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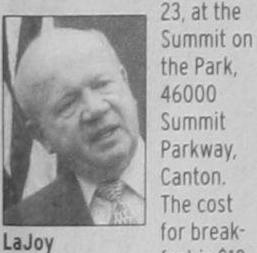
If you're harvesting a backyard vegetable garden or fruit trees this summer, share the bounty - in pictures and recipes - with Canton Observer readers. Send a photo of yourself in the garden and tell us how you prepare one of the vegetables or fruits you're growing. Send us a favorite recipe.

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

Eat with Phil

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept.



breakfast.

The cost for breakfast is \$10 (advance member registration) or \$20 (non-member) and includes a full buffet

The breakfast will feature guest speaker Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Topic of discussion will be "Canton Happenings" and what he sees as Canton's future.

To make a reservation for the breakfast, which is sponsored by Xuereb Snow PC and PNC Bank, call (734) 453-4040.

Long road nome

New Hindu temple ends one journey, starts another

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In all its majesty, the new Hindu Temple of Canton reflects a cultural icon and an architectural landmark for a flourishing, 1,000-member group of devotees who humbly remember their fledgling days, nearly 25 years ago, when they gathered in their own homes.

Their move this summer into their \$8.3-million, 37,517-square-foot building on Cherry Hill Road, east of Canton Center, represents a milestone in a long, sometimes-difficult journey and the dawn of a promising, new beginning for Hindus across metro Detroit.

"We are very, very proud," a smiling temple chairman, Manoj Sachdeva, said, on an August day when he and other temple officials provided a tour of the two-level building.

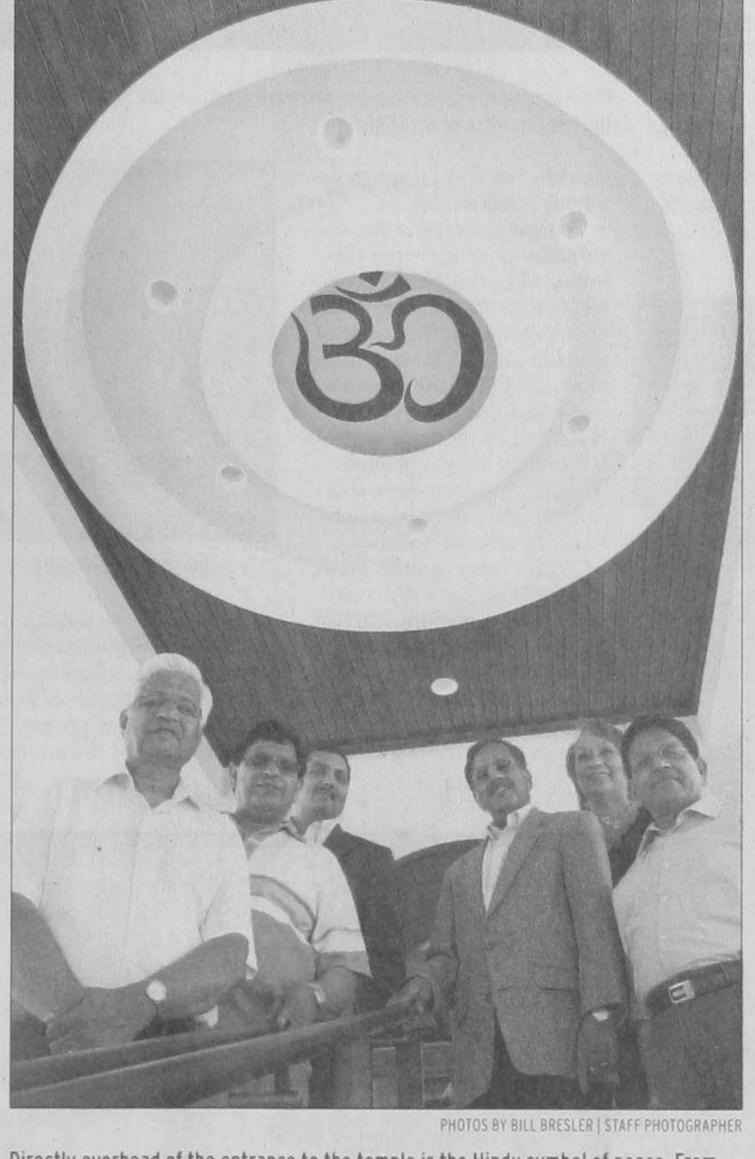
It's a place where Hindus and their visitors can worship, study, dance, practice yoga, celebrate weddings and organize community events such as free health fairs.

"Our temple is open to everybody, people of all faiths," said Suresh Shah, a construction committee volunteer.

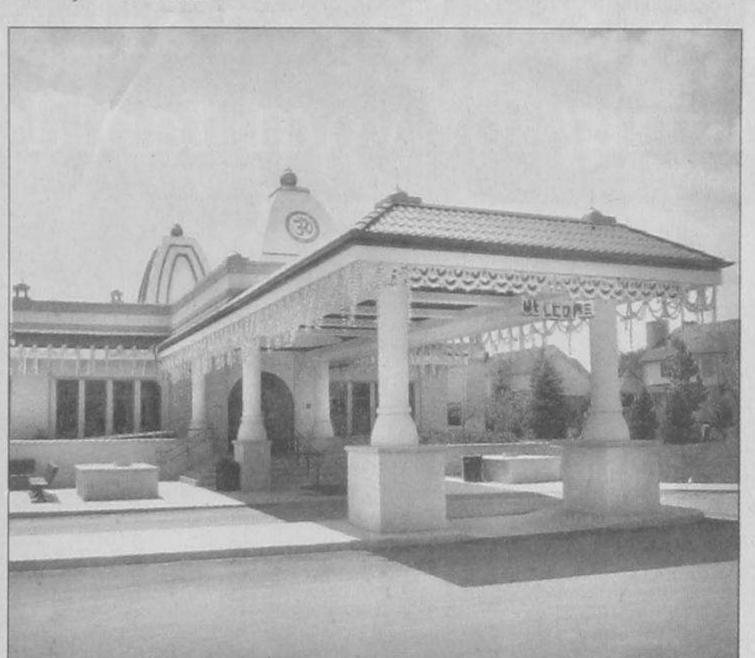
Temple officials say the new building will put Canton and, indeed, southeast Michigan on the Hindu map and draw tourists who visit this area from much farther away.

Even for the most casual passerby, a view from Cherry Hill Road shows two domes that grace the temple's roof — domes representing a religious presence inside. Closer up, a Hindu symbol of peace can be seen overhead, etched in the outdoor

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Directly overhead of the entrance to the temple is the Hindu symbol of peace. From left are Suresh Shah, a construction committee volunteer; Jatin Desai, temple board secretary; Anurag Bajaj, temple president; Manoj Sachdeva, temple chairman; Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers, a marketing representative; and Nitin Desai, who chairs the religious committee.



The new Hindu Temple of Canton is a landmark on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center.

Trail event gives walkers escape route

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It seemed like a magical forest, a peaceful escape from a hurried world.

An estimated 200 nature lovers, musicians, painters, bicyclists and dog-toting hikers gathered Thursday evening along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail in Canton for an event dubbed Sound Garden.

They drove their cars north from Michigan Avenue on Morton Taylor, parked near a trail head and, for two hours, left behind a bustling, demanding world.

Some, like 78-year-old Syl Noetzel and wife Mary, 76, came for the first time to a wooded wonderland where pedestrian bridges enable visitors to walk or bike a 3.5-mile trail from Sheldon east of Haggerty.

"We'll probably come back and bring our grandkids," Mary Noetzel said.

Along the trail, Betsy Beckerman played a dulcimer, ordained minister Steven Thomas blew his saxophone and acoustic guitarists Mark Reitenga, Ryan Brake and Nick Hyman strummed soothing music as groups of people stopped to listen or slowly strolled by.

Reitenga performed Van Morrison's Sweet Thing as trail regulars Wally and Cynthia Shelton walked up. The couple walks the area most days to shake off a hectic work world, and they are Friends of the Trail volunteers.

"I just love this place," said Wally Shelton, a truck driver. "It's so tranquil and relaxing."

Even the mosquitoes and heat couldn't keep the crowd away from the first Sound Garden, the latest of seasonal events organized by volunteers and township parks employees to spur interest in a trail considered by many as Canton's best-kept secret.

"We want to continue to promote the trails," township recreation specialist Jason

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steven Thomas plays jazz sax for the crowd along the Lower Rouge Trail.

Teacher doesn't let wheelchair slow her down



East Middle School teacher Tammie Groth (right) with sixth-, seventhand eighth-grade students at an award ceremony after Groth had been nominated by one student as 'the teacher who influenced me the most.'

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Born with spinal muscular atrophy, East Middle School teacher Tammie Groth has never taken a step in her life.

That makes the strides she's made in her life and her career all the more impressive.

Her work on the job — she teaches language arts and social studies - and her passion for advancing the causes of people with disabilities was certainly impressive enough for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which made Groth, a Livonia resident, the recipient of its 2010 Robert Ross Personal Achievement Award for Michigan.

Groth, 28, was selected for MDA's highest achievement award in Michigan for her outstanding work as an educator, for her dedication to raising awareness of disability issues in the community and for her determination to excel in spite of personal challenges.

"I was pretty excited," said Groth, a 1999 graduate of Churchill High School who has three bachelor's degrees from Madonna University. "I guess it's strange, because I don't really think of what I've done as a personal achievement. It's just living. People with disabilities fight our whole life to be considered equal, so to me it's just doing what I have to do to be a normal person.

It's a battle she's fought all her life. Growing up in Livonia, Groth dealt with expected taunts of children through her teen years, but found a safe haven among her academic peers. A student in Livonia Public Schools' gifted program, she took classes with friends she said. "were all wrapped up in being smart."

"We wanted to go to Harvard and Princeton and Yale, so we cared more about our grades than about partying and stuff," Groth said. "That competitive drive really helped me. It kept me on track."

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TEMPLE

entrance area before visitors reach the large, cherry oak doors to the upper level. Inside, the upper level unfolds with a ceiling image of a sky, crystal chandeliers, areas of granite floors and walls, marbleized pillars and ceilings built 14 feet, 6 inches high. A prayer hall provides floor seating for nearly 1,000 people, and decorative altar areas along a wall represent a variety of deities.

"This is a huge deal for the community," Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers, president of Media Consultants and public relations/marketing manager for Lakeshore Engineering Services, Inc., said.
"Wel live in such a multicultural society, it is essential that we learn about other cultures and learn from each other," said Mitchell-Rodgers, who worked with temple officials.
The upper level also has

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What: Hindu Temple of Canti grand opening Where: 44955 Cherry Hill in

When: 4-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27; 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28; 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday,

Features: Three-day open house celebration; final day includes a formal dedication and lighting of monial candles at 11 a.m.

seven classrooms for activities such as Hindu dance and yoga along with other rooms for offices and a library.

The lower level features a large stage and multipurpose room, capable of seating 661 people who can watch performances or celebrate weddings and other get-togethers. It also includes a senior citizens activity center, a commercial-



Kiran Subramanya and Prasad Ishwara are priests at the new Hindu temple. The sculpture behind them represents the reincarnation of Lord Shiva.

the reincarnation of Lord Shiva.

size kitchen and a dining area, among other amenities.

The temple reflects the culmination of a journey that began when this Hindu group stopped meeting in their homes and opened their first place of worship in 1990. It started as a much-smaller, 5,000-square-foot temple, fronting Cherry Hill Road on the same site. It was eventually expanded, though it was torn down this summer after the new, much larger temple was finished.

"We had very limited space," making it difficult to accommodate a burgeoning interest in dance classes, religious services, lectures and other activities, Shah said.

Many Hindus felt a certain sadness to see the old temple



tectural firm of Lindhout & Associates and built by Rand Construction, Inc., both of

wanted to make their new home. Anurag Bajaj, temple president, said Canton was chosen because many Indian people already had moved to the township, an increasingly diverse community that has another Hindu temple and a Sikh gurdwara, among other religious places of worship.

Bajaj also said Canton was centrally located for members who come from a broad area of metro Detroit.

As plans for the new temple arose, a group of nearby residential neighbors initially hired a lawyer with intentions to try to block the project, amid concerns about potential noise and fears the temple could hurt their property values, said Bryan Amann, an attorney who represented the temple. However, an accord was eventually reached after Amann and temple leaders sought meetings with neighbors, taking into consideration their landscaping suggestions such as walls and trees to screen the property and assuring them the building's design would cushion them from noise.

During the process, he said he believes many neighbors.

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During the process, he said he believes many neighbors also developed a better understanding of Hindu people and their culture, "and everybody got to know each other better."

Ultimately, Amann said he believes the temple will only be a positive development for a community that continues to become more diverse.

"I believe this temple will be a tremendous asset to Canton Township for years to come," he said.

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For more information about the temple and its grand opening, visit www.thehindu-temple.org.







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The weather is warm and muggy, but that doesn't stop local folks from enjoying sights and sounds of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

TRAIL

Lombardo said. "So many people still don't know it exists."
Near a bank of the Rouge
River, artist Sharon Lee
Dillenbeck, owner of D&M
Art Studio in Canton, painted
a scene of black-eyed Susans
while her summer art camp
teachers — college students
Bethany Grysko and Kyla
Suchy — captured the river
and greenery in their artwork.
Brake, a Livonia resident
and Garden City Middle
School teacher, strummed his
guitar as he talked of the effort
to promote the recreation trail
through art.
"This is the way to do it,
with music," he said.
Nearby, bicyclist Gary
Anderson, a Canton resident
and member of the Michigan
Mountain Bikers Association,
said he often rides the main
trail, along with nearly six
miles of smaller off-shoots the
MMBA created.
"It's a great place right here
in the middle of Canton, and

"It's a great place right here in the middle of Canton, and you can walk or ride for free and see all the wildlife," he



Steven Thomas plays his sax.

said.

Thomas, the saxophonist, took time from playing as his wife Deborah sat nearly. Both are ordained ministers. Thomas has played numerous events, but never in such a natural setting.

"It's really interesting," he said.

Early in the evening. Canton

said.
Early in the evening, Canton
parks Manager Brad Sharp
had predicted a smaller crowd
than actually turned out.
He couldn't have been more



Ryan Brake entertains local folks and a lot of mosquitoes.

pleased.
"This is great," he said.
Meanwhile, Lombardo said
anyone interested in joining
Friends of the Trail may attend
meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month
in the Canton Administration
Building, 1150 S. Canton
Center. For more information,
send an e-mail to Lombardo
at jason.lombardo@cantonmi.org.

Drivers arraigned on fleeing charges

Two male drivers accused of fleeing from Canton police in separate incidents have been slapped with criminal charges that could potentially land them in prison if they are convicted. "No one was injured" in either incident, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Ronald Whaley, a 47-year-old Detroiter, was arraigned Wednesday following allegations he led police on a chase that began near Michigan Avenue and 1-275 and reached speeds of 80 mph before he got out of his car on a Southfield Freeway ramp and was captured on foot, Detective Joe Voet said.

The incident began around 10 p.m. Tuesday when Canton police tried to stop the driver of a Chevy Impala for a defective headlight.

The driver led police north along 1-275 and the nest of

I-96, where Livonia police became involved and deployed a tire-deflating devãe that ultimately helped lead to the suspect's capture, Voet said.

Whaley was arraigned Wednesday in 35th District Court on a felony charge of fourth-degree fleeing and eluding a police officer and a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving. A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

Whaley, charged as a third-degree habitual offender, was jailed with a \$25,000/10 percent bond and ordered to appear Friday for a preliminary exam to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Although the fleeing and eluding charge carries a possible two-year prison term upon conviction, Whaley could potentially face a longer sentence due to his status as a habitual offender.

In the other incident, 30-year-old Canton resident

Reginald McIntosh, Jr., was arraigned Thursday amid accusations he fled from police in the Sherwood Village mobile home park on Old Michigan Avenue, on the township's southeast side.

The incident started just after 3 a.m. Wednesday when police tried to stop the driver of a 1995 GMC Suburban for failing to stop for a flashing red light on Michigan Avenue hear Haggerty, Voet said.

McIntosh was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court on a felony charge of fourth-degree fleeing and eluding a police officer and a misdemeanor charge of driving with a suspended license. A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

A \$3,000/10 percent bond was set for McIntosh, who also was charged as a third-degree heart and third-degree fleeinger. He is scheduled for a preliminary exam Friday to determine if he should stand trial in circuit court.



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TEACHER

RAISING THE PROFILE
All the while, Groth was
fostering awareness of not only
her disease, but the challenges
facing the disabled in all walks
of life. She's been very involved
with the MDA, having been
either a camper or staff member at the MDA summer camp
for more than 20 years and
working the Jerry Lewis Labor
Day Telethon locally every
vear.

year.
Her mom, Connie Groth of
Livonia, works for General
Motors, and Tammie has
attended a variety of conferences for people with disabili

ences for people with disabilities.

All that work culminated in the MDA's top award.

"I'm very pleased to recognize Tammie as Michigan's Robert Ross MDA Personal Achievement Award recipient for 2010," MDA President and CEO Gerald C. Weinberg said.
"Her work is a real asset to the community, and an example of the kind of leadership MDA is proud to support."

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It's been a pretty successful career path for someone who didn't even want to be a teacher. Groth wanted to be an archaeologist, but discovered it was a difficult career field to get into, "sepecially with a disability." She briefly considered a career as a trauma counselor, but felt like she was too young to help people deal with their problems.

EDUCATIONAL HOBBY

While she was figuring it all out, she was obtaining a series of degrees. Groth has degrees in sociology and history/social studies from Madonna, with minors in sociology and English.

"By then, I'd majored and



The Muscular Dystrophy Association honored East Middle School teacher Tammie Groth of Livonia with its 2010 Robert Ross Personal Achievement Award for Michigan.

Award for Michigan.

minored in just about everything, and I decided it would be fun to share all my knowledge," she said with a laugh.

"So I went back to school to become a teacher."

She's in her third year teaching at East, where she also did her student teaching and some substitute teaching, and she doesn't let the wheelchair to which she's bound cramp her style. Her students barely notice it—
"They see it at first, but after that they don't pay any attention to it," she said—and certainly don't let it get in the way of learning.

"I'm not trying to be a spe-

cial role model because I'm in a wheelchair ... all teachers are role models," said Groth, who will go back to school at Wayne State University to get her master's degree in library science. "I just want (students) to be successful. Education is a hobby for me, and I love learning. My kids love learning, and we get each other excited about learning."

ADVERSITY OVERCOME

Connie Groth knows kids growing up face a variety of roadblocks and challenges, and those obstacles are mag-nified for children like her daughter who have disabilities

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TAMMIE GROTH, East Middle School te

"I am so proud of her because people don't realize what she's been through to get to the point where she is," Connie Groth said. "She's so humble about it. With all the hard knocks people can come up against through child-hood, she's made it through all this."

all this."

Connie Groth credited administrators at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for having the courage to hire her disabled daughter in the first place, praising them

for overcoming doubts and showing "the kind of aware ness that's going to create a better atmosphere for the disabled."

a better atmosphere for the disabled." "It's a big win for Plymouth-Canton, because they were fearless in hiring her," Connie Groth said. "The kids who see Tammie in a wheelchair are going to be aware that that's not what you look at. It's a huge win for Plymouth-Canton, because now there's a whole generation of kids who are

going to be more aware,"
While Tammie Groth
downplays her station as a
role model, her mother thinks
Tammie's success — in the
face of people who doubted
her and physical obstacles that
slowed, but never stopped, her
— should send a clear message
to youngsters.
"I want to tell the kids, You
have to believe in yourself,"
Connie Groth said. "It doesn't
matter if your parents said you
were stupid, it doesn't matter if you're fat... none of that
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You just have to believe in
yourself."



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Everyday math

Students in Cheryl Zuzo's Bentley Elementary School class proudly show off their number scrolls after reaching goals in the Everyday Math program. Number scrolling is used for students to work on master numeration. "My children persevered to go above and beyond expected goals," Zuzo said of her 'Zuzo's Kids'. Zuzo devised goals (Silver-1,000; gold-5,000; rainbow-10,000) and when students reached the goal, the teacher rings chimes and announces the achievement, for which the child is treated to a clap from classmates. Achieving Rainbow Club was Kiera Trumbull; Gold Club Students were Kennedy Bowen and Brooke Bowen, Silver Club Students included Damien Dailide, Dylan Glaspie, Andy Feng, Jenna Neal, Paul Haran, Andrew Yi, Nonoka Ito, Shay Adams, Jacob Discher, Isabella Price, Sophia Cervantes and Ava Spiteri.







ON CAMPUS

Wittenberg University

Ashley Fallon of Canton made the Dean's List for the spring semester at Wittenberg (Ohio) University. Fallon, a freshman and a 2009 graduate of Salem High School, is the daughter of Michael and the late Helen Fallon, and the stepdaughter of Jeanette Fallon, all of Canton.

Northwood University

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Two local students recently received four-year degrees from Northwood University in Midland.

Kevin Frusti of Canton and Michael Stanford of Plymouth each earned his bachelor's degree in business administration.

Commencement speaker was James D. Farley, group vice president of global marketing and Canada, Mexico, and South America operations for the Ford Motor Company. He received a doctor of laws, honoris causa.

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Albion College

Several local students have been named to the Albion College dean's list for the spring 2010 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Laura Burton recently graden.

Karen Burton of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

• Charlotte Daly is majoring in art. She is the daughter of David Daly of Plymouth and Annemarie Linares of Plymouth and Annemarie Linares of Plymouth Academy.

• Jessica Eimers recently graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in English education, and completing the elementary education program. She is the daughter of Michael and Mary Beth Eimers of Allegan and a graduate of Canton High School.

• Sara Fifield recently graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in history and a minor in management. She is the daughter of Debra Fifield of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

• Sandra Nahra is majoring in communication studies and Spanish-TransAmerican Latina/o studies. She is the daughter of John and Judy Nahra of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

• Emily Nemeth is a junior at Albion College. She is the daughter of Christopher and Terrie Nemeth of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

• Alexander Yu is majoring in biology and economies and management. He is the son of Bennett and Amy Yu of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

Calvin College (Grand Ranids) has

Calvin College

Calvin College (Grand Rapids) has announced its spring 2010 Dean's List. To earn a spot on the list, students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average. Four students from Canton made the list: Andrew Adkins, majoring in environmental science, the son of Lezlie Cebulski; Derek Elenbaas, majoring in accountance, son of

majoring in accountancy, son of Douglas and Gail Elenbaas; Audrey Freeman, majoring in business/CAS group, daughter of James and Laura Freeman; and Paula Manni, the daughter of Kelvin and Karen Manni.

Central Michigan University

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Central Michigan University announced
its list of May 2010 graduates.
Included among them were the following Canton residents:
Tina Alagna
Lester Booker Jr
Wilder Christoffersen
Aaron Ciborowski
Patrick Davison
Brett Giacomino
Allison Gilson
Holly Grenke
Jason Halaas
Ashley Hayden
Brian Holland
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Monique Knight
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Kyle Kowalski
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Trevor Stewart
Kevin Tollison

Kelly Smith
Michael Spitzley
Trevor Stewart
Kevin Tollison
Kelly Wanamaker
James Wilbur
Jasmine Wilson
Brian Wolverton
The class also included the followng Plymouth residents:
Sarah Alexander
Nicole Burdiss
Angelo Constantine
Kristin Cosens
Benjamin Eberlein
Michael Genrich
Jason Hyde
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Reverse mortgage can be good solution

Q: Dear Rick: A few years ago, my son was having financial difficulties and to assist him we (my wife and l) took out a mortgage on our home. The deal was our son would make the mortgage payments on the home. The last few years, he has made the payment and there has been no problem. However, his situation has not improved and he can no longer make the payments. My wife and I can't make the payments. Wy wife and I can't make the payments. We talked to the mortgage company about restructuring, but our request was denied. The mortgage company recommended that we sell our home. We have equity in our home, but we don't want to sell. We love our house and have no intention of moving. I hope you can suggest an alternative to selling our home.

A: There is an alternative that allows you to stay in your

alternative to selling our home.

A: There is an alternative that allows you to stay in your home and ease your financial burden. It appears you qualify for a reverse mortgage and it may be the answer to your problems.

It may be the answer to your problems.

A reverse mortgage allows you to tap into the equity of your home, allowing you to stay in the home for as long as you like. Unlike a traditional mortgage — where you make monthly payments of principal and interest — a reverse



mortgage has no monthly payments. The mortgage is paid off in full when the home is sold. In addition, you are not under any obligation to sell your home.

Hi you stay in your home until you die, then upon death the house would be sold and the proceeds used to discharge the mortgage. If, for some reason, the house wolld be rosme reason, the house wolld for less than the outstanding mortgage, neither you nor your estate nor your beneficiaries would be hable for the shortfall. The mortgage company assumes that risk.

A reverse mortgage would use the proceeds to pay off the existing mortgage.

In addition, if you are able

ceeds to pay off the existing mortgage.

In addition, if you are able to withdraw more money from your home, you could use that money for anything you want. Based upon your situation, it would make sense for you to explore a reverse mortgage.

Many seniors believe that

mind.
There are a number of fine reverse mortgage companies.
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is First Financial Reverse Mortgage (www.firstbans.net).

In today's difficult economic times, seniors who are struggling should at least consider a reverse mortgage. The money from a reverse mortgage could be used to pay off an existing mortgage, pay off a high-interest charge card debt or even be used to provide additional cash flow on a regular basis.

The question to ask is do you plan to be in your home long term. If the answer is no, then a reverse mortgage is most likely not for you. However, if you are having financial issues and plan to be in your home long term, a reverse mortgage is definitely something to explore. Good luck!

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No one injured in Canton garage fire

BY DARRELL CLEM

Canton firefighters doused a blaze that began inside a garage where a homeowner had been welding on a pickup truck, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said.

No one was injured during the incident, which was reported around 4:40 p.m. Wednesday on Warren Road west of Canton Center by a passerby who saw the fire and called 9-1-1.

Township firefighters

arrived and found heavy smoke coming from a detached garage. With help from Canton police, they temporarily blocked Warren Road to traffic during the afternoor rush hour until they could secure a fire hydrant and attack the fire, Rorabacher said

Officials ruled the fire as accidental. A report from fire officials indicated the fire started in the pickup truck where the welding had occurred and then spread to

occurred and then spread to the garage. Rorabacher offered tips for anyone welding in a garage. He suggested keeping a gar-den hose nearby to douse any potential blaze and also mak-ing sure there are no potentia fire-causing sparks before leaving the area.

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Hospice walk honors families and friends

Angela Hospice will host its third Walk of Remembrance to allow individuals, families, and friends to walk in honor of the loved ones they've lost, while enjoying fellowship and the scenic beauty of nature. The walk takes place Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at Madonna University in Livonia. Registration will open at 8 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m.

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anyone who has lost a loved one," said Syndie Best, volunteer coordinator for Angela Hospice. "It's a chance to set aside a couple of hours in our very busy lives and choose to remember the ones we love who have passed on. The beautiful surroundings of the walk route are enhanced by musicians and volunteers placed along the way. At the end of the walk, having an opportunity to decorate a rock with the name of a loved one is a very moving experience."

Last year more than 500 people participated in the Walk of Remembrance, and an even greater response is expected this year. The walk is a 2.3-mile route through the grounds of the Felician Sisters, including Madonna University, the Central Convent, Ladywood High School and Angela Hospice. Northville resident and hospice nurse Kathleen Pidruzny attended the event in 2009, as well as in 2008. Each year Pidruzny brought eight of her friends and family with her, who thoroughly enjoyed the day. "It's a beautiful walk," said

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Northville resident Kathleen Pidruzny (far left) and her family walked in memory of her father Howard Pingston at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance. The group enjoyed bagels and painted rocks for the memorial garden at the end of the walk. With Kathleen (from left) are Colleen Brumo of Dearborn Heights; Allison La Combe of Canton; Colleen Pidruzny of Northville; Carla Sladewski of Dearborn Heights; Jo Ann and Veronica Brumo of Dearborn.

Pidruzny. "They loved it. They thought it was so peaceful."
So Pidruzny responded favorably to the opportunity to form a Walk of Remembrance team this year.
Event coordinator Barb

Iovan explained that this is the first year participants have been encouraged to form

ing people to form teams as a way to both memorialize their loved ones and at the same time raise funds for Angela Hospice programs, while bringing friends and family together."

Anyone interested in form-

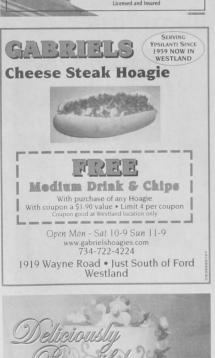
Aug. 21, at 10 a.m.

"We really hope to see the community come out to support this event," said Iovan.
"It's a wonderful day and supports an important cause."

Individuals may also register in advance for the Walk of Remembrance by calling Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or downloading a registration form at www.angelahospice.
org. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft, and refreshments. Fees for adults are \$20 in advance (or \$25 day of); children ages 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under are free and do not need to register.

All proceeds from the Walk of Remembrance will benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families, including free grief support counseling which is available to anyone in the community.

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Music to the ears

Veteran performers, newcomers boost concert attendance

A hot summer and cool music that appeals to young and old alike are combining for another successful Music in the Park season in down-

for another successful Music in the Park season in downtown Plymouth.

The noontime Wednesday concerts — there two more yet this summer — are drawing good crowds that Deb Madonna, president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council board of directors, also attributes to the Kellogg Park setting, the city's expert hosting of such events, and perhaps even Michigan's slow economy. The PCAC organizes the concert series, which began in 1984.

The shows bring out newborns, toddlers and older children, their parents and grandparents, and even senior citizens from local assisted-living facilities. Madonna said attendance seems to be up from other recent years.

"The audiences come out ready for a good time," Madonna said. "We have such a wide variety of ages."

Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express were the performers on Wednesday, making their second appearance of the season.

"He packs' em in," Madonna



Four-year-old Elizabeth Lauth gets her face painted by artist Colleen Gilgi

to contribute to give people some free summer entertainment. She estimated that the series boasts a total attendance of 25,000.

"On Wednesdays in the middle of summer, in the middle of the day, we have a lot of people gathered together to have fun," she said. "And that's something the community can

be proud of."

The major sponsor of the series is the Wilcox Foundation. Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.-Miracle League of Plymouth and chiropractor Dr. Brian Brackney are longtime sponsors, and Pediatric Dentistry is a new

sponsor this year.

"It good times, bad times, people work together, and that's something we've got to keep in mind," Madonna said.

Tom Seley, who performs as Mr. Seley, will make his first appearance in the series on Wednesday. He'll be bringing his four-piece band, the Troublemakers.



Guy Louis and friends get their dancing shoes on during Wednesday's Music in the Park concert in Kellogg Park. Louis, a popular attraction in the concert series, was making his second appearance of the summer.

"It is rock music but it has lyrics at the intellectual level and the humor level of third- and fourth-graders," said Seley, whose current recording is called Cupcakeasaurus!

Seley, who teaches elementary school in Birmingham, is a longtime musician with experience in rock bands while in high school and college.

His district's cancelation of the elementary vocal music program, and what he sees as a lack of good popular music for children who are no longer toddlers but aren't ready for love songs aimed at preteens, prompted him to start his band, he said.

"I'd never played in a kids hand before Levaye it my

"I'd never played in a kids band before. I gave it my best shot," said, who leads a

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Dance school expands to

Metro Dance Company in Plymouth expands adult, teen and preschool dance programs

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER

ADVERTIGAL WRITER

Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Northville residents have something to dance about — Metro Dance Company in Plymouth has expanded its offerings this fall with more adult and teen classes and a wider range of times and dates for preschool classes.

"We've added more Tap, Hip Hop and Yoga for both teens and adults," said Kristie Wyler, studio director of Metro Dance Company "We've really increased the choices of times and dates for preschool age dancers with more morning times."

Metro Dance Company, located

or times and dates for presention age dancers with more morning times."

Metro Dance Company, located at on the corner of South Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail just outside of downtown Plymouth, has taught dance lessons to hundreds of children and adults since it's opening in 1997.

"We really try to offer something for everyone," Wyler said. "We've had a lot of customers say they had trouble finding classes for adults in the area."

Registration is now open for fall, with classes running Sept.

11 through June 2011. The studio offers classes in Ballet, Cecchetti, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Modern, Hip Hop, Breaking, Pom, Ballroom, Pilates and Yoga as well as competitive classes for dancersage 6 and older.

Children ages 2.5 to 5 are offered a fun introduction to the

basics of dance, called Preschool
Combo, which combines Ballet,
Jazz, Tap and Acro. Combo classes
foster creativity, freedom and
expression in movement and a love
for dance while teaching, sharing, taking turns, waiting in line,
socializing and cooperating with
classmates.

"A beginning teen level class is
available, so even if a 12- or 13year-old has never danced before,
they won't be placed in a class with
younger beginning dancers," Wyler
said.

Each year, experienced danceers are welcome to audition
for the Metro Dance Company
Competition Team. Members meet
September through June, compete at 3-4 regional dance competitions and travel out-of-state
for a national competition each
summer. Dancers must attend
weekly rehearsals and meetings
and enroll in a weekly ballet class.
Competition classes are available
in Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Tap, Hip
Hop, Pom and Ballroom. Solo, duo
and trios are also available in discipline of choice.
But competition classes are offered
without a competitive edge.

"Some studios focus only on
competition dancing, where we
know some kids are just here to
take a class or two for fun," Wyler
said.

Technique classes are available

for adults in Hip Hop,
Tap, Ballet (beginningadvanced), Pointe, Yoga,
Ballroom and Pilates.
Friday night adult
ballroom classes are a
popular choice for adults.
Group classes teach the
style of the waltz, foxtrot,
cha cha, rhumba, tango,
swing and salsa.
"Dancers don't need a
partner to come to class
—it's structured so you
can just come in and
learn the steps!" Wyler
said.
For students interested in learning a syllabus-based method of
ballet, Cecchetti Method
Ballet is the way to go.
Precise exercises are
practiced in a set order
each class, each building
on the next. When ready,
students are put up for
examination and must
pass before moving on
to the next level of study.
Students are eligible to begin
Cecchetti Grade 1 at age 7 and
work through Grade 7. Each level
takes approximately 18-24 months
of study to complete.
Private dance lessons are available for all ages, and skill levels
and are scheduled around each
customers' availability. Wedding
choreography and social dancing
lessons are popular among adults.



"Our wedding choreography classes are popular for couples interested in having traditional and non-traditional first dances choreographed and having their bridal party in for a group class," Wyler said.

Visit www.MetroDance
Plymouth.com to register for fall classes online or for more information on all programs.

Four things every parent should know before choosing a dance studio

1. What type of dance floor is used?
Dance is a very physical activity that requires a lot of jumping that can put a lot of stress on bones and joints, and most dance footwear does not provide any cushioning or support. Metro Dance Company uses a "floating" hardwood sprung floor in each of its three dance rooms that absorbs the shock of jumping helping to prevent injuries.

2. What is the size of the class?
If the dance class has fewer students, each child will receive more personalized attention, learn more and have more fun. Metro Dance Company classes have smaller sizes to make sure no fundamental concepts are missed and to allow teachers to ensure students are not developing bad habits or improper technique.

3. Can I get immediate assistance and customer service?
In many studios, the teacher or studio owner conducts classes and does the administration. Metro Dance Company has an office staff on hand during all regular class times, so dancers get immediate assistance.

4. What is the studio environment?
Metro Dance Company is committed to providing safe and quality instruction to children and adults of all ages and skill levels. The studio has a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and offers students a cholice of technique, recital and/or competitive dance classes. Students are taught about teamwork, a positive attitude, eating healthy and setting goals.



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Driven by Dan Kanfoush of Buffalo, N.Y., the Fast Eddie II glides over the water during a hydroplane race

Right on course

Dual wins have Sechler headed for APBA crown



owner of the Fast Eddie II, and driver Dan Kanfoush won two more titles and boosted their American Power Boat Association lead with a successful trip to Cambridge, Mass.
They won a sixth consecutive Summer National Championship and their third World Championship in the one-liter modified inboard class July 23-25.
Both championships are decided in the same race. It's actually a three-in-one event with the Canadian Summer

National title also being a part of it. Sechler, who resides in Farmington Hills, is not a member of the Canadian Boating Federation, howev-er, so he couldn't claim that

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Xavier marks spot for Spartan center

Despite missing his entire junior season, Jalen Reynolds still proved to be a hot commodity among Division I college basketball recruiters.

The 6-foot-9 senior center, who will suit up this winter for the first time at Livonia Stevenson High after transferring last December from nearby Livonia Clarenceville, verbally committed this week to Xavier University.

According to Stevenson coach Mike Allie, Reynolds has yet to qualify academically under NCAA entrance standards, but that didn't stop the offers from coming in from such schools as West Virginia, Pitt, Southern Cal, University of Detroit Mercy, Oakland University, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Duquesne and Providence.

"He had about 10 to 12 (offers)," Allie said. "He thought Xavier was the right fit and he loved everything he saw there. He liked the smaller campus. He knew what he wanted and he didn't want to waste everybody's time."

Reynolds made a couple of trips to Cincinnati and Allie took his squad to a team camp hosted by Xavier head coach Chris Mack.

"Xavier has been to five straight Sweet 16s and they've graduated 79 straight seniors, which is the most of any school in the NCAA," Allie said.



and Xavier (a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference).
"He could have easily stayed home, but he decided to go away," Allie said. 'Coach (Ray) McCallum (of Detroit) was a class act all the way in the recruiting process along with coach (Carlos) Briggs (McCallum's assistant).
Reynolds spent his freshman year at Redford Union, but switched schools for the 2008-09 season at Clarenceville where he started as a sophomore for the Metro Conference champions. Clarenceville changed coaches prior to the 2009-10 season where Reynolds remained enrolled during the fall semester. He played with the Trojans through the preseason, only to transfer after his family moved to the Stevenson attendance area on Dec. 5, 2009.

After Stevenson administrators consulted with the

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SIDELINES Whalers promotion

Brian Sommariva has bee promoted from assistant coach to assistant general manager with the Plymouth Whalers by club president Mike Vellucci.



issues and player personnel decisions.

"This job is a natural extension for me to continue to work with the coaches and current scouts," Sommariva said. "They know my personality and I know theirs, so there should be a real good synergy among us."

Plymouth opens its regular season on Sept. 23 agains Memorial Cup and defending OHL champion Windsor. The Whalers' home opener is Saturday, Sept. 25 at Compuware Arena against the Barrie Colts.

For ticket information, call (734) 453-8400 or visit www. plymouthwhalers.com.

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Hole-in-one club

MU spikers facing rare underdog role

Jerry Abraham's 24th seas as Madonna University wom-en's volleyball coach can only be categorized by one word uncertainty. The Crusaders are coming off a respectable 32-7 season in 2009, but that didn't meet MU standards as crazy as it sounds.

PREVIEW

"I'd have to say Indiana Tech returning everybody will be the favorites," Abraham said of the defending WHAC champ. "And actually what's very good this year — and it's a positive thing — we have a real talented league. Aquinas (College) is going to be strong. Davenport (University) has a new coach and she has everybody coming back pretty much. The new school (Northwestern Ohio)





Dempsey Gatt

we played them in two tight games. From top-to-bottom it will the most competitive WHAC since I've been here."
Three players graduated, including four-year setter Inta Grinvalds and top hitter Mary McGinnis (3.76 kills per game). Two others left the program, while another was lost to academics. But Abraham remains optimistic and undaunted.

"We have a talented team," he said. "There's a lot of newness, a lot of competition in a couple of spots. We're looking for a second middle hitter. We have actually three players that will compete for that position. That a position now that is a major part of volleyball that needs to be defined.

"We lost some size and a few Please see SPIKERS, B3

Catching up with

Wayne grad Guess on Irish football staff

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lorenzo Guess was always on the move when he starred in two sports at Wayne Memorial High School.

These days, the former Memorial High School.

These days, the former defensive back, who later played both football and basketball at Michigan State, recently unloaded his furniture in South Bend, Ind., where Guess now serves as assistant strength and conditioning coach for football at Notre Dame.

Two Men and a Truck never had it so good.

But Guess, now with a wife (Bianca) and a 5-month-old daughter (Nadia), hopes his moving days are over for the time being.

"It's funny," Guess said.
"Since I started coaching about eight years ago, I've been in a different state every year. Now I'm trying to stay put."

Guess, who hopes to become a head coach in



the future, served last sea-son as the tight ends coach for the Big East champion Cincinnati Bearcats, who fin-ished 12-0 during the regu-lar season before losing to Florida in the AllState Sugar Rowl

es again.
Prior to his one-year
stint in Cincinnati, Guess
served on the strength and
conditioning staffs at the



University of South Florida (2009), Alcorn State (2008), Kentucky State (2007), Cincinnati (2006) and Tiffin University (2005), the latter school where he earned his master's degree.

At Kentucky State, Guess wore three hats — position coach, video coordinator and assistant strength and conditioning coach.

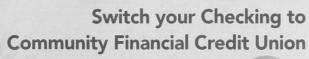
Guess was the head strength and conditioning coach at Alcorn State before going to South Florida in 2009 where he served as the assistant strength and conditioning coach, while working with the women's volleyball and men's basketball teams.

But just after five months on the job, Guess was on the move again when Kelly came calling at Cincinnati.

Guess leaned on USF head hoop coach Stan Heath, a Detroit Catholic Central High grad and his former MSU assistant coach, for advice on his next move.

"He (Heath) said it was an

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Coach's Corner, the Livonia
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representative finished 1-2 in
the 16-team 20- and-under
double-elimination tournament.

ment.
The Patriots, representing the Chicago Metro AAABA representative, stayed alive b banging out 13 hits.
Jason Cohen, who had a triple and double, collected three hits along with teammate Brian Konsler in a game played at spacious War Memorial Field.

Kevin Serna chipped in with two hits and three RBI as Des Plaines rallied from a 5-4 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, one in the sixth, two more in the seventh and one in the eighth.

Coach's Corner had a total of 12 hits, but left 11 runners stranded. They also made three errors.

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"They (Des Plaines) got the crucial hit and we did not," Coach's Corner assistant coach Frank Corej said. "And when we hit the ball hard, they (Chicago) made the plays. "I was impressed with the way they were swinging the bats in the cage before the game and I was worried about the way could hit the ball."

Winning pitcher Joe Ufheil went seven innings to pick up the victory, Jack Kosar came on for the final two innings in relief.

Coach's Corner left stranded XAVIER

Michigan High School
Athletic Association regarding the transfer, the school followed through on the association's recommendation to have the center sit out the entire 2009-10 season.
Reynolds, meanwhile, upped his stock during the spring and summer AAU circuits playing for the 17-and-under R.E.A.C.H. program. He appeared in AAU tourneys this summer in Las Vegas, Anaheim, Calif. and Indianapolis where he more than held his own.
"We measured him and he's a legit 6-feet-9 with a 7-4 wing span," Allie said. "The big thing this summer is that he's shooting the ball more consistently from 15-to-18 feet.
"End-to-end he probably runs the floor better than any big man around. And even if he rebounds the ball, he's going to get to the other end. "He also has an excellent knack for blocking shots. The big thing is keeping him out of foul trouble."
Allie said Reynolds has been working diligently to meet Michigan High School Athletic Association re

Fraser (Madonna University/
Westland John Glenn) gave
up four runs in four innings
before giving way to MU's
Aaron Saarela, who went
the next 3.2 innings. Erik
Wright (Canton/Saginaw
Valley State) finished up in
the eighth.

MU's Donnie Holland, the
designated hitter, went 3-for-4
with two runs scored in a
losing cause. Garrett Rebain
(MU/Plymouth) also went 3for-5 with an RBI. Six other
Coach's Corner players had
one hit apiece.
Coach's Corner ended its
season at 32-9 overall.

"Overall the kids played
well, they never quit and had
good intensity," Corej said.
"During the tournament we
hit. 324 and we raised our
team batting average for the
season to .280. We hit well."

COURSE

Summer National is the APBA's biggest race. The World Championship is a UIM (Union Internationale Motonautique) race."
After two days of qualifying, the Fast Eddie II team was on top of its game for the final heat Sunday.

"We realized this one race was worth an awful lot," Sechler said. "There were a lot of bonus points on the line. It wasn't just us. We could see all the teams there were nervous. "We walked over the finish line in the morning and talked out the entire race, where we wanted to be, all the different hings, to get a good idea exactly how we were going to run it.

"When the race started, we were nervous, but the rest of the class got up to the finish line way too early and had to slow down. Whereas, we hit our marks perfectly.

"We hit the start line going full speed. We hit that start and, by the first turn, man, that race was over. All the other boats were getting up too early, because they were worried about lane position and trying to get on the inside of the other guy."

After having an engine blow up the first day of the Quake on the Lake July 16-17 on Pontiac Lake in Waterford, Sechler did some troubleshooting and fixed the engine problem.

"Thad the adjustment totally big thing is keeping him out of foul trouble." Allie said Reynolds has been working diligently to meet NCAA academic standards since he arrived at Stevenson. "We're hoping he qualifies," the Stevenson ocach said. "He's doing everything the right way. He's doing all the work. He's got a good heart and is respectful of others off the court."

problem.

"I had the adjustment totally wrong," Sechler said, explaining the trouble was with the

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spring tension on the exhaust valves. "Once I adjusted that, she was off and running." It made all the difference. We could tell when (Kanfoush) left the pits on Friday, the thing was going to run a lot better."

Sechler said they went into the Cambridge race a little nervous in the wake of the engine trouble the previous weekend.

"It's amazing how much better the engine runs when you put all the parts in it," Sechler said. "We went in there and said: "Well, let's see how it goes.' Starting with the first qualifying heat, the boat ran real well."

The Fast Eddie II is the leader in the race for the APBA high points championship, too. Sechler guesses the lead to be a couple hundred points, but he's not concerned with the exact numbers right now.

"We're in good shape," he said. "We've got 10 races in and need five more. One bad weekend or a couple in a row, and people can catch up pretty quickly. But I like where we are.

"I typically don't look at

are. "I typically don't look at point totals. I don't care what other people are doing; I care what we're doing what we're supposed to do, then winning championships takes care of itself."

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itself."
Sechler, who won World
Championships in 2006 and
'08, is in Hampton, Va., this
weekend for the Eastern
Divisional — the last APBA
title race of the 2010 season.

Prep bowlers hone skills in off-season

It's been a very productive off-cason for several area high school

It's been a very productive offseason for several area high school
bowlers.

Salem incoming senior Ryan
Clark, a first-team All-Observer
pick, rolled his second 300
game of the year in the U.S.
Bowling Congress Junior Gold
Championships, July 14, in
Indianapolis, Ind.
Clark's 30-game total of 5,995
placed him 61st out of a field of
982 male bowlers.

His first 300 game of the season came March 14 in the Mach
Memorial Tournament at Oak
Lanes in Westland.

Wayne Memorial junior Elliot
Arnold, another first-team AllObserver selection, notched his
second 300 game of the year and
first 800 series on July 13 in the

Tuesday Majors at Wayne Bowl. Arnold's 800 set also included games of 245 and 290.

On March 14 in the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic at Livonia's Cloverlanes, Arnold recorded his first perfect game in a 755 (300-223-222) series.

Not to be outdone is Westland John Glenn junior Thomas Brusseau, a second-team All-Area selection, who rolled his first 300 game and second 800 series July 13 in the Tuesday Majors at Wayne Bowl.

On June 8 in the Tuesday Majors at Wayne Bowl.

On June 8 in the Tuesday Majors, Brusseau rolled games of 297-243-267 for his first 807 series. On July 6, he notched his first-ever 700 series with a 268-215-225 set in the Tuesday Majors. Plymouth's Ryan Riva and John Glennis Natalie Brown, a first-team All-Area pick, also broke the 800 series mark on March 14 at

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the Mach Memorial, with totals of 842 and 803, respectively. Prior to the start of the 2009-10 MHSAA season on Nov. 14-22, Steven White (John Glenn) and Clark were the male handicap and male scratch champions, respectively, in the Westerm Wayne County USBC City Tournament of Champions at Romulus Lanes. White had a total of 763, while Clark finished with a 728. Doubles champions included: Brusseau and Casey Bindas (Canton), Male Handicap Class A, 1,409 total; first-team All-Area Stephani O'Harris, Kemale Handicap Class A, 1,491; Brown and Alex Champaign (Canton), Mixed Handicap Class A, 1,354; Clark and Daniel Jordan, Male Scratch, 1,375; Arnold and Stephani O'Harris, Mixed Scratch, 1,161.

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Wild Cards strike 'gold' in tourneys

seasons. They won two tournaments!

In the past, the Wild Cards were close but never achieved gold. They made it to the finals in three of four tournaments in 2008 but settled for silver. The Wild Cards were semifinalists in two tournaments last year.

In the Frankenmuth tournament at the end of June, the Wild Cards won all three of their round-robin games, beating the Novi Madness Blue, the Livingston Breeze and Frankenmuth.

In the semi, South Farmington beat a good Fenton team, 7-2, behind the pitching of Katie Stimetz, who struck out 11 batters and walked none.

walked none. Hannah Long went 3-for-3

hits; Laura Bruton drove in the winning run.

The Wild Cards defeated the Midland Line Drive in the final, 5-2. Samantha LaLonde pitched the entire game, striking out seven and walking three.

A combination of tough defense, including plays by the outfield combo of Jamie Jeffries, Long and George, and timely hitting by Melissa Schneider, Elizabeth Carlson, George and Stimetz led to the victory.

In their second tournament,

George and Stimetz led to the victory.

In their second tournament, a USSSA competition in Romeo, the Wild Cards won three round-robin games with big hits by Long, LaLonde, Jeffries, Carlson and Stimetz.

They beat the Oakland Sidewinders in the first round of bracket play, '3-0, before falling to the Dearborn Heights Wild in a semifinal

game, 4-1.

By finishing among the top four teams at Romeo, the Wild Cards earned an invitation to the USSSA World

Wild Cards
Wild Series.

South Farmington went into the Pinckney tournament in early July without LaLonde due to an injury, so their other pitchers had to step up.
Carlson and Stimetz combined to help the Wild Cards win all three of their roundrobin games.

In the semifinals, the Wild Cards beat the Livingston Breeze, 6-1, behind the pitching of Stimetz and Carlson and the 4-for-4 hitting of Schneider. Marisa Tasky's play at third base stopped bunt attempts and hard shots alike.

In the final, Stimetz pitches

alike.
In the final, Stimetz pitched a complete game and led the Wild Cards to a 7-2 win over the South Lyon Stealth. Big hits by Shannon Seegert,

Cayley D'Ascenzo and
Stephanie Wagner sealed the
tournament victory.
The Wild Cards also did
well in Western Wayne
County League, winning a
share of a division title by
beating the co-champion
Shock in a doubleheader, 6-3
and 8-7.
The second game was a
nailbiter with the Wild Cards
pulling off a come-frombehind victory with key lastinning hits by Schneider and
Carlson.
One of the reasons for the
team's success is 10 of, the
players have been together
for at least three years. In
addition to good pitching,
the Wild Cards had a good
defense and two quality
catchers in Schneider and
George.
The Wild Cards had a 26-6

record with one tournament remaining in Hartland. All but one of the players attend a

George.
The Wild Cards had a 26-6



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It's a winner

Whalers alumni game boosts autism awareness



Besides watching the second annual Plymouth Whalers alumni game on Aug. 7, fans were able to get close up and personal with NHL players such as Carolina Hurricanes forward Chad LaRose (left) and Dallas Stars forwa James Neal (background).

The second annual Plymouth Whalers alumni game – played Aug. 7 at Compuware Arena – was a success on many levels. The event was staged for Autism Awareness and the Whalers teamed up with the Hope for Autism Foundation and Autism Compass.

Not only was information available about autism, but parts of Compuware Arena were transformed into autism-friendly environments, including a sensory-friendly room available during the game, dedicated family-friendly restrooms and gluten-free concessions options for purchase.

Although the White battled the Blues to a 14-14 draw, the action on the ice took a back seat to the smiles from fans and alumni throughout the afternoon.

An autograph session with the Whalers alumni set for 2:30 pm. lasted a little more than two hours as fans lined up around the seating area and out into the lobby. Although many fans wanted to see NHL players Chad LaRose and Justin Peters (both Carolina), David Legwand (Nashville). James Wisniewski (New York Islanders), James Neal (Dallas) and Jared Boll (Columbus), many others re-connected with former captains Randy Fitzgerald, Mike Morrone, AJ Jenks, Andrew Taylor and Chris Terry and others. According to Rob Mason, who attended the game with his daughter (Schoolcraft College student Alanna), the event provided fans a great opportunity on several levels. "This is a great event," Mason said. "Not only is this an opportunity to meet and get autographs with NHL star players — and certainly

some of them here are rising stars — but for \$10 you get an opportunity to see a game in a few moments that is going to charity.

"Not only that, you show your tickets stub and you'll receive a free ticket for the Whalers home opener (Sept. 25 against Barrie). This is a \$10 bargain in a day when people are looking for bargains."

Mason and his daughter spent ten solid minutes visiting with Boll before the game.
"It was really nice," Mason said. "My daughter is a huge fan of his and she was hoping for this opportunity. He's a very nice young man."

Chiming in was Dearborn's Ken Redpath, describing the event as "good hockey and good entertainment. I came here today to see Mike Morrone. I started following the team at Joe Louis Arena and I've been coming ever since,"

Whether it was participating in the autograph session, playing the game or visiting afterwards in CJ's Brewing Company, all the players enjoyed themselves.

At one table at CJ's, NHL Whalers Chad LaRose, James Neal, Justin Peters and Boll traded stories with J.D. Eaton and Jeff Gardiner, both of whom played during the early days of the franchise.

Goaltender Jason Saal, who backstopped the Whalers to an OHL Championship in 1995 when they were known as the Detroit Junior Red Wings, traveled from Augusta, Ga. to play in the game.

"Tlook forward to being back in the locker room," Saal told the Augusta Examiner. "That's what I miss the most about hockey. Just being in the lockerroom after the game, after and before practice. Hanging out with the guys, the camaraderie is the biggest thing."

SPIKERS

players that aren't returning, but I think we're fast and we're athletic. And we do have a talented group coming back."

Outside hitter Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and defensive specialist Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill) are the lone senior returnees.

The 5-foot-8 Dempsey sparkled last season en route to All-WHAC honors. She piled up 419 kills (3.2 per game) and led the Crusaders in digs with a total of 385 (2.94 per game). "We have a lot of new players coming in and feel like we have some spots to fill, but just enough returning players to get things going, It should be good," Dempsey said. "I'm going to try and assume the same role I had last year. Plus, with new leadership, obviously. Like being a captain

and everything this year, you take on more responsibility. "Leadership — getting everybody on the same page, same level. Having all the girls be one cohesive group and unit. It's my responsibility to make that happen." Gatt appeared in all 39 matches last year as a back row specialist. "We had three girls quit on us, so we're hoping the three freshmen who come in will step up their game and compete. I can't give you a take on the season right now. It will be one extreme or the other. I feel we'll really, really be good, or so-so. "Liz and I are the two seniors. We're going to take on a leadership role and try to lead this team to at least Nationals, which we didn't do last year."

least year."
Starter Karie Altman, a 6-foot
junior middle hitter, averaged 2.54
kills per game and had a team-high

Other returnees include junior defensive specialist Emanda Koszela, who finished with a team-best 605 digs (4.14 per game); junior outside hitter Megan Fricke; and two Latvian players who saw limited action last year as freshmen — 6-foot outside hitter Anastasija Baranovska and 5-11 outside hitter Anastasija Seremetjeva.

Meanwhile, sophomore Evia Prieditis (Milford) is the heir apparent to Grinvalds at setter.

"The last setter, Inta Grinvalds, was an All-American and she started every game for four years," Abraham said. "This is going to be new, but Evia was a red-shirt freshman, so she wasn't just coming out of high school. Evia is talented and does al to for great things. She can attack the ball from the front row. She has a nice tip shot. She had a chance to play

in the spring and has been working with us in the offseason here. I'm very excited about her actually. She's learned a lot behind Inta, practiced every day with Inta last year. She just didn't play in games. She doesn't have college experience yet as far as actual games, but she's played a year with us."

Three freshmen are also expected to get ample opportunities to showcase their skills include 6-3 first-team All-Observer middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland), 5-10 outside hitter Lauren Mora (Grand Blanc) and 5-9 freshman outside hitter Jess Martin (Howell/Greenwood H.S., Ky.).

"We had three girls quit on us so we're hoping the freshmen will step up their game and compete," Gatt said. "I haven't seen Jess play, but Emilie (Freeman) is really tall. She'ill be great at the net. She's like 6-4.

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She's just got to get her footwork down and she'll an all-star, I can see that now.
"Lauren (Mora) is really eager to learn. I remember during practices she'd be asking 'coach,' after every break: 'What am I doing wrong? What do I do to fix this?' And that's great to see with a freshman."

GUESS

opportunity that I couldn't turn down and, actually, he helped me make the deci-sion after I got the interview, Guess said.

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Guess said.

Last January, Guess migrated to South Bend and has
come away impressed with his
new surroundings.

"It's a nice place," he said.
"They have premier athletic
facilities. At Cincinnati we
had no indoor practice field,
so we had to practice in the
snow for our bowl game. They
(Notre Dame) have everything
you need, and every resource
that we're using, to be successful."

that we're using, to be successful."
Guess has been around a lot of great collegiate coaches during his career, both as a player and a coach. He played basketball two seasons under Tom Izzo (going to the 1999 Final Four) and Tom Crean (Marquette/Indiana), and spent three years with Saban (now with Alabama).
And now he is working under Kelly at Notre Dame.
"Coach Kelly is a good motivator," Guess said. "He's up front and he'll let you know how he feels — good or bad. He's not going to sugarcoat things, but he's not going to

hold a grudge either.

"He's extremely detailed, whether it's the coaches, players or anybody connected with the football program. Nick Saban was extremely detailoriented, too. When coach Kelly says it's six inches, it's not six-and-a-half or five-and-a-half. It's six. It's his way and it has to be perfect." Guess works alongside Notre Dame head strength and conditioning football coach Paul Longo (a Wayne State University grad) along with another assistant, Jake Flynn.

State University grad) along with another assistant, Jake Flynn.

His job description does not involve any coaching or recruiting as stipulated under NCAA guidelines.

"My job in the weight room is to help our guys get bigger, stronger, faster," Guess said.
"It's going pretty well. We have a little bit bigger players than we had at Cincinnati. During the season, usually our guys lift twice a week, and the younger guys who are not playing come in sometimes three times per week."

Guess says he remains in tip-top condition and, at age 32, still looks like he can play. "I work out all the time," he said. "We have the facilities, so I'll use it. In the position I'm in, I can't look out of shape."

Guess, who led the Zebras'

hoop program to a pair of state semifinals his junior and senior years, began his coaching odyssey at his high school alma mater where he spent three seasons with boys coach Wayne Woodard.

He also did personal training and played Arena League football before going to Cincinnati as a graduate assistant under then Bearcats head coach Mark Dantonio (now at MSU).

Ironically, Notre Dame travels to East Lansing Saturday, Sept. 18, for a televised night game (starting at 8 p.m.).

Guess, the former Michigan State defensive back and All-Academic Big Ten selection, has been contemplating the return to his college alma mater.

"Twe been thinking about it,"

return to his college alma mater.

"Tve been thinking about it," he said. "I don't know how it will be. I'll let you know after the game. I know all of their coaches. Coach Dantonio was my position coach (at MSU). We'll see when we get there. It will be weird being on the opposite sideline, I know that." Guess, however, realizes he has a job to do.

"When it's all said and done, it's still about coaching 19- to 22-year-olds," he said. "And getting them to play as hard as they can and getting them to graduate."

Motor City Chiefs

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Bringin' it home: Jazz flourishes in unlikely venue

Jazz pianist Sven
Anderson plays a gig at a
"hang" every fourth Tuesday
night in Plymouth.
"It's like a living room.
It's got a fireplace and all
these sofas," said Anderson,
describing the scene. "The
drinks are inexpensive.
It's got a whole other thing
going on as opposed to other
night clubs in the area. I
wouldn't even call it a night
club. It's a club, but it's open
to the public."
What jazz musicians like
Anderson call "a hang," club
members know as Plymouth
Elks Lodge 1780. And that
Tuesday night gig is a free
monthly jazz performance
designed to both acquaint
the public with the art form,
while stirring up interest in
the lodge and its charitable
programs.
The idea seems to be
working.
"We started this in
April and it's starting to
build," said Byron Taylor
of Plymouth, who created the concert series and
recruited Anderson and his
trio to perform every fourth
Tuesday.
"We fixed the room up
real nice and we decided,
'let's try something different. Why not get something
going to help build the Elk
image? I've been an Elk for
over 20 years. I love the
Elks. We do a lot of good
things. We're always looking for younger members to
join the club. The more this



Jazz pianist Sven Anderson is a regular at the Plymouth Elks Club's fourth Tuesday concerts. That's band member Rob Emanuel on drums.

builds and the more members we get, the more we called veterans, handicapped people, and kids."

INEXPENSIVE FUN

INEXPENSIVE FUN
Taylor said the Tuesday night series has drawn several music lovers who subsequently joined the club.
"Young people today are looking for more than jumping around on the dance floor. This is a place where people want to come out to relax and enjoy. And one thing about the Elks, you pay \$2.50, not \$7 for a beer. That's why people have come out — not only to support the music, but they come to have a reasonably priced night out."

Anderson and his wife, Janet Tenaj, who sings with the band, say they like the

relaxed atmosphere and attentive audience. "We had a really good time and it seems the audience has a good time," Tenaj said.

RECRUITING TALENT

RECRUITING TALENT
Anderson and Taylor have been acquainted for about 20 years through the Detroit Federation of Musicians, where the Elks member and retired jazz drummer was a union board member who negotiated contracts, served as secretary and treasurer. He booked talent for the union's outreach programs in schools, nursing home and public parks and became friends with many working musicians in southeastern Michigan.

"I'm there (on Tuesdays) because of him, actually," said Anderson, noting their



JAZZ CONCERTS

Outdoor Jazz Concert: Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275 in Plymouth. The musical line-up includes Ron Kischuk and the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band, with vocalist Judy Cochill, 2 p.m.; George Benson Quartet, 3 p.m.; Sven Anderson Trio with vocalist Janet Tenaj, 4 p.m.; and John Trudell Quintet with a surprise vocalist. Free admission. If it rains the concert will be moved indoors.

Jazz@The Elks: 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. The Sven Anderson Trio plays jazz from Cole Porter to salsa. Free admission but donations are accepted.

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longtime friendship. He and Johnny Trudell, George (Sax) Benson, and Ron Kischuk and the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band all accepted Taylor's invita-tion to perform at an out-door concert Aug. 22 on

the Plymouth Elks Club grounds.

the Plymouth Elks Club grounds. "It's really friendship is what this boils down to," said Kischuk, who heard about the event through Trudell. "People you work with for years want to try

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something different. You find a way to make it work. Yes, it's about the art, the music, but it's also about community."

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The concert is free, although beverages and food will be available for purchase. The show will move into the club if it rains.

"It's our first try and we'd love to see the place packed," Taylor said, adding that if it's successful, the concert may expand to an all-day or two-day event next year.

For more about the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, and its many programs, including Friday night fish fries and philanthropic outreach, visit http://plymouth_elks1780.tripod.com; (734) 453-1780.





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Let's get visual, visual: Arts group is on the move

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) this month will pack up and head to a location with more convenient parking and better visibility at New Five Village Shopping Center.

The organization, which offers classes, art exhibits and guest speakers at its monthly meetings, currently rents space in the Dickinson Center, a Livonia Public Schools building that houses special education services and community education classes. The school board voted in late June to close the building to save on expenditures.

Amberger, VAAL board member.

"We had to start looking around. We're not for profit, so we couldn't afford a lot. Because of the economy this (new location) became available to us at a lower price."

It's just in time for the organization's fall class session that starts Sept. 7.

"We're in the process of packing up old place and cleaning up the new place which needs little spiffing up." Summer workshops and classes will continue at Dickinson, located on

Newburgh just north of Six Mile, through Aug. 27. VAAL must vacate the space by Aug

"We didn't want to cancel any classes. We'll work around people with packing and so forth," Amberger said. "People volunteered to help with pack-ing and cleaning and we'll have a mover to move every-

pects was a cigar humidor because its walls are covered in cork.

""We're going to use that room, probably take the doors off and just make it an extension of the large room."

Amberger said the new site has better visibility than the Dickinson Center space and more convenient parking.

"We're right out on the strip mall. It has excellent parking.—lots of parking spots. (At Dickinson) people had to walk all the way through the parking lot to the classroom, which is tucked into the back of the building."

She said easels and work spaces will be set up toward the front of the room, with

"We'll have that visibility to the community. We were thinking we might even have a sidewalk sale of our art some

Businesses in the mall include a UPS store, Chinese restaurant, and sandwich

shop, among others.
VAAL hasn't set a date, but
plans to hold an open house
after moving into the new
building.
For information about
membership and classes, call
(734) 838-1204 or e-mail to
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Pet rescues offer vaccination clinic, adoption event

Livonia-based Tail Wagge Inc., is helping animals stay healthy by offering a series of four low-cost vaccination clinies

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All clinics run II a.m. to 4
p.m. The first is today, Sunday
Aug. 15, at Sheehy Animal
Hospital, 1870 Middlebelt,
south of Seven Mile, in
Livonia. Other clinics will
be held Saturday, Aug. 21,
at Pet Food & More, 15399
Merriman, at Five Mile, in
Livonia; Sunday, Aug. 22, at
Pet Food & More, 3050 Union
Lake Road, at Haggerty, in
Commerce Township; and
Sunday, Sept. 12, at Pet Food
& More, 1068 W. 14 Mile,
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Tail Wagger's, Inc., founder Laura Zain says she hopes "people will take advantage of this low cost vaccination clinic and get their pets properly vaccinated to avoid further health issues."
She said Sheehy Animal Hospital and Pet Food & More are donating staff and services for the weekend clinics.
Distemper, Rabies or Bordetella will cost \$12 each. Bordetella is recommended especially for dogs that frequent dog parks, boarding

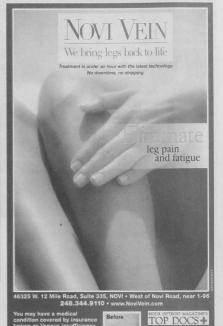


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Historical houses

This 1839 classic brick house with Greek Revival details, the Esek Pray-Yan Bolt house in Superior Township, is among the seven sites Included in the 33rd annual Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation Historic Home Tour. The tour this year features three houses and a school in Superior Township and three buildings in Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Haab's Restaurant and Salt City Antiques in downtown Ypsilanti; on Washtenaw Avenue, a Norton's Flowers & Gifts; in Depot Town, at Nelson Amos Studio and in downtown Plymouth, at Saxton's Garden Center. Tickets are \$12 on tour day available from the Ypsilanti Historical Museum on North Huron Street and Haab's Restaurant on Michigan Avenue. For more information, contact Penny Schreiber at (734) 483-5688 or penny8@comcast.net or Jan Arps-Prundeanu at (734) 426-5057 or janarps60@gmail.com.

RELINION CALENDAR

Class of 1975
Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is 550 per person; ticket deadline is Oct. 1. Make checks payable to Joanne Plasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, M. 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion @gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.
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Be part of a 'flash mob' at Detroit Zoo

Flash mobs are all the rage. They've "frozen" at shopping malls, invaded at least one retail store and danced a chorreographed routine at a cider mill and annual Detroit auto show over the past few years. Now you have the chance to be a part of one at 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak.

Visitors will "freeze" for three minutes in a flash mob around the Rackham Fountain.

What exactly is a flash mob? It's an organized group of individuals who choreograph a stunt or action and then perform it at a specific time in a public space. That action could involve movement, such as a dance routine, pillow fighting, or freezing in place. Ideally, onlookers aren't aware a flash mob is about to assemble in their midst. They're not "in" on the joke until it happens. After the mob finishes the dance, freeze or other action, its par-

ticipants disperse into the surrounding crowd.

Those who want to "Freeze at the Detroit Zoo" should arrive at the Zoo's Main Picnic Grove by 10:30 a.m. for instructions, Regular admission and parking fees will apply. Participants will receive "I Froze at the Detroit Zoo" buttons while supplies last.

The Detroit Zoo is located at 10 Mile (1-696 service drive) and Woodward Avenue, in Royal Oak, It's open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily, with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Labor Day, Hours change to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October.

Admission is \$11 for adults, 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$7 for children, ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo. org.

Musicians wanted for area concert band

The Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society announces the formation of its third organization.

The OLPS Concert Band will begin rehearsals on Sept. 15. Adult musicians and 11th- and 12th-graders are invited to join the group for Wednesday night rehearsals at the Madonna University/Orchard Lake Center campus, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, on the corner of Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. The Community Band will be conducted by Joshua James. The OLPS Symphony Orchestra is beginning its fourth season on Tuesday, Sept. 14, under the direction of Sue Mutter. Weekly rehearsals will take place at OCC, Orchard Ridge campus (off Orchard Lake Road, just south of 12 Mile). Please see the website for instruments needed.

The second season of the dynamic OLPS Jazz Orchestra continues its rehearsals on Thursday nights at Madonna University/Orchard Lake Center campus under the direction of Joshua James. Last year's group 'wowed' audiences with its interpretation of the music. Additional musicians are encouraged to join. Check the website for a list of instruments needed.

For more information and registration for all three groups, please log on to www.OLPSmusic.org.

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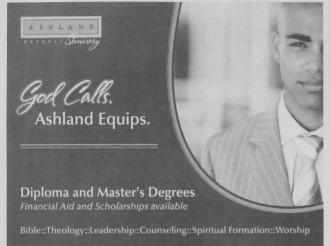
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Fun in the sun

This summertime snapshot was submitted by Valerie Schultheis, a Garden City resident and Canton Police Department records bureau staffer. The dog in the picture belongs to Valerie and her husband, George. Gho is I year and 9 months old. The picture was taken last summer in their back yard in Garden City. He loves to run around the yard playing ball then jumping into the pond to cool off, 'Valerie Schultheis said. 'He loves to work and help out around the house by picking things up and handing them to us. He is a true heel dog and i always at his daddy's feet or in his truck.'



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Jack and Mildred Barnum of Livonia will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31.

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They are the parents of James Barnum of St. Louis, Mo., and Barbara Barnum Quinn of Canton and the grandparents of Melanie, Scott, and Ryan (Jessica) Quinn. They are also the great-grandparents of Jackson, 4, and Annabelle, 1.

Jack was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War II. He worked for Ford Motor Company for more than 39 years. Mildred was a secretary for Lincoln Park Public Schools and a homemaker.

Jack and Mildred lived in Lincoln Park before moving to Livonia more than 30 years



Mildred and Jack Barnum on their wedding day



Irene and Robert Siedlik of Livonia

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Robert Joseph and Irene Helen (Chora) Siedlik of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 17 with family and friends. The couple met in kindergarten and knew each other through grade school and high school. They started dating when Robert was discharged from the U.S. Army, Irene encouraged Robert to get his high school diploma. He graduated June 15, 1950, and they married two days later. They had close to 1,000 guests at the wedding.

Robert and Irene have three children, Mark (Sherry) Siedlik of Canton, Denise (Jeff) Berthiaume of Canton and David (Cathy) Siedlik of Livonia.

They also have four grand-children, Lauren, Matthew,



Rachel and Caroline



er and Brad Wilson celebrate their one-year anniversary

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Brad and Heather (O'Malley) Wilson celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary with family and friends recently in Charlevoix. The couple married July 25, 2009, at St. John's in Plymouth. Heather, who grew up in Livonia, met Brad, an Imlay City native, at Western Michigan University. Both teach in St. Joseph. They topped off their week of celebration by attending the out-door wedding of their good friends, Bob Armbrister and Kristen Krause, July 23 in Traverse City.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

David L. and Phyllis (Sutherland)
Madison of Farmington Hills celebrated
35 years of marriage with a family dinner
at their favorite restaurant.
The couple were married July 9, 1975 at
their home in Southfield.
Their children are Ken Madison of
Brighton; twins Pam and Pat Madison,
who live in Fowlerville, and Texas, respectively, Ron Madison of Westland, the late
Laura Madison Langham; Lisa Chapman
of Livonia, and Amy Garber of Ann Arbor.
They also have 15 grandchildren and

four great-grandchildren.

David and Phyllis are retired. She previously worked as a bookkeeper at Laventhol & Horwath. He owned a scrap metal business and leased cars. Phyllis is an award-winning painter in a senior art group and loves crossword puzzles. David is a dedicated sci-fi reader and bridge player. Together, they love assembling huge, challenging puzzles.

They have enjoyed travelling the United States over the years and visiting their family, although their favorite travel destination is Hawaii.

David and Phyllis Madison of Farmington Hills



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St. Mary Mercy helps seniors at new emergency department

An emergency room visit can be stressful for anyone, but senior citizens can find the experience overwhelming.

To answer the needs of an aging population, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia opened the area's first emergency department dedicated to the needs of senior citizens July 14.

It is a regional initiative of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, (a member of Trinity Health), but Livonia's was the first to open, according to Jennifer Kennedy, director of marketing/public relations St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, said, "Data shows that many seniors who visit the emergency department have complex conditions including multiple chronic illnesses, are on a number of medications, or have repeat visits. These new services are specifically geared to identify their unique needs, offer a physical environment that is more responsive to seniors and to reduce anxiety.

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responsive to seniors and to reduce anxiety.

"Since the opening of our Senior Emergency Department we've had an extremely favorable response among patients and their caregivers, physicians and staff. We're pleased to be able to provide this exceptional service to our communities," added Spivey.

"This is Michigan's first implementation of a dedicated program addressing the emergency care needs and physical comforts of adults ages 65 and up," explained Garry C. Faja, president and CEO, St. Joseph Mercy Health System. "Since its opening, St. Mary Mercy-Livonia has had extremely favorable responses from patients and caregivers, families, physicians and staff."

Seniors often find a visit to a hospital emergency department to be overwhelming due to factors such as loud noise, a lack of privacy and the fast pace of interactions with staff. Poor hearing and neurological limitations often make it hard for seniors to understand.

Jack Weiner, president and CEO, St.
Joseph Mercy Oakland (Pontiac), said,
"This is a continuation of our commitment to meeting the unique needs of our patients. Seniors have a unique set of situations that affect the delivery of their care. The Senior ED is a program that's structured to meet the particular needs of the senior population and to ensure that they have an outstanding and comprehensive experience."

Pressure-reducing mattresses to minimize soreness during longer stays, soft lighting, noise buffers, reclining chairs, large-print charts and discharge papers, oversized clocks, large print way-finding signs and non-slip/non-glare floors are among the amenities in a senior emergency department. Additionally, items frequently forgotten when a patient is rushed to the emergency department are provided, such as reading glasses and hearing enhancement technology.
"Our vision is to create a remarkable patient experience supporting the specific needs of seniors, their families and caregivers," Faja says. "Each emergency department will take extra steps to create that experience, which will offer additional comfort, safety, communication and security."

By Jan. 1, 2011, emergency departments

experience, which will ofter additional comfort, safety, communication and security."

By Jan. 1, 2011, emergency departments at Chelsea Community Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor, St. Joseph Mercy-Brighton, St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland, St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland, St. Joseph Mercy-Port Huron, and Andrew Hu

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es on treating patients' immediate health concerns and discharging them as quickly as possible so that additional patients can be seen.

Given the emphasis on speed, older patients often do not receive or understand instructions on what they should do to address their health issues once they return home. In addition, factors such as limited transportation, unfamiliarity with technology and difficulty dealing with bureaucracy may prevent them from going to follow-up doctor's appointments and/or obtaining needed medications in a timely manner. As a result, seniors have a high rate of return visits to the emergency department, leading to high costs.

With this program, medical staffs at each facility are taking additional geriatric emergency medicine training and nursing staffs will complete Geriatric Emergency Nursing Education through the Emergency Nurses Association. These courses allow physicians and nurses to sensitively and appropriately identify and treat patients with pre-existing conditions, multiple medications, dementia, living condition concerns, nutrition and depression. During a patient's stay at the senior emergency

department, a multidisciplinary team will assess physical function, cognitive status and level of risk. The approach will also include pharmacy and social work consultations, which will help seniors and their caregivers develop a care plan upon discharge from the emergency department. The new emergency department is part of a growing trend to meet the needs of an aging population. In late 2008, Holy Cross Hospital (a member of the Trinity Health) in Silver Springs, Md., north of Washington, D.C., was the first hospital in the nation to create an emergency room specifically tailored to serve seniors.

Earlier this year, Bill Thomas, M.D., an international authority on geriatric medicine and elder care, visited Livonia to discuss senior emergency departments with hospital leadership and staff members. He is a consulting physician on the program. Trinity Health is the fourth-largest Catholic health care system in the country. Based in Novi, Trinity Health operates 44 acute-care hospitals, 379 outpatient facilities, 33 long-term care facilities and numerous home health offices and hospice programs in eight states.

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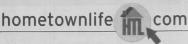
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20 Jobs That Pay Big Without a Degree

That the job market has been tough for the suddenly struggled to find work and find industries that offered some security. Many of these people became job seekers after their companies began laying off workers, not because they wanted to change jobs.

education became the best option for job seekers who wanted to improve their résumés and gain a competitive edge in their hunts. Although earning a degree is an excellent move for several reasons, it's not the best choice for everyone. For one thing, education is expensive. If your problem is that you need to get a job in order to pay bills, school might not be your answer. Earning a degree is also time consuming and takes one or more years, depending on whether you want an associate bachelor's or higher. Therefore, waiting to see the benefits of years of hard work isn't appealing to

That's why we've put together a list of jobs that don't require college degrees and pay well. In some experience might be necessary, but the minimum requirements for these positions don't involve a college

degree.

If you're in the market for a job that doesn't require a degree but does come with a nice salary, here are 20 jobs to consider and their average annual salary 1 Aides supervisor

1. Aides supervisor

Aides supervisors typically supervise home-health aides, monitoring quality of care and setting work

supervisor \$61,208

Assembly supervisors oversee workers who put together products by using power tools or other dangerous

3. Assistant site manager \$87,614

At a construction site, assistant site managers managers and plan, direct and coordina

4. Automobile service station manager \$82,398

executing plans accordingly. The supervisor also performs some of the carpentry duties if



up guidelines for gas stations and automotive repair shops and decides on

hours of operation, assigns job duties and sets prices for services and products.

5. Cable supervisor

Cable supervisors monitor workers who install, maintain and repair cables, and also perform related

6. Carpenter supervisor \$71,404

Carpenter supervisors work on a specified project to ensure that workers are on

time permits.

7. Chemical supervisor \$68,071

Chemical supervisors oversee workers who make chemical products, which involves handling dangerous substances and following strict

8. Construction equipment operator

These operators are in charge of the large tools and equipment used during construction projects and they also inspect the equipment for safety and performance issues

9. Credit and collection supervisor \$61,962

\$61,962 Credit and collection supervisors manage employees who calculate credit risks and collections, and they sometimes review client credit history to grant or deny extensions of

10. Data control supervisor \$61,691

supervisors manage data entry workers and are responsible for the completion and accuracy of that work. On occasion they help with

11. Electrical repairer

Electrical repairers disassemble and fix problematic electrics equipment and their components, which can range from small mechanisms to large technological systems depending on the specifics of the job

12. Flight service

manager \$68,572 Airlines hire flight service managers to ensure that flight attendants adhere to personal appearance and preflight requirements. They also compile flight reports

13. Gas plant operator \$64,608

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14. Home care aide supervisor \$67,032

Home care aides assist homebound patients with daily activities and some rehabilitation exercises, and the supervisor ensures that all patients are being taken care of properly by their

15. Housekeeping facility \$61,304

In a medical facility, the housekeeping manager sets the schedules and tasks for his or her team. Housekeeping duties vary depending on the type of medical facility, but managers must work with other hospital staff to ensure they are following health and

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16. Illustrator \$54,565
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17. Lead carpenter \$69,431

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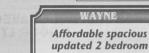
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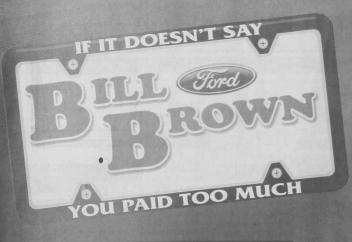


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