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Gardens are at their peak now, with tomatoes ripening, corn ready to pick and zucchini plants simply overflowing with tasty summer squash.

If you're harvesting a backyard vegetable garden or fruit trees this summer, share the bounty — in pictures and recipes — with Canton Observer readers. Send a photo of yourself in the garden and tell us how you prepare one of the vegetables or fruits you're growing. Send us a favorite recipe.

We'll share the results with readers in an upcoming issue featuring Observerland gardeners and their recipes.

Send jpg and e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com or write to her at the Observer & Eccentric, 615 W. Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 24.

Buy Michigan

Lots of summer festivals and fairs feature out-of-state artists, entrepreneurs and companies, but not this one.

Buy Michigan Now is hosting its second annual festival in downtown Northville Aug. 6-8, offering area residents an opportunity to discover and support Michigan businesses and initiatives.



"Joining the local merchants will be vendors from around the state showcasing and selling unique art, tasty food, helpful services, cool products and inspired inventions," said Lisa Diggs, founder of the Buy Michigan Now campaign. "Several will even be launching new products at the fest."

Musical performances ranging from folk to jazz and alternative rock and alternative country will take place throughout the weekend. Rising stars like Abigail Stauffer and Avenne are scheduled to appear as well as acclaimed Detroit music veterans like David Nefesh and Nadir Omowale. Northville's popular Summer Friday Night Concert Series features The Crutches, an East Lansing band playing contemporary rock 'n' roll with a splash of funk and soul.

Attendance and parking at the festival are free. Special children's activities are planned each day in the Kids Zone. A health fair is hosted Friday, a barter fair is hosted Saturday and Sunday is the women's day with a Styleline magazine fashion show.

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Patrick Colbeck gets in some election-day campaigning at Northville High School during Tuesday's Republican primary for the 7th State Senate seat. Colbeck cruised to an easy win to earn the GOP nod.

Grassroots effort

Colbeck: 'People' the difference in GOP win

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick Colbeck's campaign for the 7th District seat in the Michigan Senate began with a tax-day speech at a Tea Party rally in Plymouth and extended through the grass roots of a district that runs from Downriver to Northville.

And on Tuesday, that grassroots effort brought Colbeck something he'd worked hard to achieve: a victory over three other challengers in the Republican primary for the

seat being vacated by the term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson.

Colbeck, 44, a self-employed management consultant, edged fellow Canton resident Deborah Whyman by fewer than 300 votes in Canton, and beat her in most of the Downriver communities to win by some 1,300 votes. Colbeck watched the day's results come in with as much calm as he could muster.

"I knew there was nothing else I could do."

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Lori Levi looks over positive numbers coming out of Canton precincts with consultant Jennifer Murray during Tuesday's Republican primary for the 21st House seat. Levi eked out a win over challenger Shannon Price.

'Exhilarated' Levi turns her focus to November

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hugging her two daughters and describing herself as "unapologetically pro-God, pro-life, pro-gun and pro-freedom," Canton political newcomer Lori Levi clinched the Republican nomination for the 21st

District state House race Tuesday by defeating rival Shannon Price, who lost despite strong support from local GOP heavyweights.

Levi, a 43-year-old business entrepreneur, edged Price by a razor-thin, 15-vote margin in Canton, but

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District makes AYP history

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students and teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools — long a top performer in achievement tests such as the MEAP, the Michigan Merit Exam, the ACT and others — can hang another academic trophy on their wall.

For the first time, all three high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park achieved adequate yearly progress in the federal No Child Left Behind program, with all three getting "A" grades on the report card and "yes" under AYP status.

"It's huge for us to achieve this," district Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel said. "This is our work, this is what we do. It's how we get assessed on the work we do."

For the second straight year, all 16 of the district's elementary schools achieved AYP, while all of the district's five middle schools once again made the grade.

Only one — Starkweather Education Center — of the district's 25 schools failed to achieve AYP. Despite the overall failure, though, administrators were excited about the progress made at the district's alternative education center.

Starkweather made strides everywhere, hitting the participation target of 95 percent in reading and just missing it (94 percent) in math. The center also fell well short of the federal objective of an 80-percent graduation rate.

"However, the achievement and participation levels are the highest we've had since the system was put in place," said Mike Bender, the district's director of secondary education.

According to Bender, report card grades at the elementary and middle school levels are based on a formula calculated from achievement on the MEAP tests, along with performance indicators based on the School Improvement Framework. At the high school, the formula also includes performance on the Michigan Merit Exam. It's based, he said, not only on the achievement of all students, but also of students in federally identified subgroups.

Administrators said it

was the district's emphasis on improving the learning environment for those subgroups, the performance of which has typically held the district back in the past, that brought AYP status to all three high schools this time.

Teachers have used professional learning strategies, studied the performance of students and then "learned how to work to improve" the learning environment, Bender pointed out.

For instance, the Smaller Learning Community concept the district uses for its freshmen helped strengthen student achievement, he said.

"Over time, we've strengthened our curriculum and our instructional practices," Bender said. "The SLC is a greater learning experience for the kids. Through analysis of results, teachers make improvements in instruction. Teachers are examining how students are learning, making decisions based on those results, then making adjustments in how they teach."

Fiegel said the AYP performance can't help but enhance the district's strong reputation as a destination school district for parents.

"I think people have come to assess schools by how well they do on these tests," Fiegel said. "When people are looking for homes, they'll use it as a way to assess your schools. It's an easy way for people to say, 'That's a successful school.'"

Student achievement has long been a focus for members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. As cuts have been made to the district's budget, board members have been anxious to keep the cuts out of the classroom and remain focused on the learning environment.

Board President Steven Sneideman said the AYP results prove the district's administration has been successful in doing just that.

"It's amazing we can continue to improve as our funding decreases," said Sneideman, whose twin daughters will be juniors at Salem High School this year. "The results this year are our best ever. We've had to focus more on what's truly important for our students to learn. The administration has done a fantastic job of that."

2010 RESULTS Canton Township

How your community voted.
The results below only include vote totals for your community. Overall winners are denoted with a ✓.

GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
✓ Mike Bouchard 1,270
Mike Cox 1,998
Tom George 90
Pete Hoekstra 1,786
✓ Rick Snyder 3,557
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
✓ Virg Bernero 1,982
Andy Dillon 1,653

11TH U.S. HOUSE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
✓ Thaddeus McCotter (I) 7,208
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
✓ Natalie Mosher 2,987

7TH STATE SENATE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
✓ Abe Mefflah 1,812
Deborah Whyman 2,271
Dan Osterman 1,115
✓ Patrick Colbeck 2,507
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
✓ Kathleen Law 3,019

20TH STATE HOUSE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
✓ Stephen Boomer Jr. 196
✓ Kurt Heise 340
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
✓ Joan Wadsworth 368

21 ST STATE HOUSE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
✓ Lori Levi 3,650
Shannon Price 3,635
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
✓ Dian Slavens (I) 2,802

WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
✓ Mario Fondarski 4,825
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
✓ Robert Ficano (I) 2,914

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
Tamas Wykiorak 1,634
✓ Shelly Milton 3,860
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY
Luka Granberry Jr. 901
✓ Brandy Napoleon (I) 2,153
Danny Smith 137
Daniel Dean Sr. 123
Walter Epps 362

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COLBECK
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ing I could do at that point to change the outcome," said Colbeck, who earned the right to face Gibraltar Democrat Kathleen Law in November's general election. "Where God guides, He provides. I think going out with a positive message, focusing on honesty and integrity and the need to return to the values that made our country great were important. I think it resonated with people who are tired of the culture we're living in right now of serving ourselves rather than seeing what we can do for others."

Whyman, an attorney, couldn't be reached for comment. She finished well behind Colbeck, with Plymouth Township engineering consultant Abe Mumfakh coming in third and Don Osterman of Van Buren Township a distant fourth.

Colbeck said his campaign was about people who "are concerned with the direction our state and our country are headed right now," and that the grassroots nature, and not his affiliation with the Tea Party, was responsible for the win. In fact, he said, connecting the campaign to the Tea Party "marginalizes the victory."

"It definitely helped, but (focusing on it) marginalizes what we're talking about," Colbeck said of his Tea Party affiliation. "I think it was a victory for 'We the People.' It involved folks in the Tea Party, but there were other networks — churches, friends, family connections I didn't even know I had — that opened one door after another. Getting out there and meeting the people made the difference."

Colbeck thinks his victories in many of the Downriver communities bodes well for the general election, where one would think Law, a former state representative, would have an edge.

"The people who are supportive in the Downriver community are solid supporters there," Colbeck said. "They're some of the nicest people you ever want to know or have on your team."

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise will battle Joan Wadsworth of Northville, a community activist and longtime member of the school board there, for the right to represent the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The general-election showdown was set Tuesday when Heise, the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, easily defeated Steve Booher Jr., also of Plymouth Township, for the district's Republican nomination. Wadsworth was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Heise, who has worked in several municipal governments and once ran unsuccessfully for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, enjoyed a better than 2-to-1 margin over Booher in the districtwide vote total.

"I always look at any election as a very competitive event, so I certainly didn't take anything for granted," Heise said, offering thanks to Booher for running what he called a good race.

In addition to Plymouth and Plymouth Township,



Kurt Heise gets a handshake and some encouragement during election-day campaigning for Tuesday's Republican primary in the 20th House district. Heise cruised to a 2-to-1 margin of victory.

the 20th District includes Northville Township, the part of Northville in Wayne County, a sliver of eastern Canton Township and the city of Wayne.

Heise ran a door-to-door campaign he plans to continue

into the general-election season. He found voters are "not happy with career politicians," he said.

"I think the voters are very concerned about jobs and the economy and about the broken budget process in Lansing and

about educating our kids the right way," Heise said.

He compared himself to Rick Snyder, the Ann Arbor businessman who won the Republican nomination in the race to succeed Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"We've both have been in tough positions and had to turn around failing operations," Heise said.

Snyder, the former chairman of the computer company Gateway Inc., faces Virg Bernero, the mayor of Lansing, in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election.

Booher, a first-time office-seeker, said he's proud of his campaign.

"I stuck to my plan, stayed away from the PAC (political action committee) money and ran a clean campaign, and the results were what the results were," said Booher, a manufacturers representative and sales representative for an Internet technology staffing firm.

Booher, like Heise, campaigned door-to-door. He said it was exciting to talk to district residents and hear their concerns.

"I think a lot of people are disappointed with how government's going," he said.

He did not rule out seeking elected office again, and perhaps even making another run for the Michigan House.

"I'm going to take a month right now to kind of decompress and give my kids a summer vacation," Booher said.

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Individual issues move voters to polls for primary

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Tori Burns, a 46-year-old native of Canada, voted Tuesday as an American for the first time since she became a U.S. citizen last summer along with husband Leo, a General Motors corporate office employee.

"It's exciting," she said, pausing from her conversation with a poll worker outside the Summit on the Park. "It's different."

Burns declined to discuss her election choices but said she and her husband considered what's best for Michigan as they made their decisions.

"Our focus is really on

Michigan because we've been through some rough years," she said, though her husband has kept his GM job. "We've lived the last few years on edge, but we're very optimistic."

Not far away, Van Buren Township resident Dianna Zachrey campaigned for 21st District Republican state House winner Lori Levi, who defeated GOP rival Shannon Price in a two-way race to determine who would face incumbent state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, unopposed in Tuesday's primary.

"Lori is a grassroots candidate. She's of the people. She's one of us," said Zachrey, 48, who works for a real estate

management company.

From a broader perspective, Zachrey, a strong critic of President Barack Obama, said she is pulling this election season for candidates and issues "to push back the Obama agenda and the massive take-over of our government."

"We're losing our freedoms," she said. "It's a push back against socialism is really what it is."

Zachrey cited Obama's push for a national health-care plan as an example of a policy she opposes.

A few steps away from Zachrey, Shannon Price's mother, 63-year-old Rose Stachowski of Westland, came to Canton to campaign for her

son.

"It's a mother's duty," she said, smiling. "He has wanted this since he was a little child."

Stachowski arrived outside the Summit shortly before 7 a.m. and was still campaigning around noon. Later, she was planning to hand out literature in Cherry Hill Village.

"Turnout has been light," she said. "I don't understand it. There's a governor's race this year, and to me the primary is more important than the general election because voters are deciding who will be on the ballot in November."

Stachowski recalled how her late mother, Kay Cortez, was born in 1910 — a decade before women won the right to


vote. Though her mother eventually got to vote, Stachowski said her late grandmother, Mary Harris, never did.

"She died before women got the right to vote," Stachowski said. "Voting is so important, but it's something many people take for granted."

Over at Canton's Fire Station No. 1 near Canton Center Road, Levi supporter Donna Fitzsimons, 50, came from Plymouth to work for Levi.

"I've known Lori for 25 years," since she worked in sales for Westland-based North Bros. Ford, Fitzsimons said. "She lives and breathes whatever she's doing. Her passion is the strongest I've ever seen."

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The key to this band is the musicians. Russell Klausning brings decades of experience both as a bassist and since 1997 as the lead guitarist. Jim Cracraft joined the band back in 1998 as the bassist. The consummate showman, Jim's passion and unbridled energy, along with his live performance prowess make him a vital cog in this band. Jerome Day is the latest addition to the band joining in 2008. Jerome's bio is impressive. In addition to the Shawn Riley Band, Jerome currently is the drummer for Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels.

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LEVI

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unofficial primary tallies from Van Buren Township and Belleville widened her victory to 384 votes.

"I feel exhilarated," she said, amid cheers and applause from jubilant supporters who gathered inside the Summit on the Park to celebrate her grassroots victory.

Levi now faces incumbent state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, in the November general election. Slavens was unopposed in Tuesday's primary.

Levi attributed her win to a tireless door-to-door campaign she and her supporters waged since January, battling Price and overcoming support he garnered from Republican standouts such as state Sen. Bruce Patterson, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, former Supervisor Tom Yack and former state Sen. Loren Bennett.

Levi also cited strong support from voters who cast ballots for the first time in a primary election.

"God brought me into this," she said, "and he brought me through it."

Levi captured 4,819 votes, or 52 percent, compared to Price's 4,435, or 48 percent, in districtwide totals. Turnout was just under 22 percent among Canton's 59,467 registered voters.

Price, a 39-year-old consultant for nonprofits and municipalities, suffered a disappointing defeat in his first bid for public office.

"It was a tough campaign, very spirited, and we both fought hard," he said. "Now we have to turn our focus to turning our state around."

Levi and Price became locked in a tight, nerve-rattling race Tuesday night that ultimately didn't surprise Levi's confident supporters.

"Lori just has this way — when something needs to be done, she gets it done," poll worker Donna Fitzsimons said. "It's just amazing to

me. She lives and breathes what she's doing."

Levi has called for efforts to create a business-friendly, job-creating environment in Michigan, partly by phasing out the Michigan Business Tax and adopting a fairer, flat corporate tax that she said "would create a stable playing field." She also has said state government needs to shrink and become more efficient.

Hugging daughters Porscha, 9, and Brietta, 4, as she embraced her victory, Levi said she got into the state House race because of her children.

"They need to have a future here in Michigan like I did," she said. "I want to have a future for these two little girls right here in Michigan."

Levi has said she was influenced by her own mother, 67-year-old Nadine Binkley, after Levi's father died when she was a mere teen. Levi embarked on an auto sales career and was involved in a family sand-and-gravel trucking business before she started her own company, Levi International, a private-franchising, Internet-based company. She also owns Porscha Enterprises, a rental management company.

"I am so proud of her," Binkley said Tuesday.

"This is one of the biggest moments of my life."

Levi's husband, Brian, said he never doubted that Levi could pull off a primary win Tuesday.

"She put a lot of effort and hard work into this," he said. "She deserved it. I think people are looking for change, and Lori is good at finding common ground. That's what our state needs right now."

Levi vowed that, with help from her supporters, she will continue to wage a grassroots, door-to-door campaign for the November election. As for her campaign strategy, she said, "I'm going to do more — faster."

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

Usher training

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

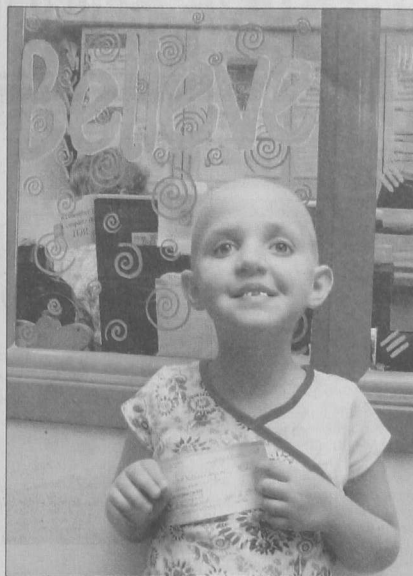
Volunteer support is crucial to The Village Theater's operations and is a great way to meet new people and show support for the arts by greeting patrons, taking tickets, handing out programs, giving tours, helping with hospitality/concessions and numerous other opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age with the ability to deal with the public in a tactful and courteous manner and must also be able to stand for extended periods of time.

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

Ladies camp out

Just the ladies are invited to sleep under the stars at Canton Leisure Services' "Girls Only Camp Out" on Friday, Aug. 13 in Preservation Park. Mothers, daughters, and friends are encouraged to pitch a tent together at this unique outdoor event.

Scheduled activities for the ladies, include scavenger hunts, crafts, and games. In addition, participants will also 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



Research assistance

Lisa McMaster, 5-year-old Canton resident and neuroblastoma patient at U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, holds a check for Mott for \$12,000 to Mott for neuroblastoma research. Lisa was diagnosed in June 2008 with neuroblastoma. The money was raised at BLASTnb, the McMaster's day-long fund-raising event.

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," said Jeanette Williams, Recreation Specialist. "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, MI, and are weather permitting. There is a per tent fee of \$20 for Canton residents and \$25 for non-residents and pre-registration is required.

To register or learn more

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

Class reunions

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

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

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

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact

Terry West at twest@rose-moving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, a sponsored project of the Plymouth Symphony, will be holding auditions for the 2010-2011 season on Friday, August 27, at Evola Music on Haggerty in Canton.

Under the direction of conductor Nan Washburn, the Celebration Youth Orchestras provide a unique, enriching and exciting musical experience for aspiring young players throughout southeast Michigan, especially in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Belleville, and Westland.

The CYO currently offers a full program of three orchestras and a flute choir, workshops and master classes with prominent guest soloists and composers, as well as yearly side-by-side performances with the professional musicians of the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Jane Libbing at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras office at (734) 451-2112 or e-mail her at jane@plymouth-symphony.org. Check out the CYO website at www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org.

Tiny tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has added a fourth class to the schedule. Parents can now register their 4-year-olds for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday PM class. The class time is from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; tuition is eight monthly payments of \$130. There are also openings for 3-year-olds in the Tuesday/Thursday classes.

To register, print off a registration form from the Salvation Army website, www.MiSalPlymouth.org, and drop it off with a \$35 registration fee. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

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CRIME WATCH

Rollover accident

1 Canton police responded to a rollover accident that happened about 10:30 p.m. Saturday at Ford and Beck roads, according to police reports.

Police saw a man trapped inside a Ford Explorer which had landed on its roof, and he was trying unsuccessfully to open a door and get out.

Officers noticed what appeared to be a bottle of alcohol in the vehicle. The driver told officers he had something to drink earlier in the day, but he didn't appear to be drinking at the time of the accident based on a test administered by police.

The driver told police he was en route to a friend's house when the accident occurred. Police found a bottle of open wine, which was poured out, and five beers in a cooler.

The driver was cited for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and failing to yield at the scene of an accident.

Home invasion?

2 Police were investigating a possible home invasion after a woman told authorities she found her ex-boyfriend in her home on Ardsley, southwest of Warren and Lilley, around 7 p.m. Saturday.

Police could hear activity on the other end of the phone when the woman called for help, according to police reports.

The woman told police she came home to change her clothes for church and found her ex-boyfriend in her basement. She said he grabbed her wrists, told her they needed to talk and pulled her up the stairs as she yelled for help from a neighbor.

The woman then grabbed



her phone to call police but, according to reports, the ex-boyfriend took it away from her. Still, police could hear her on the other end, trying to get loose before the boyfriend fled the house.

The woman told police she and the man had dated for seven years before they broke up in February. She said he has been acting odd by placing a tape recorder in her vehicle to record her conversations and by demanding a pair of earrings that he had given her, even though he earlier refused to take them back.

The woman told police she wasn't sure how the ex-boyfriend got into her house. She also said she had recently noticed some items had been disturbed in her home.

Apartment break-in

3 A man reported that someone broke into his apart-

ment on Eaton, southeast of Warren and I-275, sometime prior to 7:30 a.m. last Friday and took televisions, jewelry and a Playstation. He told authorities he returned home and found the doorwall of his apartment had been pried open.

Converters taken

4 Canton police reported that a couple of catalytic converters were stolen off vehicles sometime last Thursday at the Village Green Apartments, near Haggerty and Cherry Hill. In one incident, a woman told police she parked her car under a car port and later found an exhaust pipe on the ground, near where the catalytic converter had been taken.

Retail fraud

5 Canton police arrested two suspects for retail fraud following an incident that

occurred around 7:45 p.m. Sunday at the Wal-mart on Ford Road east of I-275.

A store employee told police he saw the suspects conceal a couple of items in their pockets and then leave the store without paying. The worker confronted the pair outside the store, and they cooperated and returned the merchandise, according to a police report.

Police arrested the suspects and gave them a court date to appear on retail fraud charges.

Storm door damage

6 In what may have been an attempted break-in or an act of vandalism, Canton police were called to a home on Northgate, northeast of Beck and Geddes, where a storm door glass had been broken out prior to 11 a.m. Sunday.

Police checked and the home otherwise appeared secure.

Warrant arrest

7 Canton police arrested a man on Old Michigan, southeast of Haggerty and Michigan Avenue, after stopping a Mercury Grand Marquis traveling southbound shortly after midnight Sunday.

A background check revealed that the owner of the vehicle, a man in his early 20s, had a suspended license.

However, the driver told police he was the owner's brother. An additional background check showed the driver was wanted for a felony warrant out of Westland for a drug-related charge. He was handcuffed, taken to Westland and turned over to authorities.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports

Golfers raise funds for family support

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton firefighters have raised \$10,000 to provide financial support for two families struggling due to illnesses of their children.

The Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation raised the money last week during the 14th annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing — named after the late Canton youth who waged a lifelong battle against cystic fibrosis before his death a decade ago. He was 20.

"We do this every year," Canton Fire Capt. Mike Caruso said. "It's one of our biggest events."

In all, 192 golfers participated in the July 27 golf outing at Pheasant Run Golf Course. Even more — 220 people — attended a banquet at Summit on the Park.

Caruso said the \$10,000 will be split between two families — one with a 19-year-old son battling leukemia and one with a 2-year-old son who has battled numerous health problems, including cancer, since birth.

The money will help families who have struggled financially due to health-care costs and treatment.

"This will help with their medical expenses," Caruso said.

The fund-raiser included 18 holes of golf, a banquet, a silent auction and raffle prizes. One golfer, Don Spence, won \$5,000 through a putting contest paid by a company, Hole in One International, after he accomplished in succession a 10-foot putt, 30-foot putt and 50-foot putt, Caruso said.

Canton Firefighters Local 2289, with 61 members, also has sponsored fund-raisers such as Red Wings alumni hockey games, Liberty Fest spaghetti dinners and charity poker tournaments. The group has raised over \$300,000 since 1995.

Canton Firefighters Local 2289 is a branch of the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

New location has salon on cutting edge

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services/ and or products you feature?

Ashka Salon: We provide all hair services: hair color, hair cutting, perming, straightening and special event styling. Our spa services include massage, hot stone massage, several different facials and body waxing. Our new facility accommodates up to 10 nail services at a time and is the perfect setting for a special party before a big event or just because! We also feature a private Double Pedicure Suite and a Double Spa Room for couples, mothers and daughters or best friends. Some unique services we offer are Gel Lacquer Nail Polish that will give you a chip-free manicure up to two weeks and all natural Airbrush Tanning. Our experienced Team of Stylists offer several hair extension options including Klix and SoCap. They are also proud to offer Custom Clip-in Extensions that are created specifically for you and your hair type and are a great option for growing your hair out!

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Ashka Salon: We opened our business after 15 years in the Beauty Industry. We felt compelled to create an environment where employees enjoyed coming to work and guests were delighted!

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Ashka Salon: We did market research on where salon and spas did not saturate the market and where the demographic of our potential guests shared in our philosophy of betterment of environment and personal health. Canton was a growing community and had the highest match for our criteria. Canton has proven to be a great community for us to be in!

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Ashka Salon: We are an Aveda Concept Salon & Spa, exclusively retailing Aveda which is a naturally derived product with a high level of performance. We create extra value in each service by really listening to our guest and creating an experience that is more than just a hair cut. We start with a head neck and shoulder massage with all hair cuts and offer hand and arm massages to all of our color services. Our facility is designed to be warm and comfortable with a private hair color processing room where you can enjoy a fire place and relaxing music.

An additional point of distinction is our creative Nail Fantasy Room. We decorated the walls with beautiful and unique "recycled" shoe creations. We collected everyday items and old shoes that would normally be thrown away. On these



Steven and Lisa Curry, co-owners of Ashka Salon & Spa, are excited about their July 2010 move to their new location at 242 Canton Center Road in Canton.

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Hometown: Canton

Business opened: November 2003

How long at this location: July 2010

Number of Employees: 20

Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Business specialty: High-end, professional hair and spa services focusing on the guest's experience and satisfaction

Business Phone and/or website: (734) 414-9980; www.ashkasalon.com

creations you will find our old jewelry, fabric remnants and leftover embellishments! Each shoe is unique down to our recycled bottle cap shoe!

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Ashka Salon: The biggest and most exciting change is our location. We just moved into a brand new facility which is larger, has a separate spa area including a private Double Pedicure Suite and a Double Spa Room so we can offer couple's massage or Mother and Daughter services.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about you experience so far as a business owner?

Ashka Salon: One of the things we love about owning a business is your day is never the same! Every skill you have ever learned is applicable and valuable. You learn something

everyday and what you expected entrepreneurship to be is not what it is, but even more gratifying than expected!

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Ashka Salon: The recent economy encouraged us to slow down and focus on what matters the most. Making sure to be really smart, creative and effective with our budget and spending. We have seen growth even in these times and that growth is directly influenced by the changes we have made in the company. Our Team of Service Providers has stepped up and taken ownership of their future and the Leadership has focused on useful tools to inspire and grow the team.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Ashka Salon: Surround yourself with good people! We have a fabulous General Manager Joie Hogarth and a very talented technical team. ALWAYS follow your own instincts; you know your business better than anyone.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Ashka Salon: We are just getting started in our new facility and plan to reach out to the community in as many ways possible. We have our 1st Annual Give Back Event happening Nov. 1-6 and we plan to raise \$10,000 for charity. We recently formed Fusion Design Team - an elite group of inspired Leaders on our Team. They are working together to create exceptional trends, have fashion shows, hold charity events and enter national competitions representing the Canton Community. Our team loves to share their talents with our current guests, new guests and new team members. We are poised to make a splash and be impactful!

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Retail runner

As if running the T-Mobile Store on North Canton Center Road wasn't enough to keep him busy, Retail Store Manager Steven Rose decided to run across Michigan - and that amazing feat has made him a nominee for the Governor's Kintzleman award for dedication to physical fitness.

"It was really just me going out for a run, basically. But it took five days," Rose said. "I'd heard about people running across the US and I wondered how far I could go."

Rose wasn't always so cavalier about running; however, at least not after his first attempt six years ago. He and his father were trying out the Muddy Buddy, an off-road racing course involving running and biking. Though he was an avid mountain biker at the time, Rose was surprised how challenging he found the running portion.

"At the time I was 32, Dad was 53," he recalled. "Dad beat me."

Fortunately, working for T-Mobile in Canton has been the perfect opportunity for Rose to meet his new challenge. He began working for the company in 2007 and was immediately impressed with their dedication to employee well-being. The generous time-off package he and all employees receive upon hire was just what he needed to devote more time to his training.

"They really live up to their word on promoting a healthy work/life balance," he said of the T-Mobile philosophy. "I just took time off to run both this year's Muddy Buddy and run across the state, and I've already got another three days off to run in Colorado in August."

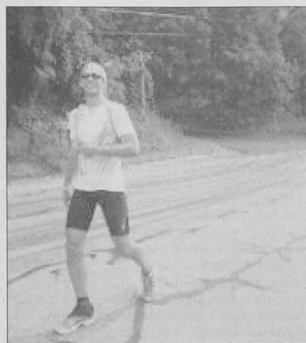
The day after Rose and his father took first place in their division of the July 11 Muddy Buddy in Stoney Creek Metro Park, he began his five-day, 205.98-mile, 43-hour-33-minute-17-second run from Gross Ile to Grand Haven.

Rose ran each of five days and slept at various locations across the state each night, from his own home to staying with friends. Day One began in Gross Ile and went to Plymouth; Day Two he ran from Plymouth to Fowlerville; Day Three took him from Fowlerville to Eagle; on Day Four he ran from Eagle to Grand Rapids; at the end of Day Five, he stopped running at the end of the pier in Grand Haven.

"There was no way I could have kept going," he said of his last steps. "I was done."

Making the grade

The recession continues to take an extraordinary toll on school systems as sweeping budget



T-Mobile's Steven Rose on the fifth day of his cross-state run.

cuts are enacted in cities and states nationwide. Dhara Patel, owner of Cartridge World-Canton, is looking to help schools in Canton combat these serious challenges by encouraging them to reuse their printer cartridges rather than buying new.

"Although school systems have cut back on many things, the demand for ink is a necessary aspect of the everyday educational curriculum," said Patel. "We look forward to working with school administrators in Canton to help them reduce their operating expenses and budgets during this economic downturn."

With 650 locations throughout North America, Cartridge World, a printer cartridge retailer, has struck a chord with schools nationwide for its ability to save significant money on printer cartridge costs. "School administrators can either bring their empty ink and toner cartridges into our store at 5924 N Sheldon Road or have them picked up and exchanged for remanufactured and refilled cartridges," explains Patel.

Besides being an affordable alternative for schools to stay "ahead of the curve" when it comes to increasing budget constraints, reusing printer cartridges also teaches students the importance of reusing and recycling to protect the environment. In North America alone, more than 350 million cartridges are discarded in landfills, and that number increases by 12 percent annually.

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Phantom on stage

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some and wealthy benefactor, the other a reclusive resident of the Paris Opera. Throw in a jealous, conniving opera diva and it makes for a terrific evening of musical theatre.

Tickets are \$15-\$17; groups

of 15 or more are \$10 each. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.8thwondertheatre.com

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The expo runs 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojil, President, Canton Chamber

of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is proudly sponsored by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc., and Sign-A-Rama, both located in Canton.



Couch

Local women compete in USA National Games

Special Olympics Michigan officials announced three Area 23 (Wayne County) athletes - including two from Canton - competed at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games as part of Team Michigan in Lincoln, Neb.

Team Michigan included 58 Special Olympics Michigan athletes, two unified partners, 17 coaches and four Special Olympics Michigan staff members.

Local women who competed included Emily Campbell, a 20-year-old from Canton who competed in aquatics, and 22-year-old Julie Trublowski, who competed in athletics.

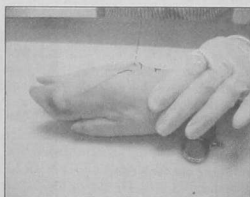
Campbell competed in four different events at the 2010 National Games. Campbell finished first in the 25-yard butterfly and the 50-yard freestyle, and was sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. She also got a participation ribbon in the 4- by 50-yard medley relay.

In addition to the sports, Campbell enjoys playing Wii and computer games, listening to music and dancing.

Trublowski has been involved with Special Olympics for 14 years. While at the National Games Trublowski placed third in the 100-meter run, third in the 200-meter run, third in long jump and third in shot put. In her spare time Trublowski likes to play with her dog Chopper, ride her bike and exercise.

There were a total of approximately 3,500 athletes from all over the nation competing at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games. Also in attendance at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games were 1,000 coaches, 15,000 family and friends, 8,000 volunteers and more than 30,000 fans to cheer on the athletes as they pursued their quest for gold.

Medical conference gives Salem student a doctor's view



Students at the medical conference got to practice sutures on pig's feet.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

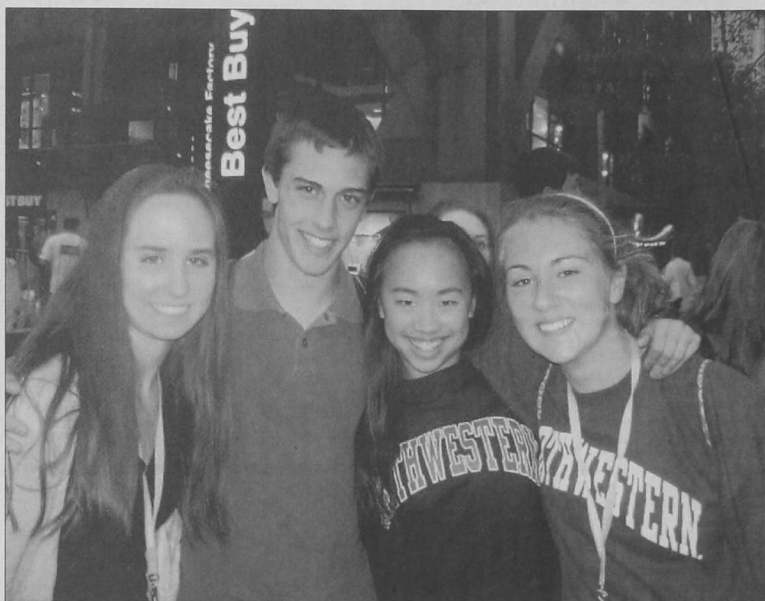
After Brandon Ciciotti did well on his PSAT during his sophomore year, he got an invitation from the National Youth Leadership Conference asking him if he'd be interested in attending a law school conference. Considering he's pretty much always wanted a career in medicine, Ciciotti politely declined, though he mentioned that, if they had a camp focused on medicine, he'd be interested in that.

Turns out they did.

That's why Ciciotti, 17, the son of Linda and Chet Ciciotti of Canton, spent 10 days this summer at the National Youth Leadership Conference on Medicine and Health Care at Northwestern University. The program was designed for prospective medical students to experience firsthand a day-in-the-life of a doctor and to understand national and global health concerns.

"I always considered (a career in) medicine as long as I can remember, but I made up my mind for sure about a year ago," said Ciciotti, who starts his junior year at Salem High School next month. "I always thought I would like to help people. I realized it would be a really good match for me."

The 10-day sojourn included tours of Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, the Museum of Surgical Science, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Navy Pier and



Brandon Ciciotti of Canton (second from left) with fellow conference-goers Michele Schuhrimen of Sonoma, Calif., Heather Ngai of Burlingame, Calif., and Allison Souhrada of Mead, Colo. The conference attracted students came from many other states and from as far away as Hong Kong, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and China.

Millennium Park.

It was designed to allow students to learn medical examination and clinical skills, diagnostic methods, treatments for diseases and the latest research and trends in healthcare. Students got to go behind the scenes on rounds with doctors, attend lectures with leading medical professionals, practice surgical techniques and simulate a response to a national disease outbreak.

"I got a look at all the different professions that are available, got kind of an overview and an idea of what I

wanted to do," said Ciciotti, a TAG student in middle school.

Ciciotti wasn't sure what kind of medicine he wanted to study until he went to Northwestern, where students watched a movie, "Wit," about a woman who develops ovarian cancer.

"I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do at first, but now I want to go into oncology," he said. "The woman dies at the end of the movie, and it was really emotional and everyone was crying."

The movie also touched Ciciotti because his grandmother is a cancer survivor who nearly died of the disease

(she's been cancer free for 18 months now).

"I think maybe that inspired him," said his mother, Linda. "The camp really gave him a good bird's eye view of the lifestyles doctors live, and how much they sacrifice. One of the greatest benefits of this program is that it allowed Brandon to problem solve, discuss, and learn about medical issues with so many people from not only various regions in the U.S. but from around the world."

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Written contract best when making loan to family, friend

I had an interesting conversation with a client about loaning money to friends and thought it would be an interesting to readers too.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The client's dilemma is that a friend had fallen on hard times and asked him for a loan. The friend made it clear he would pay interest on the loan and that it wasn't a gift.

I asked my clients if the friend did not repay the loan or missed a payment would he begin legal proceedings to collect the default? My client's answer was absolutely not.

Based on this answer, I told him the real issue was whether he could afford to take a financial loss if his friend did not repay the loan. My client said he could afford the loss, the only issue was how the transaction would impact his friendship.

I told my client this was not a financial matter but a personal one regarding his relationship with his friend. Since he wanted to loan the money, I recommended that the transaction be reduced to writing.

When you loan someone money it makes sense to formalize the understanding in a written agreement which includes payment terms, interest (keep in mind that even if you do not want to charge interest depending upon the amount of the loan you may be required by tax law to have at

least a marginal interest rate) and what happens in case of default. Even if you have no intention to begin legal proceedings upon a default, it's still important to have these provisions in the agreement.

A written agreement lets the individual who is borrowing the money know he/she has a legal obligation to repay the loan. On the whole, when friends loan money to each other or to other family members, they must proceed with caution. All too often I have seen relationships ruined when family and friends have loaned money to each other and things don't work out. Of course, it can cause difficulties if you're asked to loan money and you do not. As adults, we all have to make tough decisions and sometimes when it comes to loaning money to family and friends, it is difficult to say no.

If you decide to loan money to family or friends, the key is to have written documentation so there are no misunderstandings. Can someone draft a simple loan agreement themselves? The answer is yes. There are many websites with forms that can be used. However, if a significant amount of money is involved it may make sense to have an attorney draft a loan agreement. Hiring a lawyer confirms the seriousness of the matter.

Good luck!

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

Civic League hosts annual Car Show for Vets

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be a chance to view more than 250 cars and motorcycles and help raise money to aid veterans Saturday at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

It's the third annual Car Show for Vets, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but the first year the event has been held at the Wayne Ford Civic League located on Wayne Road south of Ford in Westland. The previous two years, the car show was held at Canton UAW Hall.

"This (the civic league) is a bigger place, so I expect it to be full," said Paul Jingoizian, an event committee member. "We get real good attendance. We get good participation with cars and motorcycles."

The show will draw a wide variety of vehicles, said

Jingoizian, including Model T's, military vehicles and up to newer model custom cars. Prizes will be awarded in each class with a special best in show prize.

"You'll absolutely see a full range of vehicles. There is no charge for attendance," he said. "We will have silent auctions where you drop in tickets. We have hundreds of different items."

At the previous two car shows, the committee raised more than \$52,000 to benefit area veterans.

"Money goes to Voluntary Services — they use the money for toiletries, blankets or other items that the VA doesn't provide," said Jingoizian. "The money has been used for the extended care unit — the palliative care."

Last year, proceeds from the car show were used to

fly World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II memorial.

"We paid for a plane load of veterans from this and other donations," Jingoizian said.

This year, half of the proceeds will go to support hospitalized veterans with personal care items. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds are earmarked for a Southeast Michigan Veterans Stand Down for homeless veterans. Ten percent has been designated for Traumatic Brain Injury Association of Michigan (TBI), with 10 percent also going to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 to mail care packages to the troops and the remaining 5 percent allocated to Blum's Landing, which provides free vacations to returning Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The car show will have a 1960s flavor with a special appearance by Detroit disc jockey Lee "The Horn" Alan, who will do some disc jockey work as well as sign autographs. The world famous Monkeemobile will also be on display. Daddy G. Knight will be providing music for the day.

Along with a chance to check out or show off vehicles, the Car Show for Veterans also offers veterans a place to get assistance on a variety of issues.

Registration for participants will begin at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 or \$20 at the door for cars and \$10 or \$15 at the door for motorcycles.

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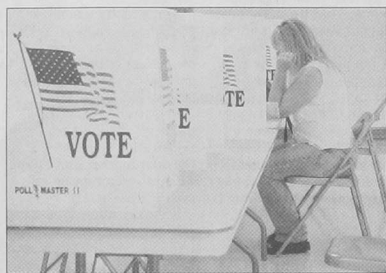
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OUR VIEWS



FILE PHOTO

People have a lot of reasons why they don't vote, but the one reason they should is that we live in a democracy. Voting is how we determine our course of action at the local, state and national levels.

Did you vote? There's no excuse for a low election turnout

On Tuesday, voters went to the polls to decide who will advance to the November general. To those committed to the democratic process and who went to the polls, we'd like to say thank you. To those who were no shows, we'd like to ask where you were.

It's a question we should ask at every election from the very local selection of a member of the school board trustee all the way up to president of the United States. The turnout for the former is pathetic at best, while the latter attracts more interest, but there are still a lot of registered voters who fail to participate in the elective process.

The decision of who will lead our state and who will represent our interests in Congress should be a decision of the all eligible voters, not a few. Nonvoters have their reasons for not going to the polls, everything from feeling their vote doesn't count and being too busy to not liking the candidates or lines that are too long at the poll places.

Long excuses. Every votes matters. The smaller the election, the more an individual vote can count, and the more empowered the voter. Some of those candidates in Tuesday's election started out getting voted in at the local level, and that's one spot where we all can have significant influence.

Too busy? Lines too long at the polls? Try applying for an absentee ballot and do your voting at home. Don't like the candidates? How are they going to know, if you don't tell them, and the one way to do that is at the polls on election day.

Here's a few reasons that the Douglas County, Nev., clerk-treasurer came up with why people should vote. We like what he has to say and we think our readers should consider it in deciding if they'll participate in the November general election:

1) It's your money. The county commissioners, governor, state officials, legislators, president and members of Congress you vote for will decide how much of our wealth to invest in public services and how to fairly share the tax burden.

2) It's your children's education. You elect local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets that will affect how well prepared your children and grandchildren will be for the future. Decisions by our legislators, governor, members of Congress and president also affect the public schools and the quality and cost of higher education as well.

3) It's your job. Congress, the president, the governor and your legislators influence what job training is available, minimum wage, pay equity, fairness in hiring, health insurance through your employer, job and pension security, and workplace safety.

4) It's your health care. Actions by the governor, legislature and Congress as well as their decisions on Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance laws determine your access to health care.

5) They're your highways. Your county commissioners, legislators, governor and members of Congress decide what highways are needed, what alternatives to highways such as public transit to support, and how to pay the bill.

6) It's your Social Security. The president and your members of Congress decide how much payroll tax you pay, cost of living increases and benefit schedules for your Social Security pension, and what Medicare services you receive and share payment for.

7) You live in Michigan. Your county, state and national elected officials set standards, enforcement strategies and budgets. They plan and zone where roads and industries will be built and how public lands will be used — decisions that can determine how and where you live and work.

8) It's your neighborhood. The elected officials and judges you vote to retain make daily decisions about crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable homes, traffic patterns, where to put schools, parks and recreation.

9) They're our children. We do our best to keep them healthy, fed, safe, educated and cared for. The officials you elect can help or hinder all families in achieving their goals and dreams.

And the most important reason why people should vote: It's your democracy. Make it work.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the best thing you've done this summer?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I went camping at Ludington State Park with my boys. It was fabulous."
Jennifer Carter
Canton



"Probably Liberty Fest. That was pretty cool."
Annette Solomon
Canton



"I've mostly gone to work and school."
Kelly Chemberlin
Canton



"I played with my cousin Lauren from Texas. We had a wedding to go to in Colorado, so we played there."
Bridget Chemberlin
Canton

LETTERS

Cleanup thanks

Thank you to all who were going to come out to help clean up Geddes Road on Saturday, July 24.

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and the event was canceled. We will attempt it again in September, so please watch for the announcements.

Greg Greene
Canton

Accountability needed

The answer is clear, the citizens and children of the Plymouth-Canton Schools deserve better. We as citizens continue to throw our hard-earned money away at a failing school system. The Plymouth-Canton school board administrators along with its teachers need to know that the free ride is over. It is clear from Mr. Fiegel's score card things are not working. It is also clear that compensation for administrators and teachers needs to be cut immediately due to bad performance. What Plymouth-Canton needs is accountability, not money. The citizens of Plymouth-Canton can no longer support renewing school mileages and step raises when administrators and teachers are failing our citizens and our children.

Keith Martin
Plymouth

Code speak

As you listen to Republicans (and Tea Partiers, too) railing against taxes and accusing Democrats of being "tax and spend liberals," be sure you grasp the irony.

Although their speeches are designed to elicit populist support, Republicans will neglect to point out that most working class people will not be the targeted beneficiaries of tax reductions if they are get their way. When Republicans talk "tax" (personal taxes) they

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are really not talking about what most in the middle class are referring to; you know, the payments collected on nearly every dollar needed to feed, clothe, educate, house and provide medical care for a family as well as to augment retirement in some minuscule way, provided that there is anything left.

"Taxes" that concern real Republicans most are nothing more than federal levies on excess, the taxes on income and assets that most of "we the people" either pay only on rare occasions or do not have the privilege of ever getting to pay at all.

Among these are marginal income taxes on taxable household incomes well beyond that used to take care of necessities, those portions of personal incomes that exceed \$357,700 for couples filing jointly at the paltry rate of 35 percent. This group of taxes on excess also includes capital gains taxes on things like divi-

dend income, proceeds from the sale of investment-based real estate, proceeds from the sale of stocks that have appreciated and other passively earned income at the obscene maximum rate of 15 percent, the same maximum rate paid by the working poor of this country and much less than the maximum rates of 25 percent and 28 percent paid on the top end of incomes earned by most working class Americans.

The third tax on excess is the estate tax, levied on the value of an estate beyond the \$3.5 million level at the rate of 45 percent except when the beneficiary was a spouse, in which case the amount over the \$3.5 million threshold would not be taxed at all. This "death tax" expired in 2010. Consequently, the multibillion dollar estates of people like George Steinbrenner, shipping magnate and Yankee owner, will be passed to heirs tax free.

All three taxes have been and will continue to be sources of considerable conservative consternation and Republicans are already calling for permanent abolition of the estate tax and a reduction in the top marginal income tax rate to as low as 26 percent. As the November elections approach we should be mindful that most of the tax cuts that the Republicans want to extend into the future only benefit the top 5 percent or less of the population.

Do not be deceived, the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy have been identified by economists such as Paul Krugman and Dean Baker and many others as a prime drivers of current and future budget deficits that Republicans claim to be so concerned about reducing. The data also shows that tax cuts for the wealthy do not provide added tax revenue or create economic stimulus, as some defenders claim, and consequently should be allowed to expire.

Mitch Smith
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

School officials take wise steps toward diversity

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools should be commended for its outreach efforts to ensure that all qualified

applicants for positions in its schools are considered.

State law calls for equal opportunities for all in employment. This can be achieved by guaranteeing a fair and open process for application to a position. For too long, many have relied on filling positions with in-house referrals not making serious outreach efforts to ensure that all qualified individuals were aware of openings. In some cases, this has been a tacit tactic aimed at excluding certain people from even being considered for positions. If you don't know about a job, you can't apply for it.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are wisely taking steps to ensure that it is has a strong and varied applicant pool

of highly qualified candidates as it seeks teachers for an increasingly diverse student body and global economy. Teaching is as much an art as it is science. Diverse teachers and administrators bring with them experiences, perspective and balance to the global dialogue on how their value in the system gives both academic strength and cultural strength for all of our students.

A simple test doesn't determine the best teacher; in fact, it rarely determines the best in any profession. There is room for discretion, and in the past, in many areas of suburban school hiring, that discretion has worked to limit diversity. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is choosing not to work from that rubric anymore but to welcome the opportunity to reach out to candidates who may have been previously ignored in an effort to ensure all teachers at the schools will have both the knowledge required and the ability to infuse students with a diverse knowledge base.

We are encouraged by the school

district's collaboration with the Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion, who are committed to helping PCCS in their efforts to add diverse and qualified teachers.

Diversity is the strength of every community; helping all better understand the goal of judging based on character, not skin color. The best way to teach that is to practice it. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is working to be the leader in this lesson. The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion is prepared to support the strong outreach efforts of PCCS, Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion and other school districts willing to make a bold effort to do the same.

Thomas Costello is president and CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. Prior to joining the Michigan Roundtable, he served on its Board of Directors and was general counsel and vice president for an information technology company in Detroit.



Tom Costello

Primary voters cite economy as top state issue

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With Michigan's unemployment rate at more than 13 percent, the economy was the top issue for many voters as they headed to polling places in Plymouth and Plymouth Township for Tuesday's state primary.

The voter participation rate in the two communities averaged just over 30 percent, and both city and township voters sided with the statewide winners in the race for governor: businessman Rick Snyder, the Republican nominee, and Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, the Democratic winner.

"Jobs, jobs, jobs," said Todd Baginski as he arrived to vote at Precinct 3, at Plymouth Township Hall, just after 4 p.m.

"It's been a debacle," said Bob Bashawaty, also at Precinct 3, of the administration of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the downturn in the state's economy. Granholm, who is finishing eight years in office, is term-limited.

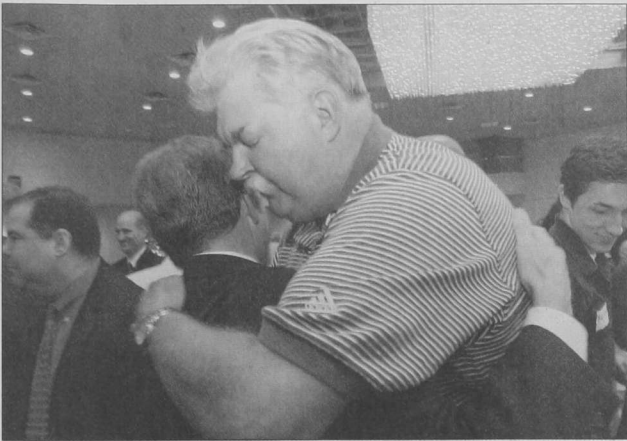
"We need someone in there who knows how to draw business," Bashawaty added. Baginski, who designs engines at Ford Motor Co., said Michigan should work to attract more defense-industry jobs, for which its manufacturing work force is well-suited.

California and other Western states, he said, benefit from defense jobs. "It's big-time out there. I'd like to see more of that here," he said.

Bashawaty said the state needs to get back to "core values" and limited government. "Big government does not work," he said.

The economy and the job market were cited by a wide range of voters.

"Definitely jobs," said Alisa Burlage as she arrived to vote



An unhappy State Senator Bruce Patterson hugs Mike Cox at Cox's gathering at Laurel Manor in Livonia.



Richard Wade rolls precinct 27's ballots into the Canton Township Clerk's office.

at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the city's only polling place, home to four precincts. Burlage, a student at Wayne State University, said she wants to see more incentives

for young people in the state. "All my friends leave the state. I would like to stay in Michigan," she said. "There's no reason we couldn't have more of a Chicago-ish thing



Becky Dominguez votes at precinct 4 at Miller Elementary with kids Caleb and Mia coming along for the ride. Dad Dan Dominguez is behind the partition next to Becky.

going on." Burlage also said "we don't have too many good candidates" in the race for governor,



Lori Levi looks over positive numbers coming out of Canton precincts with consultant Jennifer Murray during Tuesday's Republican primary for the 21st House seat. Levi eked out a win over challenger Shannon Price.

and that she had been disappointed by Granholm, but wants to keep a Democratic governor.

That was important, too for Dave Stratton, who also voted at the Cultural Center and said he goes against the grain in Republican-leaning Plymouth.

"I don't understand that at all. They are not for the little guy," said Stratton, a retired substance-abuse counselor.

Retired teacher Garon Stephens, also voting at the Cultural Center, said the economy may not be as affected by state elections as by national elections, but that he's dismayed by the extreme partisanship he sees in Lansing.

"I think the wrangling by Republicans and Democrats" over state budget issues in recent years "was embarrassing," Stephens said.

He's also embarrassed, Stephens said, by the seeming collapse of the Detroit Public Schools and how poorly the district compares to those in the suburbs.

Abortion was the top issue for Mary Lockwood, a Right to Life of Michigan volunteer who was campaigning at West

Middle School for Mike Cox, Michigan's attorney general, in the Republican race for governor.

"If we get the pro-life issue right, that kind of gives us a framework for every other issue," said a friend, Kathleen Crombie, who was handing voters fliers that noted Right to Life-endorsed candidates.

"It would just solve a lot of problems," Lockwood said. "Most importantly, the human issue."

Many said they were motivated to vote by a sense of duty.

"You've got to look at it as a responsibility," said Carl Battishill, who voted at the Cultural Center.

"I had a very good history teacher in high school" who stressed the importance of voting, especially in local elections, said Mary Ann MacLaren, who voted at Precinct 6, at West. "Local elections are more important than national elections."

"That's what you do on election day," said Stephens. "Why would you not vote?"

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Back home again

Westland's Mike Modano agrees to terms with Red Wings

BY HELEN ST. JAMES
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Mike Modano will be coming home after all.

According to the Detroit Free Press, the 40-year centerman from Westland and the NHL's all-time leading American scorer will join the Detroit Red Wings.

He will be introduced at a press conference on Friday afternoon at Joe Louis Arena. The former Dallas Stars captain, who wore No. 9 throughout his career, could be wearing No. 90, the report added.

The Wings had been in hot pursuit of Modano, flying him in from Dallas a month ago and wooing him over lunch and a Tigers game. He also had suitors in San Jose, Anaheim and Minnesota, but decided on Detroit.

The free agent, who has played all 20 years for the North Stars/Stars organization, has lived in Dallas since 1993.

Wings coach Mike Babcock lobbied

for Modano, and on Tuesday, Wings General Manager Ken Holland said he was "cautiously optimistic" about making the deal.

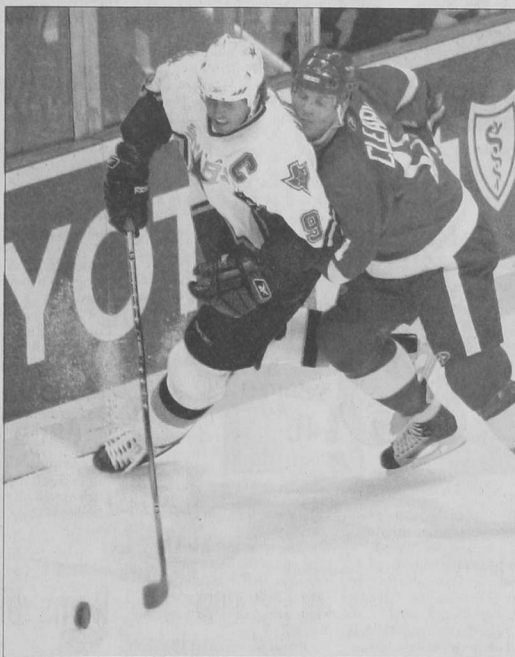
"When Mike was in Detroit a couple of weeks ago and spent time here, and in all the conversations I've had since with him and his agent, Mike Liut, I think they understand all the positives to coming to Detroit," Holland told the Free Press.

Modano, reportedly in Scotland on golfing trip, has been offered a one-year contract for \$1.25 million to center the third line, instantly transforming the Wings into a team with three legitimate scoring lines.

He is expected to center a line that includes Dan Cleary and Jiri Hudler. Modano is also expected to add depth on the power play.

Modano made \$2.25 million last season for the Stars.

Modano's parents, Michael and Karen, still reside in Westland, but



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Please see **MODANO, B2**

Mike Modano (left) could now be playing with Dan Cleary (right) of the Red Wings.

Prinstein ponders end of playing career

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While his playing career might be nearing an end, professional baseball will likely remain a part of Justin Prinstein's future.

The 26-year-old former Farmington Hills resident has achieved the goal he had when he went to play in Europe, and that was to pitch at the highest level.

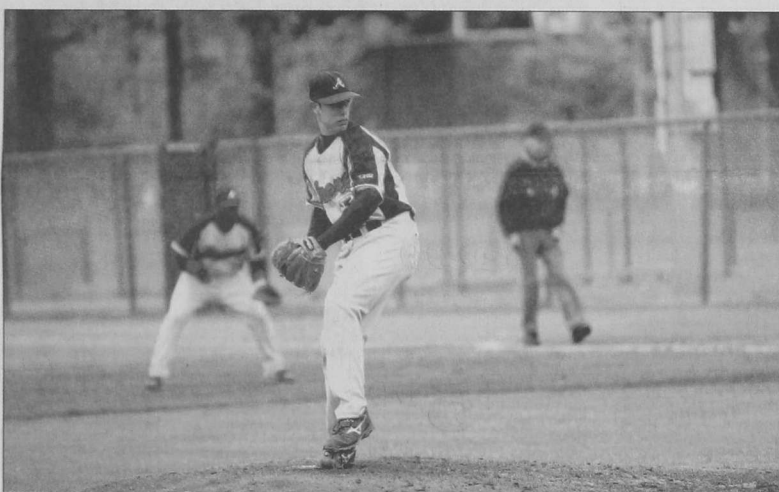
Prinstein has played four seasons for the Almere Magpies in Holland, helping them win the Dutch First Division championship last year.

The Magpies were promoted this year to the Dutch Major League, considered the premier league in Europe, but it's been a rough go for Almere.

The team was mired in last place when Prinstein and the Magpies agreed to part ways over money matters during the July break.

That didn't leave the North Farmington High School graduate idle, however. He was off to scout the under-16 European Championships for the Houston Astros in the Netherlands.

"Recently, I had quite a few good starts in Europe's highest competition,



MONIQUE RONNENBERG

Justin Prinstein has since left Almere and signed a 10-day contract with the HSV Stealers in Hamburg. They play in the German Baseball Bundesliga, the top baseball league in Germany.

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Ford Field mound issue scratches Frontier twinbill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite an hour rain delay on Saturday, everything seemed to be in order as the Oakland County Cruisers were set to take on the Washington (Pa.) Wild Things in a Frontier League baseball double-header at Livonia's Ford Field.

But Cruisers starter Joe Rodriguez alerted umpires that something was terribly awry after just making three pitches.

"The mound was unplayable," Rodriguez said. "The surface was sloppy and every time I tried to dig in the dirt, it would come out and there was a huge hole. It was not pitchable. I guess this field was not meant to be."

Cruisers manager Gera Alvarez then visited the trouble spot and confirmed what the pitcher from Indiana State already knew.

"We play on all clay or turf mounds," Alvarez said. "After one pitch you could see something was wrong and by the third (pitch) you could see he (Rodriguez) couldn't do it. It was unplayable. It's part of the game. Today is disappointing, but some things you just can't control."

The Cruisers, who are awaiting construction on a new stadium for 2011 in

Waterford, are currently in first place in the East Division of the Frontier League (41-24) despite playing 76 of their 96 regular season games away from home.

Saturday's twinbill was rescheduled for Sunday to the Cruisers' temporary home field - Eastern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium - where the independent league team has played just nine games this summer. The final game of the series was played Monday at Oestrike as the Cruisers lost two-of-three to the Wild Things.

After Saturday's double-header was called and fans exited, three canopies, a concession trailer and the public address system were all quickly dismantled.

Ford Field is used primarily during the summer sandlot season by the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League as well as high school-age teams. The mound at Ford Field also appeared lower than normal.

In an e-mail sent Tuesday to *The Observer*, Assistant Superintendent of Livonia Parks and Recreation Lyle Trudell said he is aware of the "history of complaints of the Collegiate League."

"I do know that we use a slag material so that more games don't get rained

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Western tankers make a splash at MICSA meet

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Western Golf & Country Club's youth swimming team is back among the upper echelon of teams in the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association.

Coach Bob Crosby's club will find itself competing against Blue Division opponents once again next season thanks to a solid showing at the recent MICSA Swimming Championships hosted by Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

"We've been in this same mode now for about four years where we're either in the top seven or bottom seven teams," said Crosby, whose swimmers combined to capture seven first-place finishes and a host of other strong showings en route to scoring 474 points and a seventh-place team finish overall. "The top five teams are in a class by themselves and then it kind of thins out after that. But we had some real nice performances and it's good to be back in the top seven."

The 14-team event saw perennial-power Lochmoor Club easily outdistance the rest of the field by totaling 939.5 points. Great Oaks Country Club finished runner-up

with 746 points and was followed by Birmingham Athletic Club (735), Detroit Golf Club (721.5), Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (712) and Red Run Golf Club (486.5).

"You never know year to year what your personnel will be like," said Crosby, who recently completed his 35th year at the helm of the swim program. "What we did this year exceeded my expectations."

"I thought we could go 6-0 in the White (lower) Division, but not win the meets by the margins we did," Crosby continued. "Next year we'll be back in the Blue (upper) Division and sometimes you get humbled when you go up against the big boys."

For now, however, the veteran coach will relish the efforts put forth by a host of Western swimmers, including Maddy Loniewski, Matthew Krakowiak, Mary Dombkowski and, none other than his grandson, Parker Wasielewski. All registered individual triumphs led by Loniewski and Krakowiak with two apiece.

Loniewski, competing in the girls 11-12 age division, raced to two meet records when she touched

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SIDELINES

Special medalists

Team Michigan, spurred by Canton's Emily Campbell (swimming) and Julie Troblowski (track and field), came away with 141 medals and ribbons in last week's Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games in Lincoln, Neb.

Campbell captured goal medals in the 25-yard butterfly (21.07) and 50 freestyle (38.54). She also won a sixth-place ribbon in the 100 freestyle (1:28.55) and participated in the 4 x 50 medley relay.

Troblowski captured four bronze medals with thirds in the 100- and 200 meter dashes in 18.18 and 39.51, respectively, along with the long jump (2.04 meters) and 3-kilogram shot put (4.16 meters).

O&E men's golf signup

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

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.

Hole-in-one club

Two local golfers recently registered a hole-in-one in play at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

Gary Maki, 60, of Farmington, aced the 146-yard 17th hole with an 8-iron. It was Maki's first hole-in-one and he shot 42 for nine holes.

Philip DiPonio, 60, of Livonia, turned the same trick on the 158-yard 15th hole by using his trusty Warrior 6-iron. The feat marked the second time DiPonio has recorded an ace. He finished with a round of 90.

Kyle Kerkhof, 50, of Livonia, used a sand wedge to ace the 125-yard, No. 2 hole Saturday at Willow Creek Golf Course in Stockbridge. Kerkhof's team ended up 1-under in a 9-hole scramble.

Women's golf champs

The Michigan Women's Golf Association staged its two-day championship finals, July 24-25, at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti, attracting a 36-player field.

Low gross honors went to Joan Garety (Ada), first flight; Jean Murray (Mount Pleasant), second flight; and Joan Cleland (Bloomfield Hills), third flight.

Runners-up included Darci Stucker (Flint), first flight; Suzanne Madej (Detroit), second flight; and Lu Stockton (Canton), third flight.

Low net champions included Pam Tyler (Grand Rapids), first flight; Smita Bhatt (Orchard Lake), second flight; and Karen Stecher (West Bloomfield), third flight.

Among the runners-up were: Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti), first flight; Michelle Sroka (Livonia), second flight; and Barbara Coury (Plymouth), third flight.

MODANO

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he knows it will be a big change in lifestyle to move. The fact the Red Wings are a veteran team also factored into his decision, he told SportsDataFW.com last month.

"They are a group of 30-year-olds and not 20-year-olds, and I think that makes a difference," he said on July 20. "I do think I could fit in there."

As a youth, Modano played in the Computware and Little Caesars hockey organizations.

Modano attended Livonia Franklin High School before moving away to play for the Prince Albert Raiders



Mike Modano

(Alberta, Canada) in the Western Hockey League as a 16-year-old junior.

At age 18, he was the first pick overall in the 1988 NHL Entry Draft and went on to rack up 557 career goals and 802 assists (1,359 points) in 1,459 NHL games and 22 seasons.

The 6-foot-3, 212-pound Modano has appeared in 174 playoff games with 58 goals and 87 assists while appearing in two Stanley Cup finals (winning in 1999).

He also played for Team USA in three Winter Olympic Games (1998, 2002 and 2006).

The City of Westland also named its ice arena after Modano in July of 2003.

In 2006, Modano was married to actress Willa Ford.

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emmons also contributed to this report.

PRINSTEIN

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and that garnered offers from a few U.S. independent pro ball teams, some rival teams in the Dutch Major League and a team in the top league in Germany," Prinstein said. "I also have a number of coaching offers in Europe to compliment my scouting responsibilities, so I have a lot to consider for 2011."

Prinstein plans to either accept a 14-day contract with the playoff-hopeful German team or return to Michigan and begin his second year of law school at the University of Detroit Mercy.

After rolling over the First Division competition last year, Almere played the last-place team in the Major League with a chance to move up. The Magpies overcame a 2-1 deficit to win the five-game series.

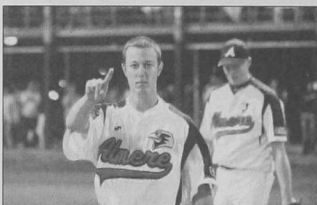
"We did something no Dutch First Division team has done in almost 25 years, and that is promote to the highest league in Europe through beating a team," Prinstein said.

"It's tough to do and so infrequent because of the size of pitching staffs. Playing twice a week, we had two starters and two main relievers. (A Major League team) has three starters and five or six relievers."

Prinstein started Games 2 and 3, and he came back to pitch six innings of relief in Game 5 and get the decisive victory.

"It was probably the highlight of my baseball career," he said. "With that win, we earned a promotion to the highest league in Europe, but it has been a struggle this year."

"We lost three of our four top hitters from last year to other clubs, and our offense/defense has really suffered. The chemistry that took us to the top last year is totally gone."



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Justin Prinstein of Farmington Hills indicates the Magpies are No. 1 after winning the Dutch First Division last year.

"We started the year surprising people, winning three of our first six games. But our Australian shortstop decided to leave the team (also for contractual reasons). Since then it's been a downward spiral."

With a lineup that produced just four or five hits per game, it's been the exact opposite of last season, Prinstein added.

He had a pretty good season and pitched better than his 1-7 record, he said.

In 43-1 innings as a starter, he allowed 42 hits and 17 earned runs for a 3.53 ERA. He had 27 strikeouts and 19 walks. The problem was a lack of hitting support — four runs on 18 hits.

"Even if my ERA was 1.00, I still would have lost six of the seven games I did," he said.

Prinstein's home-away stats were a contrast. In five starts each, he had a 3.25 ERA on the road with two losses and three no decisions. At home, he was 0-5 with a 6.86 ERA. There were two reasons for that, according to Prinstein.

"First, we have a great stadium and ballpark on the whole, but the mound is in terrible shape," he said. "I'm a shorter pitcher compared to most and, when I stride, I try to keep the length short. That allows me to stay on top of the ball and get good sink."

"When my stride gets too long, my elbow drops and my pitches tend to flatten out and become more hittable. The mound had a steep drop off,

and it was tough to keep my stride short."

"The other factor was facing one of the best teams in Europe, DOOR Neptunus, twice. Seven of their starting nine are on the Dutch national team."

Prinstein said it was difficult to leave the Magpies, but he didn't have much choice when the club was unable to meet its obligations. Poor decisions in the past and tough economic times worldwide put the club in a bad position, he said.

"Holland feels the effect, and companies cut expenditures that are essential such as sponsoring a baseball team in a soccer-crazed country," he said.

After achieving his goal to pitch at the highest level in Europe, Prinstein said he's ready for a change, but he hasn't ruled out playing again next year.

"After the high of winning a championship last year, I thought (this year) would be a good conclusion to my career," he said. "After four continuous years on the road in four different countries, I'm ready to start a new chapter and phase in my life with a bit more stability."

That he continues to develop as a pitcher will make it difficult to quit playing, however.

"A number of teams in different countries have approached me about playing next year," Prinstein said. "It's going to be real tough to turn down offers to come back if the situation is right."

Coach's Corner is Johnstown-bound

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mission accomplished Monday for Coach's Corner/Canton Sports.

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, heavy-laden with Madonna University players, earned a spot in the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament next week in Johnstown, Pa. with a convincing 15-0 win over Youngstown (Ohio) in the AAABA regional held at Gant Stadium in Zanesville, Ohio.

Coach's Corner advanced to the finals of the 20-and-under AAABA regional with a 7-5 victory Saturday over Youngstown followed by a nail-biting 6-5 triumph Sunday over Lansing.

"I'm very pleased," Coach's Corner manager Mike George said. "We played with intensity and focus. We played with a purpose."

"We were eight-for-eight on sacrifice bunts and five-for-five on squeeze bunts. We had some hit-and-runs and we got a lot of huge hits with two outs. It's fun to coach these guys. We've pitched well all year, but it was nice to get some runs on the board."

Coach's Corner unloaded for 17 hits in the seven-inning mercy rule win over Youngstown. They scored three times in the first inning and sent 12 batters to the plate during an eight-run second, which included eight hits, including four doubles.

Madonna's Brad Lineberry (Plymouth High) went 3-for-4 with four RBI and two runs scored. Garrett Gumm (Livonia Franklin) and Drew Adamiec (MU) each went 3-for-4 with three and two RBI, respectively.

D.J. Jaglois also added two hits, scored twice and had an RBI.

Winning pitcher Robert Fraser improved to 7-2 as he allowed just three hits and three walks in six innings. He struck out four before Cliff Buttermore finished up.

On Sunday, MU's Dan Stoney (Canton) went 3-for-4 with three RBI and MU's Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) went 2-for-5 with two RBI as Coach's Corner overcame an early 5-2 deficit in the victory over Lansing.

Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (MU) gave up five runs over the first two innings, but settled down to pitch a four-hitter. In eight innings, Hansen (8-1) allowed just four

hits, walked four and struck out four.

Reliever Josh Wedesky got the save as he retired three batters in order to end the game after Hansen gave up a walk to start the ninth.

Wedesky also got the save in the 7-5 win Saturday over Youngstown as he posted a strikeout to end the game with the bases loaded.

Winning pitcher Jeremy Gooding (7-3) went the first seven innings, scattering eight hits and a walk. He struck out four before being lifted for Saginaw Valley State's Erik Wright (Canton) in the eighth.

Spencer Sarel (MU) led Coach's 12-hit attack going 4-for-5 with four RBI. Stoney added two hits and scored twice.

Coach's Corner overcame six errors to earn the opening-round win.

"It wasn't pretty," George said.

Coach's Corner will take a 31-7 overall summer record into Johnstown.

"We had to win our last five (Collegiate League) games just to get into tourney," George said. "I've been selling Johnstown all season long and now we've got a sniff of it."

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Rams' diamond season ends in Musial tourney

The Michigan Rams failed to get out of their pool Saturday in the unlimited-age American Amateur Baseball Congress Stan Musial Division state tournament in Battle Creek.

The Rams completed their season at 28-9-1 overall after splitting a pair of games at C.O. Browne Stadium in Battle Creek.

The Michigan Braves of Saginaw overcame a 1-0 deficit in the bottom of the sixth inning by scoring four runs with two outs to earn a 4-1 triumph.

Rams pitcher Tom Pierser, who took the loss, carried a no-hitter into the sixth while throwing just 62 pitches. He retired the first two batters, but walked the third batter after he fouled off six pitches.

After a single to broke up the no-hit bid, Pierser walked the next two batters and Mike Allen cleared the bases with a double.

Pierser allowed four runs on two hits. He walked five and struck out three.

Jeff Kinley was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Taylor Schriber, who went the first five innings allowing one run on four hits and a walk. Schriber hit two batters.

Kinley, meanwhile, went the final two innings allowing one run on two hits and a hit batsman.

Catcher Josh Schafer, a tournament pick-up from fellow Livonia Collegiate League member the Blue Knights, went 3-for-3 and scored the lone run for the Rams on an RBI by Brett Mazmanian.

The Rams rebounded to take Game Two, 5-1, over the Lansing Outlaws as starting pitcher Brady Cooper (Blue Knights) went three innings to pick up the win. He allowed one run on one hit while fanning five.

Tyler Higgins worked two innings in relief, while Neil Zalud and Joe Posler each pitched one frame.

Cam Walker knocked in two runs for the Rams, who collected a total of seven hits. Aaron Cieslak and Sam Ott each added an RBI.

Jeremy Stevenson and Ronnie Niesel each collected two hits for the Outlaw, who finished 0-2 in the pool.

Losing pitcher Jesse Gallimore gave up all five runs on seven hits and three walks in five innings of work.

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BASEBALL

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out," Trudell added. "Clay requires a lot more maintenance and is almost impossible to get ready for games when it rains as it is extremely slippery. This has proven itself as many schools have called us in the spring to use Ford Field because their fields were unplayable."

"We play up to 18 games a

week on this field. We do not have a Comerica Park budget and must do the best with what we have."

Meanwhile, it appears a scheduled Frontier League three-game series Sept. 1 (double-header) and 2 at Ford Field between the Crusiers and Kalamazoo Kings will be scratched.

"We're snakebit and it was a crazy day, I can tell you that," said Jerry Garland, the Crusiers' Director of Sales and Customer Relations. "The

composite (of the mound) can't handle the stress of our pitchers using the mound. There was a hole down there all the way to a rubber base."

Trudell then added: "As far as the mat we use on the mound under the slug — this was actually requested by the Collegiate managers a few years ago and keeps the pitchers from digging large holes in the pitchers' landing zone when they pitch."

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Members of the Livonia Storm-Gerou, the USSSA 14U World Series girls fastpitch runner-up squad, include (from row, from left): Elaine Gerou, Delaney O'Donnell, Celeste Fidge, Aubrie Cragg, Jacquelyn Murphy, Jessica Brandon, Kaitlyn McIntosh; (back row, from left) head coach Mike Gerou, assistant coach Kevin Bias, Catherine Porter, Hanna Warren, Shannon Watson, Casey Bias, assistant coaches Bob Warren and Jay McIntosh.

Storm-Gerou runner-up USSSA 14-U World Series

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 14-and-under Livonia Storm-Gerou girls fastpitch softball can hold their heads high after a runner-up finish in last week's USSSA Class B World Series in Orlando, Fla. Playing their fourth game of day on Saturday, Storm-Gerou reached the finals of the 45-team tournament before falling to the Carolina (N.C.) Fusion, 2-1, at ESPN's World of Sports complex. The championship game wasn't decided until the eighth inning under international tiebreaker rule. Storm-Gerou carried a 1-0 advantage into the top of the seventh before the Fusion rallied for the victory with a run followed by the game-winner in the eighth. Third baseman Celeste Fidge and shortstop Jessica Brandon each collected two hits in the loss, while Elaine Gerou pitched all eight innings without giving up an extra base hit. After capturing their first

five games (July 25-29), Storm-Gerou went 1-1 on Friday beating Rhode Island 14-U Lightning South, 2-1, before suffering its first loss of the tournament against the eventual champion Fusion, 7-3. Storm-Gerou then fought back with victories Saturday over Alabama Elite, 4-3; Orlando (Fla.) Aftershock, 6-1, and the Lakeshore Storm (Holland, Mich.), 4-3. Hanna Warren scattered six hits and Gerou picked up the save in the win over Lakeshore after Jacquelyn Murphy held the Aftershock in check with a complete-game two-hitter. Outfielder Catherine Porter and first baseman Shannon Watson each collected two hits, while Gerou got the victory with relief help from Warren against Alabama Elite. "We consumed 150 bottles of water, 144 bottles of Gatorade and used 100 pounds of ice on Saturday alone to help stave off the extreme heat and dehydration as the heat index exceeded

100 degrees every day and 110 one day," said Livonia Storm manager Mike Gerou, whose team finished 53-11-1 overall. Catcher Casey Bias caught 10-of-11 tournament games, while Gerou was named Offensive Tournament MVP and went 6-1 on the mound. Other Storm-Gerou team members included second baseman-outfielder Kaitlyn McIntosh, third baseman-outfielder Delaney O'Donnell and outfielder Aubrie Cragg. "The success formula included having 11 players who really like each other, who are talented, work very hard and put the team before themselves," the Storm manager added. "Having three legitimate No. 1 pitchers and a starting pitching rotation that we didn't deviate from all season was also a major factor. All of our pitchers started and stepped up in impressive fashion up to relieve when needed all season."

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YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Chiefs baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Motor City Chiefs under-9 baseball club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton. If unable to attend either tryout date, an evaluation can occur before Aug. 17. For more information, call (734) 377-3123, or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

Pirates baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Motor City Pirates, a 14-and-under independent travel baseball team in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth. For more information, e-mail coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

Bulldogs tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, based in Livonia, has announced its tryout dates for the 2011 season including:

10-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Lee Richards at leerichards12@yahoo.com); 11-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Randy Weekley at weekley5@hotmail.com); 13-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Scott Linser at coachscott@michiganbulldogs.com).

Riversharks tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association will host 2011 tryouts from noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, and 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates. Players must be willing to commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July. To pre-register or for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. The Tryout schedule includes: Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at maffournier22@sbcglobal.net; or mfournie@livonia.k12.mi.us); Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mbmlr1218@aol.com); Under-11 - 9-11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mbmlr1218@aol.com); Under-12 - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (make-up date; contact manager Brian Dewhurst at wd219@aol.com); Under-13 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 (make up date; contact manager Bruce Rosen at mbmlr1218@aol.com). For additional information, visit www.livoniaabsa.com.

Bakun sizzles at City Golf Challenge

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about bringing his game to a sizzle on the grill. Livonian Mike Bakun brought it home Saturday and Sunday with a two-day total of 71-69-140 en route to individual medalist honors at the 53rd annual City Golf Championships & Challenge held at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Bakun, who shot 4-under for 36 holes, is a graduate of Franklin High School and the University of Michigan where he holds a degree in Aviation Engineering. Bakun is ready to embark on a 12-year enlistment in the U.S. Air Force. The winning team was Westland with a five-player total of 769 followed by Canton (821), Livonia (870) and Wayne (883).

Leading the way for Westland was Brian Gabbear, 75-69-144; Kevin Ryan, 79-68-147; Mike Tolson, 79-78-157; Claud Johnston, 72-79-151; and Murray Brooks, 84-86-170. Sandy Felan shot 86-88-174 to repeat as Women's Championship Flight champion, three strokes better than Kathy Stellema. Chris Kiehler was the Open Division champ with a 74-69-143, while Virginia Sexton captured the Women's Senior Flight. Other City medalists included Zach McCurley (Canton), championship flight, 74-75; Ken Eck (Canton), 90-89, first flight; Gabbear (Westland), championship flight; Johnston



Sandy Felan (right) and Kathy Stellema (left) finished one-two in the women's division at the City Golf Championships & Challenge.



Franklin grad Mike Bakun shot a 69-71-140 total to earn individual medalist honors at the City Golf Championships & Challenge.

(Westland), senior division; Ted Salvadori (Wayne), 78-81-159, championship flight; and Bakun (Livonia), championship flight.

53rd annual CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHALLENGE RESULTS July 31-Aug. 1 at Fellows Creek G.C. CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHTS Westland: 1. Brian Gabbear, 75-69-144;

2. Kevin Ryan, 79-68-147; 3. Mike Tolson, 79-78-157. Canton: 1. Zach McCurley, 74-75-149; 2. Tim McCurley, 76-82-158; Karl Janka, 82-82-164. Livonia: 1. Mike Bakun, 69-71-140; 2. Tyler Bledsoe, 84-87-171; 3. Matt Kowalski, 89-91-180. Wayne: 1. Ted Salvadori, 78-81-159; 2. Bill Hawley, 84-80-164. Open men: 1. Chris Kiehler, 74-69-143; 2. Roscoe Sloan, 79-76-155; 3. John Sobczak, 92-91-193. Open women: 1. Sandy Felan, 86-88-174; 2. Kathy Stellema, 92-85-177. FIRST FLIGHTS Canton: 1. Ken Eck, 90-89-179; 2. A.P. Singh, 90-96-186. SENIOR FLIGHTS Men: 1. Claud Johnston, 72-79-151; 2. Murray Brooks, 84-86-170; 3. Gary Drisly, 81-90-177. Women: 1. Virginia Sexton; 2. Darlene Hawley; 3. Linda Cranfield. TEAM COMPETITION Westland (769): Brian Gabbear, 144; Kevin Ryan, 147; Claud Johnston, 151; Mike Tolson, 157; Murray Brooks, 170. Canton (821): Zach McCurley, 149; Tim McCurley, 158; Karl Janka, 164; Gary Drisly, 171; Ken Eck, 179. Livonia (870): Mike Bakun, 140; Tyler Bledsoe, 171; Matt Kowalski, 180; John Jordan, 181; Mike Mato, 198. Wayne (883): Ted Salvadori, 159; Bill Hawley, 164; Sandy Felan, 174; Kathy Stellema, 177; Darlene Hawley, 209.

U-M gridiron standout Wolter leaves legacy

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Wolter got the nickname "Moose" as a kid and it remained his moniker throughout his days as a stand-out guard on the formidable University of Michigan football teams of the late 1940s and early 1950s. The Livonian, who died Sunday at the age of 80 after three-year bout from a series of strokes, played alongside such U-M stalwarts as Don Dufek and Len Ford. Wolter was a three-year starter at guard and was a freshman member of the 1948 Wolverine national championship team. He also helped U-M to a pair of Big Ten Conference crowns (1949 and 1950). "My dad was big as a kid and



Jim Wolter

that's why it (Moose) stuck," said son Brad Wolter, who graduated from Stevenson High. "He was a fullback in high school (at Ypsilanti), but when he got to Michigan they needed guards and he could run. Back then they weren't that big." Wolter's crowning achievement as a U-M football player came in the 1951 Rose Bowl when the Wolverines defeated California, 14-6. "Back then a lot guys played both ways," Brad Wolter recalled. "Ty Cobb came up to him after the game and was so impressed at how well he played that he asked for dad's autograph. My dad sent him one and was probably the high-light of his playing career." Wolter eventually moved his family to Livonia in 1968 and took root where he worked primarily for over 30 years as a chief appraiser for First Federal Bank. "The thing my dad was prob-

ably most proud about was the fact that he got two degrees - a B.A. and M.B.A. - from Michigan," Brad Wolter said. "He was a good family man. It was family and God first, but sports and school were right there, too. He was there. He encouraged us in sports." Jim Wolter was the beloved husband of the late Sandra Lynn and is survived by his four children - James Brad (Shona), Erik, Mark (Eileen) and Lynn (Richard) Renberg. He also leaves nine grandchildren, along with a brother (Fred) and sister (Fran Brockman). Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the funeral home. Interment is at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Borsa places ninth

Philip Borsa, of Redford, earned a ninth-place finish Saturday in the FLW Bass Fishing League Michigan Co-Angler Division on the St. Clair River.

Borsa's five-bass limit checked in at 15 pounds, 8 ounces. The winning take of 18 pounds, 12 ounces was shared by Jay Ahonen of Ortonville and Adrian Arena of Vineland, N.J.

The next BFL Michigan Division tournament is slated for Saturday, Aug. 28 on the Detroit River in Trenton. For more information on FLW Outdoors tournaments, call (270) 252-1000 or visit at www.flwoutdoors.com.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them. Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups. Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure. Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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161st Highland Games

See all things Scottish – from bagpiping to caber tossing – in Livonia

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you love bagpipe and drum music, you won't want to miss the opening ceremony at the St. Andrew Society of Detroit's 161st annual Highland Games Saturday, Aug. 7 at historic Greenmead in Livonia.

"The massed band parade around noon is the highlight," said Dave Martin, pipe major for the St. Andrew's Pipe Band and chair of the pipe competition at the Games. "I'm going to have about 16 pipe bands lined up in single lines with the pipe major in front. We'll have 16 columns coming down the field, marching toward the guests."

Visitors will find other entertainment — from Celtic rock bands to Highland dancers to pole-tossing athletes — at the Games, but pipes and drums, which will be heard in performances and competition, are the "epitome of Scottish culture" according to Martin, a Livonia resident.

"Piping and drumming is in-your-face Scotland. I don't know if there's another country in the world so represented by their music."

Although bagpipes are found throughout the world, the instrument varies slightly in terms of style and number of notes, from culture to culture. The Great Highland bagpipe has a one-octave range with no flats or sharps. Beginners learn to master the finger movements and notes on a practice chanter — a pipe without the bag — before progressing to the full instrument. The musician learns to breathe at a normal pace, blowing into the pipe, which in turn allows air to flow into the bag. The bag acts as an air reservoir, permitting the musician to play long or continuous notes without compromising breathing. The bagpipe player uses an arm like a "tension spring" to squeeze air out of the bag.

"Our instrument is unique because you get a constant flow of sound. You get a lot of music out of nine notes," Martin said. "We play music developed for bagpipe. People ask us to play all kinds of crazy things — let's say someone is asking for *Danny Boy* — we can't play it. We can't hit the high note. We can drop it an octave, but it won't have the same impact."



The massed bands during the opening ceremony are a highlight of the annual Highland Games in Livonia.

STARTING YOUNG

Martin began learning to play bagpipes in 1954, two years after the St. Andrew's Pipe Band was founded. He was "about six or seven" when he began hearing bagpipe music coming from the basement of a neighbor's house. He'd sit outside on the front porch and listen, captivated by the sound. A few years later when he learned about a youth bagpipe class being taught in Detroit he "pestered" his mother to take him there.

"I was not a member of the St. Andrew's Society and I wasn't even Scottish," he recalled. "I didn't care."

He took lessons at St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, practicing on a chanter for three years before play-

ing a full bagpipe and working his way into the band. He has taught bagpipes for many years and has seen more than a few students win pipe competitions. One of his students, Jacob Mack of Dearborn, has been named "Piper of the Day" at the Games for the past three years.

"He's a tremendous player, a very proficient young man. The pressure is on this year."

The Games will include solo competition for young players in both bagpipe and drums and full band competitions. Martin said the Games draw bands from throughout the Midwest.

The St. Andrew's Pipe Band won't compete because it's the "host band"

of the games, but it will perform during opening ceremonies and closing parade. It's mostly a concert band rather than a parade band. It plays for major St. Andrew's Society events, accompanies Scottish dancers and performs at church services.

"One thing people can do at the Highland Games is get an appreciation of what the bagpipe is supposed to sound like," Martin said. "What really gets a piper like me is to hear someone say, 'Oh, I heard a great bag piper,' and it turns out to be someone who just learned two weeks ago, all squawking and squeaking. At the Games, people are fairly proficient ... they play the bag pipe the way it's supposed to be played."

161ST ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

What: St. Andrew's Society of Detroit presents two days of Scottish music, dance and food, along with a day of athletic competition

When: The Ceilidh, a kick-off party, runs from 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 and Highland Games are 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7

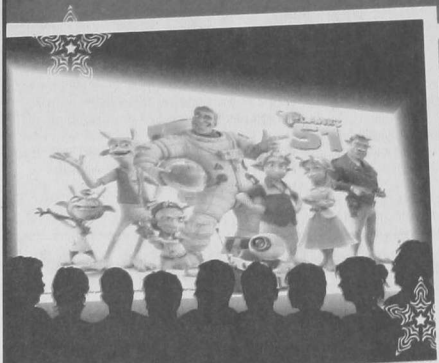
Where: Greenmead Historical Park, corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia

Cost: Ceilidh tickets are \$15 each and are sold in advance only. Children 5 and under are admitted free. The event is designed for adults. Highland Game tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the gate. Patron tickets range from \$10-\$50 and include admission to the Patron's Tent, where food and beverages will be served, and reserved parking. Buy tickets in advance at www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com. Visitors buying \$10 advance tickets must pick them up at the will call table at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile

Parking: On-site public parking is available for a \$5 fee. Free parking with continuous free shuttle service is available at Schoolcraft College

Activities: Entertainment by the Blaggards, The Kreezers, Glengarry Bhoys, Blaggards, Carl Peterson and the McCarville Brothers; dancers; pipe and drum performance and competition; living history troupe; genealogy tent; children's activity area with crafts, live animals, parade, crick-et and "wee" caber toss; Border Collie demonstration; tug-o-war; and athletic competition including caber toss, hammer throw, stone put and weight throw
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AUDITIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18

Location: Reno Hall's Studio 164 on the University of Detroit Mercy's McNichols Campus, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit

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See and hear vintage aircraft, aerobatic moves at Willow Run

The largest gathering of B-17 aircraft will be on display and in the air at the Yankee Air Force Museum's annual Thunder Over Michigan air show, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8, at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

About eight or nine of the 12 remaining B-17s in flying shape in the U.S. will be at the event, performing demonstrations that will culminate in a special salute to the legendary crewman who flew and maintained the B-17 during the war.

"Gathering of Fortresses & Legends," one of several highlights of this year's show, will include a reunion of WWII Bomber Command men, in addition to the bomber display. Guests will get a chance to meet the legendary WWII veterans who flew and maintained the famous B-17s and B-24s.

Air shows on Saturday and Sunday will include the U.S. Navy's F/A-18C Hornet Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration team and the U.S. Air Force's F-16C "Viper" Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration team. Both teams will put their jets through "hard core" demos reaching speeds topping 700 mph — just under the speed of sound. The pilots will pull in excess of 8 G's in their maneuvers and will show the tactical capabilities of these modern fighter jets. These single-ship demos will show them flying as low as 500 feet and climbing straight up to altitudes of over 15,000 feet.

The world's only P-51 Mustang formation aerobatic flight team, The ASB.TV Horsemen, will perform aerobatic maneuvers.

Sponsored by ASB.TV, a social networking Web site for aviation enthusiasts that features videos, photos, news and forums, The Horsemen are a three-person team of highly-skilled warbird pilots — Jim Beasley, Dan Friedman and Ed Shipley — who fly legendary P-51 Mustang airplanes in formation while executing moves only three feet apart. The P-51 Mustang is a World War II-era fighter plane flown by the Allied forces in Europe and the Pacific.



The U.S. Air Force's F-16C 'Viper' Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration teams will perform at Thunder Over Michigan in Ypsilanti.



World War II aircraft, like this B-17G Flying Fortress 'Liberty Belle' will be on display at Thunder Over Michigan.

"We feel privileged and honored to be able to fly the P-51 Mustangs because we have a passion for the planes that made America great," Beasley said. "These planes are memorials to those that flew them during World War II and we look forward to sharing them and our performance with the fans at Thunder Over Michigan."

Discounted tickets for the public can be ordered in

advance at www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow. Thunder Over Michigan kicks off with a free party sponsored by Budweiser, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Beer and food will be available at the event.

The air show runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. There's also a dinner and WWII Symposium from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. A Budweiser after-party, with free admission, runs 5-9 p.m. Saturday.

Symposium tickets are \$65 per person and \$600 for a table of eight. Dinner is included. Advance air show tickets are \$25 per adult; children 15 years and younger are free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Tickets at the gate are \$30 per adult and parking is \$10. Tickets are available at yankeeairmuseum.org or charge by phone at (800) 585-3737. Show proceeds benefit the Yankee Air Museum.



The ASB.TV Horsemen will fly historic World War II fighter planes in formation while performing aerobatic maneuvers at Thunder Over Michigan air show at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

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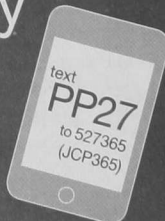
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Author empowers Catholic parents to keep 'wolves' at bay

BY SHARON DARGAY
D&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Michuta hopes his new book helps parents teach their children to recognize wolves.

"Who are the wolves? They can be self-help groups, economic, political groups, not just religious groups. They use forms of deception, half truths — they might even lie to your face and you don't hear the whole story. It's people who use deceptive means to pull you out of your religion."

Through *How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids* the Livonia resident aims to protect children and teens who are susceptible to recruiters from religious cults, sects and other groups.

"What I do is give parents the ability to raise kids and teach kids so it's a lot harder for people to manipulate them," said Michuta, 46, the father of three children, ages 10, 12 and 14. "There are a lot of personal experiences in the book. Over the years I thought what would be important would be to head them off at the pass and instill skill sets that at the front end would make it harder for people to recruit them."

Although the book is aimed at Catholic parents — Michuta is a member of St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia — its advice transcends denominational boundaries. Michuta suggests that parents train their youngsters to use critical thinking skills to evaluate the messages they hear from movies, music, television, the Internet or other individuals.

He recommends that parents become 'good friends' with their child's pals because youngsters may notice unusual behavior changes before anyone else does. Out-of-the-ordinary paraphernalia or strange Bible translations found in a child's room or backpack might be another red flag. Keeping 'close tabs' on a child's social network can help identify coercive relationships and recruiters. Recognizing group jargon and learning about the history of pressure groups and cults also increases awareness.

"The wolves count on you to receive information passively. They give you lots of information and deliberately overload you. Train them so that when they receive information they'll think it through."

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Michuta said recruiters often disguise a coercive relationship as a friendship. The new friendship then leads to a group meeting or Bible study invitation where the new recruit is pressured to accept the group's views. If they do, they are "love bombed," and given positive response. If not, they receive negative reinforcement until they provide the "correct" answers.

"Before you know it they're plugged into the group's social network."

Michuta knows firsthand about being pressured to stray from the Church. He was just out of college when a friend tried to convert him away from his lifelong Catholic faith.

"I did something most friends didn't do. I looked into her claims and what I found was some really compelling answers to her objections. That got me on the road to apologetics."

Michuta has studied Catholic apologetics — the theology of rationally defending the faith and its doctrines — since 1992. He started his own ministry, founding the apologetics group, Thy Faith, wrote two other books — *Why Catholic Bibles Are Bigger* and *The Gospel According to James McCarthy* — and maintains a Web site, www.handonapologetics.com. He has taught apologetics seminars, given parish talks and produced an apologetics magazine.

Through the years he also has responded to parents, grandparents and even spouses concerned about a



Gary Michuta of Livonia is author of 'How To Wolf-Proof Your Kids.'

loved one's relationship with a cult or pressure group.

"They ask me to come in and talk some sense into them."

Many of the scenarios in *How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids* are based on his experiences. The book is available

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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

Worship time change

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8

Location: Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia

Details: The church is changing the time of its Sunday worship service and will celebrate Holy Communion

on the same day

Coming up: The church will hold an outdoor service on Aug. 29, followed by a potluck. Participants should bring their own chairs

Contact: (734) 421-5406

AUG. 12-18

Bible text seminar

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m. to 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@sbcglobal.net

Blood drive

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 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

Mom to mom

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 14

Location: Prince of Peace (ELCA) Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland

Details: The event includes a bake sale and trunk sale. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit local service projects. Participants may donate clothes to sell, or fill a bag the church provides with clothing, for \$2. It does not accept or sell dresses or high heel shoes. Trunk sale participants park their cars in the park-

ing lot, open their trunks, set out tables and sell mom to mom items and other household wares. Prince of Peace members can rent one space for \$10; non-members rent for \$15. This includes one parking spot for a car and one spot for wares. Additional one-car spots are \$10 each for both members and non-members. Mom to mom sellers keep their profits. Prince of Peace uses all parking spot proceeds for its service work at organizations such as the local Salvation Army, Bolde Food and Clothing Center, Wayne County Family Center, and to fill Thanksgiving baskets and provide Christmas gifts to needy children in the Wayne-Westland school district

Contact: Mary Rose Cartright at (734) 722-4363 to donate clothing and/or to reserve a trunk sale parking spot or for more information; or leave a message for her at the church at (734) 722-1735

Rummage and bake sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 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) 453-5464 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 Daly, 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 pas-torhales@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; www.unityoflivonia.org

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 Unit

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: YWCA 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

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: JWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture reading

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m., Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

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

Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41771 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480; visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23

Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

Details: 3rd Annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now

Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Location: Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5

Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-parkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9

Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale

Contact: (734) 721-5023

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show

Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing

Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food

Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles

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Scottish treat

Bake your best shortbread recipe for Highland Games contest

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Peg Dunlop bakes a version of shortbread that she jokingly calls "cardiac cookie."

It's the butter that takes the traditional Scottish treat "beyond sugar cookies" and the addition of an egg yolk that "makes it richer."

"It has tons of butter and egg," said Dunlop, who bakes the recipe a couple of times a month. "My family loves it. With my recipe you can do Christmas cookies, too."

Judges at the Highland Games in Chicago, Ill., loved it so much they awarded Dunlop first prize a few years ago for best shortbread. She liked the contest idea and brought it back to Livonia for the St. Andrew Society's 160th games last year.

"This will be our second year," said Dunlop, a St. Clair Shores woman who is coordinating the competition Saturday, Aug. 7 at the games, which take place at historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh. "It's open to anyone. Bring 10 to 12 shortbread (pieces) before 2 p.m. on the day of the games." She said participants can drop the recipe off and register for the competition at the welcome center.

"Last year we only had seven entries. That wasn't bad for the first year. We're hoping to get a dozen people at least this year. We'd like to get a good turnout."

A Clarkston resident, Helen McInnes Brisson, won the first annual contest. This year's winner will receive a trophy and the St. Andrew's Society will post the recipe on its

Highland Games Web site.

"There are thousands of shortbread recipes. Everyone has their grandmother's. Helen's is traditional. It's triangle-shaped — called petticoat tails. It's yummy."

Dunlop said traditional Scottish recipes call for rice flour and "caster" sugar, which is confectioners sugar. She's toying with the idea of adding a second category, flavored shortbread, to the contest next year.

Rather eat shortbread than bake it?

Vendors will be on hand at the Highland Games with imported shortbread and other Scottish treats, such as Iron Brew, a sweet orange-flavored soda pop and cloutie, a steamed pudding. A variety of Scottish food and drinks will be available at both the

kick-off party, which is called a "Ceilidh," from 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 and 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Highland Games, on Saturday, Aug. 7. Scotch whisky tastings, part of a 45-minute educational seminar on the single malt beverage, are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Fish and chips is traditional for all of the UK, including Scotland," Dunlop noted.

"Scottish meat pies — that's huge. That's puff pastry with finely ground beef and salt and pepper. Those are the two biggest draws for hot meals."

Visitors also will find Scotch Eggs, a deep-fried combination of hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage and an outer bread coating.

"I have made those for special occasions," Dunlop said, adding that she includes them

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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Helen Brisson, winner of last year's shortbread contest at the Highland Games in Livonia, shows off her award.

at Christmas brunch.

Here are a few other of Dunlop's favorite Scottish foods, along with Brisson's winning shortbread:

CITY BITES

Bring on the roast pig

Farlington Hills — Throw on your favorite Hawaiian shirt and "hang ten" at the Longacre House Porch Party, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the festivities which will include a pig roast, traditional Hawaiian fare and hula music. The Hawaiian Luau costs \$8 per person at the door. A cash bar will be available.

The Longacre House is located at 24705 Farlington Road, north of 10 Mile. (248) 477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org.

For charity

Livonia — Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar's "Summer of Giving" series of fund-raisers will benefit the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund on Aug. 13 and First Step on Aug. 20. Both events run 5-7 p.m. at the restaurant, 17400 Haggerty. Both feature hors d'oeuvres and wine.

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund benefit costs \$50. The organization aims to increase awareness and financial support for those in the Marines and U.S. Navy — along with Army, Air Force and Coast Guard members who have served in support of Marine forces — who have been injured in combat or training. For tickets, call the Fund at (810) 844-6604.

The First Step benefit costs \$100. The organization aims to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence, provide services to victims and prevent domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and intervention. Call First Step for tickets at (734) 416-1111, Ext. 205.

PEG DUNLOP'S SHORTBREAD

1/2 cup of white granulated sugar
1 cup of butter
1 egg yolk
2 1/2 cup of flour

Beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Mix in one egg yolk. Add flour and mix until a semi-stiff dough forms. Press in 8-by-8-inch pan. Prick with fork at one inch intervals and bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cut in squares or rectangles while still warm.

This dough also makes good cut out cookies. Roll to 1/4 inch thickness and cut with cookie cutter. Or you can put it through a cookie press. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

CLAPSHOT

Serves 4
1 pound potatoes
1 pound yellow turnip (swede)
5 tablespoons of cream or butter
1-2 tablespoons snipped chives
Salt and black pepper
Freshly grated nutmeg

Boil the potato and turnip for about 20 minutes. Drain. Mash them thoroughly until smooth. Mix in the cream or butter and chives and season to taste with salt, plenty of black pepper and some grated nutmeg. Continue to mash. Turn into a warmed serving dish and serve immediately.

CRANACHAN

Serves 4
4 tablespoons pinhead oatmeal
1 1/2 cups of whipping cream
2 tablespoons whisky
3 tablespoons liquid honey
8 ounces raspberries

Put the oatmeal in a small dry frying pan and toast it over a gentle heat for about 20 minutes, shaking the pan from time to time until it is lightly browned.

Whip the cream until it is thick but not too stiff. Add the whisky and honey to taste. Reserve a few of the raspberries for garnish. Fold the rest into the cream. Spoon the mixture into four glass dishes and chill until ready to serve. Just before serving, sprinkle the toasted oatmeal on top of the cream and decorate with the reserved raspberries.

BRISSON'S MCINNES SHORTBREAD FAVORITE

1 teacup icing sugar
1 teacup corn flour (corn starch)
2 teacups flour
1 good pinch of salt
1/2 pound butter

Directions:
Melt butter in saucepan, then pour over dry ingredients and mix to a firm dough. Divide dough into three sponge tins (6 inch) and flatten with the back of a spatula. Prick dough all over with a fork. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees) until golden brown or to taste for approximately 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into wedges. Let cool in tin. Flip tin and tap gently on bottom until short bread releases. Sprinkle with castor (extra-fine) sugar. Eat and enjoy!

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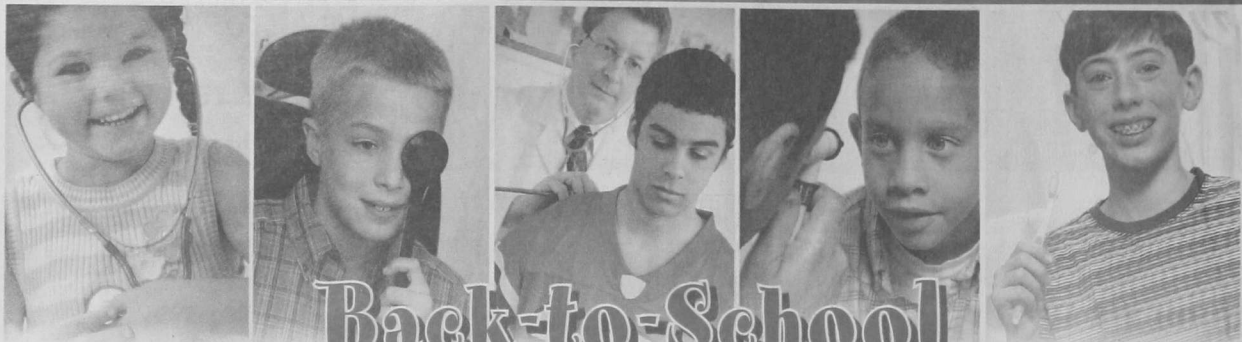
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Habitat homes in Westland, Redford godsend to families

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County has been building and rehabbing a number of homes in Westland, joining homes for low-income families in other western Wayne communities.

A groundbreaking was recently held for a Westland home for Torri Lewis, a single mother of four children, Trevon, 15, Tiara, 13, Tiana, 5, and Tavion, 3.

Torri Lewis has been employed at Oakland Regional Hospital as a patient care technician for three years. She has been in this career for 17 years. She is enrolled at Wayne County Community College to pursue a career as a registered nurse. Lewis has already secured over 160 sweat equity hours working on other Habitat projects, a requirement for all families moving into Habitat homes who put in 250 hours.

The groundbreaking and wall-raising ceremony started around 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 17. People were in attendance from the following churches to participate in the ceremony: St. John Neumann Catholic, Our Lady of Victory in Northville, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville and Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. Following the wall-raising ceremony, a crew from Christ Our Savior worked on the job site the rest of the day and completed most of the exterior walls of the house.

Alice Dent, executive director of the Plymouth-based Habitat for Humanity affiliate, acted as the mistress of ceremonies for the groundbreaking wall-raising ceremony. Joanne Inglis, community development/housing director from the city of Westland, was on hand for the ceremony and welcomed the new family to Westland.

Habitat affiliate work is also on tap for Redford Township. Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, officials from Habitat for Humanity and the Yataoma's Foundation for The Kids are eager to pound nails and raise walls on Berwyn Street in Redford Township to provide affordable shelter for Angela Jackson and her three children. This first historic build is fully funded by Redford Township using their SNAP Funds (Stabilizing Neighborhood Action Plan) allocated from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) from HUD.

"We are grateful to partner with Redford Township and Yataoma's Foundation as we strive to strengthen the family and the community," said Dent of Habitat.

Redford Township's Community Development Director Michael Dennis said, "It's an honor to work with Habitat for Humanity and particularly the Western Wayne County affiliate to build on our first venture, and we anticipate many opportunities in the future."

"The home is the vital center of life for every family," said Norman Yataoma, founder and president of Yataoma's Foundation for The Kids. "We appreciate the support of Habitat for Humanity, as our organization's mission aligns with theirs to help the Jackson family build a new life in a new home."

The groundbreaking and wall-raising ceremony in Redford will be noon Friday, Aug. 13.

Together for 13 years, and married for eight, Angela and Anthony Jackson had three children and a happy family together. Everything changed on the fateful evening of Oct. 5, 2009. Anthony, a kind man who always helped other people, was driving home and exiting the expressway when he saw a woman, who later gave



Church members raise a wall for the Habitat home in Westland for the Torri Lewis family.



Volunteers from area churches were glad to work on the Habitat for Humanity home Saturday, July 17.

this account: She had been beaten and was attempting to flag a car down for help.

One car had already driven past her before Anthony stopped to assist. She asked him to drive her to her sister's house, a safe place from her assailant. While driving, he noticed someone behind them whom she identified as her attacker. The man kept following them, and once they neared her sister's home, he rammed his car into the back of Anthony's car, forcing it into a pole. The man then pulled Anthony out of his car and began beating him

with a tire iron. Anthony died as a result of those injuries. The woman spent time in a coma, but survived.

Anthony worked two jobs to support his family, and the loss has been extremely hard, both emotionally and financially, for the Jackson family. In addition to providing the Jackson family with rent and utility assistance, food and emotional support, Yataoma's Foundation for The Kids helped connect Angela with Habitat for Humanity.

Be ready to handle seniors' needs

Q: We have a senior citizen who claims that they need special disability treatment in our condominium including changing the accessibility to their own home. They are also talking about a pool float at the pool. What do you think?

A: The problem with ever-increasing communities which have elderly people who are becoming more infirm is a very taxing issue. There is always the perennial challenge

of determining what constitutes a reasonable accommodation for a senior with a disability and, in the case that you indicated, it may well be necessary to have a noodle-shaped flotation device at the pool in order to allow the person to be able to use it in a reasonable fashion. All community associations should be ready to deal with not only seniors, but others who slip into an alarming behavioral pattern, especially with accessibility to their home. The full strategy may be as obvious as contacting elderly members or relatives. On the other hand, if there are not relatives, they may have to contact Social Services and be concerned about the Federal Fair Housing Act which gives broad protection to disabled persons, including those with mental and emotional disabilities.

Q: Our governing documents state no garage sales or other commercial activities can be permitted. Our board approved a stuff sale charging homeowners a certain amount of money to open their garages or bring items to sell at the clubhouse. Is that a problem?

A: If your documents prohibit garage sales or other commercial activities, permitting homeowners in a gated community to open their garages to the public is contrary to the documents. If it is done at a clubhouse sale, that may not be defined as a lot or unit but is still a garage or other commercial activity but it may be permitted. However, if they open the clubhouse to the public, they are running into problems concerning the Americans With Disabilities Act and other security issues. Generally speaking, it is not a good idea.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 19-23, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	2513 Genes Dr 2873 Genes Dr 3389 Oxford W 3313 South Blvd	\$35,000 \$75,000 \$260,000 \$55,000
Beverly Hills	32343 Arlington Dr 32268 Auburn Dr 16978 Madison St 18243 Riverside Dr 19500 Riverside Dr 19592 Wilshire Blvd	\$200,000 \$210,000 \$175,000 \$378,000 \$330,000 \$280,000
Birmingham	1439 Bird Ave 770 Hanna St 939 Riverview St 1144 Smith Ave 600 W Brown St	\$80,000 \$490,000 \$658,000 \$98,000 \$65,000
Bloomfield Hills	1340 Pembroke Dr 1807 Stratford Ln 1952 Stratford Ln	\$2,000,000 \$129,000 \$105,000
Bloomfield Township		
Clarkston	5876 Baypointe Blvd 5228 Bronco Dr 9043 E Lake Rd 9352 Lake Ridge Dr 5624 Northcrest Xing	\$90,000 \$170,000 \$80,000 \$32,000 \$173,000
Commerce Township	5065 Sahabaw Rd 6450 Springfield Ln 5120 Waldon Rd 8953 Woodlawn Ave	\$175,000 \$225,000 \$156,000 \$125,000
Davisburg	2375 Bevin Ct 8459 Buffalo Dr 1229 Penarth Dr 3064 Rio Vista St	\$240,000 \$118,000 \$175,000 \$100,000
Farmington	10088 Boulder Pass 16150 Tindall Rd	\$250,000 \$200,000
Farmington Hills	31831 Grand River Ave 36790 Lansbury Ln 23354 Mission Ln 33731 Shawassee St 23148 Violet St	\$19,000 \$190,000 \$346,000 \$90,000 \$93,000
Franklin	22359 Inkster Rd 21338 Mulberry Ct 35395 Northmont Dr 30994 Orchard Lake Rd 21842 Sheffield Dr 27590 Spring Valley Dr 23374 Tuck Rd 29407 Weatherlane Ave	\$93,000 \$102,000 \$215,000 \$30,000 \$299,000 \$240,000 \$100,000 \$290,000
Franklin Lakes	26514 Bloomington Dr 25075 Franklin Park Dr	\$190,000 \$355,000
Lake Orion	2662 Cedar Key Dr	\$172,000
Millford	319 E Commerce St	\$86,000
Northville	47455 Bellagio Dr 21825 N Center St 1018 Portershire Ct	\$135,000 \$205,000 \$328,000
Novi	22130 Antler Dr 22299 Antler Dr 21300 Chase Dr 47846 Cheltenham Dr 22659 Cranbrook Dr 45953 Gateway Dr 41432 Gyime St 28868 Heartstone Dr 45039 Yorkshire Dr	\$268,000 \$249,000 \$380,000 \$78,000 \$85,000 \$203,000 \$222,000 \$242,000 \$165,000
Oakland Township	3320 Tupelo Ct	\$150,000
Oxford	1103 Fountain View Ln	\$165,000
Rochester	203 State St 801 Plate St	\$185,000 \$26,000
Rochester Hills	370 Brewster Rd 9180 Briston Dr 6560 Chatham Cir 1251 Harding Ave 662 Lake Ridge Rd 2163 Oklahoma Ave 226 Slide Ct	\$215,000 \$185,000 \$275,000 \$325,000 \$272,000 \$176,000 \$200,000
South Lyon	22375 Brookfield Dr 20871 Greenbriar Cir 396 Princeton Dr 54738 South Greenleaf Cir W	\$126,000 \$25,000 \$152,000 \$55,000
Southfield	21345 Constitution St 17221 Evans St 21500 Independence Dr 19420 Jeanette St 26189 Lady A Ct 27920 Lusher Rd 30225 Pleasant Ln 28437 Red Leaf Ln	\$125,000 \$116,000 \$85,000 \$24,000 \$160,000 \$111,000 \$124,000 \$118,000
Troy	1429 Boyd St 2846 Marcus Dr 4575 Odette Ct	\$79,000 \$147,000 \$435,000
Walled Lake	1086 Andover Cir 8935 Campbell Creek Dr 9200 Farmdale Ln	\$147,000 \$220,000 \$85,000
Waterford	2097 Hidden Meadows Dr 1564 Highmeadow Dr 2340 Trevor Dr	\$42,000 \$62,000 \$225,000
Westland	780 Amberly Dr Unit A 1816 Colonial Village Way 523 Cove View Dr 5490 Elizabeth Lake Rd 6851 Essex Ct 3333 Fremont Rd 741 Gertrude Rd 3609 Lawrence Ave 1165 Lockhaven Dr 7122 Magnolia Ln 7167 Magnolia Ln 995 N Cass Lake Rd 1395 N Williams Lake Rd 3884 Percy King Rd 2983 Stephanie Ct 4040 Tolent Ln	\$46,000 \$30,000 \$187,000 \$85,000 \$99,000 \$45,000 \$150,000 \$45,000 \$100,000 \$70,000 \$68,000 \$22,000 \$73,000 \$123,000 \$60,000 \$44,000
West Bloomfield	2903 Ambassador Ct 6253 Berkwick Dr 3915 Lone Pine Rd 7080 Northlawn 8652 Old Carriage Ln 7325 Silver Leaf Ln 3207 Walnut Rd	\$278,000 \$335,000 \$37,000 \$75,000 \$133,000 \$166,000 \$169,000
White Lake	508 Concord Dr 139 Osborn Lake Rd 9525 Portage Trl	\$196,000 \$92,000 \$67,000

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Canton	42723 Colling Dr 1963 Knollwood Dr 46437 Mornington Rd 47453 Patten Ct 6764 Ravenwood St 46585 Southview Dr 1469 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$134,000 \$140,000 \$310,000 \$300,000 \$247,000 \$239,000 \$155,000
Garden City	33552 Alvin St 418 Cardwell St	\$94,000 \$52,000
Livonia	14158 Berkwick St 36301 Hees St 8874 Hugh St 29551 Nottingham Cir 15660 Oakhill Ct 15520 Williams St	\$130,000 \$138,000 \$88,000 \$97,000 \$10,000 \$153,000
Northville	15648 Dorchester Ct 18020 W Northville Trl 40103 Woodside Dr S	\$375,000 \$329,000 \$105,000
Plymouth	8991 Quail Cir	\$381,000
Redford	24941 Elmira 15830 MacArthur 14311 Saratoga	\$75,000 \$61,000 \$175,000
Westland	36803 Dover Dr 36034 Pamela Ct 6764 Quail Run Cir 38573 Scott Dr 6341 W Morgan Cir 7500 Woodview St	\$106,000 \$115,000 \$55,000 \$105,000 \$94,000 \$23,000

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