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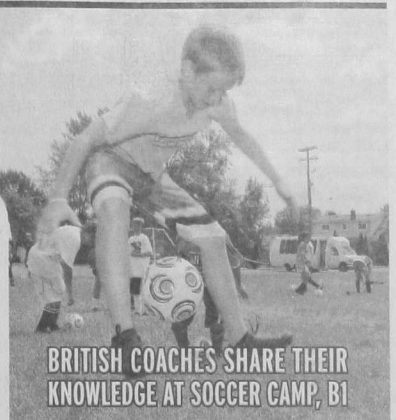
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Starting Monday morning, an election guide with every story pertaining to the primary will be on the front of Hometownlife.com. Click on the Election 2010 button and links to more than 100 stories will be just a click away.

On Tuesday, check our site for frequent updates as news comes in. Our Thursday print editions will peer behind the results and look ahead to the general election.

Hearing delay

A Canton man and Boy Scout leader's preliminary examination on charges he engaged in criminal sexual conduct with two boys has been adjourned

until Aug. 20, police and court officials said. The hearing in 35th District Court is expected to determine whether 49-year-old William

Arther Hoefling, former scoutmaster for Plymouth-based Boy Scout Troop 781, will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison.

Hoefling is charged with child sexually abusive activity; two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct with multiple variables, including a victim between the ages of 13 and 15 and involving coercion of the victim by exerting a position of authority; three counts of using computers and the Internet to communicate with another to commit a crime; distributing sexually explicit matter to children; and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

A not-guilty plea has been entered for him in court. He is free on a \$5,000 cash bond as he awaits his preliminary examination.



Hoefling

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

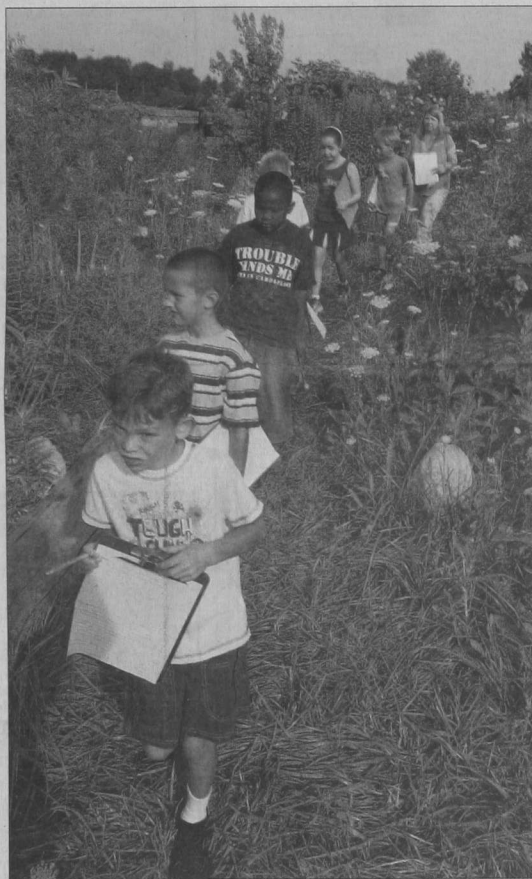
In a normal primary election season, fewer than 30 percent of Canton Township's 57,000 registered voters historically show up at the polls.

But with a competitive race for the open governor's chair in Lansing (polls reported Rick Snyder had a slim lead in the Republican primary Friday), township officials think it could be a much busier election season at Canton's 42 precincts for Tuesday's primary.

"Secretary (of State Terri Lynn) Land said 25 percent (turnout), but I think it'll be higher than that," said Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett. "I don't think people have decided yet. There are a lot of undecided voters out there who will make up their mind at the last minute, especially about the governor's race."

If the polls might be busy, the absentee vote has been sluggish so far. According to Bennett, 5,684 absentee

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Summer academy students were on the lookout for wildlife while walking through the nature center at Field Elementary.

POLL PROBLEMS

Canton voters heading to the polls should note some last-minute adjustments to polling places:

- Plymouth High School: Voters will enter the building at the main entrance (rather than near the gym) and vote in the library due to film crews staging in the parking lot.
- Canton High School: Voters are being asked to park in the north lot off Joy Road and vote in the north building, according to Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett. A

security guard will be posted to direct traffic, and signs will be placed.

- Winter-Walker School: Voters will use the normal entrance, but the polls will be set up in the library, rather than the gym.
 - Fire Station #1 will be open despite construction on Canton Center Road.
- For a full listing of precincts and more information, check the township's website at www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5120.

Nature trails

Sanctuary provides
natural setting
for learning

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Field Elementary School has this really nice wildlife sanctuary that runs along Truesdell Creek and, although students get a lot of use out of it during the school year, it's never been used for the Plymouth-Canton school district's summer academy.

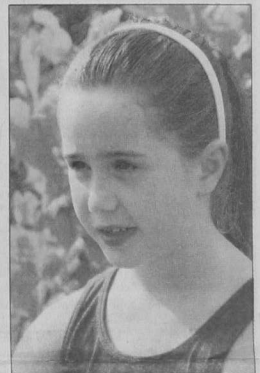
Lisa Eischer figured it was about time. Eischer, the site director at Field, got permission from district administrators to use the school's nature center to supplement the curriculum at summer academy, using the trees, mammals, plants, birds and insects that make the sanctuary their home to help develop students' language arts and math skills.

"Field (Elementary) is unique because it has this amazing site," Eischer said. "We have this awesome center backed up to the back of the school, so let's figure out a way to get the kids out there."

The summer academy is designed to reinforce the education students get during the regular year. This summer, some 220 students are taking part in the academy at Field, another 200 or so at Hulsing Elementary School.

SKILLS REINFORCED

The academy "reinforces skills kids may not have fully grasped" during the regular school year, according to



Emily Trail, 6, was glad her teachers "let us learn some fun stuff."

Eischer. Kids in kindergarten through fourth grades spend half-days focused on language arts and math.

"It's meant to strengthen any skill gaps kids may have had leaving their previous grades," Eischer pointed out.

The most important part was to figure out how to incorporate the nature center into the language arts/math curriculum. So students in each grade picked a focus (kindergartners are studying trees, first-graders have mammals, second-graders have plants, third-graders are doing birds/reptiles and fourth-graders are studying insects) and go out into the sanctuary — built years ago through the efforts of former fifth-grade teacher Rich Plecha — to study.

When they come back in, students take some digital photos, write sentences and draw pictures about what they've learned. At the end of the academy, teachers and students will put together the first "Field Guide to Field School," to which each student will have contributed a page.

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OUR PICKS

Tuesday, Aug. 3

BELOW IS A RECAP OF OUR ENDORSEMENTS
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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

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21ST STATE HOUSE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Suspects in high-speed chases get varied sentences

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men who led Canton police on separate high-speed chases in February have received sharply differing sentences after they pleaded guilty to charges in Wayne County Circuit Court, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

One of the men who has a criminal history has been sent to prison while the other, who didn't have a known record, was placed on probation.

Robert Joseph McPartlin, 36, has started serving one to five years in prison for his plea to charges of third-degree fleeing from a police officer and receiving and concealing stolen

property.

Brandon Merrill Henton, 23, has been placed on probation for 18 months following his plea to a charge of third-degree fleeing from a police officer.

Police arrested McPartlin and Henton following separate incidents Feb. 17 and 18 in Canton.

Charges against McPartlin arose from an incident that began about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 18 near I-275 and Michigan Avenue and ended in Oakland County, where authorities said he was captured after Michigan State Police used a tire-deflating device.

McPartlin was arrested after Canton officers tried to stop a 1999 Ford Mustang for a broken taillight and later learned the car had been stolen

from the White Castle on Ford Road near I-275 in Canton, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

McPartlin's plea averted what could have been a lengthier sentence because he was originally charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender. His criminal history includes receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, uttering and publishing (bad checks) and embezzling, according to MDOC.

Charges against Henton followed a chase that began around midnight Feb. 17 near Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road and ended in Van Buren Township, where authorities said they used a Taser to subdue him.

He was charged amid allegations he

fled from police when officers tried to stop him for speeding in a Mitsubishi Eclipse.

Though he was placed on probation for 18 months, Henton also was ordered not to violate any more laws, not to leave the state without permission and not to use alcohol or drugs, according to MDOC.

He also is subject to drug testing and may only take prescription drugs as ordered by doctors. Moreover, he has been ordered to receive substance abuse treatment, report for probation appointments, perform community service and pay certain costs tied to his case.

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Concours car show en route to Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
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The move to Plymouth Township by one of the top car exhibitions in the country will put the area on the map for the owners of classic, antique and rare vehicles.

The Concours d'Elegance of America, which includes a car show, an auction, a motoring tour and other car-related events, is moving to the Inn at St. John's, a hotel-conference facility and golf course on Five Mile, starting next year. The annual Concours has been located at Meadow Brook Hall, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, for 32 years.

"This is a huge thing for us. We're hoping to forge a great relationship with the Plymouth area," said James McCarter, executive director of the Concours. Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who helped secure the event by ironing out logistical issues such as parking for transport trailers and a shuttle service for visitors, said the Concours will boost local businesses and draw international attention to Plymouth Township. "This is truly a prestigious event," Reaume said. This year's Concours exhibition was Sunday and featured more than 200 cars, including two 1937 Bugatti Type 57s, a 1939 Rolls



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi resident Larry Slevin, who took his 1969 Ford Fairlane Cobra to the 2010 Concours d'Elegance of America car show at Meadow Brook, could be bringing it to Plymouth when the show moves to the Inn at St. John's in 2011.

Royce and a 1904 White Steamer. There was also a dinner, a tour to the General Motors Tech Center, a seminar on car design and other events. Next year, the exhibition will be on Sunday, July 31. McCarter said there will be a long weekend of related events. "We're very excited about it," said Paul Wegert, general manager at the Inn at St. John's. "We feel that it'll be a long-term relationship with them and we feel it'll be a great partnership." McCarter said having a hotel on the grounds at the Inn at St. John's is the primary reason for the move. With no hotel at OU, he

said, Concours participants were scattered among several Oakland County hotels, and it was difficult to bring them together for group events such as the motoring tour or a visit, for example, to The Henry Ford. "Next year, most of them will be staying at the hotel," McCarter said. "It'll just be a seamless thing." Wegert said his 118-room hotel will partner with the Hilton Garden Inn, on Sheldon Road about a mile south, to accommodate Concours participants, and will partner with other area hotels if needed.

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ELECTION

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ballots have been issued, but as of 1 p.m. Friday only 68 percent (3,852) had been returned. Bennett is hoping absentee voters will use the drop-box located at the back corner of Canton Township Hall to turn in the AV ballots by Monday, making things go a little easier when votes are being counted Tuesday. "It's available 24 hours a day," Bennett said of the drop box. "Voters can save themselves the postage. The more who wait for Tuesday, the longer it'll take to count them." Canton voters have to make up their minds in primaries for governor, Wayne County sheriff, 3rd Circuit Court and Wayne County executive. They also have to decide on three local races:

- Michigan House of Representatives, 20th District: It covers a small slice of Canton and features Republicans Kurt Heise and Steve Booher Jr., both of Plymouth Township. The winner faces Northville Democrat Joan Wadsworth in November.
- Michigan House, 21st District: Republicans Shannon Price and Lori Levi, both of Canton, face off for the right to oppose incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens in November.
- Michigan Senate, 7th District: Four Republicans — Abe Mufakh of Plymouth Township, Deborah Whyman and Patrick Colbeck of Canton and Dan Osterman of Van Buren — are on the ballot. Awaiting the winner is Downriver Democrat Kathleen Law, a former state representative.

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NATURE

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Second-grader Emily Trail, a 6-year-old from Canton, had fun in the sanctuary.

"I like the bat houses, and I like (the sanctuary) because you get to see a lot of things," said Emily, who like her fellow students was excited last week by a new rabbit hole in the center. "Our teachers let us learn a lot of nice things."

Eischer was also excited because the academy also got to use the school's media center to augment the educational experience. It hadn't been used in previous summer academies, and teachers were happy because it opened up more opportunities for students to read.

"Many of these are kids who might not have access to books over the summer," Eischer said. "We want to get them reading, and we have this tremendous media center."

MICHIGAN DIFFERENCE

The academy is also getting help this year from interns in the University of Michigan's elementary education program. Teaming with the teachers already involved in the program, the interns give the summer academy a high adult-to-student ratio. The interns are a "step below student-teacher," according to Eischer, but they've been invaluable to the program.

"The number of adults working with kids is amazing," Eischer said. "It's a great feature of our program."

The summer academy is giving the interns a look at how different subjects relate



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Different students have different reactions to spotting a small spider in a web. Luke Whitman, Joseph Amelotte, Riley Christian and Abby Wisniewski conduct up-close research.

together in a curriculum. It has worked out to be, they said, an excellent mentoring program.

"For some of us just starting, it's a wonderful way of introducing us to smaller groups of students," said Stacey Lemaux of Detroit, one of the U-M interns working in the academy. "It also allows us to work a little closer with our mentor teachers."

The interns aren't the only ones getting something out of the arrangement. The nature center — with its bat houses and bird houses, with rabbits and other animals (a coyote was reportedly spotted recently) — helps provide even experienced teachers with a new point of view.

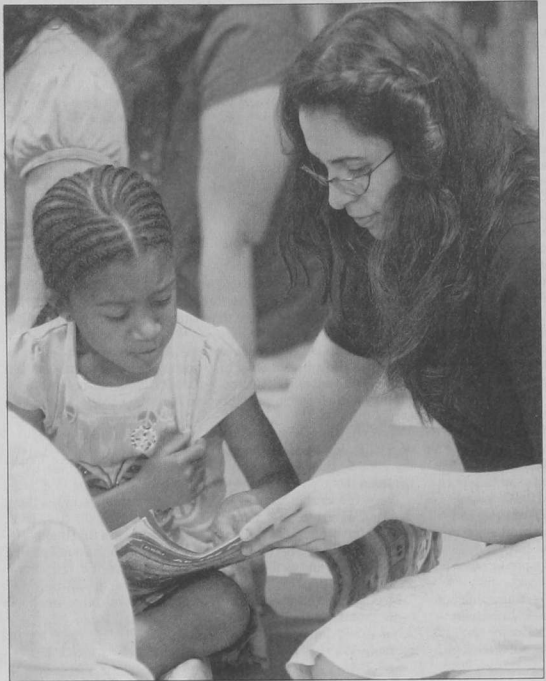
"I like it because it gives (students) a chance to reinforce the concepts they learned the year before, and that's

really helpful to the kids," said Becky Leiting, a fifth-grader teacher at Tonda Elementary who was teaching first-graders in summer academy. "For the summer, I like switching to the younger kids. It gives me a fresh perspective."

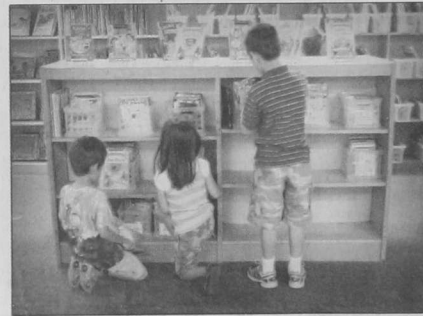
Summer academy won't be at Field next year — it rotates between schools every year — and Eischer hopes the nature center idea will serve as a prototype to make sure the concept, if not the actual center, is incorporated into future summer academies.

"The kids are coming out here and having fun and learning all at the same time," Eischer said. "You almost trick them into learning. Hopefully this will get us thinking about taking learning outside the four walls of the school."

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University of Michigan student Carmen Cook works with Violetta Lopez during summer academy at Field Elementary School.



Summer academy students get to check out books to read at home.

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Reading program proves dog-gone effective

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten-year-old Mary Benton relished the idea of reading to a 6-month-old Labrador retriever named Gucci.

"I like the idea, but I'm wondering if the dog will not listen and get up and walk away," she said.

Carrying a copy of *Lost and Found*, a book by children's author Andrew Clements, Mary walked into a Canton Public Library room where Gucci waited with her Paws With A Cause trainer, Jaclyn Bernard.

Gucci shifted positions a few times, but mostly she watched and listened as Mary read the story about twin brothers who have difficulty proving they're different people. Gucci certainly never walked away.

"It was really fun looking at her listen to the book," Mary said after the 10-minute reading session had ended. "Most of the time she was silent."

Researchers say reading to dogs

can help children gain confidence and improve their fluency by as much as 30 percent, according to a study by the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation of Walnut Creek, Calif.

Canton's library has paired Gucci and young readers in kindergarten through sixth grade for a summer reading-assistance program that proved so popular, library children's program specialist Kristen Kostielney reluctantly had to turn away some youngsters. A third round of sessions is coming in late August.

"It helps children read in a non-threatening atmosphere," Kostielney said. "The dogs listen — they don't correct the children — and they become friends. It also helps children overcome their fears of talking in front of people."

The program also helps Gucci, who is learning to become an assistance dog as she prepares to live with a

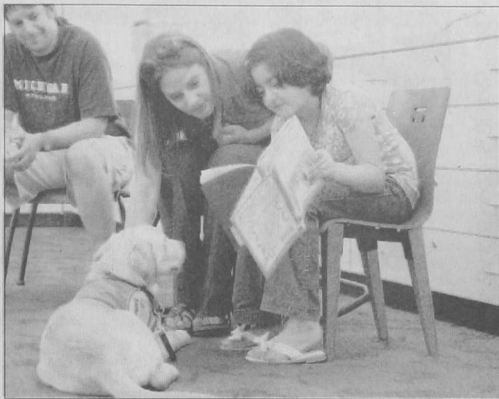
disabled owner. Her foster mother, Bernard, said dogs can help children improve their reading skills because they are not judgmental. They don't care if a child stumbles over a word before grasping it.

When asked how Gucci likes the program, Bernard smiled and said, "she loves it."

Mary came to the Canton library with her 8-year-old sister, Maggie, and their mother, Becky Benton. Mary shrugged her shoulders when asked if she might start reading to her own dog, a Lab named Molly.

Mary and Maggie participated in the dog reading-assistance program to earn credit for a summer reading program.

"I thought it was a really interesting idea," their mother said. "They like to read, but I want them to get in the habit of reading every day and enjoying reading."



Freya Nath, 6, reads a Henry and Mudge book to Gucci as trainer Jaclyn Bernard looks on.

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With local GOP races at stake, clerks forecast low turnout

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Turnout is expected to be light in the Plymouth area as voters around the state head to the polls Tuesday to vote in Michigan's primary election.

At stake in the primary — in which voters cannot cross party lines — are the Republican and Democratic nominations for governor, the state Legislature, the U.S. House of Representatives, plus county and other races.

In Plymouth, Clerk Linda Langmesser is expecting a voter participation rate of 18 to 20 percent, while in Plymouth Township, Clerk Joe Bridgman predicts a participation rate of 25 to 30 percent.

"I think the primary is not a well-attended election because you can only vote Democrat or Republican," Langmesser said. "People have a real issue with that."

Bridgman agreed. "I'd love to see 60 or 70 percent turnout, but let's be realistic, I guess," he said. "A lot of your independents don't vote because it's Republican (or) Democrat."

Statewide, five Republicans — state Sen. Tom George, Attorney General Mike Cox, U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and entrepreneur Rick Snyder — are vying for their party's nomination for governor. State House Speaker Andy Dillon and Virg Benero, the mayor of Lansing, are seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

In the Plymouth area, Republican voters will be choosing a nominee in the 20th District state House of Representatives race and the 7th District Michigan Senate race. In the race for the U.S. House, neither Thaddeus



Plymouth and Plymouth Township clerks are predicting voter turnout anywhere between 18-30 percent.

McCotter, the Republican incumbent, and Natalie Mosher, the Democratic challenger, have primary opposition.

The GOP state House candidates are Steve Booher Jr., a manufacturers representative, and attorney Kurt Heise, who served for six years as the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. Democrat Joan Wadsworth is unopposed.

The Republican state Senate candidates are Dan Osterman, an unemployed engineer; Abe Munfakh, a retired civil engineer and former Plymouth Township trustee; Deborah Whyman, an attorney and former state House member; and Patrick J. Colbeck, an aerospace engineer. Democrat Kathleen Law is unopposed.

There are also primary races for Wayne County executive, county sheriff, and the 10th District seat on the county Board of Commissioners.

In Plymouth, 776 absentee ballots had been issued as of mid-afternoon Friday, and some 450 had been returned. Langmesser said absentee returns had started to pick up

a couple of days earlier.

In the township, about 3,100 absentee ballots had been issued and all but about 1,000 returned, Bridgman said.

The city has about 7,100 registered voters, the township about 21,500. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

In the city, all four voting precincts are located at Central Middle School. In the township, there are 12 precinct locations; a list and a precinct map are available at the township's Website, www.plymouthtwp.org, under the heading for the clerk's department.

Those who wish to vote but expect to be out of town Tuesday, or are 60 or older or otherwise eligible to vote absentee, can still do so on Monday. Absentee ballots can be obtained at city hall, or at township hall for township residents, and must be voted on site and turned over to the clerk. In Plymouth, the hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; in Plymouth Township, the hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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County auditor general raises concerns about budgeting process

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Office of the Auditor General has put the Wayne County Commission on notice that it needs "to get control over budget deficits otherwise the county could be facing a takeover by the State of Michigan" like the Detroit Public Schools and the city of Pontiac.

The gloomy prediction was part of a Budget Sensitive Issues Consulting Report presented at a June 28 budget retreat, hosted by the Wayne County Commission's Committee of Ways and Means. "The report provides insight into some of the financial issues we will attempt to resolve this year," said Commission Chair Edward Boike Jr. in making the five-page report public.

"As we embark on a budget process for Fiscal 2010-11, we



FILE PHOTO

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is looking for help from the Wayne County Commission in reigning in the county's deficit spending, but is finding resistance from Commission Chair Edward Boike Jr.

are looking at a projected deficit in excess of \$266 million," he said. "I felt it was imperative to keep the residents and taxpayers fully informed of the urgency of the critical decisions the Legislative

Branch must make in this once-a-year opportunity to act in the public interest."

Boike released the report as part of the commission's appropriations ordinance which includes a section on transparency. The concerns raised in the report will be presented to the commission's audit committee when it meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, he said.

According to Auditor General Willie Mayo, the county has been in a "deficit spending mode since fiscal year 2003 and still has not addressed the root problems." In fact, the deficit increased from \$114.2 million to \$215.4 million as of Sept. 30, 2009, including \$10.6 million from the general fund.

The county is under a state-mandated five-year deficit elimination plan and must show that it has "adequate budgetary funding for 2010-11

to decrease the deficits."

Based in cash flow projections by the Office of Management and Budget for the second quarter of 2009-10, the county will need to continue borrowing for 2010-11 to meet ongoing operating expenses, leading Mayo to say that it's "indicative of management's inability to re-engineer operations or downsize expenditures to a level based on future projected revenues."

Mayo has recommended that the commission ask Management and Budget to provide a list of core and non-core services by department along with their related costs and use the list to determine that all essential service receive priority funding.

"The committee could adopt a budget based on the Charter and other mandated programs and services (core) and then allocate the balance

to noncore or nonmandated services," Mayo said in the report. "A list of core services will expedite the decision making process as to which programs and services that are absolutely necessary to fund and those that are discretionary."

He also has recommended that the commission hold revenue conferences, similar to what the state does, to discuss available sources of revenue to fund county programs and operations and that the commission consider adopting the concept of "Zero Based Budgeting" for certain service funds — Management and Budget, Personnel, Corporation Counsel, Department of Transportation and Building and Grounds. A ZBB is a method of budgeting in which all expense must be justified for each budget year.

"ZBB starts from a 'zero base' and every function within the department or area is analyzed for its necessity and costs," he said. "Budgets are then built around what is necessary for the upcoming period regardless of whether the budget is higher or lower than the previous year."

His other recommendations include:

- Holding meetings with the executive branch to discuss the reliability of revenue projections before the actual budget is prepared and submitted by the county executive.
- Evaluate all potential additional revenue opportunities, such as fees and fines, administrative fees, advertising on government property, as well as making it a priority to adequately fund net revenue producing activities.

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Hotel chain rolls out welcome mat

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After investing millions of dollars in the adjacent Comfort Suites and Fairfield Inn near Haggerty and Ford roads in Canton, A&M Hospitality officials Tuesday evening rolled out their symbolic welcome mat by hosting an outdoor party that drew township leaders, county officials and regional business representatives.

"We want the community to know we're here to stay," Mike Abdulnoor, A&M regional manager, said.

On yet another steamy summer day, A&M Hosted a barbecue and raffled off prizes as it sought to show appreciation to its customers, drum up new business and strengthen its ties with area officials and the Canton, Plymouth, Westland and American Arab chambers of commerce.

A&M Hospitality two years ago invested \$5 million to build the 66-room Comfort Suites, on Haggerty across from the IKEA store, Abdulnoor said. That project came after the company earlier spent \$1 mil-



A crowd begins to gather for an outdoor event Tuesday at the Comfort Suites and Fairfield Inn in Canton.

lion to renovate the adjacent, 118-room Fairfield Inn.

"They're a good addition to the Canton community," Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara said Tuesday.

A&M officials hope to draw attention to their ability to host conventions and other large events. To that end, Tuesday's event also drew representatives from the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Along with other area hotels, Comfort Suites and Fairfield Inn have become popular destinations during events such as the popular Canton Cup — a Memorial Day weekend soccer tournament that each year draws tens of thousands of players, parents, fans and curious spectators.

A&M officials also hope to draw new customers by marketing their Canton lodgings, near the I-275 corridor, as cen-

trally located near Detroit, Ann Arbor and Oakland County. The company invested in Canton after doing its research.

"We noticed there was growth in the area, and we wanted to take advantage of it," said Tom Gusso, one of the owners.

A&M sales manager Nader Judeh called Tuesday's gathering the company's "largest summer networking event," and he estimated that more than 100 people stopped by during the three-hour barbecue.

During a conversation with A&M officials, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy touted Canton as "an extremely business-friendly community."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano lauded A&M officials for investing in the Canton site.

"We're absolutely glad to see successful businesses and efforts to bring the community together," he said, adding that investment near Haggerty and Ford "blends into the area's synergy and ties in with Detroit Metro Airport and I-275."

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Umbrella liability policy wise for higher wage earners

Q: Dear Rick: My neighbor has a \$1 million umbrella liability policy. I don't have this type of coverage and I don't think I need it. Do you think that an umbrella liability policy is gimmicky or is it something you recommend? I make a nice living but I don't consider myself rich.



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A: Umbrella liability insurance provides additional coverage above and beyond your automobile and homeowners' policies.

For example, if you were in an automobile accident and you were at fault, the umbrella liability policy would kick in after the coverage on your auto policy was exhausted. Another example where an umbrella liability policy would come into effect is if someone was injured in your home. If the damages were more than provided for in your homeowners' policy, the umbrella liability policy would activate. The issue for most people is whether they have sufficient liability coverage.

We live in a litigious society and because an umbrella liability policy can also be used to cover legal fees, I believe for many people this type of coverage is important.

You don't have to "rich" to buy an umbrella liability policy. It is a matter of do you have assets or income that need to be protected.

If your assets are worth more than your current liability coverage, I believe it makes sense to purchase umbrella liability coverage. In addition, if you are a high wage earner (anything over six figures) it makes sense to purchase an umbrella liability policy.

It is possible that if you were in a situation where there was

some sort of an accident, your future salary could be at risk so umbrella liability makes sense.

Umbrella liability policies are not expensive. Typically, for \$1 million of additional liability coverage it costs a couple hundred dollars a year. Of course, someone with substantial assets may need to purchase more than \$1 million of additional coverage.

In most situations, to purchase an umbrella liability policy go through your homeowners or automobile insurance company. It is easier to coordinate coverage when purchased through the same company.

Umbrella personal liability insurance policies, like all types of insurance, fall under the category of risk management. The key is to identify potential risks and then to make an informed decision as to how to cover them. In some situations we are self-insured while in others we purchase some sort of policy to share the risk.

If you are a professional, have a high net worth or high income, the risk of being sued for an accident or any type of mishap increases dramatically. Therefore, to have some type of insurance in place that will protect you is something that I believe is valuable.

Unfortunately, too many people never shop their coverage around and they end up paying higher premiums than necessary. When you speak with your homeowners' or automobile insurance agent about umbrella liability, consider shopping around all of your policies. You may find that even with adding on an additional umbrella liability policy your total premiums are not increased.

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

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Our picks

With the primary election just two days away, voters who haven't yet done so have precious little time to make up their minds for whom to vote.

Decisions are necessary only in the Republican primaries in local races, since Democrats are running unopposed in all of them. Here's a little help for Plymouth and Canton voters still faced with the decision:

• In the 20th House District, we believe **Kurt Heise** should get the nod over political newcomer **Steve Booher Jr.**

• In the 21st House District, **Shannon Price** gets the nod over **Lori Levi**.

• In the 7th Senate District, **Abe Munfakh** is our choice over his three challengers: former state Rep. **Deborah Whyman**, **Dan Osterman** and **Patrick Colbeck**.

• For the Wayne County Commission 10th District, incumbent **Laura Cox** gets the nod over challengers **George Hartman** and **Timothy Olszewski**.

20th House District
Heise is the clear choice in the Republican primary. While he's not a career politician, he's spent the majority of his adult life dealing with governmental issues. He

spent 15 years representing various communities on local ordinances and state laws, and he's been a leader in regional environmental issues.

He's only lived in Plymouth Township for a few years, but he's lived in Wayne County his whole life, and his career path has given him a familiarity with issues facing southeast Michigan that could prove valuable in Lansing.

He is articulate, believes he can work with Democrats across the aisle (Heise worked well with Wayne County Executive **Bob Ficano**, a Democrat) and appears passionate about the idea of serving.

21st House District
The race for the chance to unseat **Slavens** comes down to an age-old political battle of experience vs. spunk. **Price** is a longtime political analyst, former chairman of the Wayne County Republicans and a veteran campaign organizer. This time, **Price** is putting his own name on the ballot.

He supports reducing taxes, the size of government and spending — many things voters want to hear these days. He supports the idea of the aeropolis — a potential jobs-growth area



Munfakh



Price



Cox



Heise

roughly between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports — and believes alternative energy could be a factor in turning Michigan around.

He believes the state corrections system has wasteful spending and said money can be saved by privatizing food service and, if necessary, transportation. He also called Democrat **Andy Dillon's** plan for pooling state employee health care "a great plan."

Though he's built a career in politics, he's not a career politician in the sense that he's run for office at every turn. **Price** knows the issues and has experience in how the legislative process works. He is the better candidate in this GOP primary race.

7th Senate District
In this primary race we recommend **Munfakh**, a businessman who has managed one local busi-

ness and grown his own.

Munfakh has political experience, though he's painting himself as an "outsider." He's served three terms on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, and he's active in the Wayne 11th Republican Committee. He advocates lower taxes, spending cuts and job creation. He believes the state should be run like a business, and that his experience will help that happen. He has the business credentials. He managed **Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May** and is CEO of his own engineering consulting firm, **Munfakh & Associates**, which he grew to more than 150 employees.

He was elected to three terms on the Plymouth Township board and has served on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission and on the executive committee for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Among the four candidates in this primary, **Munfakh** has the best chance to go to Lansing and be an effective lawmaker for the 7th District.

Wayne County Commission
We support **Cox** for re-election in the 10th District because of her experience and track record. The other two are political newcomers.

Hartman shares **Cox's** concerns about the county's large budget deficit, but **Cox** has tried to do something about it while on the commission the past 5 1/2 years. She's demonstrated she is a competent commissioner working to cut spending and balance the budget. That's what Wayne County needs.

The lone Republican on the commission, **Cox** is chair of the Ways and Means Committee where she helped reappropriate \$10.8 million for important core services such as the prosecutor's office and children's family services.

Cox wants to look in areas for duplication of services in the Wayne County Circuit court and at administrative costs in the juvenile justice system. She's not afraid to look at privatization, either. With that large of a deficit, the county needs to look at all options.

We think **Cox** deserves to be re-elected, based on her track record of working in the best interest of taxpayers.

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Name: Laura Cox, incumbent
Age: 45
Spouse: Mike, 15 years
Children: Lindsey 27, Sinead 14, Conor 12, Rory 10.
Grandchildren: Grace 3, Savanna 6 months
Residency: Livonia, 10 years
Community involvement (within the last two years): Rouge Rescue Clean-up Program sponsor (Bennett Arboretum), Community Opportunity Center board of directors, Infant Mortality Foundation Board member, St. Edith Fun Fair coordinator, MI Troops, Michigan Girls State, March is Reading Month promoter, INFORUM a professional women's alliance.
Related experience: Commissioner 5½ years
Profession: Wayne County Commissioner, 10th District
Education: BA in criminal justice, Michigan State University; MS in criminal justice research and planning, Michigan State University.
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Name: George J. Hartman
Age: 52
Spouse: Denise, 21 years
Children: Anastazia, 14
Residency: Northville, 10 years; Wayne County, 49 years
Community involvement: Parent coach for Hillside Middle School Science Olympiad Team
Related experience:
Profession: Private family business owner, George J. Hartman Architects, P.C., for over 18 years
Education: BS in architecture, Lawrence Institute of Technology
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Name: Timothy John Olszewski
Age: 42
Spouse: None
Children: None
Residency: Livonia, 36 years
Community involvement: Worked at the Livonia Spree within the capacity of law enforcement
Related experience:
Profession: Retired police sergeant, Detroit Tigers Ball Club travel security representative
Education: Wayne State University, Schoolcraft College

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE FACING WAYNE COUNTY?

Our most pressing issue is deficit spending. We have been operating in a deficit for way too long, and it continues to grow. We cannot get our budget under control until we stop spending money we don't have and reign in those who continue to spend that way.

The size and cost of operating county government is an extremely pressing issue. Oversized government, excessive taxation, decreased populations and decay of the business community are issues that need to be addressed if Wayne County is to thrive. The taxpayers of this county are paying a greater percentage of their reduced incomes in taxes to support a county system that has grown too large. The system needs to be corrected. County government needs to function more efficiently to reduce the tax burden on the residents, businesses and taxpayers.

I see the most pressing issue with economic development within the entire county, not just the 10th district.

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS POSITION?

I have spent the last 5½ years fighting for the taxpayers of the 10th District, but the fight is not over. We continue to be in difficult economic times, and my constituents deserve a commissioner they know will not balance the county budget on their backs and will continue to fight for their tax dollars. My record is clear. The 10th district deserves a fighter, and that is what I am.

I am seeking this office to try to make a difference in the county structure. Like many residents that I speak with, I am frustrated that county government growth and spending continue to rise while the incomes and property values of the county residents continue to decline. I have decided that rather than just complaining about the problems that we face as a community that I would run for office in an attempt to actually make a difference.

The citizens of the 10th district are in need of a new approach. Old approaches simply don't work any longer.

WHAT IS YOUR MAIN GOAL IF ELECTED, AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH IT?

To make sure that the county reduces its deficits. The county must stay within its proposed budget for the next fiscal year and keep with its deficit reduction plan. Last year during the budget deliberations I supported the use of state revenue sharing dollars to reduce our deficit. I will encourage this practice again for this year's budget.

As the Chair of Ways and Means I will not support a budget that the taxpayers cannot afford.

While I am only one commissioner, I have the opportunity to offer leadership on good sound fiscal policy as chair of Ways and Means.

My main goal if elected is to reduce the burden that county government places on its residents and taxpayers. Private industry has gone through a significant restructuring and it is time for government to do the same. A review of county spending needs to be conducted and non-essential spending eliminated. All aspects of county spending need to be investigated and reduced wherever possible. Reducing the tax burden on businesses and residents will stimulate economic growth in the county. This business growth is essential to the economic survival of the area. We need to work to keep our business community healthy. Property taxes need to be brought into line with the depressed property values to help encourage development and additional growth in the county. This will make property and business investment in the county more attractive.

If elected, solicit both small and large companies to move into the vacant structures that stand in our county. Be committed to utilizing the current tax dollars wisely, and to support the current plan of County Executive Robert Ficano.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO SERVE IN THIS POSITION?

I have experience on the job and tenacity. I've spent 5½ years fighting for my constituents. Most importantly I listen to the residents and work towards a resolution for the taxpayers. As commissioner I have a record that reflects my ability to work hard and get things done. My record proves that I will not balance the budget on the backs of the taxpayers. In 2009, I was appointed as chair of Ways and Means, a powerful position of leadership for the lone republican on the Commission.

I believe that I am qualified for this position based upon my experience in the private business world. As a self-employed architect and builder, it is imperative that I run my business efficiently to provide quality and value to my customers. Government should function the same way. I believe that my experience in the private business environment will be an asset in understanding the ability of the community to effectively support county government.

My career of 22 plus years working as a police officer offered a wide view of all 43 communities within the county. While working for once Sheriff Robert Ficano, my duties ranged from all communities along the Detroit river, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair and in the city of Detroit. The last 12 years were spent in the county's park system, another concern and love of mine (Hines Park). Honestly, the compassion to better the community I live in and the desire to work as hard as the women and men in both the 10th district as well as the county.

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Name: Steve Booher, Jr., 34
Family: Wife, Anna; children Mike and Addison
Residency: Plymouth Township
Race: 20th State House District
Community Involvement: Coaching with YMCA and City of Plymouth; America's Thanksgiving Day Parade
Related Experience: Manage budgets, sales, etc. Profession: Manufacturers Representative for Heavy Truck and Automotive, Sales Representative for IT Staffing.
Education: Bachelor's degrees in English Literature and Communication Studies from U-M Ann Arbor
Website: www.booherforstaterep.org



Name: Kurt Heise, 44
Family: Wife, Catherine; children Katie and Claire
Residency: Plymouth Township 4 years, lifetime in Wayne County
Race: 20th State House District
Community Involvement: Trustee, Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, Plymouth Rotary Club, Friends of the Rouge Board of Directors, Detroit Regional Chamber Environment & Energy Committee, Wayne State TechTown Mentor.
Related Experience: Former director, Wayne County Department of Environment; Mayoral Deputy, and Attorney for various communities over 15 years. Experience in drafting state and local laws, and extensive leadership experience in regional environmental and municipal policy matters.
Profession: Municipal, environmental and labor attorney; environmental and energy consultant for the Wayne State School of Civil & Environmental Engineering and other private and public sector clients.
Education: Bachelor's degree, political science, University of Michigan (1988); Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctor (1991); Masters of Laws in Labor Law (1993).
Website: www.heise4us.com



Name: Lori Levi, 43
Family: Husband Jeff; children Jeffrey, Jeremy, Porsche and Brietta
Residency: Canton, 16 years
Race: 21st State House District
Community Involvement: Rotary participation (not member), Northridge Church.
Related Experience: Subcontractor HB Trucking Co. Family business - Great Lakes Sand & Gravel; 15 years top sales and customer service award recipient at North Brothers Ford.
Profession: SE Levi International (private franchising - Internet based) and Owner of Porsche Enterprises rental management company.
Education: High School graduate, some college. Pursued entrepreneurial pursuits, motivational and self development training.
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Name: Shannon Price, 39
Family: Wife, Jackie; children Madeline and Brady
Residency: Canton 5 years; Wayne County, 39 years
Race: 21st State House District
Community Involvement: Leadership Canton Graduate, Canton Chamber, Livonia Jaycees, and Sons of the American Legion.
Related Experience: I have served both a Republican County and District Chair, served as the Senior Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 396 and am a proud PTO dad (Miller School PTO Secretary).
Profession: Consultant for Non-Profits and Municipalities
Education: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science
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What qualifies you to serve in this position?

Most of us have neighbors or friends that have lost a job or have had to take a pay cut. Many of us have had this happen in our own homes. We need to get Michigan back to work. With over a decade of Manufacturing experience, I see our district as one rich in infrastructure and skilled people ready to face the challenge of emerging technologies. I have the experience to help our existing companies create new jobs.

I have extensive experience in the full-time management of public sector services, most recently as Director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, a \$145 million per year department with 140 employees. As Director, my team cut our budget, reduced staff, restructured operations, improved customer service, and won national awards for it.

Real life business experience outside the political world and a strong grassroots connection with citizens and local business owners. The conviction and guts to stand my ground against an overreaching and over-encroaching state and federal government.

As a consultant for non-profits and municipalities, I have fought for projects designed to ease traffic congestion along Ford Road, and filling the nearly 12,000 nursing vacancies in Michigan. I am also a former Director of Constituent Relations for the Attorney General's office where I was responsible for responding to constituent requests, complaints, and inquiries, and was a former partner in a software, marketing, and consulting business.

What are your top three priorities for funding key state services?

We must investigate privatizing certain services to assure that we're receiving the best benefits at the best cost. The government must revisit Corrections - it's essential that the savings possibly achieved from privatizing a small portion of prisons be considered. State workers also must sacrifice; health care benefits should match those benefits found in the private sector.

The entire state budget will be dramatically impacted over the next four years due to Michigan's new economic reality, and the end of federal 'stimulus' money being used to balance the state budget. I believe, however, that we must make education funding, public safety, and critical infrastructure improvements a priority given our limited resources.

The government is constitutionally mandated to very essential and limited duties. (1) Overall security and safety including police, fire, EMS and on-going support for veterans. (2) Infrastructure, which is critical to long term stability and growth and must be aggressively renovated. (3) Education funding, which must be equitable in order for all children to be able to compete in the global economy. We need to restructure our school funding system in order to stabilize funding.

We need to cut taxes, reduce the size of state government, and change how our state does business. Two great examples of this are the MBT and the Corrections budget. Currently Michigan ranks 47th in the nation to locate a business, by eliminating the MBT we can jump into the top 10! Additionally, reinstating "Good Time" to balance the Corrections budget is not the answer. Rather we should be looking into privatizing line items like food service.

Would you support a) a constitutional amendment to increase the current 6-percent sales tax, b) expanding it to include services, or c) lowering it but expanding it to include more items like services?

I do not support any of these. When Michigan families are seeing household budgets shrinking and we're trying to establish Michigan as a destination for visitors from other states, it's not the time to raise taxes. The idea of opening up taxation to some services is simply opening a Pandora's Box for taxation across the board.

I am not in favor of tax increases given Michigan's current economic crisis.

No. We need to look at a simple, efficient tax structure that eliminates political posturing and special interest handouts. We must cut the size and scope of government, spending and waste.

No. I believe that our tax structure is killing small businesses and suppressing job growth. What we need to do is cut taxes and get spending under control.

Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business to Michigan?

While tax incentives are important, history tells us that the most successful way to attract new business to an area is by having a lean and consistent government. New businesses want to know that they're landing in a steady environment, without surprises, that will encourage growth and success. This is one of the reasons that the Michigan Business Tax must be reformed.

Ideally, we should level the playing field to attract all types of new business to Michigan, and to encourage job creators and startup businesses here at home. This can be done by reducing punitive business taxes and burdensome regulations. We must also work to leverage our educational, skilled workforce, and environmental assets to attract job creators.

No. While tax incentives may increase activity in certain segments of the economy they do not promote an overall rise in growth across the entire economy. We must create a stable, predictable, permanent tax system that benefits all job providers. Government cannot pick winners and losers. A low, stable tax structure encourages growth in all sectors and strengthens the entire economy.

I believe that the best way to attract new businesses to Michigan and to keep the businesses we have is to eliminate the MBT. Currently Michigan ranks 47th in the nation to locate a business, by eliminating the MBT we can jump into the top 10! Additionally, what is the message we are sending long time Michigan businesses that are struggling to keep their doors open when we give a new company a 15-year tax abatement?

7TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN SENATE



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Related Experience: 3-term Plymouth Township Trustee
Profession: Civil Engineer, Retired President of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc.; CEO, Munfakh & Associates, LLC
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Community Involvement: County Coordinator, Grassroots activist organization.
Profession: Engineer
Education: Bachelor's degree, general engineering
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Residency: Canton since 1993
Related Experience: House of Representatives (1993-1998)
Profession: Attorney
Education: Bachelor's degree, Major Information Systems, CMU (1980); master's degree, administration, CMU (1987); Juris Doctorate, U-D (2002).

What qualifies you to serve in this position?

I have served over 11 years as a management consultant support a wide variety of industries including automotive, aerospace, defense, health care, banking, IT, and manufacturing. I believe Michigan could use someone with this skill set to help exchange our current #2 status in unemployment rate with a #1 rank in job growth rate. I thrive on bold challenges and I have a track record of overcoming these challenges.

I successfully managed a company that produced profits every year. I am also experienced in the public sector, as I served 12 years as a Township Trustee. I have the experience, the desire and the knowledge to fix Michigan using management techniques I learned in the private sector.

I meet both the age and residency requirements. I have leadership and management experience.

I served in the legislature from 1993-1998. When I was first elected to the house in 1992, the House was split 55-55. I learned to work in a bipartisan fashion. In my other two terms, I served in both the minority and majority. Serving in these different capacities taught me several lessons. Among them, I developed an understanding of how to translate public policy ideas into legislation, and how to work to get a bill passed.

What are your top three priorities for funding key state services?

We need to encourage school districts to operate more efficiently by consolidating administrative services into shared service pools; we need to ensure that we provide Michigan citizens and employers with access to low cost and high quality health care solutions; I would work with the next Governor to extend the concept of shared service consolidation for school districts to our state government as a whole.

Spending cuts should be made ... the State is bloated, and overpaid state employees must accept reductions in pay and benefits as has happened in the private sector; zero-based budgeting as is done in the private sector; two- to three-year budget plans, with adoption of a one-year plan as required by the Michigan Constitution.

Reform our tax system to a broad-based consumption tax. Privatizing of Services. Privatizing of government employee pensions.

I will favor privatizing most state services, realizing vast savings for taxpayers. I support health-care savings by pooling all government employees into one system. I also want to re-evaluate what is considered to be a "key" service, cutting many unneeded services will reduce the need to fund them in the first place.

Would you support a) a constitutional amendment to increase the current 6-percent sales tax, b) expanding it to include services, or c) lowering it but expanding it to include more items like services?

None of the above. I have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. We need to cut expenses. We will not be able to tax ourselves to prosperity.

The answer is no. I do not believe we need to increase taxes at this time. We need to cut taxes to spur the economy in Michigan. I am completely against including any taxes on services.

Only after a thorough attempt at reducing the cost of government, and an elimination of either the income tax, property tax or both.

Probably not. But I would look at a proposal that would lower the sales tax rate. Sales tax is one of the big 3 stable sources of revenue to the state of Michigan. Any change would have to grant the same stability. When considering expanding the sales tax base we must determine whether the tax is regressive (i.e. food). Also, Department of Treasury estimates 1/3 of sales tax revenue is paid by non-Michigan residents. If the rate is lowered, but the exportability of the tax is diminished, the reduction is not favorable to Michigan residents.

Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business to Michigan?

It seems that politicians on both ends of the political spectrum agree that tax incentives help to stimulate economies. That is why "Enterprise Zones" have such broad based support. If most folks agree that lower taxes inspire economic growth, why isn't the entire state of Michigan an enterprise zone? We need to put representatives into state government that seek to look out for the good of the entire state. A healthy state economy is the best way to ensure a robust economy in their district.

I believe the best way to attract businesses to Michigan is by creating a good business environment, reducing taxes, eliminating bureaucratic requirements and red tape, and making Michigan business-friendly. This has to come from the legislative branch as well as the administration. Making Michigan business-friendly will attract businesses and will help diversify our economy.

No. Tax incentives are arbitrary and favor particular segments of the economy. Tax incentives should be across the board for all businesses.

The best incentives are across the board tax cuts. The history of tax incentives in Michigan has been mixed. I'm not willing to pick winners and losers with targeted tax incentives. We need to raise all boats. Lower taxes are just one important piece to improving the business climate in Michigan. I favor Right to Work, privatization of services, and doing more to stimulate the growth of the small business. Prior to this economic collapse this was the largest job growth sector.

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Foreign exchange

Area youngsters receive soccer instruction from British Soccer coaches

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was just six short weeks ago that England and the United States were about as far apart as two long-standing allies could be. You see, World Cup 2010 was in its infant stages and the two countries were set to embark on the world's most coveted journey in sports.

Their much-anticipated matchup in the early going created a multitude of storylines, but resulted in minimal bragging rights as the contest ended in a 1-1 draw. The way that match played out was the way the rest of the tournament panned out for both teams.

Now, less than two months later, cohesion again exists on the soccer pitch as some of the finest young minds from across the pond have returned to share their experiences and deliver their expertise to inquiring young minds who seek to learn the skills of the game.

"The idea is you want them to have as much fun as they can and also want them to learn as well," stated Milo Palmer, 21, of Cheltenham, England, who, along with fel-



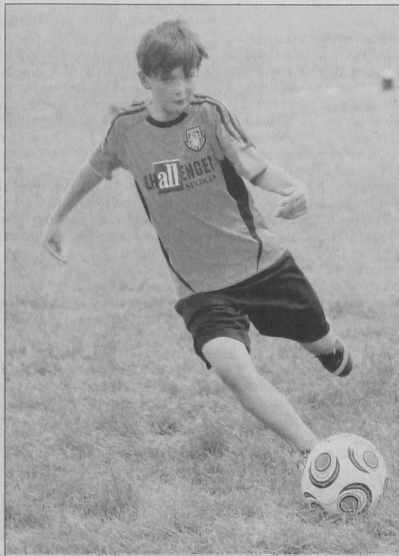
Camp instructor Milo Palmer works with Ethan Decess of Garden City on footwork. Decess was a return participant to the soccer camp that was offered up by The Christian Youth Soccer Association and British Soccer.

low instructors John Bentley and Darragh O'Callaghan, visited Garden City last week as part of the annual Challenger Sports British Soccer Camps. "There are so many things they need to learn because in England we're given a soccer ball as soon as we can walk. That's what we're trying to get over here — start them as young as we can."

Specifically, the trio was on hand Monday through Friday at United Christian School

working with boys and girls six to 18 on everything from improving fundamentals to building character. Their mission, as stated by Challenger Sports — which has become the largest soccer camp in North America — is to combine consistent high quality and age specific soccer instruction with equally important elements of character, cultural and nutritional education.

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Austin Howard, 11, of Garden City works his way through drills during the early stages of the week-long youth soccer camp held at United Christian School in Garden City.

SIDELINES

Ducks sign Fowler

The NHL Anaheim Ducks announced the signing last week of defenseman Cam Fowler of Farmington Hills to a three-year entry-level contract.

Per club policy, no terms of the deal were disclosed.

The 18-year-old Fowler was selected by the Ducks in the first round (21st overall) of this year's NHL Entry Draft.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Fowler tallied 55 points with a plus-38 rating and 14 penalty minutes in 55 games with the Ontario Hockey League and Memorial Cup champion Windsor Spitfires.

As a member of Team USA, Fowler won a gold medal at both the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship and 2009 IIHF U-18 World Championship, where he was named the tournament's top defenseman.

O&E golf signup

Registration is still on for the upcoming Observer & Eccentric Open women's and men's golf tournaments.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 for the O&E women's open, which is set for Saturday, Aug. 7 at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The entry fee for the women's 18-hole medal play is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate).

A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tournaments, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

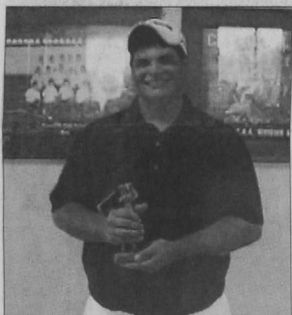
MU's Moore honored

Madonna University's Patrick Moore was recently selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Mike Dean Sports Information Director of the Year.

Moore, a 2003 MU grad, serves as the host media director for 10 WHAC championships in addition to multiple NAIA events and developed several conference publications.

The last three MU volleyball media guides (2007, 2008, 2009) have all taken home top national honors from NAIA-SIDA.

"Patrick is the utmost professional," MU Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo said. "His work ethic, dedication and commitment can be seen in his work every day. Madonna is very lucky to have Patrick."



Andrew Ioanou, who will be a junior at Livonia Churchill, captured the Boys 16-17 age division.



Becca Bubenheimer, who will be a junior at Livonia Stevenson, earned the Girls 15-17 age division crown.

Churchill junior Ioanou tops Motor City Jr. Golf field

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Andrew Ioanou knows Whispering Willows Golf Course inside and out.

On Wednesday, the incoming junior at Livonia Churchill put his knowledge to work as he won the Boys 16-17 age division in the Motor City Junior Golf Tournament.

"I'm just trying to make varsity again," said Ioanou, who tied Livonia Franklin senior-to-be Drake Hermann after 18 holes with a 39-37-76.

Ioanou's round included four birdies, which offset a triple bogey on the par-5, 478-yard first hole and a double bogey on the par-3, 214-yard No. 15.

Despite three-putting, Ioanou defeated Hermann in a one-hole playoff on No. 10 for the title.

"My putter was pretty good today and that was about it. I had like 28 (putts)," said Ioanou, who shuttled between the Churchill varsity and JV squad this spring. "I was hitting my drives pretty good. I found the fairway a lot. A lot of the pin placements were hard because they were in the front and on the slope, mostly in the front."

Ioanou's short game was the difference. He gets plenty of advice from his high school coach, Paul Worley, who also serves as the head pro at Whispering Willows.

"I work on putting a lot, because putting is kind of a hard thing to do," he said. "So I try and do that the best that I can. Paul (Worley) emphasizes short game because he's really good at short game."

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Falcons hire new basketball coach

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A veteran of a dozen years in coaching, Terrance Porter is ready for his next challenge at Farmington High School.

Porter, a 35-year-old Redford resident, was hired earlier this summer to replace Steve Norgrove as the boys varsity basketball coach.

Norgrove resigned after eight seasons to take the same post at Rochester Stoney Creek, a school and position closer to his home.

Porter, who was the head coach at Birmingham Groves the past two seasons, is excited about the opportunity he has at Farmington.

"I'm ecstatic; I can't wait to get started," he said. "In the fall, we're going to be preparing for basketball. I'm looking forward to the season."

Porter was hired too late to get the Falcons into a team camp, but he has already begun to prepare his team with summer workouts and games.

"There's definitely some talent there," he said. "There are some pieces there to work with. Now, it's just a situation of getting in the gym and seeing what the skill levels are, expanding their strengths and working on their weaknesses."

"We're trying to develop a comfort level. They're learning



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Terrance Porter, a resident of Redford, offers up instructions on the basketball court during a recent summer camp. Porter, who previously coached at Birmingham Groves, was recently named the new boys basketball coach at Farmington High School.

to trust me, and I'm learning to trust them."

Porter said his coaching style can accommodate a fast tempo and a deliberate pace.

"We like to score easy baskets in transition and also be able to run set plays," he said.

But the real emphasis will be on rebounding and playing defense.

"I'm a big believer in defensive rebounding first and foremost," Porter said. "We have to be able to rebound consistently, and the effort has to be there every night on both ends of the floor."

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Not to be outdone was incoming Novi-Detroit Catholic Central junior David Nietzke, who captured the Boys 14-15 age division with a 38-41-79. He won by three shots over Kevin Luo.

Last spring, Nietzke played on the JV squad as CC's varsity team captured the coveted MHSAA Division 1 team title.

The Farmington native was a regular this summer on the Adams Junior Tour and hopes to crack CC's varsity lineup next season. He shot a 76 in a best ball event earlier this summer at Whispering Willows and teamed up with Farmington High's Jimmy Patterson for a second (67) in a scramble event at Fox Creek.

"There was a lot of wind, but I was keeping the ball in play pretty much," Nietzke said. "I was average on my putts — not good or not bad. Keeping the ball in play gives yourself opportunities and that's all you can hope for."

Capturing the Girls 15-17 crown was Becca Bubenheimer, who will be a junior at Livonia Stevenson. She shot a 94 to beat Sarah Schneider by a stroke.

Bubenheimer, who has only one year of tournament experience, has been playing on the Top 50 Junior Tour.

"Neither one of my parents played golf, but one day I went to the driving range and fell in love with it," Bubenheimer said.

She was satisfied with her round considering the conditions.

"It (94) could have been bet-



David Nietzke of Farmington Hills, who will be a junior at Catholic Central, captured the Boys 14-15 age division.

ter, it's not my best, but it's decent," Bubenheimer said. "I was driving the ball about 225 (yards) off the tee and I was usually in the fairway. It was really, really hot. I was ready to fall over."

Novi's Kristin Swad, 14, who will be an incoming freshman at Farmington Hills Mercy, posted a personal best low round with a 103 to capture the Girls 13-14 crown, a stroke better than Livonia's Madelyn Omietanski.

"I'm pitching the ball better, my irons are my strength," said Swad, who also plays recreational soccer for the Plymouth Rebels and also swims competitively.

In the Boys 13-and-under age group, Livonia's Matt Flood won with an 86, five strokes better than Livonia's Mike Tokarz.

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SOCCER CAMP

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The camp has become quite popular among youngsters associated with The Christian Youth Soccer Association, which again this year teamed with British Soccer to make it all possible.

"This is super fun, but I can't wait till the end of the day and we can go to my grandma's and we can finally get to sit in the air conditioning," voiced 11-year-old Austin Howard, of Garden City, during an early-afternoon break on Monday. "This is my favorite sport. I was here last year, too, and I like playing with all my friends."

"I come here to get better at soccer and I come here because it's fun, too," continued Howard, who suits up for the Hornets in the CYSA. "You learn new ways to pass to people and get to the goal and new tricks like the rainbow."

Ethan Decess, 8, also of Garden City, echoed many of those same sentiments.

"Last year I came here and it was really fun and we got to do a lot of activities," said Decess, who said he splits time between playing offense and goal for the Raiders. "They're teaching us how to pick up the ball without using your hands. They're good teachers. You get to learn new stuff and it's fun."

And that is precisely the goal of all three foreign instructors who are in unison in their hopes of seeing the sport prosper in this country in terms of awareness and participation.

"From when I was here five years ago there is a definite increase, I think, from just seeing it on t.v.," said Bentley, 26, who calls Leighton Buzzard, England, home. "And with participation with the kids in these camps it has grown."

"But until it is accepted at the high school level as a serious sport then I think it's always going to be harder for it to reach that main level of acceptance," added Bentley, who won't return home until the conclusion of running these camps sometime in November. "But this will help. These kids learning and playing it now and the generation of kids will keep building."

APPRECIATION ALL AROUND

With more Claire Hermes' running up and down the field the sport would certainly be approaching the levels of popularity enjoyed by this country's three mainstream sports of baseball, football and basketball.

"My mom wanted this to be a birthday present because I really, really love the sport," said Hermes, 12, of Redford, who competes on defense and in goal for the Redford Stars. "I follow it in England where it's a really big thing. My favorite team is Manchester United."

"I saw it back on t.v. once and I thought



Claire Hermes, 12, of Redford, shows off some of her soccer skills during the weeklong British Soccer Camp held in Garden City.

it would really be cool to do that," Hermes continued. "I just got into my local team and then learned all the ropes and stuff and soon it just kept going and going until I became the biggest fan."

All of the week's enjoyment wasn't confined to just campers, however, as all three instructors made it known their appreciation given the opportunity to travel and teach something so close to their hearts.

"I really love it because each week you get to meet new faces, new families and see different ways of living," Bentley said. "The families love it as well because they

think 'Oh, wow, we got the coach at our house,' and it's just a good overall experience for them."

"I've been here (U.S.) five weeks now and it's been a bit of a culture shock for me, but I'm absolutely loving it," said the 20-year-old Irishman O'Callaghan. "Back home I've always wanted to be a teacher. But I've come over here and loved it so much I'm thinking about staying."

"The families are so good to us," O'Callaghan continued. "To let a stranger staying in your house must be difficult. But they love it as well. You really appreciate what they do for you."

COACH

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"There are going to be nights when you're not going to make shots, but you can control your effort on the defensive end."

"Defense and attitude are the most important things when it comes to basketball. You control your work ethic, attitude and defensive effort."

Porter, who had a degree in business administration and marketing from the University of Detroit Mercy and a masters degree in sports administration from Wayne

State University, said he will emphasize academics, too.

"I've been put in this position to make a positive impact on these young men's lives, and we're using basketball as the vehicle to prepare them for life."

"I understand a coach's job is to win, but my main goal is for the young men to continue their educations and athletic careers after high school, to be successful on the court and in the classroom."

Porter, who works in private business, played high school basketball at Harper Woods Notre Dame. He continued his career with the UDM Titans.

After three seasons there, he played his final year at Wayne State in 1997-98.

Porter was an assistant coach at Birmingham Brother Rice, U-of-D Jesuit High and Harper Woods. He was a head coach at Harper Woods for half a season before going to Groves.

"I just want to welcome the Farmington community to come out to the games and support the young men, to attend as many home and away games as they can," Porter said. "We want to put a product on the floor that they can be proud of in the community."

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The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, a travel baseball organization based in Livonia, is proud to announce our tryout dates for the 2011 season.



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10 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 2000) - Tryouts Sunday, August 8 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. For more information, contact head coach Lee Richards at 734-718-8522 or leerichards12@yahoo.com

12 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 1998) - Tryouts Sunday, August 1 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. For more information, contact head coach Jim Rintala at 734-812-0952 or jdrathome@yahoo.com

13 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 1997) - Tryouts Sunday, August 8 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. For more information, contact head coach Scott Linsner at 734-740-7498 or coachscott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com

14 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 1996) - Tryouts Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, August 1 at Ford Field in Livonia. For more information, please contact head coach Greg Denomie at 734-765-3897 or via email at sdennomie@sbcglobal.net

For information on 9U and 11U teams or to learn more information about the Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, please contact Scott Linsner at 734-740-7498 or via email at coachscott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com

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JJ's Jags	5	6	0	10
The Avengers	1	10	0	2

Men's - Lower (Thursday)

Hal's Auto	11	1	0	22
Crusaders	11	1	0	22
Stables-Mike	8	4	0	16
Horizon	8	4	0	16
Longshots-Jamie	7	5	0	14
Sandy/Shawn	6	6	0	12
Redford Moose	6	6	0	12
The Hitmen	6	5	0	12
The Juicers	4	8	0	8
Mikula Chiro.	3	9	0	6
The Rebels	2	10	0	4
Off Base	0	12	0	0

Men's - Upper (Friday)

MLBD	12	0	0	24
Gabby's	11	1	0	22
Fat Kats	8	4	0	16
Hit Squad	7	5	0	14
Double J	6	6	0	12
Allen Decor	6	6	0	12
Colonial H&C	6	6	0	12
Keford's TSC	5	7	0	10
White Rhino	3	8	0	6
Badnewsbeer	1	11	0	2
Morningwood	0	12	0	0

Men's - Lower (Friday)

Foul Balls	10	0	0	20
Timberwolf	8	2	0	16
Old School	8	3	0	16
Sport Gambler	7	3	0	14
Hitters	6	3	1	13
Fat Kats 2	6	4	0	12
JC Distributor	5	5	0	10
Phillies	5	5	0	10
IPS	3	6	1	7
Rusty Gloves	3	7	0	6
Don Massey	3	8	0	6
Burton Tree	1	9	0	2
Transformer	0	10	0	0

Women's - Upper (Monday)

BMV Doctors	12	0	0	24
LadyBlue	9	3	0	18
Sand's Lounge	9	3	0	18

Gabby's	5	6	1	11
Morse M&S	3	9	0	6
St. Val's	2	9	1	5
Telway Tow	1	11	0	2

Women's - Lower (Monday)

Livewires	10	2	0	20
Redford B&G	9	3	0	18
Yardbirds	9	2	0	18
Duffy's	8	4	0	16
SB W/Attitude	2	10	0	4
Scat. Sunshine	2	10	0	4
NW Fellowship	2	10	0	4

COED - Upper (Tuesday)

The Truth	8	1	2	18
Stables-Tom	6	5	1	13
PITA	6	6	0	12
Oak Plumbing	5	6	1	11
Stables-Mike	5	7	0	10
Crusaders	5	7	0	10
Gabby's	4	8	0	8

COED - Lower (Tuesday)

Doc's Sport	11	1	0	22
Sandy's/AILTK	9	3	0	18
Frm. Hills COG	9	3	0	18
Sandy's/Kelly	8	4	0	16
Strange Brew	6	5	1	13
The Saints	6	6	0	12
Uncray-Denise	5	7	0	10
Brew Crew II	4	8	0	8
Uncray-Patrik	4	8	0	8
Redford Moose	3	8	1	7
Liquid Chaos	0	12	0	0

COED - Upper (Wednesday)

College Park	12	0	0	24
Cant. Comp.	9	3	0	18
John's Team	6	6	0	12
Btrzup/Sandys	5	7	0	10
Hit N' Run	4	8	0	8
One Under	4	8	0	8
Doc's Sports	4	8	0	8
Buf. Wild Wings	4	8	0	8

COED - Lower (Wednesday)

UNC Rays-Andy	12	0	0	24
Ray's Team	10	2	0	20
Emptychichers	9	3	0	18
Thoro-Bredz	6	6	0	12
Don Lors Elec.	5	7	0	10
Angry Rhinos	4	8	0	8
8 Second Ride	4	8	0	8
Bryan's Team	3	9	0	6
Tom's Tree Service	1	11	0	2

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Bronze for Waza

The Boys Under-16 Waza FC East Black soccer team recently scored a third-place finish at the US Youth Soccer National Championships held in Overland Park, Kan. The squad posted victories over Pennsylvania PSC Coppa 91 (3-1) and Michigan Grand Rapids Crew Jrs. (2-1), but suffered a 1-0 defeat at the hands of California Slammers FC. Pictured above are team members (front row, left to right) Nick Sobczynski, Joey Serra, Jacob Sims, Justin Kane, (center row) Scott Poole, Jeff Thomas (Livonia), Ashwin Vaishnav (Farmington Hills), Jake Finkbinder (Farmington), Adriel Neely (Farmington Hills), (back row) coach/club director G. Chatterjee, Matt DeLang, Alex Serwatka, Jacob Flanigan, Reid Davison, Cameron Roberts (Redford) Lee Elisevich, Erik Kelly, Geno Pasquali and coach Peter Langens.

Crusader flavor

Coach's Corner relies on MU talent in tourney run

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The ultimate destination for Coach's Corner/Canton Sports is the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament, which starts Aug. 9, in Johnstown, Pa.

But first, the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League representative must get through this weekend's AAABA regional in Zanesville, Ohio, which includes the host team, Lansing and Youngstown.

Manager Mike George, who guided Coach's Corner to a 28-7 Collegiate League record, has built this summer's team success on players from a predominantly Madonna University squad where he serves as an assistant coach.

Pitching has been the team's forte led by the MU trio of Jeremy Gooding (6-3 record), left-hander Tom Hansen (7-1) and Robert Fraser (6-2).

"They've carried the load this summer," George said. "They won over half our games at Madonna — 27 of the 48 wins were by them. I can run any one of them out there and feel comfortable."

Gooding, a Livonia native from Dearborn Divine Child High, was the scheduled starter in Saturday's AAABA double-elimination regional opener against Youngstown (Ohio) with Hansen and Fraser (Westland John Glenn) set to follow.

The MU pitching trifecta has been backed up by lefty Aaron Saarela (3-0), another Crusader; lefty Erik Wright (3-0), a Canton High grad now at Saginaw Valley State; and Cliff Buttermore (2-0), who plays at Concordia University.

"We have not hurt ourselves defensively, but that's because we've pitched phenomenal," George said. "If you look at the (Collegiate)

league stats, we've allowed only 80 runs — probably only 50 of those earned — in 35 games. We're here because of our pitching."

Coach's Corner also has an everyday field lineup heavy-laden with MU players.

Outfielder Steve Pelletier, a Farmington Hills Harrison grad, leads the team with a .363 average (41-for-113). He has also scored a team-best 27 runs to go along with 17 RBI.

Catcher Drew Adamiec, who splits time with fellow MU teammate Donny Holland behind the plate, is hitting .338 and has scored 20 runs.

Shortstop Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) has a team-high 18 RBI and scored 19 runs to go along with a .321 average.

Garrett Rebin (Plymouth) holds down first base and is hitting .272, while another MU player, Spencer Sarel, is the starter at third.

Only Garrett Gumm (Livonia Franklin), who attends Schoolcraft College, is the only non-MU starter at second base.

Meanwhile, the outfield includes Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) and Dan Stoney (Canton), along with former MU player D.J. Jaglois (Birmingham Groves).

"It's a pretty good group of young kids," said George, who was MU's former head coach before Greg Haeger took over in 1997. "The (Collegiate) league allows only six players from one college team. But the other coaches in the league were nothing but a class act and waived that rule for this summer."

"It's an advantage and also a disadvantage. They can go out and pick anyone they want, but we've also been fortunate because we've had some pretty good players come out of Madonna."

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Playing up a Storm: fastpitch team 5-0

So far, so good for girls fastpitch softball team Livonia Storm-Gerou in the USSSA Class B 14-and-under World Series being held at ESPN's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Fla.

On Thursday, the Storm improved to 5-0 in the double-elimination tourney with a 1-0 victory over the Rhode Island Lightning East.

Three Storm pitchers — Elaine Gerou, Hanna Warren and Jacquelyn Murphy — combined on the 1-hit shut-out.

Bunt singles by Shannon Watson and Kaitlyn McIntosh, followed by Gerou's game-winning single through the right side of the infield accounted for the only run in the sixth inning.

On Wednesday, the Storm scored a

4-1 win over Sudden Impact, a team from the Florida Panhandle.

Gerou (Plymouth High) struck out three consecutive batters to keep the game tied at 1-all.

In the fifth inning, the Storm collected four straight hits including a slap hit by McIntosh followed by Gerou's RBI double to the right-center field fence. Celeste Fidge and Murphy also knocked in runs as the Storm outlasted the Impact, 8-3.

Gerou threw two innings of no-hit relief with four strikeouts to pick up the win.

In the tourney opener on July 25, the Storm rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat the Ohio Wave, 6-4, keyed by Fidge's 3-run double.

In Game Two on Tuesday, the Storm

downed the Boombahs (Tex.) 12-0 in a three-inning mercy with a 13-hit attack.

Gerou and Warren combined on an abbreviated no-hitter.

In Game Three, also on Tuesday, Murphy and Gerou joined forces for a 4-hitter as the Storm downed the Mattoon (Ill.) Cobras, 7-4.

The Storm collected 14 hits to beat the USSSA Illinois champions.

Through the first four games, Gerou is 5-for-6 with a pair of doubles, four walks and two sacrifice bunts in 12 total plate appearances.

As of Friday, the Storm was one of eight teams left in the winner's bracket and was only one of three undefeated teams that remained in the 64-team field.

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Plymouth woman shares her faith at Jordanian camp

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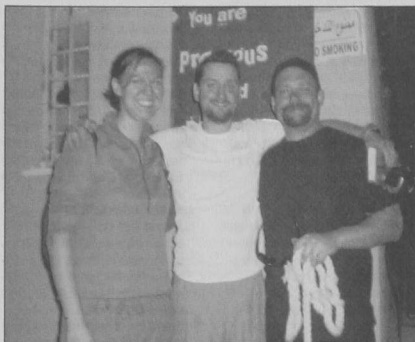
Eron Powers has studied in Vienna and shared the Bible in Nicaragua, but found a real connection with Jordanians at a Amman summer camp earlier this summer.

"I loved the people I got to minister with. We were there to serve, whether that was serving a meal or praying with the camp counselors. I made good friendships there. It was sweet. There's something about faith that enables you to connect quickly. Because you both know Jesus Christ is your savior, you have a connection."

Powers, 30, of Plymouth, was one of nine members of Oak Pointe Church in Novi who took the short-term mission trip to Jordan in late June and early July. She used vacation time from her job as a graphic designer at the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers to attend the overseas camp.

Although Jordan's population is 92 percent Sunni Muslim, according to the Jordan Tourist Board, the Oak Pointe team spent its time at a Christian camp for middle school-aged youngsters, running games, participating in worship services and partnering with local missionaries who served as camp counselors.

Oak Pointe offers short term missions designed to "spread the Gospel and share the love of Jesus Christ" to Jordan and Zambia every year. Missionaries might work with orphans, run medical clinics, build houses, train pastors or engage in one-on-one evangelism.



Eron Powers, (left) Brian Izard and Ernie Minissale in Jordan. They participated in a drama on the first night of camp.

A typical day at the Jordanian camp started with team prayer, followed by breakfast, a staff meeting, group devotional, and individual assignments. Powers ran team-building games for youngsters, before heading off to free time and lunch. Afternoons were spent in prayer with and for the camp counselors. The day ended with a sunset service, dinner and evening message, which included a drama on two occasions.

There was some time for sightseeing in the hot and hilly country that includes Petra, the site of ancient tombs carved into sheer rock face.

POWER OF PRAYER

Powers spent a major part of her time during the trip praying with counselors and forming friendships with them.

"It was worth it. Not only did we get to serve others but we got to experience a new country with great people. It was such a joy. There were two women I talked with the most. One of them was looking for the next step of what God has for her. I can relate to that completely."

"I guess what I got the most out of this trip was the power of prayer. Prayer has the ability to encourage and strengthen. I've experienced that here as well, but it was cool to experience it there."

Although she can't put her finger on one life-changing experience at the camp, Powers said she knows that God stirred something within her.

She encourages other potential short-term missionaries to investigate their options for overseas trips and find a sup-



Friends Deb Stecher, (left) Kristie Reeves, Shannon Hill and Eron Powers. Reeves, Hill and Power all are members of Elevate, a Bible study group at Oak Pointe Church in Novi. They also travelled to Jordan together on a mission trip.

portive group within a local church.

"It can change your life in a good way," she described missionary work.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

With her faith the centerpiece of her life, Powers, who grew up in Brighton and graduated from Hope College, finds camaraderie and strength in "Elevate," one of 140 small study groups within Oak Pointe Church. The group consists of other mostly single young professionals who meet for Bible study and help each other grow in faith.

A few Elevate members, including Powers, moved to Plymouth where they live in close proximity to each other.

"We had a craving for community and we love Plymouth in general," Powers explained. "We get to see each other a couple times a week."

"Spending time with friends



Mission team members Eron Powers, (left) Kristie Reeves, Deb Stecher, Shannon Hill, Ernie Minissale, Joe Snyder, and Brian Izard, (seated) enjoy time together while in Jordan.

is one of my hobbies. I love connecting with people, getting out and being active."

For more about Oak Pointe Church, its "life groups" or short-term mission trips, visit www.oakpointe.org.

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REUNION CALENDAR

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Belleville High School**Class of 1971**

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

Birmingham Groves High School**Class of 1975**

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

Facebook.**Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1970**

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

Bloomfield Hills Andover Class of 1970

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

Bloomfield Hills Lahser Class of 1980

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

Class of 1990

20-year Class Reunion Weekend is Aug.

6-7, with a meet & greet, family picnic and reunion party. For tickets and additional information, contact Matt Fox at sublime71@yahoo.com.

Dearborn Lowrey High School**Classes of 1949-51**

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

Detroit Cody**Classes from 1950-1969**

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

Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (480) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkowski Nashien at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie**Class of 1962**

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

Class of 1960

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

Detroit Northwestern**All classes**

Classes of 1950-51 are sponsoring an all-class reunion picnic, noon to 5 p.m., Aug. 28, at Oak Park Community Center, shelter #2, 14300 Oak Park Boulevard west of Coolidge, north of Nine Mile. \$15 per person includes food. Call Marlene (Olson) Hanna at (313) 937-8233 for more information.

Detroit Pershing**Class of 1960**

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest

Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School**Class of 1970**

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

Garden City High School**Classes of 1950s and 1960s**

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

Class of 1960

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

Garden City East**Class of 1964**

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

Garden City West**Class of 1970**

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

Livonia Bentley**Class of 1961**

Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-Mail to dbruner@twmrr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

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

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

Class of 1985

All Plymouth Salem/Canton grads are welcome to attend either or both reunion events celebrating the class of 1985's 25-year reunion. Other classes ('83-'87 are suggested) may attend. The events include a pub crawl Friday, Aug. 13 and casual gathering Saturday,

Aug. 14. The pub crawl runs from 7-11 p.m. and starts at the Rock Bar & Grill, 844 Pennington, in downtown Plymouth. It includes The Penn Bar at 8 p.m., Sean O'Callaghan's at 9 p.m., Doyle's Tavern at 10 p.m. and Ironwood Grill at 11 p.m. The casual gathering will be from 6 p.m. to midnight at Our Lady of Good Counsel Events Center, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. It will include light music, a strolling buffet with Italian, Asian, Southwestern, American and dessert stations, beer, wine, beverages and prizes. Cost is \$50. Get tickets online at <http://www.JimmyMackVacations.com/1985.html>. Questions? E-mail to 1985@JimmyMackVacations.com.

Redford Union**Class of 1960**

50-year reunion will be held 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information on the Redford Union reunion, contact Mike and Carol (Gerogoff) Pontius, (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecaro91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

River Rouge High School**Classes of 1960-66**

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

Rosary High School**Class of 1966**

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffittoo@aol.com.

Class of 1970

Reunion planned for Aug. 7 at Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia. For more info contact Terry Niemiec Simor at (734) 953-2919 or Jen Perron at (734) 502-5243.

Royal Oak Dondoro**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 Dondoro Alumni Club. For more information call Jack Aardal at (248) 547-5389 or go to rodondoroalumni.org.

Royal Oak Kimball**Class of 1960**

50-year class reunion for January and June classes, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, at Red Run Country Club, located on Rochester Road, just north of 12

Mile. \$50 per person includes dinner and valet parking. Make checks out to "ROKHS Class of '60" and mail to Doug Forier, 4089 Glencastle, Troy, MI 48098. Include your full name (and maiden), spouse's name, current mailing address and e-mail to share with your classmates. Mail-in dead line is Aug. 1. For reservations after Aug. 1 or for questions, e-mail to usales@aol.com. The Drury Inn at Big Beaver and I-75 and Hampton Inn at Stephenson Highway and I-4 Mile, in Madison Heights are offering discounts for reunion participants. E-mail to usales@aol.com to obtain a list of attendees and lost classmates and help the organizing committee locate alumni.

St. Agatha**All school**

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

St. Hyacinth**All 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.

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) 231-3186 or Lori Nehasil at (248) 872-7479.

Troy Athens High School**Class of 1985**

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



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Cat rescue stages adoption event

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Ann Grenier will do just about anything "for the kitties."

That includes shaving her head.

One of the founders of Country Cat and City Kitty rescue, Grenier promises to lose her locks in exchange for a \$5,000 donation to the Livonia feline rescue.

It doesn't matter to Grenier if the sum consists of many small donations or a single giveaway.

"I'll get \$5,000 in a collective donation. I'll shave my head," she said.

There may be no better place to donate to the organization than at the Purrs & Paws in the Park, its first annual adoption event and craft/vendor show on Aug. 15 at Claude Allison Park, located on Beech Daily north of Six Mile in Redford.

Admission is free and visitors may bring their pets.

The event will from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offer a dog agility demonstration, service dog demonstration, cat, kitten, dog and puppy adoptions from rescue organizations including Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter from



Ohio, Monroe County Bird & Exotic Rescue, crafters and vendors, Purrfect Stitch Embroidery from Garden City, a 50/50 raffle, and pet food and kitty litter drives. A veterinarian from St. Julians Cat Care will be on hand to answer questions and special guest Dana Lundon from 96.3 WVDV will emcee. Patty Perushak of Berwyck Saddle Club in Milford will offer horse and rider demonstrations.

Grenier still is accepting participants. The event is free for rescues. She is asking for a monetary donation of any size from vendors, along with one item that can be raffled.

"There is so much need for animals. Everything and any-



Tony is a brown tabby Maine Coon cat who lives with John Hiemstra of Northville Township. He's Cat Fancier Association's 'Best Cat in Premiership.' See lots of cats in competition at CFA's All Breed & Household Pet Cat Show.

thing needs a home. We're open to all kinds of animals... rabbit rescue, reptile, small and large animals.

"Come, be part of what we hope will be a big pet event."

For more information, or to reserve a place for animal adoption or craft vending on site, call (248) 249-9267.

CATS IN COMPETITION



Noble John is one of many cats looking for a new home through Country Cat & City Kitty rescue. Cats, dogs, birds and other animals will be ready for adoption at the upcoming Purrs & Paws in The Park, in Redford.

After you've adopted a cat at Purrs & Paws in the Park, consider making your feline friend a star.

Cat Fanciers' Association will hold an all breed and household pet cat show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Allen Park Community Center, 15800 White Street Allen Park.

The show will feature one day of judged competition — including a section for "household" cats — in six rings as well as exhibitors and breeders offering close-up views of their cats.

Breeds will cover a wide variety, including Persians, Maine Coons, Orientals, Birman, Tonkinese,

Ragdolls, Siamese and Bombays.

The show is sponsored by the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers, a local non-profit cat club.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children, 5 and up. Parking is free.

ART

Art & Ideas
Time/Date: Aug. 7-Sept. 18; opening reception 7-11 p.m., Aug. 7
Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: "Social Realism" photography by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Shaq Kalaj, and Julia DeClerck
Northville Art House
Time/Date: Aug. 6-Aug. 28; artist reception, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 6
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Conversations in Cloth," exhibit showcasing the work of fiber artists
Contact: (248) 344-0497

COMEDY

Go Comedy!
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
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JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
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Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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Joe's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends: 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays: 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Lachlan Patterson, Aug. 4-7; Andy Hendrickson, Aug. 11-14; Nate Bergatze, Aug. 18-21; Coolaide, Aug. 25-28
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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Vince Carone, Aug. 5-7; Dwayne Gill, Aug. 12-14; Kevin McPeck, Aug. 19-21; Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28
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Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
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Magic Bag
Time/Dates: The Ultimate Who Tribute, Aug. 6; The Ultimate Retro Party with the Mega 80's, Aug. 7 and 14; Neon Escape CD release party, Aug. 13; Paul Thorn, Aug. 17; Damage Inc., The Metallica Tribute, Aug. 20; Jon Anderson, Aug. 23; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 27; Leon Russell, Aug. 28
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Riverfront Plaza
Time/Date: 8:10-30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13
Location: At the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. Parking available for \$5 at the General Motors surface lot at St. Antoine and Atwater, adjacent to the GM Renaissance Center
Details: Free concerts on at the Detroit River in downtown Detroit. Performers are Gregg Rolie and Salem Witchcraft, Aug. 6 and The Romantics and Steve Kostan With The Eddie Leighton Project
Contact: (313) 567-6700 or visit www.andiamotaitalia.com/detroit.

Stars in the Park
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 5
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Summer music series features Austin Scott
Coming up: Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 12
Contact: (248) 473-1848

Take a camping trip to Canton Township

Women and girls may pitch a tent together and sleep under the stars at Canton Leisure Service "Girls Camp Out" Friday, Aug. 13 in Preservation Park.

Scheduled activities include scavenger hunts, crafts, and games. Participants also will cook over a camp fire and enjoy a gourmet smores station. Campers may begin pitching their tents at 3 p.m. and activities are scheduled to kick off at 5:30 p.m.

"This first-time girls only camp out gives the ladies a chance to enjoy nature, breathe fresh air and spend quality time together at a great price," stated Jeanette

Williams, recreation specialist, in a press release. "With the cost of travel, participants won't have the expense of gassing up their vehicles and going to a far off destination to have a great camping experience."

All activities will take place at Preservation Park, located at 500 Ridge Road in Canton, and are weather permitting. There is a per tent fee of \$20 for Canton residents and \$25 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

To register or learn more about "Girls Only Camp Out," visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Classes offered for kids

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 others.

Based on materials from a variety of internationally known and respected organizations, the curriculum will help

children develop an appreciation for the rights of themselves and others, recognize the effect of individual choices on the lives of others, and be empowered to act in ways that support human rights. They will also develop an awareness of infringements of human rights and empathy for those who are denied rights.

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In arthritis, the patient's story of how pain and limitation developed over time forms the foundation for diagnosis. If a physician has the patient's past records at hand, the doctor can fill in gaps in the history and thereby understand the joint problem from its initial presentation to the present moment. Previous laboratory test results form a picture of the effects of the arthritic condition over time.

The medical community is rapidly exchanging the paper record for the electronic medical record. However, the market place provides a large number of medical software vendors, each of whose products are incompatible with other competitors. The result is that most doctors with well-functioning electronic medical records cannot communicate information to any other physician unless that doctor is using the same software. Until physicians solve the problem of incompatibility, the promise of the electronic medical record as an encouraging communicator remains a dream.

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AUG. 1-4

CROP walk
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 2
Location: Geneva Presbyterian, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton.
Details: Recruiter's orientation meeting for the annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Walk that will take place Sunday, Oct. 17. The walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Plymouth Salvation Army.
Contact: Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or blichtenberg@hotmail.com.
Teen coffeeshouse
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Aug. 1
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daily, Redford
Details: Free coffee house for teens
Contact: (313) 534-9000
Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Aug. 1-5
Location: Lola Park Lutheran, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through adult, featuring lessons, crafts, singing and snacks
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523; lolaaparklutheran.com
Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon, Aug. 2-5
Location: Newburg United Methodist, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: "Campground of Miracles" Vacation Bible School for kids, 4-11. They'll explore their faith, enjoy summer activities such as sandcastle building, cooking over a campfire and fishing, make crafts and learn about the miracles of Jesus. \$10 per child
Contact: (734) 422-0149

Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 2-6
Location: St. John Lutheran School, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Details: "High Seas Expedition" Vacation Bible School; for children age 3 through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 474-0584

AUG. 5-11

Church tour
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7
Location: St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Fifth annual church tour will visit National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Detroit. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch at Pasquale's in Royal Oak.
Contact: Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535 or David Conrad at (734) 425-5950, Ext. 203
Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 9-13
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, northwest corner of Farmington Road and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Presented by First Presbyterian, Antioch Lutheran and North Congregational for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will learn about Joseph's time in Egypt, from prison to palace
Contact: Register at www.farmington-pres.org or call (248) 474-6170

AUG. 12-18

Bible text seminar
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Aug. 14
Location: Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia
Details: Dr. Daniel B. Wallace will present "The Gospel According to Snoopy" - an interactive seminar on the trustworthiness of the biblical text. The seminar will have something of a CSI quality to it, requiring participants to think carefully, as if they were detectives evaluating evidence. Cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple
Contact: Scott at Berean48150@



Memorable tour

Jerry and Sharon Smith of Livonia visited Israel earlier this year on a 10-day tour sponsored by Liberty University of Lynchburg, Va. and hosted by Mike Huckabee, (center) former GOP presidential candidate, and his wife, Jan. Jerry Smith is musical director at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. The Smiths said the tour deepened their belief as "more than spectators in the arena of religious purpose." They added that it expanded their "horizons of belief as seen and experienced by thousands who have walked this land."

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Blood drive

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 15
Location: St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy Road, Westland
Details: The American Red Cross needs all blood types. A pint of blood can save up to three lives. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome
Contact: For more information or to make an appointment call Gary at (734) 716-2057

Rummage and bake sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 13-14
Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Huge selection to choose from. Free admission. Includes lots of kids' stuff, holiday and household goods, books, records, games, outdoors, sporting goods, appliances, and more
Contact: Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 16-19
Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth
Details: "Hero Headquarters" Vacation Bible School for ages 4-

12. Program includes Bible study, games, snacks, songs and crafts; free admission. Registration begins Aug.
Contact: Capt. Jolene Hull or Cassie Hull at (734) 453-5454 or e-mail to jolene_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org

AUG. 19-25

Family Fun Fair

Time/Date: 5-10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daily, Redford
Details: 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Cover and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday
Contact: (313) 534-9000

Summer-Fest

Time/Date: Aug. 20-22
Location: Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday
Contact: (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

Financial Peace University
Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31
Location: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.
Contact: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-3380.

New church

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29
Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville
Details: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway
Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; RSVP to pastorhales@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: Aug. 27-29
Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family
Contact: Register at (734) 464-0990

SEPT. 2-15

Prayer service

Time/Day: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.
Contact: (734) 421-1760; [\[tyollivonia.org\]\(http://tyollivonia.org\)](http://www.uni-</p>
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ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

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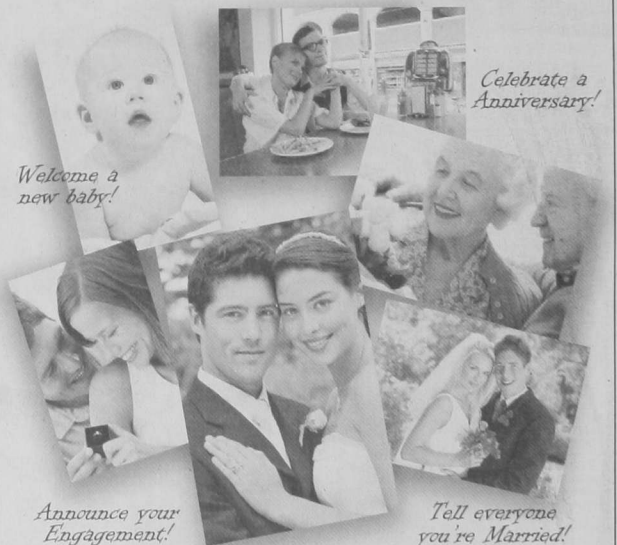
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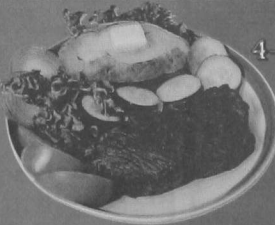
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Highland Games coming to Greenmead in Livonia soon

The 161st Annual Highland Games presented by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

The Highland Games will feature a bagpipe competition, athletic competition, Highland dancing, children's area, living history presentation, tug of war, Scotch whisky tasting and Celtic music.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 the day of the event. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets are available at Greenmead or on line at www.highlandgames.com.

Ceilidh, a Scottish party featuring music, singing, dancing, eating and drinking, will be held the night before at Greenmead. Tickets for Ceilidh are \$15 and must be purchased in advance.

Greenmead is at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Visit www.highlandgames.com for more information.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is proud to boast that its Games are the oldest continuous Games in North America. The Society has documentation that shows the

first Games being held in 1849. The first games were held at Sugar Island, Belle Isle, Grosse Isle and other locations.

In 1904 the Games (they were then known as a Scottish Picnic) moved to Bob-Lo Island where they were held until 1955. In the next years, the Games were held at University of Detroit stadium, Ford Field in Dearborn, Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit and the Eleanor and Edsel Ford House in Grosse Pointe.

For the past 11 years the Games have called Historic Greenmead Park in Livonia "home."

The Games are put on entirely by volunteers. Co-Chairs Cathy Hasse of Orchard Lake and Murray MacDonald of Grosse Pointe are aided in their efforts by a group of almost forty chairs who take over each phase of the Games. Over 275 volunteers are needed to work in the various areas on Games Day.

Over 150 Highland dancers will be competing at the 161st annual Highland Games in Livonia. Ranging in ages from 4 to adults the dancers come from all over the United States and Canada. Jennifer Pierson of Waterford chairs this event. She was a competitive dancer and watched her parents chair this event for the St. Andrew's Society Games years ago.

There is limited parking on site at Greenmead - after 9:30 a.m. or so it is usually full. Free parking at Schoolcraft College with a free shuttle that will take you to Greenmead. Shuttles will run every five minutes.



Mark Meyerhoff throws 101-feet, 6-inches in the hammer toss during the amateur competition of the annual Highland Games in Livonia. The games are returning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

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DERY-BARNES

Andrea Dery and Justin Barnes announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bob and Deb Dery of Livonia, graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 2003. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in accounting in 2007 and a master of science degree in accounting in 2008, both from Michigan State University. She is a certified public accountant and works for Plante & Moran in East Lansing.

Her fiancé, son of Robert Barnes and Dawn Barnes of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson and earned his bachelor of science degree in construction management in 2006 from Michigan State University. He is employed by Barton Malow.



Dery-Barnes

An August 2010 wedding is planned at MSU Horticulture Gardens.

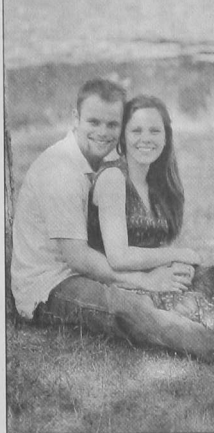
CARLSON-BASORE

Kendall Carlson and Joseph Basore announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kenneth and Kelly Carlson of Plymouth Township, graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and earned a master's degree in clinical social work from Indiana University. She is a therapist at Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington, Ind.

Her fiancé, son of Randal and Pamela Basore of Kalamazoo, graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and is working on his PhD in analytical chemistry at Indiana University.

An August 2010 wedding is planned at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.



Carlson-Basore

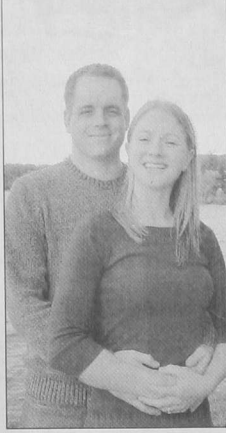
AUGUST WEDDING
PLANNED

Jennifer Korff and David Seley announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Warren and Mary Korff of Poseyville, Ind., graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2008. She is a music therapist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of George and Linda Seley of Farmington, graduated in 2007 from Eastern Michigan University and works as an accountant.

An August 2010 wedding is planned in Evansville, Ind.



Korff-Seley



Karen and Rod Vasold of Livonia

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Rod and Karen (Kellogg) Vasold of Livonia mark their 40th wedding anniversary today, Sunday, July 25.

The couple married in 1970 at St. Matthews Methodist Church, in Livonia. Rod is employed at Urban Partitions in Northville. Karen cares for her two grandchildren, Emily and Nicholas Andre.

The couple also have two children, Jennifer (Derek) Andre of Livonia and Andrea Vasold of Livonia.

The couple enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends at their cottage in the summer and tooling around in their 1966 Mustang.

They celebrated their anniversary in April with their good friends Bruce and Karen Cobb in Germany.



Karen and Rod Vasold on their wedding day

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Renato and Rita (DeiTos) Lenardon of Westland recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family. The couple married July 1, 1950, in Detroit.

Their children are Daniel and Robert Lenardon of Northville; Sandra and Thomas Mooney of Minnesota; and Gail and William Start of Missouri. They also have six grandchildren.

Renato is retired from Ford Motor Company. The couple enjoys bocce ball, gardening and photography.



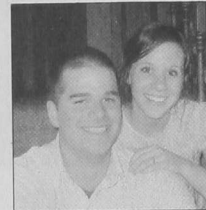
Renato and Rita DeiTos Lenardon of Westland

SEPTEMBER WEDDING
PLANNED

Kelly Anne Granger and Brian Meagher announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dorra and Nancy Granger of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico, earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Spring Arbor University. She works at Starbucks in Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Chris and Debbie Meagher of Livonia, earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Spring Arbor University. He is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air



Granger-Meagher

Force.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.



Woodhurst-St. Charles

WOODHURST-ST. CHARLES

Kristin St. Charles and Mark Woodhurst were married Saturday, July 17 at Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey. A reception followed at Stafford's Perry Hotel, also in Petoskey.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew St. Charles of New Boston, formerly of Westland, is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in marketing and a bachelor of arts in Spanish. She is a sales representative for General Mills, Inc.

The groom, son of Ken and Carol Woodhurst of Jackson, also graduated from Michigan State University. He holds a bachelor of landscape architecture and is a landscape architect site designer for JJR, LLC.

The couple resides in Chicago, Ill. Kristin and Mark were married July 17, 2010, at Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, Michigan. The reception was held at Stafford's Perry Hotel also in Petoskey, Mich.



Dean Jacob Kasten

DEAN JACOB KASTEN

Dean Jacob Kasten was born June 8, 2010, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Dean joins his parents, Timothy and Kristen Kasten, and his sister, Heidi Rose, 3 1/2, at home in Plymouth.

Grandparents are Debbie and Dennis Behrendsen of Livonia, Peter and Nancy Foley of Plymouth and Fred and Cathy Kasten of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Beth and Bob Doll of Milford, Virginia Kasten of Brighton and Tom and Pat Foley of Applegate.

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JERROLD A. ANDREWS JR.

Age 70, passed away on July 6, 2010. He was born on Dec. 13, 1939 in Kenosha Wis. to the late Jerrold & Elizabeth. He was married 47 years to the late Diana, originally of Farmington. Jerrold is survived by son Jerrold, (Lama), daughter Julie Mays, 4 grandchildren: Courtney, Zachary, Lindsay & Megan of South Lyon. Memorial Service was Fri. July 30th at First Baptist Church of South Lyon.

FLORRIE ANN KUHN

(nee: JOHNS)

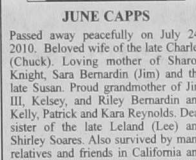
Age 80, died peacefully July 25, 2010. She was a longtime resident of Birmingham, Michigan, and an active member of St. James Episcopal Church. Daughter of the late Harold and Virginia Johns. Dear mother of Harold (Janice), Paul (Silke), Kathleen Tillson (Roger), and Jennifer Kuhn (Aaron Freed). Loving grandmother of Allison Kuhn (Ted Balowski), Marisa, Andrew (Amber), Darcy, and Jennifer Tillson, and great-grandmother of Brady Theodore Balowski. Sister of the late Patricia Ullenbruch. Funeral services have been held at St. James Episcopal Church. Memorial Tributes to Beaumont Hospice, A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500.

View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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SHIRLEY PAULINE MEECH

Age 77, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 26, 2010. Arrangements by: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington



JUNE CAPPS

Passed away peacefully on July 24, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Charles (Chuck) Loving mother of Sharon Knight, Sara Bernardin (Jim) and the late Susan. Proud grandmother of Jim Ill, Kelsey, and Riley Bernardin and Kelly, Patrick and Kara Reynolds. Dear sister of the late Leland (Lee) and Shirley Soares. Also survived by many relatives and friends in California and Michigan. She was an active volunteer for Gilda's Club, The American Cancer Society and Kirk in the Hills. Memorial service was held Thursday at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Foundation Fighting Blindness, P.O. Box 17279, Baltimore, MD 21298, 9581 or the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076, A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Passed away June 26, 2010, age 53. Born January 19, 1957, survived by loving parents, Kenneth Sr. and Mary Virginia Harma; sisters, Bonnie (Sam) Bailo and Rachel "April" (Wayne) Robins; caring niece, Lagaya "Ging" Harma Jr.; Zac Robins, Samuel and Matthew Bailo. Kenny was preceded in death by his older brother William "Bill" Harma. Family will receive friends on Thursday, July 29, from 3-7 pm, with a Memorial Service at 6:00 pm, at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Minister Tom Relling of Petoskey Church of Christ will be officiating. Share memories, condolences, or view obituary online at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



RICHARD J. PESONEN

Age 50, passed away, July 22, 2010. He was born on February 3, 1960 in Detroit, son of the late John & Edna (Hill) Pesonen. A private family service will be held in the future. Online guestbook at: www.Phillipsfuneral.com

LEONARD J. PODSIADLIK

Age 68, of Farmington. Passed away July 28, 2010. Arrangements by: THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.

JEFFERY J. STUKY

54 of Roscommon died Sunday, July 25, 2010. Jeff was born on March 12, 1956 in Plymouth and graduated from high school in 1974. Jeff was a welder and enjoyed hunting and was a master angler and pro rifle marksman. Jeff will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 31 years, Sherry, sons, Darrell, William (Amanda) and Douglas (Jenny) Stuky, grandson, Brian Stuky, mother, Esther Stuky, stepmother, Patricia K. Stuky, mother-in-law, Josie Neumann, sister, Susan (Thomas) Poulos, nephews, Michael and Joseph and other family members. Jeff is preceded in death by his father, Joseph C. Stuky. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Services will be announced at a later date. Please visit Jeff's webpage at www.lifestorynet.com and sign the guest book and share a message or memory. Memorial Contributions may be made to a charity of choice or to his wife, Sherry Stuky, c/o Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City.

In Memory Of



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Died peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 25, the 61st anniversary of his wedding to Alice. His death was the result of a brief battle with cancer, a period of time in which he was surrounded by his loving family that includes four children, their spouses and 12 grandchildren. His children include Werner (Chris) Meier, Heidi (Rich) Murphy, Fred (Jennifer) Meier and Helen (Terry) Hock. Known as Papa to friends, neighbors and family alike, Erich lived life to the maximum, serving as the consummate host at any social event, traveling continually (both domestically and internationally) and participating in any and all forms of recreational activity, (including canoeing, tubing, jet skiing, white water rafting and hiking) with his grandchildren. He remained a young man despite his 84+ years, right up until the final days of his life. Erich immigrated to the United States in 1947 after having completed his training as a Specialized Machine Builder as a youth in Switzerland. While aboard ship he met his future wife, the former Alice Buchel, whom he married in 1949. Ever the adventurer and risk taker, he moved his family to Europe in 1960 to initiate a new business venture, returning to the Detroit area in 1961 where he raised his family. He established two small business ventures, E.O. Mar Enterprises and Corvette Restoration Services, Inc. Working in the tool and die trade, Papa retired from Detroit Diesel Corporation in 1993. His skills and talents for things mechanical were widely known, his repair/engineering skills being exploited by everyone from neighborhood children with toys, Boy Scouts with damaged camping equipment, his son's automotive projects, and orthopedic surgeons who were dissatisfied with their specialized equipment. He attended the Church of St. Maurice in Livonia where he served as an usher. He will be most remembered for his zest for life and his dedication to friends and family alike. Visitation was at the Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, Livonia. A Funeral was at St. Maurice Catholic Church located at 32765 Lyndon Livonia. Memorial Donations may be made to Angela Hospice

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Canton walk on Aug. 7 raises funds, awareness for HHT

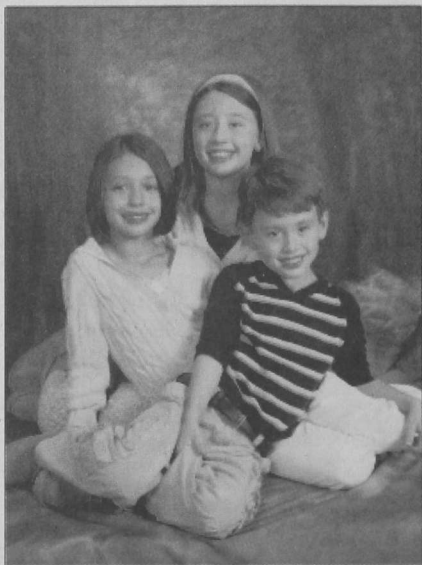
Our Hope Holds the Cure sponsors its first annual Walk-A-Thon for Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia, (HHT), with an opening ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, at Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, in Canton.

Jody Nissan of Canton, whose husband and one of their three children have been diagnosed with the disease, formed Our Hope Holds the Cure to generate funds for the HHT Foundation and its research.

The local organization held a series of fund-raising events — from bowling and golf outings to a spaghetti dinner — over the past few months, leading up to the walk-a-thon, which will include kids activities, walking, a recreation station presented by Canton Leisure Services, performances by Central City Dance, a DJ, food and T-shirt displays and HHT informational displays.

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia or HHT is a genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of blood vessels. Bleeding in the nose, brain, lungs, stomach, intestines and other organs are symptoms of HHT. Treatment is limited, temporary and currently there is no cure.

"We are still facing new challenges every day with the medical struggles. We will have three other families that are affected by this disease attend the event."



Jody and Clay Nissan's children, Sierra, Sydney and Jared. The family hopes to raise awareness and money for HHT research through an upcoming walkathon.

The family from Chicago has lost their 17-year-old son to HHT a few short years ago," Nissan said. "We are trying to raise awareness as well as donations so the more people we can have attend the better."

The Nissans and two other families will lead the first lap around the pond. Event activities will run

until 2 p.m.

Registration is not required for the walk. There is no donation or walk minimums.

"Anyone and everyone is welcome to just show up," Nissan said.

For more about Our Hope Holds the Cure visit www.ourhopeholdsthecure.org

—By Sharon Dargay

Karmanos Cancer Institute adds two board members

A retired businessman and retired radio broadcaster have been appointed to serve on the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Board of Directors.

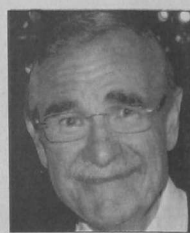
Joseph S. Dresner of Franklin, who retired in May as director of Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc., and Dick Purtan of West Bloomfield, longtime Detroit radio show host, both will serve three-year terms and help support the ongoing work and mission of the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Dresner has served as chairman of the Highland Companies, a Detroit-area-based developer and manager of commercial, industrial and residential properties, since 1985. He also served as chairman of the board of InterAction Media Corp. since April 1996; director of New Media Lottery Services Inc., where he also chaired the board's audit committee; and is a member of the audit and corporate governance committees of Peninsula Bank, a private company in Englewood, Fla.

A longtime supporter of the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Dresner recently made a \$2.5 million donation which completes his \$5 million pledge for the purpose of creating the Joseph Dresner Family Bone



Dresner



Purtan

Marrow Transplant and Hematologic Malignancies Center at Karmanos. Dresner, who currently suffers from myelodysplasia (MDS), a malignant bone marrow disease, created this center to honor Dr. Charles A. Schiffer, head of the Malignant Hematology Multidisciplinary Team at Karmanos. The center will give Schiffer and his medical colleagues a centralized place to research and treat MDS and other related diseases.

Purtan has given his time and talent to raise awareness and millions of dollars to support cancer research and other causes to benefit the lives of others throughout his radio career. Although he's retired — for the past 14 years he was host of Purtan's People on 104.3 WOMC — Purtan

continues his commitment to philanthropic causes, including Children's Hospital of Michigan; The Dick Purtan Radiothon for The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread Club program, which has raised almost \$25 million to feed the homeless and hungry of metropolitan Detroit; and the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, which Dick and his wife Gail established 13 years ago to support research efforts to detect ovarian cancer in its early stages.

In addition to the Karmanos Board, Purtan will serve on Karmanos' Marketing and Outreach Committee. He is also a member of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Board of Directors.

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10 Common Sense Interview Tips Too Many People Flub

When we refer to something as being "common sense," we usually mean that it is something we think everyone should know. Oftentimes, though, it turns out that what may seem like common sense to one person, isn't always so to someone else. For example: Veterinarians spend their days around animals, so they might consider it common knowledge that cats sleep about 18 hours per day; hence the reason your vet seems so amused when you bring Muffin in for a checkup, concerned about her inability to stay awake. Similarly, because human resources professionals constantly screen and interview candidates, what may seem like a common sense interview tip to them, might not have crossed a job seeker's mind. Following are "common sense" interview tips straight from the experts' mouths.

1. Be presentable
 Wear a suit that fits, and don't cut corners when it comes to ironing or dry-cleaning, says Monique Honaman, CEO of leadership development

company ISHR Group. "I knew one guy who was in such a rush the day of his interview, that he only ironed the front of his shirt. Later, during the course of his interview day, it was hot and he was encouraged to remove his jacket and get more comfortable and it was clear that he had cut corners and only ironed the front! He was very embarrassed," Honaman says. Also, while you should always wear deodorant, try to avoid perfumes and colognes. You never know who will be allergic or just downright averse to your scent. "A hiring manager once told me a story of how he didn't select an incredibly well qualified candidate for a role because she wore the same perfume as his ex-wife," says Danielle Beauparlant Moser, a career coach with Blended Learning Team. "He said she walked in the room and his only thought was how to get her out of his office as quickly as possible."

2. Don't be too early
 While you should always arrive at your

interview a few minutes early, try not get there more than 15 minutes

around the block until it's closer to your interview time.



before your scheduled interview time, advises Ben Yeargin, a manager at Spherion Staffing. "[Arriving early] will lead to anxiety on the candidate's part because they have to sit and wait for an extended period of time, and it will lead to frustration on the hiring manager's part because they will feel rushed with the project that they are trying to accomplish prior to the interview," he says. If you find yourself getting to the building earlier than you thought, wait in your car or take a walk

3. Know whom you're meeting with
 "Know the name of the interviewer so that you can ask for that person at the receptionist's desk," advises Cheryl Palmer, president of Call to Career, an executive coaching firm. "It's embarrassing when the receptionist asks, 'Who are you here to see?' and you can't remember. Have this information either in your head or write yourself a note that you refer to prior to arriving in the waiting area," Palmer says.

4. Remember: You are being interviewed as soon as you walk in the door
 "Most people would never think of the receptionist as being an interviewer, but it's true," says Palmer. "It's fairly common that the receptionist will report back to the hiring manager how candidates behaved in the waiting area. Don't be remembered as the one who ate all the candy out of the candy dish or spoke disrespectfully to the receptionist."

5. Make proper eye contact
 "One of the most obvious mistakes interviewees make is with eye contact, and it costs a lot of people a lot of jobs," says Barry Maher, who owns a California-based career coaching firm. "Eye contact is simple," he says. "Any given eye contact should last about five seconds at a time. And if there's one interviewer, make eye contact with him or her about 40 to 60 percent of the time. More than 60 percent is intimidating. Less than 40 percent comes off as shifty and perhaps insincere, even dishonest."

6. Eat before the interview, not during it
 Duh? Not according to Yeargin, who has experienced interview-snacking firsthand. "I was in an interview, no more than 10 minutes into it, and I got called out for two minutes to answer a question," he says. "When I returned, the applicant was eating some sort of granola or other snack bar. Needless to say that individual did not get a job with my company." No matter what the candy bar ads have to say, your hunger can wait.

7. Make sure that what you do eat beforehand does not involve onion or garlic
 You want to be remembered for your professionalism and outstanding skill set, not for what you ate for lunch. Advises Palmer, "Don't eat anything that has a strong odor before the interview."

Staffing. Loftus also advises keeping your schedule relatively clear on the day of the interview, to avoid feeling the need to rush. "Don't create distractions to your interview," she says.

9. Tell the interviewer you are interested
 Don't forget to tell the recruiter you want the job! "If you truly feel the position is a fit -- let them know and tell them you would like to get to the next round of interviews, and be prepared to tell them why," Loftus says.

10. Get business cards from your interviewers -- and use them
 "Ask for the business cards of all of the interviewers that you have met and make sure you take a second or two to read their card," Loftus says. This will not only be helpful in remembering each person you met with, but will make it easier to send proper thank-you notes and follow up e-mails, which should always be done within 24 hours of leaving the interview.

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