980

ass of 1980 30th reunion, Friday, Aug. 6; for tick ets and more information e-mail to Jane Petersen at jane311@msn.com or visit www.lahser1980.myevent.

Class of 1990

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Class of 1990 20:year Class Reunion Weekend is Aug. 6-7, with a met & greet, family picnic and reunion party. For tickets and additional information, contact Matt Fox at sublime?[@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 Gof (Lub in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley

Detroit Cody Classes from 1950-1969

asses from 1950-1969 Annual picnic for all '50s' 60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 am, to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Milis Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hing a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door priz-es, hot dops, bottled water, T-shrits and sweatshirts, tassels and music Dis will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register - just Sov up, Classmales com will have information and photos from past picnics. Call Phil Varilone at (313) 522-0134. Class of 1965

lass of 1965 Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more infor-mation call Tim Dunning at (246) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning wowway.com or call Chris Snopkoski Nashlen at (734) 261316. detail Mackmorje Nashlen at (734) 2 Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

ass of 1962 Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com. Class of 1960

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Class of 1960

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE!

ass of 1960 S0th 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. (Mackinder) Sarns at (Detroit Northwestern Detroit Northwestern All classes Classes of 1950-51 are sponsoring an all-class reunion picnic, noon to 5 pm. Aug. 28, at Oak Park Community Center, shelter #2, 14300 Oak Park Boulevard, west of Coolidge, north of Nine Mike; S15 per person includes food, Call Marlene (Oleson) Hanna at (313) 937-8233 for more information.

Ladywood Class of 1980

Reunion Friday July 30. Call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an e-mail to info@livoniafranklin1980.com

Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth-Salem Class of 1980

REUNION CALENDAR

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

tass 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 (Geroget1) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecaro(1950@att. net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

dford Union Class of 1960

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, DJ. Mail check to Helen Mihas (Tass) at Hawthorne Valley. Contact Trisha (Pat) Mihaiu, at (313) 843-2415 or e-mail to tmehigyahoo.com.

mail to tmehi@yahoo.com. mail to tmehi@yahoo.com. Rosary High School Class of 1970 Reunion planned for Aug. 7 at Claddaph frish Pub, Livonia. For more info contact Terry Niemiec Simor at (734) 953-2919 or Jen Perron at (734) 502-5243

Roval Oak Dondero

All Classes

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 infor-mation call Jack Aardal at (248) 547-5389 or go to rodonderoaldmin.org. **Royal Oak Kimball Class of 1960** Solvear class semion 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. S50 per person includes dinner and valet parking. Make checks out

ass 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 terifried-

Class of 1964

Class of 1960

Garden City West Class of 1970 40th reunion on S lass 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.

will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbuck (Sharon Bailey at (288) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508. **Farmington High School Class of 1970** Planging negulation in 2010. Seeking

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 dblehm@aol.com. Garden City High School Classes of 1950s and 1960s Reunion events Johaned for Sept.

Reunion events planned for Sept. 17-19. Call Donna at (734) 427-0535 o e-mail to odponte@wowway.com

lass 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 1-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to COLS MOUNT Sources or

Garden City East

30-year reunion is July 31 at noon at the Court House Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. For infor mation contact ladywood80@gmail.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1980

bo "ROKHS Class of "60" and mail to Doug Forier, 4089 Glencastle, Troy. Mi 48098, Include your full name (and maiden), spouse's name, cur-rent 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@alcom. The Drury line at Big Beaver and 175 and Hampton linn, at Stephenson Highway and 14 Mile. In Madison Heights are offering discounts for reunion participants. E-mail to usales@alcom to obtain a list of attendees and lost classmates and heip the organizing committee locate alume. St. Agatha All school Dreal I graduates, students, feach-ers, and friends of St. Agatha Grads School and High Schools, members of St. Agatha Parish and St. Katharine Dreal VHS, Dam. to 10 m. Aug. 21 at Capitol Park, 26590 Capitol, Redford. Pack your lunch or bring your grill and baseball/Sothall gear. There is an area for soccer/football and a skalegairk. For more informa-tion, or to donate your time/services in genting the word out or by provid-ing something you think may be a welcome addition to this event, con-tact. Jan at ageisserunion@vahoo. com. Visit the reunion Web site at ...www.redfordaguise.com. St. Agatha Bait Aucoi

St. Hyacinth All school

II school 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.

(313) 922-1507. St. Michael's School, Livonia Eight grade class of 1976 30-year reunion, noon, Aug. 7, at Camp Dearborn, located off Commerce Road, in Milford. Reunion will be at Pavilions 1 & 2 by the paddle boats. Bring a dish to pass

and BYOB. No Glass permitted. For more information, call Barb Colley at (517) 231-3166 or Lorn Kenasil at (248) 872-749. **Troy Athens High School Class of 1985** 25-year reunion and related events the weekend of Aug. 7. For more information, e-mail to athen-s85reunion@yahoo.com or call cordy Filips 2(249) 819-7491. Warren Fitzgerald **Class of 1968** 6 p.m. to1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at

online at hometownlife.com

lass 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) 7814/552, kentix@ ameritech net, or Bill Ziemba at (248) 689-6216, bill/ziemba1968@ salc.com,

Wayne Memorial High School

Class of 1985

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1985 25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott; con-tact. Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369 or Tanya (brahim) Williams at (734) 223-5588. Westland John Glenn Class of 1970 Reunion, 8 p.m., Aug. 21. For more details contact Larion Thomas-Kasmier at (248) 468-0595 or Ikasmier1952@gmail.com. or Wanda Lack-Clancio at (248). 449-1260 or wciancio@gmail.com. Class of 1975

Class of 1975 35th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. RSVP and buy tickels at www.jbhsclass75.com. For more information call Loren Zeidman at (248) 877-0909 or e-mail to I_zeidman@americancreditl. com

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Isas of 1985 25-year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are S25 per person before Aug. 1. Includes appetters and entertainment. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at Tracyl420@ wideopenwest com or (734)748-8904 for more information.

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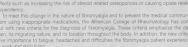
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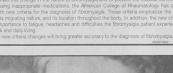
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Plymouth native visiting from Europe likes 'great town'

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark Olson of Rodemack, France, thinks Plymouth looks just fine. "It's good to be here," the Plymouth native said. "Plymouth looks great." He was out the morning of Saturday. July 17, at the Plymouth farmer's market with brother Kurt Olson, an attorney who lives in Canton and practices law in Plymouth. Mark Olson, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, plays the horn with the Luxembourg Philharmonic.

Just this week," he said of "Just this week," he said of his visit to Plymouth, part of a larger Michigan trip. He lived in Plymouth from 1964 to 1973, and attended Bird Elementary, East and West Junior Highs and Salem High before finish-ing up at Interlochen. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Michigan. He lived in Luxembourg, a small European country, seve

He lived in Luxembourg, a small European country, sever years and moved to France about 18 years ago. He lost his wife to cancer. He was accompanied to Michigan by their daughters, 17 and 21. The

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younger daughter has another year of high school and will then take a demanding aca-demic test for graduation. The couple's older daughter is a Cambridge University in England graduate who'll earn a matter's in creative writing

a master's in creative writing at the University of Edinburgh

in Scotland. "For the better," he said

of Plymouth's changes since he left. "I think it's beauti-ful neighborhoods. Lots of young couples with children. Plymouth's a great town, it

Plymouth's a great con-really is." He tries to come back every other year as expenses allow, noting airfare adds up. He'll be visiting Grayling, "where it? a little cooler." He'll spend a it's

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Saturday, Aug. 21, 1 p.m. Discover how to plan an all-you-can-eat restaurant to attract hum-mingbirds and butterflies to your backyard. For ages 10 and older. Fee: \$2 per person.

couple weeks on the Manistee River in northern Michigan. The Olson family has four brothers, one coming in from Texas and another in Kalamazoo. Europe's slow late summer helps for visiting here, Mark Olson said. "Most people have August

off," he said. "A lot of stuff

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ine saud. 'A lot of stuff shuts down." Brother Kurt added it's nic to have Mark in from Europe "We actually lived together for awhile at U-M. It's always great" to have him visit, he said.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AMENDMENT TO THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2010-09

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE.

Sec. 37.010. <u>Purpose</u>. purpose of this ordinance This section provide

Sec. 37.020. <u>Definitions</u>. This section pro

Sec. 37.030. <u>Scope</u>. This section provides that the provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all existing residential commercial and industrial structures and all vacant land.

Sec. 37.040. <u>Evidence of vacant property</u>. T section provides that evidence of vacancy shall include c condition that on its own, or combined with other conditi present, would lead a reasonable person to believe that property is vacant.

Sec. 37.050. <u>Registry of vacant properties</u>. ection provides that the Township Building Department office reated a registry of vacant properties.

Sec. 37.060. <u>Vacant properties to be registered</u>. This section provides that all vacant properties must be registered.

Sec. 37.070. <u>Owner's registration form; content</u>. This section provides for the content of the Vacant Property Registration Form that is provided by the Township Building Department.

Sec. 37.080. <u>Registration fee</u>. This section provide that the registration fee shall be set by the Township Board.

Sec. 37.090. <u>Requirement to keep information</u> current. This section provides that the information contained on the registration form must be kent undated.

Sec. 37.100. <u>Maintenance and security</u> requirements. This section provides the maintenance and security requirements for the property that is subject to this

Sec. 37.110. Monitoring of property: fee. This section provides that upon violation of this ordinance the building department is authorized to monitor the condition of any property required to be registered under this ordinance and a monthly monitoring fee shall be set by the Township Board and may be assessed against the property/owner.

Sec. 37.120. <u>Open property: securing fee</u>. This section provides that property subject to this ordinance that is left open and/or accessible shall be subject to entry by the Township in order to ensure that the property has not become a nuisance and to ensure that the property is locked and/or secured.

Sec. 37.130. Fire damaged property. This section ovides that if a building regulated under this ordinance is fire imaged, the owner has 90 days from the date of the fire to apply a permit to start construction or demolition.

Sec. 37.140. <u>Unpaid fees; assessment</u>. This section ovides that all fees hereunder that remain unpaid after 14 days ritten notice to the owner/management company shall be esseed against the property as a lien and included on the tax roll.

Sec. 37.150. Criminal penalties: civil infraction. This section provides that except as otherwise provided, a violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and a strict liability offense regardless of intent and failure to file the required registration form, or failure to maintain the registration form containing current information shall be a civil infraction and subject to a \$100 fine.

SECTION 2: REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenford be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4; SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordi shall take full force and effect upon publication

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC Clerk

Introduced: June 22, 2010 Adopted: July 20, 2010 Effective: July 25, 2010

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a S2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Nature Center Fosciel Einding Saturday, July 31, 1 p.m. Hein Family Fishing Friday: Friday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m., West Boat Launch. Bring the family and learn to fish. Poles, tackle and bait will be provided, or bring your own. Meet at the West Boat Launch. For ages 8 and older. Fee: S5 per person. Preregistration required. Participants 16 years and older must have a fibiling lineary. Rattlesnakes and Their Lookalikes: Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening

Nature Center Fossil Finding: Saturday, July 31, 1 p.m. Using slides and specimens, examine life on Earth through time, and then search for prehistoric fossils at Kensington's gravel pit. For ages 6 and older. Fee: S2 per person. Preregistration

This summer, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington is offering religious education classes for children and youth on Human Rights. Students will explore the rights of every person, as well as learn about their responsibility to protect their own rights and the rights of oth-ers.

ers. Based on materials from a variety

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of internationally known and respect-ed organizations, the curriculum will help children develop an appreciation for the rights of themselves and oth-ers, recognize the effect of individual choices on the lives of others, and be empowered to act in ways that sup-port human rights. They will also develop an awareness of infringe-ments of human rights and empathy **METROPARK CALENDAR**

Classes for youth offered by church

required. Dinosaur Days: Sunday, Aug. 1, 2 p.m. The fascinating world of dinosaurs will be explored through slides, fossils and mod-els. Plus, help build a scale model dinosaur skeleton. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration

Saturday, Aug. 7, 1 p.m. Not every snake that makes you quake is a rattlesnake. Learn to tell the difference between rattlesnakes and similar species found in the area. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration reg Nature's All-You-Can-Eat Buffet: Sunday, Aug. 8, 2 p.m. Locate the many edible plant

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 PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. For additional information, please contact Ray Bihun of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-2763. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendom Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, M1 48170 on or before 10:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or rigiest all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

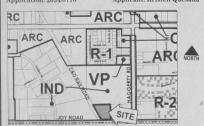
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COMMINISION PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use DATE OF HEARING: Vednesday, August 11, 2010 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 pm PLACE OF HEARING: 7:00 pm PLACE OF HEARING: 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a dance studio in the Industrial District (IND) on Fax IB R-78-065-99-0011-001, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2-3. The property is located North of Joy, South of Ann Arbor Road, East of General Drive and West of Haggerty at 41170 Joy Road.

Applicant: Kristen Ques 034/0710



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. (s): R-78-065-99-0011-001

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the next meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354:3270, extension 6. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-334-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

SECTION 6.

Introduced: June 22, 2010 Adopted: July 20, 2010 Effective: July 25, 2010

SUMMANT OF ORDINATCH NUMBER C-940000 AN ORDINANCE TO AMERÓ ORDINANCE NUMBER C-94-12, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE MULTI-CHANNEL SERVICE PROVIDER REGULATORY ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 496, PROVIDING FOR CABLE FRANCHISES, VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISES AND MULTI-CHANNEL SERVICE PROVIDER FRANCHISES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-CHANNEL SERVICE PROVIDER REGULATORY ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2010-08

SECTION 1. <u>Amendment to Ordinance</u>,

Ordinance Number C-94-12, codified as Chapter 74, the Multi-Channel Service Provider Regulatory Ordinance be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

74.010. Title. This section contains the title

74.020. <u>Construction</u>. This section references Federal and State rules and regulations.

74.030. <u>Scope</u>. This section makes the ordinance appl within the Township.

74.040 <u>Compliance with Act 480</u>. This section requ

74.050. Definitions. This section defines terms

74.060. Franchise Required. This section requires cable operators to have a franchise.

SECTION 2. Repeal.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are here repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance fu-force and effect.

SECTION 3. Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause.

The repeal of amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect publication.

Joseph Bridgman, MMC Clerk

SECTION 5. Publication. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law

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MARGARET RITA TERESA ROONEY ALLEN

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ETHEL L. CASSIE

ETHEL L. CASSIE 1, formerly of Livonia, died July 10 in Cheboygan, ML A memo-rvice will be held at 12:00pm, 42, 2010 at the Berean Bible h in Topinabee, ML. Visitation held from 11:00am until the f service. Surviving are her son, s (Kathryn) Cassie of Fenton. ughter, Joyce (James) Palmer of bee, five grandchildren, nine grandchildren, siblings, Jim ta) Madick of Camdon, silcersy of Berkley, and several special and nephews. Contributions in of Berkley, and several special and nephews. Contributions in of Berkley, and several special in Indian River cared for the Condolences may be made at:



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July 17, 2010 Age 82. Former owner of Alban's Restaurant and Bottle & Basket for 40 years. Loving husband of Marjorie. Dear father of Marco (Allison) and Dana DeCapite-Begole (Andrew). Grandfather of Adella, Mia, Liliana and Lucy. Services have been held. Memoria Iributes to Children's Hospital of Michigan, Development Diffese TIM, 3001 Beaubren, Detroit, Van ARMANDO DeCAPITE

nond & Sons 248-549-0500. ituary and share memories at

A J. DESMOND SONS



JOSEPH A. FARRELL, Sr. Age 95, of Plymouth. Beloved hus-band of the late Phyllis. Dear father of James (Rosemary), JoAnn (John) Harreid, Joseph Jr. (May Ann, Nora (Russell) Morrell, Lawrence (Andrea), Eizabeth Olin, Janice (David) Walsh, Maureen (Terry) Turel, and the late Janet Marie, And the late Michael (Anne Marie). Also survived by 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchil-dren, Visitation Saturday 3-9 PM and Sunday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Neldon and Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Sunday 7 PM At Vermeulen Hass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Af550 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. Interment St. Augustine 6 st. Joseph Mercy Hoopice. To share memories please visit: vermeuleniumenlibome.com.

DAVID "MIKE" FOURNIER

DAVID "MIKE" FOURNIER Age 81. July 19, 2010. Beloved hus-band of the late Margaret Ann Loving father of Lee (Eric) Siandweiss, Julia Dougherty, Michael (Lee), Patricia (Kim) and David. Dear brother of the late Pat. Proud grandfa-ther of Michael, Ethan, Noah, theredal, especially on budy 12 hoon until time of memorial service 1 pm until time of memorial service 1 pm at the Wm. Sulvan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak, Memorials to American Heart Association appre-ciated. Share your memories at www.sullivianfuneraldirectors.com.

WILLIAM FOX

WILLIAM TWA OF Cadillac, passed away Sunday, July 18, 2010, at Autumnwood Nursing Home in McBain. He was 87, Private family services will be conducted at a later date. Memorial donations in William's memory may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements under the direction of Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home, Cadillac, Michigan.

KENNETH HOWARD HARMA, JR.

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ESTHER L. HOFLEY

ESTHER L. HOFLEY Of Bloomfield, MI. Passed away July 22, 2010 at the age of 73. Born Sept. 17, 1936, daughter of the late Andrew Helen Holtey. Beloved sister of the late Philip, Norman and David. She was a loving Christian woman, a lov-ing aunt to her nieces and nephews & will be sadly missed by her constant companion and loving dog. Lillie, Memorial service Thursday, July 29th at 10:30am, Luthern Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI. Memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhone com



WALTER S. JONES

Born May 17, 1922 in Emerson Twa, Gratiot County, Michigan, and ded July 17, 2010 in Wayne Court Mones and Margaret G. (McDaid) Jones. Brother of Leo (Ver) Jones. The Start Start (Helen) Jones and Dorothea (Jack) Gagnon His parents and sib-Ings all predeceased hum. He married Jeanor J. Robertson on July 10, 1948 in Napoleon, Ohio Eleanor preceeded Walter in death on December 15, 1983. On June 23, 1990 Walter married Nather in death on December 15, 1983. On June 23, 1990 Walter Marrier Michell, Margaret Latimore, John (Rachel) Jones and Michael (Karen Jones, His children survive him, with the exception of Michael (Karen Jones, His children survive him, with the exception of Michael (Karen Mitchell, Marsander, John (Rachel), Jonn Start Viekander, John (Rebecca) Alexander Mark Mathew (Maureen) Alexander, Mathew (Maureen) Alexander, John (Rebecca) Alexander Mark Mathell, Patrick, Eriska) Mitchell, Markander, Witchell, Sant (Keren, Mitchell, Patrick, Eriska) Mitchell, Markenle, Patrick, Eriska) Mitchell, Marken (Karen Mitchell, Marken Mitchell, Patrick, Eriska) Mitchell, Marken (Jason (Andre) John (Bebecca) Alexander Marken Mitchell, Patrick, Eriska) Mitchell, Marken (Marcen) Anthew Mitchell, Patrick, Eriska) Mitchell, Marken (Jason (Andre) John John John (Energe Mitchell), Jason (Andre) John John John (Jason (Andre) John John John (Jason (Andre) John John John (Jason (Andre) John (Jason John) John (Jason (Andre) John (Jason John) John (Jason (Jason John) John (Jason John) John (Jason (Jason John) John (Jason John) John (Jason (Jason John) John John (Jason John) John (Jason (Jason John) John (Jason John) J (Andrea) Latimore, Erik Latimore, Scott Jones and Joshua Jones; and nine step, grandchildren, Eric Cerecedes, Joe Cerecedes, Luke Alexander, Katie Alexander, Kristin Alexander, Katie Chevande, William Alexander, and Nicholas Alexander, four great grand Nicholas Alexander, four great grand Nicholas Alexander, four great grand Nicholas Alexander, Kaya and Asura Cerecedes. Walter served in the Army in tudy during WWI. Walter had a long and fulfiling life. He was a kind and loving man whe will be missed by all. We will always love you. Walter, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. Funeral Services were Vednesday, July 21, 2010, at the Schrader-Howell funeral Home, Community Band. To sign the guest book www.schrader-howell.com



JOHN R. LINDSTROM

Age 84, of Bloomfield Hills died Friday, July 16, 2010 a Beaumont Hospital in Roya Oak, following a brief ill owing a brief ill-nd raised in first in his family chool and college too as years, and that the clear trinck which his last illness, shortly before trinck which his last illness. Which are an about (Cindy Kyle) of Lansing and Peter of ton, DC, this daughters tudy mitield Hills and Parnela Tim) of Seattle, Washington; dson, Oskar; and his brother Harriett) of Weymouth, usetts and sister, Virginia F Florida. He was preceded in h his parents Edgar and Ann m, his brother Bud, and sis-sta, Edma and Virginia and his adson, Evan. A private cremadeau-ters Lordström, his -and Virgan-first grandson. Evan. A private crema-tion was held. A memorial gathering of lamity and firends is scheduled for Ha.m to 2:30p.m, Saturday August 4, at the Vilage Cub, 190 estat Long Lake Road, BLoomfield Hills Donations in M. Lindström semony may be given to the Oakland Literacy Society, the Crabrook House and Gardens Auxiliary and Civil War --servation Tust. AJ. Desmond & --servation Tust. AJ. Desmond & --servation Tust. AJ. Desmond & --servation Tust. AJ. Desmond &

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KATHLEEN E. McQUILLEN, SR. (NEE BROWN) MCQUILLEN, SR. (NEB BROWN) September 29, 1920 to July 15, 2010. Jorn in Cleveland. OH and amdiated Northwestern High School, Dernoit, Worked at Willow Run Airport Alterno Tab Rigger 1942-1945. She was an at home hero, as well as a wonderful loving mother. She was preceeded in death by her husbând Francis M. McQuillen, Sr. She is sup-receded in death by her husbând Francis M. McQuillen, Sr. She is sup-mer (Shelley). Charles, and John (Pru), daughters Kathleen E. McQuillen F. and Martha (Dave) Dutton, grandchildren Joseph (Chris), Unicholas (Rachel), Andy Stephanie, Colleen, Michael, Kristin (Casey), Donovan, Katie, Sherry, Brian, Sean, Katie (Harrison), Amanda and Scott (Dee), greadgrandchildren Kylich, Services were held and arranged by Neelty-Turowski Funeral Home (734)525-9020. The family would kite to thank all the wonderful people of Henry Ford Hospice-Wayne, espe-cially Doroth Gannon, at use friend. Also Mary and Josephine of st. Joseph's Church in Trenton.

THOMAS E. PILURAS

A memorial gathering will be hele Nankin Mills Picinic Shelter in Hi Park on July 30th, 2010 to celeb the life of Thomas E. Piluras, class 1972, Churchhill High school m

1972, Churchhill High school. Pli stop by and share any memory may have of Tom. 6:00pm u Dusk. The family is asking that donations made will please be sent Providence. Hospice of Snohon County, 2731 Wetmore, suite 5 Everette, WA 98201

MARY LINN STEWART STURGEON

STURGEON Age 97, of Indianapolis, IN, passe away July 15, 2010. Mary was born i Lowellville, OH on August 10, 1912 She was a member of Delta Delt Delta Sorority (Pitt class of 34), & Fir Presbyterian Church of Birmingham ML. She is survived by her sor Murray E. (Valeric) Stewart Jiala, eight grand children & Lis great-grandchildrer There will be no services. Memori contributions may be made to the Fire Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.



BETTTE. FATTOR July 19, 2010, Age 84. Beloved w of the late Melvin C. Loving mol of Donald Ray, Jr., Sharon R. Jennifer Ray and the late Jo Bur Dear sister of Patti Travis and the I Dottie Sue Whiteman. Also surviv by ten grandchildren and eight gre grandchildren. Memorial visitati Frday, I2 noou nutil the time of se ice at 1 p.m. at LJ. Griffin Fune home, 8809 Wayne Road (at J Road). Share a "Memorial Tribu with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

SALLY ELIZABETH

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our hearts. We miss you every da With love, your family and friend 6000 158 W/L 10 100



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WITKOWSKI-FLOHR

Amy Frances Witkowski and Kevin Matthew Flohr announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Julie and Paul Witkowski of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Livonia, is a 2008 from Madonna University and is employed as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital. Ther finncé, son of Linda and Bruce Flohr of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School and gradu-ated in 2008 with a degree in environmental science from Schoolcraft College. He is

FICHTNER-OLSON

Morgan Marie Fichtner and Robert Harold Olson Ill

Morgan Marie Picturer and Robert Harold Olson III announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Ronnie and Annette Dancer of Canton, graduated from Salem High School in 2008. She is pursuing a degree in special education from Schoolcraft College. Her fiancé, son of Lana Byrne of Van Buren and Robert Harold Olson, Jr. of Canton, graduated from Salem High School in 2008. He is pursuing a degree in busi-ness at Schoolcraft College with plans to finish at Eastern Michigan University.



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employed as building supervi-or at the Livonia Recreation

sor at the Error Center. An August 2010 wedding is planned at Fox Hills Country Club of Plymouth.



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An August 2010 wedding is planned in Gaylord.

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HEALTH hometownlife Sunday, July 25, 2010

U-M strong in 'best hospital' survey

The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers have been ranked mong the country's best hospitals, plac-ing 4th overall for the second consecu-tive year by U.S. News & World Report magazine. This year, U-M was ranked wert specialty and those rankings went up in 11 of the 16 categories. Whist the only hospital in Michigan ranked among the 14 institutions on the national honor roll, which signifies all-around excellence in multiple areas of specialized medical cate. U.S. News ranks each of these spe-cialties individually, and U-M earned a high national ranking in all 16 catego-ries.

high national ries. "We are pleased to be nationally rec-ognized in so many areas as a result of the hard work of our faculty and staff,"

stated Doug Strong, director and chief executive officer of the U-M Hospitals and Health Centers. 'It is our wide-ranging strength in so many specialties that keeps us high on the list year after

that keeps us high on the list year after year." In one category — ear, nose & throat diseases — U-M made the top 10 in the country, ranking ninth. In urology it ranked 11th, geriatrics ranked 12th and gastrointestinal disor-ders ranked 13th. Also recognized was the specialty care at U-M's Comprehensive Cancer Center, which ranked 13th, U-M's Cardiovascular Center, which ranked 11th, and the Kellogg Eye Center's oph-thalmologic care, which ranked 17th. U.S. News determines the "America's Best Hospitals" rankings based on hos-

pital reputation in particular special-ties, and, for all but four specialties, on mortality rates and a mix of care-relat-ed factors such as nursing and patient evices. Rankings in ophthalmology, sychiatry, rehabilitation and rheuma-long board-certified specialist. The hospital's other "America's Best Mospital's rankings, are: endocrinol-ogy, 19; gynecology, 18; heart and heart surgery, 11; kidney, 20; neurology and neurosurgery, 22; opthalmology, 17; orthopedics, 24; psychiatry, 20; rehabili-tion, 9; respiratory disorders, 14; and heumatology, 14. *U.S. News*' 2010-11 publication of "America's Best Hospitals" hits news-stands July 27. The rankings also avail-able online at www.health.USNews.com.

Breakfast plays key role in overall health

"Breakfast is the most impor-tant meal of the day." Mothers have used that state-ment to coax children into eating breakfast for years. As it turns out, Mom was right, and accord-ing to TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organiza-tion, there's research to back her up

tion, there's research to back her up. Getting a good mix of protein, whole grains, fiber, and fruit every morning can help boost metabolism, increase energy for both the body and the brain, and help curb cravings for sweets and other foods high in fat. Research has shown that skipping meak, and especially skipping break fat, also can make individuals more likely to eat more at the next meal or to eat high-calorie snacks before the next meal. Breakfast gets your metabo-ism going in the morning so you actually burn more calories during the day," says Joan Pleuss,

senior research dietitian in the General Clinical Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin and nutritional expert for TOPS. "However, that doesn't mean that you should use that as an excuse to overeat later in the day. Actually, the reverse may happen, as eating breakfast can decrease the likelihood that you will be as hungry later on." The National Weight Control Registry (NWCR) was founded more than 20 years ago to docu-ment the habits of people who were age 18 and older and who had lost at least 30 pounds of excess weight that they had kept off for at least a year. One habit the researchers found was that 78 percent of the people in the Registry at breakfast every day and that only 4 percent never ate treakfast. In the Registry, the typical Foradfast was cereal and fruit. Another study found that those individuals who ate a ready-to-

eat cereal for breakfast had a higher fiber content in their total die than those individuals who didn't eat a ready-to-eat cereal. Other studies have reported that people who cat a ready-to-eat cereal for breakfast tend to be eaner than people who don't eat treakfast or eat other types of don't breakfast tend to be eaner than people who don't eat treakfast or eat other types of don't breakfast tend to be eaner than people who don't eat treakfast or eat other types of don't breakfast tend to be eaner than be pole with the saw of the and protein, 'Pleuss says. 'Not only do they digest lass as ar rich which means a longer time between hunger pains, a fiber of die ta an help lower the risk date doesn't have to mean going to the store and specially foods, instead, a few well-planet dynages, like switching to a whole, grain, wheat bread from white, can make all the differ-tene. "Twaffes are a more-

ence. "If waffles are a morn-

ing favorite, plan to purchase of the more generic, processed varieties, recommends Pleuss. "Bring the waffles with some ow-fat fruit yogurt is a great way to start the day healthy and cut out the day healthy and cut of the more bring before lunch." Thak of time is the reason skip breakfast, try getting frums ready the night before our out the cereal and cut up the fruit. Place the oatmeal in the bowl soy ou only need to add milk or water in the morn-ing directive whole fruit, heades, high fiber breakfast bars, trail mit dows whole fruit, heades, high fiber breakfast bars, trail fruit, dry cereal, low-fat of ta-trit, dry cereal, low-fat of ta-trity.

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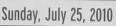
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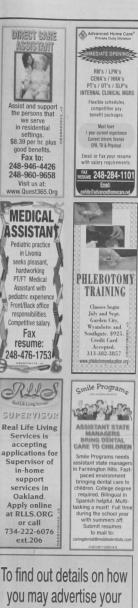
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In Demand: Medical Records and Health Information Technicians

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"Let me pull your chart." Keeping accurate records is a crucial way physicians' offices and hospitals care for patients. By logging every office visit, complaint, prescription and treatment outcome, physicians can identify recurring patterns and know a patients' medical histories before treating them.

Because doctors simply do not have the time to handle these records on their own, medical records and health information technicians are needed to organize and evaluate these records for completeness and accuracy.

If you are interested in one of the few healthcare careers that do not require much interaction with patients, here is an overview of the occupation from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Overview

Medical records and health information technicians first review a patient's chart to ensure everything is complete. Then, they assign a code to each diagnosis and procedure, using software to assign the patient to one of several hundred "diagnosesrelated groups." These groups determine the amount the hospital will be reimbursed from Medicare or other insurance programs.

Technicians also use computer programs to



compile and analyze data, helping to improve patient care and control costs.

Training and Education

Most employers require medical records and health information technicians to have an associate's degree. Most employers also prefer to hire Registered Health Information Technicians, who have passed a written examination. To qualify to take the examination, technicians must graduate from an accredited two-year associate's degree program.

Opportunities

More than one-third of all technician jobs were in hospitals in 2002. The rest

were in physicians' offices

nursing care facilities, outpatient care centers and

Medical records and health

duties vary with the size of

technicians may specialize in one aspect of health

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information technicians

the facility. In large or medium-sized facilities,

information. In small

more generalized duties

Pros and Cons

standard for medical records and health information technicians. They usually work in pleasant, comfortable offices and have little or no contact with patients. There are plenty of opportunities for advancement; technicians may choose to specialize or become managers.

As with any job that requires long hours in front of a computer screen, technicians may be susceptible to eyestrain and muscle pain.

Salary

According to the BLS, median annual earnings of medical records and health information technicians were \$23,890 in 2002.

Job Outlook

Medical records and health information technician jobs are expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2012. As insurance companies, courts and others increasingly scrutinize medical records, the need for accurate record keeping will spur job growth.

The fastest employment growth is expected in physicians' offices.

Source: BLS October 2004



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