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Memorial fund

A fund-raiser for the Dustin Piepsney Memorial Fund takes place 7-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Westland Bowl in Westland.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the memorial fund, established in conjunction with the Canton Community Foundation by Dustin Piepsney

by Dustin's parents, Bill and Amy Piepsney of Canton, in honor of their son, who died in December 2008. The fund provides scholarships to students in the Plymouth-Canton community.

For more information, call Bill Piepsney at (734) 748-0659.

Diaper drive

Last year the Canton Public Library netted more than 17,000 diapers in a drive to help the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank. So many diapers, in fact, library staff remarked it would fill a truck.

So that's exactly what the library intends to do for the Nov. 17-18 "Stuff the Truck Diaper Drive." "Fat Chef in a Little Coat" owners Steve and David Hulett donated a truck and our director, Eva Davis, is camping out in it during the drive," library spokesperson Laurie Golden said. "Last year, we had a mountain of diapers. We are hoping for even more community support as the need is ongoing."

The drive is part of the Diaper Bank's larger goal of collecting 100,000 diapers by Thanksgiving. As Mary Beth Levin, executive director and founder, said, "The cost of diapers is not covered by WIC, food stamps and, in most circumstances, Medicare, and many in our community are in need. We partner with family services agencies, homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, food pantries, senior agencies and other human service agencies to support individuals and families in need."

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton. For more information on the drive, call (734) 397-0999, ext. 1078.

Recycle day

Metro Detroit often makes its way onto many unwelcome "lists." On Nov. 15, and throughout the rest of the month, the southeast Michigan Play It Again Sports locations, including the Canton stores, are challenging metro Detroiters to put the area on the map as one of the greenest when it comes to recycling.

Since 1997, groups of environmental enthusiasts have designated Nov. 15 as America Recycles Day to inform people about the benefits and importance of year-round recycling.

As an incentive, Play It Again Sports will offer an additional 20 percent on items bought in Nov. 15 during America Recycles Day. The Canton store is located at 42079 Ford Road.



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Marine Cpl. (Ret.) Don J. Mooney was keynote speaker at Thursday's Salute to Service event at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Honoring their service

Canton pays tribute to military veterans

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Canton hosted a "Salute To Service" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

A year after he returned from the Al Asad Air Base in Iraq, U.S. Army Sgt. Michael Potrzebowski stood near the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park as the sun shone as brightly as a new day of freedom.

"I wanted to honor all the veterans," he said. It was the first of two events honoring veterans in the Canton community Thursday. In the evening, veterans and community members gathered to honor vets in Canton's annual "Salute to Service" event at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Potrzebowski, an Army cook now in the reserves, came to a Thursday morning Veterans Day ceremony to honor those who served in wars before he did, such as the late U.S. Staff Sgt. Ed Rowe, a family friend whose memory lives on after a new brick paver was installed in his honor at the Canton Veterans Memorial.

Veterans, their families and supporters gathered at the memorial for a solemn ceremony that came hours before a stirring tribute, dubbed the Salute to Service, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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District was ready for student drop

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The budget isn't the only facet of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools being affected by the long-struggling Michigan economy.

School officials believe the small drop in students in the district — there are 119 fewer this year than last — can be attributed at least in part to the fact fewer younger families are moving into the district. The bulk of the student loss is at the elementary level.

"Younger families are more transient, but in this economy nobody is moving," Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel said. "Everyone is losing kids at that (elementary) level."

The district, the state's third-largest, had 18,630 students when the count

was conducted, compared to 18,749 the same time last year. The 16 elementary schools dropped 247 students. Only five elementary schools — Workman (up 29 kids), Smith (up four), Bird (up 18), Field (up three) and Hoben (up 12) — saw increases.

The news is better at the middle schools, where four of Plymouth-Canton's five buildings saw an increase in students. Pioneer was the only building with a loss, and it was only four students.

All three high schools saw an increase in students, though Plymouth High was up only three students.

The drop had virtually no effect on the district's budget, though, because administrators figured a 100-student loss into the 2010-11 budget. Plymouth-Canton gets

\$7,450 per student in state funding.

Even with the drop in students, Fiegel said, several of the district's schools are at or near capacity, a fact the district may have to deal with in the future. A continuing decline in elementary-age students, for instance, could mean the district will need to move some students around.

But Fiegel was quick to point out Plymouth-Canton isn't in that boat. "If you continue to lose elementary kids at that level for a continued period of time, you might have to think about moving some things around," Fiegel said. "We've got a couple of buildings that are at capacity, but we're nowhere near that point."

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Nonprofit role critical amid fund challenges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid government spending cuts and a burgeoning cry for help among community residents, the role of charitable foundations and nonprofit organizations will become increasingly critical even as they face greater challenges raising money.

That was the sobering message brought to Canton as John Colina, president of the Southgate-based Colina Foundation, gave the keynote address Wednesday during the second annual Canton Community Foundation Philanthropy Summit.

Colina, a former beer distributor turned philanthropist, said his family's foundation has \$2 million in assets and gives \$120,000 a year — much of it to boost early childhood education programs.

"If we are going to resolve the issue of poverty," he said, "it starts with education."

Yet the Colina Foundation has found that, amid a deep economic recession, it has shifted some of its focus from education efforts to giving money to provide food and other basic needs.

"We're paying a lot more attention this year to basic issues. Hunger is a basic

issue," Colina said during Wednesday's program at Canton's Summit on the Park.

He cited the Downriver-based Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry as one nonprofit organization that has reached out for more help to meet a growing need for food.

Colina's family started its foundation in 1992, and even his grandchildren are involved. The foundation helps nonprofits and other organizations, not only in the Detroit area, but also in places such as Kalamazoo and Bellevue, Colo., where Colina's children live and provide support.

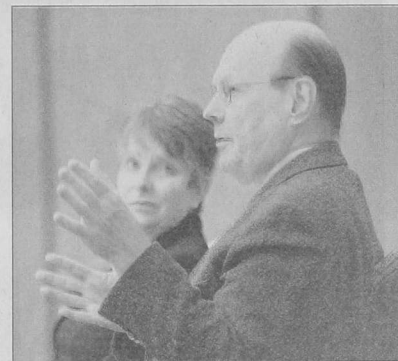
His reason for starting a family foundation was simple.

"I was more interested in saving kids than I was in selling Budweiser," he said.

Colina said organizations such as the Canton Community Foundation can play a critical role in bringing together businesses, nonprofit groups and local governments to pool resources and reduce duplication of efforts to make a difference in local communities.

He cited networking and collaboration as key ways the various entities can

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Speaker John Colina, of the Colina Family Foundation, speaking with representatives of local nonprofit organizations. Behind Colina is Canton Community Foundation's Joan Noricks.

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Board recognizes teen's honest effort

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although he's a student at Canton High School, 16-year-old Zachary McArdle has a lesson to teach — honesty.

And, this 11th-grader's lesson earned him an award Tuesday night from Canton's elected officials.

McArdle was leaving a school parking lot on Joy Road back in August when he noticed cash lying on the sidewalk. He could have picked it up, pocketed it and kept it for himself, and no one likely would have known.

Yet, after all three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were notified, the money — more than \$200 — was ultimately turned over to the Canton Police Department.

His honesty earned him a Citizen's Citation as his parents,

John and Merrill McArdle, proudly watched Tuesday night during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj made a point to compliment McArdle's parents for teaching him honesty and instilling in him good decision-making that prompted him to turn the money over to authorities.

Said McArdle, "I knew it was the right thing to do."

His parents snapped pictures as he was honored with a township board resolution that honored him for his "honesty and willingness to do the right thing."

For now, Canton police are holding the money until the rightful owner can prove it is theirs. If that doesn't happen, McArdle could end up with the cash anyway — a just reward, some might say, for a student who taught a lesson in honesty.

NONPROFITS

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strive collectively to address local needs. Moreover, he said charitable organizations will increasingly need to reach out to donors, who can face a difficult time deciding which groups best fulfill their money-giving goals.

"Don't ignore your donor base," Colina advised nonprofit and foundation representatives attending the philanthropy summit. "Don't ignore building that relationship."

Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation president, said that has been the goal of the two philanthropy summits. She hopes to bring together the foundation, nonprofit groups, donors and professional advisers in hopes that, together, they can make a difference in the local community.

Noricks said it's critical for nonprofit groups to consider



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Representatives from local nonprofits gathered at The Summit for the philanthropy meeting.

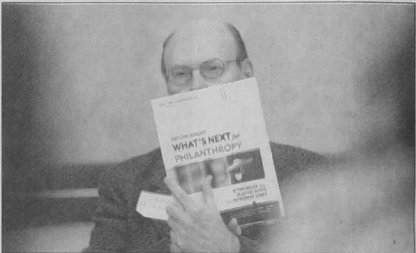
establishing an endowment fund with organizations such as the Canton Community Foundation — a move that can help them to tap into donors and build a larger pot of money to help others.

"It's even more important

now with the way the economy is," she said.

For more information about the Canton Community Foundation or to donate to one of its charitable funds, visit the website at www.cantonfoundation.org.

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John Colina offers ideas to nonprofit organizations.



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Goodfellow help

Friendly, adult Canton residents are needed for AM/PM shifts on Saturday, Dec. 4, to distribute Canton Goodfellows newspapers for donations at locally secured businesses.

The reward for this one-time commitment, Goodfellows officials point out, is "knowing you provided a Canton family toys, gifts and their Christmas meal. Feel free to invite a friend/neighbor to participate along with you."

All newspaper sales volunteers will be entered into a raffle for a performance at the award winning Cherry Hill Village Theatre. Additional volunteer opportunities available.

Call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 for details/to sign up or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com

Senior party

The P-CEP Senior All Night Party is planning their first fund-raiser 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., in Canton.

You will be able to place orders and have the items delivered in time for the Holiday Gift Giving Season. Come shop with top companies such as Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Silpada, Lisa Sophia and more.

All money raised supports the 2011 Senior All Night Party.

PCA auction

Plymouth Christian Academy invites the community to an "Under the Sea" themed auction on Friday, Nov. 19, in the school gymnasium.

The evening begins with a silent auction and dinner at 5 p.m. and a live auction at 7 p.m. Bid on items such as a ride on the Red Wings Zamboni, a flight in a B-17 Flying Fortress, vacation packages, an Extreme Bedroom Makeover with a professional designer, electronics, dinners, services, and much more.



Concert time

"Wrapped Up With Strings!" – the annual Christmas Concert of the BeckRidge Choral – will fill the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill and Northville High School with the excitement and majesty of the season. "The concert reminds me of that great line from the movie Forrest Gump, 'It's like a box of chocolates, you don't know what you're going to get,'" said Artistic Director Michael Gross. "The concert is designed to touch all our senses." Middle School Chorus from West Middle School in Plymouth and Hillside Middle School in Northville will be joining the choral for their annual concert. "Wrapped Up With Strings!" plays 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Village Theatre in Canton. Performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 are at Northville High School. Tickets range from \$12 to \$18 and are available online at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459-4887.

Dress is casual and child care is available.

Proceeds from the auction will help fund educational programs, scholarships, and technology. Click on "PCA News" on the website (www.plymouthchristian.org) or call the office for more information, (734) 459-3505.

Hero salute

The Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Whalers hockey team will be hosting a night to 'Salute to Our Heroes' on Nov. 20.

The game begins at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena on Beck Road in Plymouth Township, and representatives from military branches will be honored with a certificate of thanks after the first period. Guests may also write postcards that will be sent to the troops overseas, and any active or veteran military members wearing their armed forces uniform will get into the game for free.

For additional questions, contact Krista Strobel at kstrobel@ameritech.net or call (734) 453-6879, Ext. 14.

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting on Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth (just north of North Territorial).

The meeting will feature the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's (P-CEP) Madrigal Singers. Many other fun activities are planned to start the holiday season.

Light refreshments will be served.

AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at emelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Crafts and baked goods

St. Thomas a'Becket Church hosts its 20th annual Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 75 crafters will be on hand to help you

find those one-of-a-kind gifts for your family and friends. In addition, there will be a bake sale featuring many delicious home-baked goodies.

Admission is \$2 and children under 12 are free. Lunch will also be available for purchase. St. Thomas a'Becket is located at 555 S. Lilley Rd. on the southwest corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill in Canton.

For more information visit the church's website at www.abecket.org

Youth Block-in

Canton's popular after school hang out spot, The BLOCK Youth & Teen Center, is turning into an all night Block-In party Friday, Nov. 19, to Saturday, Nov. 20. From 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. kids from ages 11-17 can have plenty of fun, hangout and spend the night with their best friends. The kids will be busy with games, activities and food, including dinner, a midnight snack and breakfast.

Students in grades 6-12 can enjoy a fun, teen-friendly atmosphere with all of

their favorite activities. The BLOCK, located at 44237 W. Michigan Avenue, provides a computer lab with internet, Nintendo Wii, Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Pool Tables, Air Hockey, Foosball, a big screen TV, a quiet study room and a cafe for snacks and small meals, all in a safe and supervised environment.

BLOCK-IN fee is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non residents. Register today at www.Cantonfun.org or call (734) 398-5570.

Holiday workshops

Register now for all the Holiday Workshops at D & M Art Studios in Canton.

The schedule starts with "All Day Paints" Friday, Nov. 26, (4 hours and 2 hours), with "Animals, Animals, Animals" then move into Christmas Kids Only Fine Art Gift Giving Workshops Dec. 18 and Dec. 23.

The studio holds a ceramic workshop Dec. 8, followed by after Christmas four-hour and two-hour Drawing and Painting Workshops Dec. 28-30.

For more information, call (734) 453-3710 or check the website at www.dmartstudio.com for dates and times for regular fall classes, home school classes and workshops.

Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the community "check out" Canton businesses.

"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.

Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers.

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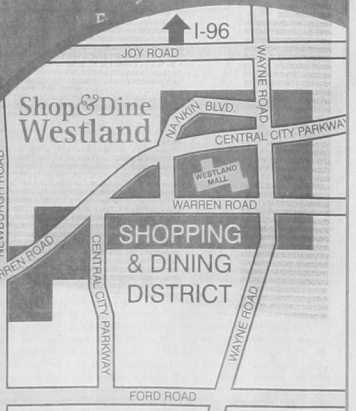
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District dedicates its Alternative Energies Park

BY SUE MASON
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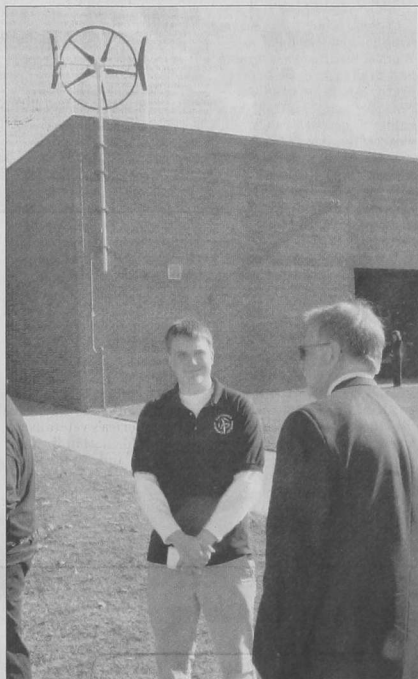
Mother Nature offered up a beautiful fall day last Monday, with one exception: there was no wind.

That didn't matter to students who showed off their knowledge about wind turbines and solar panels during the dedication of the Alternative Energies Park at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

"We need a cut-in speed of 8 mph to start it working and it can go up to a maximum of 145 mph," said Nicolas Gonzalez, who was manning an information station for a wall-mounted, Michigan-made Cascade SWIFT wind turbine. "A SWIFT turbine can produce 1,200 kilowatts with an 11.2 mph annual average wind speed and 1,900 kilowatts with a 13.4 mph annual average wind speed."

The Redford Union High School student is enrolled in the center's new alternative energies program that offers hands-on training on green careers. At the heart of the program is the equipment acquired through a \$1 million Renewable Energy Education Grant offered through the state of Michigan.

The park includes three wind turbines — a 33-foot tall Sky Stream wind turbine erected near the gazebo between the center and the district's administrative offices; the Cascade SWIFT, which is mounted on the south side of the center near the auto



Redford Union High School student Nicolas Gonzalez explains the Cascade SWIFT wind turbine to William Gabriel, a Wayne-Westland school board trustee and controller for the city of Westland.

technology; and a four-foot tall Bergey turbine, which is being used in the classroom.

There also is a solar array

panel set up near the Sky Stream, biofuel equipment, a biomass converter and a weather station.



Students Nolan Edwards and Aman Brar explain the Bergey wind turbine to Paul Salah, Wayne-Westland's senior executive director of instruction. The four-foot Bergey is used for classroom instruction.

"It's hands-on, it's really exciting," Gonzalez said. "At first I thought it was robotics, but when I heard it was alternative energy, I jumped in. I plan on going into alternative energy after I'm out of school."

State, school and local officials toured the park, stopping to hear from the students.

"This is incredible,"

Westland Mayor William Wild said. "These are the jobs of the future. The students seem very excited and are very knowledgeable."

During his time in office, Wild has established a Mission: Green program aimed at cutting Westland's carbon footprint. His go green push prompted city Controller William Gabriel to point out the mayor to Gonzalez.

"You need to pitch it to the

mayor that we need wind turbines and solar panels to reduce energy costs," said Gabriel, who also is a Wayne-Westland school board member.

"Solar and wind power can get energy costs down, but not without a cost. It takes time to get these things going," Gonzalez said. "As technology improves, the cost will go down."

Brion Dickens of Woodland Wind LLC in Pigeon had the task of installing the equipment. In fact, he has the job of installing the same setup at 15 schools around the state which received the grant. With Wayne-Westland's done, he has 13 more to do by next May.

"When we do biomass, there's nothing more exciting than to see students shredding books and creating pellets and

then tell them it'll heat the superintendent's office. It puts a smile on their faces," he said. "One day when we have kids playing on a playground under a 65-kilowatt turbine, that will be the norm."

"Michigan undeniably is going green, and Wayne-Westland and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center must stay on the cutting edge to prepare students for the jobs of the future and this equipment does just that," said Steven Kay, the center's principal.

Pointing out that Germany is leading the way on solar power, Gonzalez noted that the United States should not be buying all of its energy needs.

"We shouldn't take it all in and not give anything back," he said. "That's why this is so great for the environment."

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In addition to patients recovering from orthopedic surgery and stroke, Four Seasons provides standardized testing for Alzheimer's/Dementia. The results are used to determine skills that need to be relearned such as hand to mouth coordination for eating and bladder retraining for toileting. During the summer, spring and autumn months a walking path helps reduce anxiety.

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VETERANS

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Vietnam War veteran Thomas Akins, 67, served as an artillery air traffic controller training soldiers at Ford Hood, Texas, in 1966-68. He and others faced the U.S. flag at the memorial and pledged their allegiance to a lasting symbol of freedom.

"I came to show my support and honor the veterans, and I think it's wonderful that the men and women came out for this," Akins said.

Vietnam veteran Dan Michael, 67, recalled repairing radios on combat airplanes when he served in the U.S. Marine Corps's air control squadron in Okinawa, Japan.

"People have to realize why America is what it is today," Michael said, summing up the feelings of many who came out to honor veterans.

Vietnam veteran Rick Popa, 64, was with the 258th Military Police Co. at Ford Hood, Texas, but Thursday he read a prayer for veterans, shortly before another Vietnam veteran, John Spencer, made his remarks as he stood in front of the memorial.

"We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded," said Spencer,



Keri Mueller, music teacher at Workman Elementary, sings 'The Star Spangled Banner.'



The Canton Police Honor Guard posts the colors with a little help from a few Cub Scouts.

a member of the Plymouth-based Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and the VFW Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695. "We can, however,

recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today."

Vietnam Veterans fired shots during an honor vol-



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The Canton Police Honor Guard enters with the colors at Canton's Salute to Service event.

ley to pay tribute to those who have fought, died in and survived wars, and member Rich Mazurkiewicz played *Taps*.

Thursday night, retired Marine Don Mooney was the keynote speaker, sharing his firsthand account of landing at Inchon and forcing the enemy back past the 38th parallel.

The event also featured a video presentation including personal recollections of local

Korean War veterans.

Spencer, who led a rendition of *God Bless America*, summed up why Thursday's observance was important.

"The price of freedom is high," he said. "We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it. Today, we celebrate America's veterans for keeping this nation the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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Elks serve up steaks to area veterans

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About 100 homeless or ailing military veterans on Wednesday were treated to a steak luncheon courtesy of the Plymouth Elks Club.

It was one of the many programs for veterans — the others include regular ice-cream socials and the delivery of care package at Christmastime — sponsored by the Elks' Lodge 1780.

"As long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them," Stewart Israel, the lodge secretary, said later. Israel was the head cook on Wednesday, preparing about 100 steaks. The Blue Pigs, blues musicians from the Detroit Police Department, entertained the crowd.

The veterans, from homeless shelters and the Veterans Administration hospitals in Detroit and Ann Arbor, were bused to the Lodge 1780 headquarters in Plymouth Township. The lodge hosts the steak luncheons twice a year; the next one is scheduled for April.

Israel, who organizes regional Elks' programs for veterans, spoke Thursday during a Veterans Day commemoration at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park. He reminded the veterans in attendance how fortunate they are compared to veterans who are homeless or in the hospital.

"Those guys remember when we say 'thank you,' because they're down and out," Israel said. "The guys at the hospital and the homeless shelter aren't quite enjoying it as much as you are."

Israel said that he didn't serve in the military, but that he considers his volunteerism for veterans as his service.

Frank Pawelak, himself a U.S. Army veteran from the early 1960s, also spoke at Thursday's ceremony. Pawelak was among those who volunteered to serve Wednesday's steak dinner.

"It was a humbling experience serving these men and women," he said.

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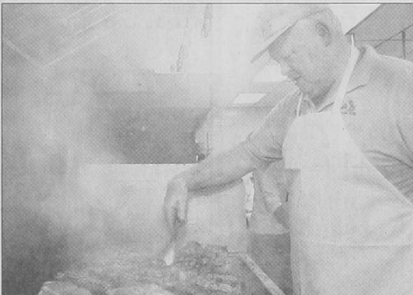


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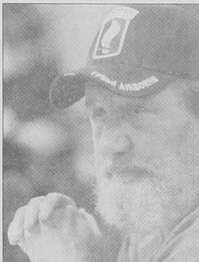
Baked potatoes are ready. Volunteers wait for steaks to come off the grill.



Chuck Kozub opens the oven door. Wilburn Fannin slides another tray of New York strip steaks into the oven to keep warm.



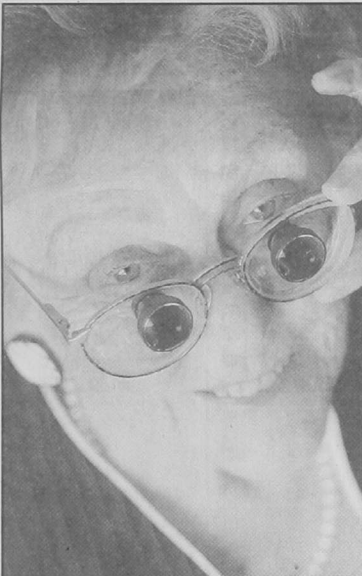
Stewart Israel mans the grill.



Veteran Richard Mamayek listens to the entertainment while waiting for a steak.



Christine Frabotta, of the Elks Club, cuts a steak for a homeless vet who has a cast on his arm.



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Nankin Hobby re-opens after 'devastating' fire

BY BILL EMERICK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Few things are more devastating to the success of a small business than a sour local economy — except possibly a fire.

For Chris Wrigley, manager of the Nankin Hobby location in Farmington, having to deal with the former was a lot easier than facing the uncertainty of the latter, but that's exactly what he and his customers had to endure March 5, when a roaring blaze virtually destroyed the store on Nine Mile, just east of Farmington Road.

It's been a long road back for Wrigley, a resident of Farmington Hills, and store owners Gary Wrigley, Chris' dad, of Livonia and Robert Rates of Westland. But since a quiet re-opening in early the September, Nankin Hobby is back on its feet and ready to host a grand re-opening event this weekend.

"It was pretty much a total loss," Chris Wrigley said of the fire that destroyed the three-year-old business in the late-night hours of Friday, March 5. "The back third of the building had to be completely rebuilt. Everything that was in the building (at the time of the fire) had to be thrown out or completely rebuilt from the ground up."

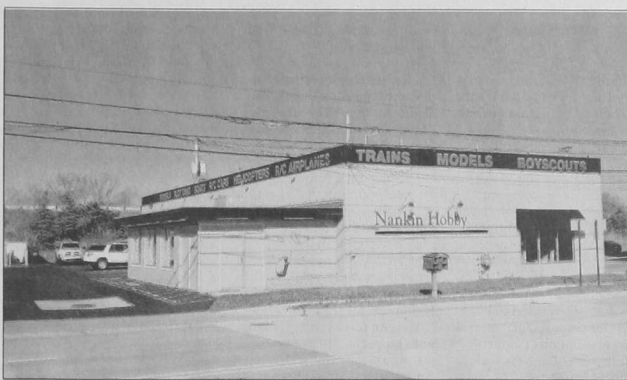
Farmington fire officials told Wrigley the fire likely started about 9:30 p.m. in the back of the building. The first call to firefighters came about 10 p.m., while Wrigley learned of the blaze and arrived on the scene about an hour later.

"It was quite devastating," Wrigley said of learning about the fire. "I thought my mom was calling to bug me, but then I learned she was calling to tell me about the fire. When I got there, flames were shooting up 30 feet into the air."

"They (firefighters) finally put it out and walked away about 7 o'clock in the morning."

According to Wrigley, there was never any question of rebuilding the store and continuing to sell its stock of remote-controlled miniature vehicles and other hobby-related toys. The original store, Nankin ACE Hardware & Hobby in Westland (at Ford and Wayne roads), has been in business since 1955.

"We have a great customer



Nankin Hobby has been restored and it's now open for business on Nine Mile, just east of Farmington Road.

GRAND RE-OPENING

Nankin Hobby, 33350 W. Nine Mile Road in Farmington, is celebrating its grand re-opening this weekend after a fire virtually destroyed the business earlier this year. Festivities are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sunday, and include free food and drinks, toys and T-shirt giveaways, a slot-car track set up for customer use and a contest with a prize of a \$200 gift card.

Nankin Hobby sells all types of remote-controlled vehicles — cars, planes, trains — as well as accessories and other hobby-related toys. It also stocks Boy Scout apparel and equipment.

Regular store hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 919-0040 or visit nankinhobby.com online.

base," Wrigley said. "We had a lot of people come and with the support we were shown, we had no doubt we'd re-open."

With the help of general contractor Charles L. Pugh Co., Inc., of Hazel Park, the building was gutted and almost entirely rebuilt in just over three months — ahead of schedule, according to Wrigley. After another two months to restock the shelves, Nankin Hobby was back in business the first of week of September, just in time for the all-important back to school sale of Boy Scout apparel and

equipment, which it also sells.

Wrigley said the store wanted time to regain its footing before throwing the doors open for a celebration.

"We didn't want to do it right away," he said. "We wanted to make sure people real-

ized we were back in business."

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Bicyclist enthusiasts can "Bike Through the Lights" at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Runners, walkers and bicyclist will be among the first to view the displays, which include an enchanting "Celebration of Lights" arch, "Cecil Magic Dragon," a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated "Old Glory," animated snowflake arches and more. In addition, there are 17 new displays for runners, walkers and bikers to look at along the route.

There will be post race food for both events, along with long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day and \$12 for high school students and younger. Both events will take place in Hines Park's Merriman Hollow area, at Merriman Road and Hines Drive, in Westland, 2.5 miles south of I-96. Registration forms can be downloaded from the county parks website atwayne-countyparks.org. Forms also can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland, Trails Edge Store in Plymouth and Total Runner store in Southgate.

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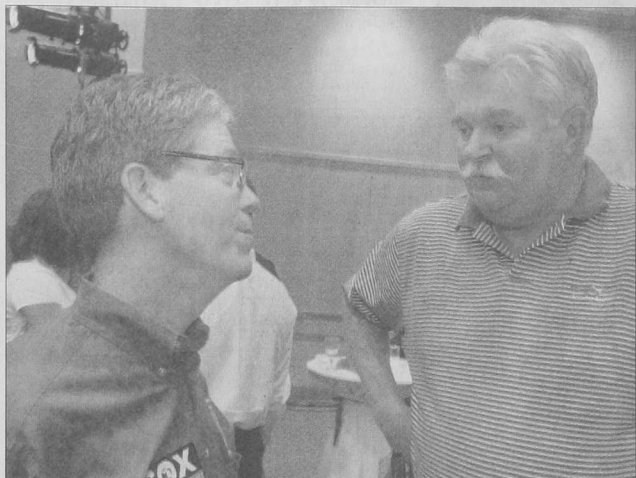
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Standing ovation greets outgoing Patterson



State Sen. Bruce Patterson (right) with state Rep. John Walsh on election night, was honored for his long service to the community at Tuesday's Canton Township board meeting.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Departing state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, received a standing ovation Tuesday night as the Canton Township Board of Trustees publicly honored him for his longtime service to the community.

Patterson offered no political advice and didn't tout his long list of accomplishments as he accepted his award.

"The lesson is to love life and live it to the fullest," he said.

Despite his years in office and his involvement in politics from Canton to Lansing, Patterson, accompanied by wife Phyllis, said "at the top of the list is being a member of this community."

Patterson served on the Wayne County Commission, was elected twice to two-year state House terms and then won two consecutive four-year Senate terms, all while accumulating numerous awards and honors from organizations

ranging from law-enforcement to the health-care industry.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who followed Patterson in the state House, said Patterson has been "a great friend to me" in the 32 years they have known each other.

The township board adopted a formal resolution honoring Patterson as "a strong advocate for Canton in Lansing" and also recognized his hometown efforts to help establish the Downtown Development Authority district along Ford Road.

Patterson also served on Canton's Merit Commission and was instrumental in developing a township person-

nel policy manual. He served as president of the Canton Economic Club and board member of the Schoolcraft College Foundation and the Plymouth-Canton Schools Educational Excellence Foundation.

Patterson served on the Canton Community Foundation's board of directors and was inducted in 1992 into the Canton Hall of Fame, which recognizes residents for long-term service to the township.

Patterson, a term-limited state senator, leaves at year's end. He will be replaced by senator-elect Patrick Colbeck, (R-Canton), who defeated four opponents in the Nov. 2 election.

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'Hall' of a guy

Canton's Drewicz finally gets call to join father in USSSA Hall of Fame

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chuck Drewicz played men's softball well enough to be on Mike Itch's short-lived Detroit Caesars professional team of the late 1970s and to be inducted into the Michigan USSSA Hall of Fame.

The pitcher and first baseman reinvented himself after his playing days, and during the 1980s and 1990s helped coach a string of national championship women's slow-pitch teams in the United States Specialty Sports Association.

Now the Canton resident finally gets his due. On Friday evening, he'll be officially inducted into the USSSA National Hall of Fame in the managers-coaches category.

"I would say this is the icing on top of the mountain, on top of the cake, whatever you want to call it," said the affable Drewicz, 58. "Did I think this was going to happen? No, not after I didn't make it in the men's (player) category a couple times."

"Then I got a phone call last year saying I was nominated in the manager-coach category."

The waiting for big-time recognition is about to end. Many members of his extended family of softball friends will travel to the ceremonies in Daytona Beach, Fla. to help Drewicz celebrate.

TRUE MENTOR

"It's awesome," said Allison Cole, a Wyandotte resident who played on several

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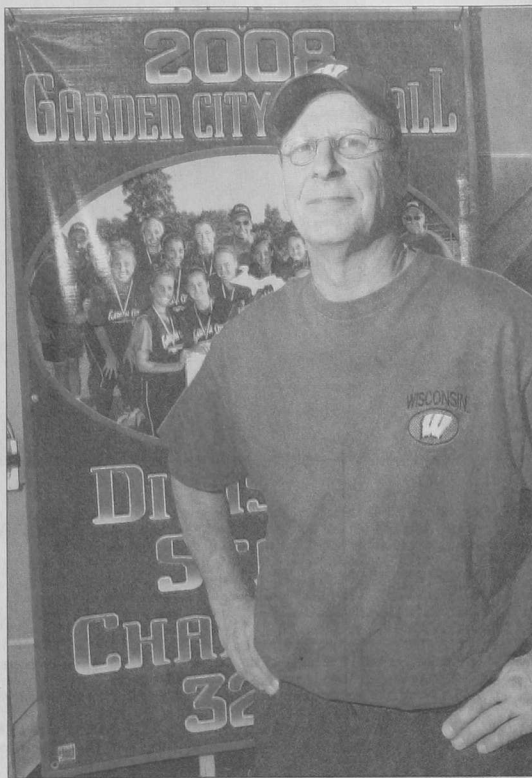
Who: Chuck Drewicz, 58-year-old Canton resident and Garden City assistant softball coach.

What: On Friday in Daytona Beach, Fla., Drewicz will be inducted into the USSSA National Hall of Fame for his long and distinguished women's softball coaching career. He will then be part of the first father-son combo in the USSSA Hall of Fame: his late father, Carl, was inducted in the umpires category.

Miscellany: Drewicz also is in the Michigan USSSA Hall of Fame for his stellar playing career in softball. He grew up in Wisconsin and remains a huge fan of the Green Bay Packers.

Family: His wife is Sue, who has a 27-year-old son (Mike) from a previous marriage. Carl Drewicz passed in 2000; Chuck's mom, Bernie, and stepmom, Mel, also have died.

Other: Drewicz is nearing 20 years as an employee of a Ford Motor Co. subcontractor, based out of Flat Rock. He previously worked for GM.



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Canton resident Chuck Drewicz stands proudly in front of the Division 1 championship banner won in 2008 by Garden City's varsity softball team. Drewicz, a native of Wisconsin, was an assistant to head coach Barry Patterson that season and continues to help out with the Cougars.

Elite 8 next for Eagles

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last month, Plymouth Christian needed to win the fourth and fifth sets to get past pesky Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in a conference volleyball matchup.

That experience proved helpful Thursday, as the Eagles overcame a slight bump in the road against the Lancers, winning 3-1 in the

VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS

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PCA (28-9-2) and Oakland Christian split the first two games of the night (25-20, 23-25) before taking control in Game 3 with a 25-13 victory.

The Eagles then clinched their first ever regional title with a 25-12 win in Game 4 behind sterling serving from senior setter Brianna Harris (27 assists, 21 service points, 5 kills, 5 aces). PCA, part of the Elite Eight, will now visit quarterfinal host Deckerville at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"We lost the second game,

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JOHN KEMSKI

There's Jacksonville State spirit wear everywhere as Salem senior Nicole Merget signs her National Letter of Intent Wednesday. At left is Rocks' volleyball coach Amanda (Suder) Nies.

Letter-perfect: Merget signs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Nicole Merget could take the rest of Salem's volleyball team down to Jacksonville State University next year, she would in a heartbeat.

The 6-3 Salem senior middle blocker's heart is as big as she is tall. But the constraints of her newly minted National Letter of Intent only enables her to leave for the Alabama campus come 2011-12.

Merget on Wednesday — in a room jammed with Rocks, who wouldn't miss the moment for anything — signed the paperwork that ensures a full-ride, four-year scholarship to play Division I volleyball (and study nursing) in the deep south. "We're thrilled," said Nicole's dad, Rob Merget of Canton. "It's four hard years she's put in, both with Salem and with her

club season with Michigan Elite.

"Her mom (Nina) and I, we're very, very proud of what she's accomplished. She's worked hard and her work's paid off."

SHOWING SUPPORT

Although JSU officials could not make the ceremony, senior teammates such as Lauren Aschermann, Kerry MacDonald, Jillian Somerville and Kerstin Johnson did. Even a Plymouth High School player, Laura Schmid, made sure to be there for Merget.

"I was so proud of the girls this season, this was actually like my funnest season," said Merget, following the signing. "I'm really going to miss Salem volleyball a lot."

"And this (the Salem contingent), it means a lot to me, because it's going to be

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Pee Wees hit community service target

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's one particular area youth hockey team that's collectively taking a slap shot at a much different goal — and scoring.

The '99 Canton Victory Honda Pee Wee A ice squad recently stepped out of the usual round of hockey activities by making a \$750 donation to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Head coach Pete Lamoureux and assistant coach Joe Kacic invited the youngsters — the majority who live either in Canton or Plymouth — to pick a charity worthy of money raised by the team during various fundraisers. But all 18 players had to research three choices (Mott, Forgotten Harvest, Hockey Has Heart) and write an essay about which one deserved the funds.

"We've got a hockey team of 11-year-old kids, and a part of what we're doing this year, we've got a new coaching staff," Kacic said. "Most of the team is new and the new coaching staff, while we're teaching the game of hockey, we're trying to make sure we're making some quality individuals as well."

According to Lamoureux, whose son Devin is on the team, based out of Canton's Arctic Edge, figuring out how to make saucer passes or one-time the puck just isn't the top priority for Victory Honda.

"The most important lesson for the kids is to make them aware of kids that don't have the same opportunity that they do," Lamoureux emphasized, "and to understand that to play a sport like



The recent donation to Ann Arbor Mott Children's Hospital by the '99 Canton Victory Honda Pee Wee A hockey team probably was the team's most important "goal" of this season. Players on the team, many from Canton and Plymouth, did research on three charities before opting to donate \$750 from team fund-raisers to Mott.

hockey in these tough economic times is a privilege."

WHO AND WHY?

So he assigned them homework, first to find three worthy charities.

Then, they needed to answer two questions: What does the charity do and how does it help people? Why does the charity need help?

The overwhelming favorite of the team was Mott, where one of the players (Kaitjane Blumberg) had a friend hospitalized with cancer. Another player had a family member admitted "so it really struck a chord with us," Lamoureux said. A display board of essays was

ushered to the hospital, and Victory Honda presented its check to Byron Myer of the Mott Community Relations department.

"It's great to see these coaches think about how to incorporate teamwork outside of the rink and give back to the community around them," Myer said. "It's great to get young people involved early so they continue to give back throughout their lives."

One of the players was Kacic's 11-year-old son, Brandon.

"He definitely took his time researching, as I think all the kids

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MERGET

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really hard to leave all of them. I have so many good, strong friends here.”

According to Aschermann, she hopes she’ll have a chance to visit Merget in Alabama.

“I would never miss this for the world,” Aschermann said. “Nicole’s one of my best friends. I’m so proud of the accomplishments she’s made and I hope she has the best time there.”

According to Merget, it was “mind blowing” that the signing ceremony came and went, capping a long process that began when she received a recruiting letter between eighth and ninth grade.

MUTUAL INTEREST

As outstaying a player as she’s been for Salem (she is the career leader in blocks and is Top-5 in kills), it was her efforts with Michigan Elite that really cranked up the interest.

It turned out to be a mutual thing because it didn’t take Merget long to put Jacksonville State at the top of the short list.

“I played for Michigan Elite Volleyball and we do a lot of travel tournaments around the country, so that’s how I got exposed,” Merget said. “They (Jacksonville State scouts) were there at those tournaments. They did a really good job recruiting me, that was one of the things that I knew they actually cared, because they put a lot of time and effort into things.”

To be sure, Merget also impressed JSU recruiters with her hard-hitting and blocking talents, which helped her lead Salem in kills (541) and blocks (95 total, including 19 solos) in 2010.

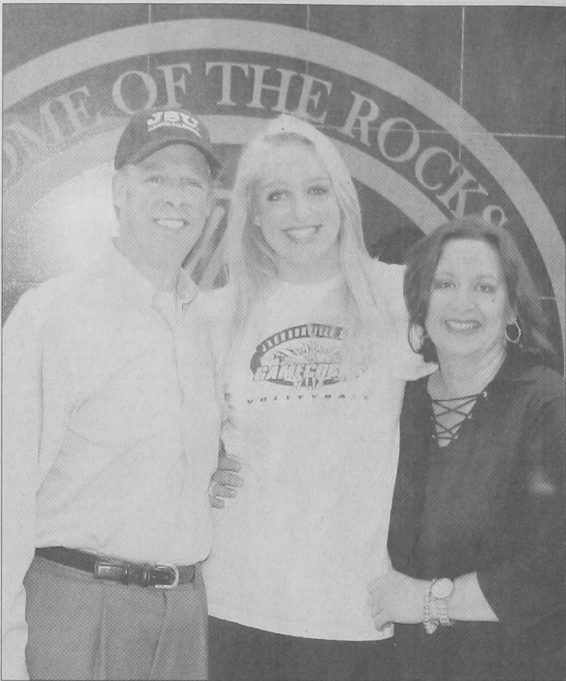
But other characteristics hit the mark as cleanly as one of her spikes: versatility, leadership and positive attitude.

In 2010, Merget was tri-captain with MacDonald and Sommerville. That trio, their coach said, formed “the glue” of a team that finished 30-9-3.

“She is a positive leader, always for the girls,” Rocks’ head coach Amanda (Suder) Nies said. “... She’ll do whatever it takes to win.”

NO WORRIES

Nies — who played college volleyball — said Merget follows Salem alumni such as Teresa Coppiellie (Albany State), Courtney



JOHN KEMSKI

Nicole Merget (middle) is happy to be going to Jacksonville State University, where she will play volleyball beginning next year. But she is sad to leave her parents, Rob and Nina Merget, shown here enjoying a proud moment with their daughter Wednesday at Salem High School.

Seiler, Lauren Price and Kelly MacDonald (Kerry’s older sister) to earn volleyball scholarships.

“It’s sad to lose her, Jacksonville State is very lucky,” Nies said. “But she’s going to develop into a phenomenal player.”

Nies added that Merget grew physically since ninth grade, not to mention across-the-board as a player and teammate.

“Her blocking skills have been there since she was a freshman,” Nies said. “It’s her hitting that came a long way, and her defense.”

Soon, it will be Merget who is going a long way, about a 12-hour drive from Salem. Life in the Ohio Valley Conference awaits.

“The distance was a concern for us, but for Nicole, she wanted to travel and go where it was warm,” Rob Merget noted. “And I couldn’t really deny her rationale.”

“She figured she had an opportunity to see a different part of the country for free and get an education. Why not?”

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VOLLEYBALL

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but we realized that we beat this team before,” said PCA head coach Kelly Blackney. “When we play smart and hard there’s no reason it should have been that close.”

Oakland Christian — second to PCA in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference — reached the regional final by way of Tuesday’s victory over Parkway Christian. The Lancers finished with a record of 33-16-6.

CHANGING THE PACE

“We started slow in the third game, they (Lancers) scored four or five points in a row and we had to come out of that,” Blackney said. “But Brianna’s serves were so consistent and so hard, it proved very problematic for the other team.”

“They couldn’t get a good offense off of those serves and that really kind of changed the pace of the game.”

PCA junior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm was another force for the Eagles, with 22 kills and six blocks up front along with 18 service points and 12 digs.

Other top Eagles included senior libero Abby Barts (17 digs), junior outside hitter Amy Zinn (18 service points, 5 kills, 8 digs), senior middle blocker Folake Olojo (4 kills, 6 blocks) and freshman right-side hitter Jennifer Malcolm (4 kills, 2 blocks).

Also key to the assertive way the Eagles closed out the match was a string of five serves in a row by Zinn at the end of Game 2 (which started with PCA losing 18-24).

That streak came too late to win the game, but it showed that “every point mattered” and bumped up the overall intensity level the rest of the way.

“Amy Zinn served and she served until we got to 23 and then they got the ball back,” Blackney said. “But when we were down and they had game point and we realized we could lose this set, we really upped our game and we played really intense.”

ROAD TRIP

That intensity will again be tested up in Deckerville, located about 120 miles from PCA in Michigan’s Thumb. The Eagles will travel a long distance to face a team it has never played in front of its home fans.

“We’re kind of going into this blind,” Blackney said. “This whole experience is so new to us, but we don’t know who they’ve played, we really don’t know what kind of team they are, so we’re just going to go into it expecting a really, really difficult match.”

“We’ll have to be at our best and try our hardest so we can make it to the next round.”

Blackney said the Eagles won’t merely “be satisfied with finally winning regionals at this point. We’re looking on to bigger and better things.”

Indeed, a win over Deckerville would propel PCA into Friday’s semifinals in Battle Creek.

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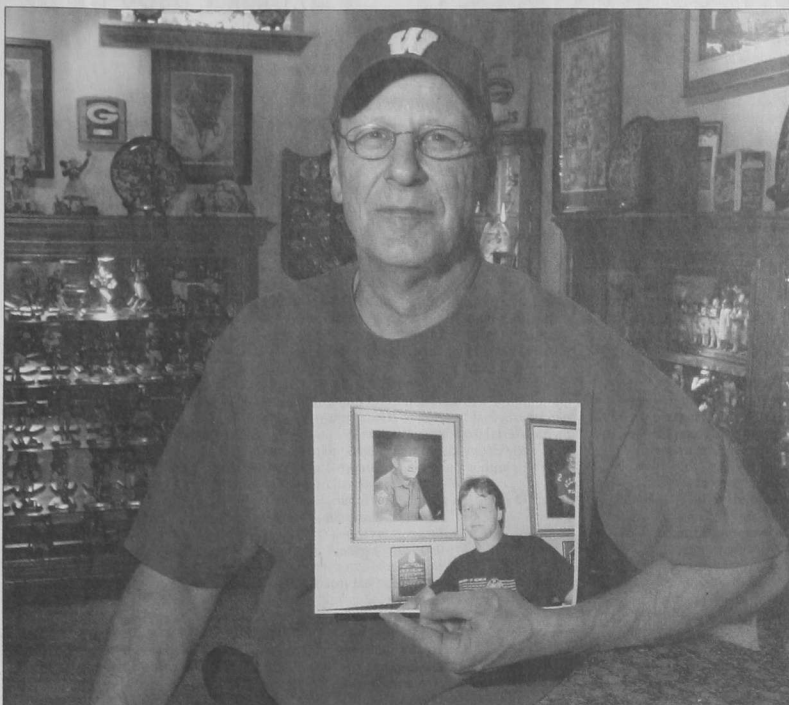
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Chuck Drewicz holds a photo of himself taken in front of dad Carl Drewicz' USSSA National Hall of Fame plaque. Chuck will be inducted Friday for his coaching career; Carl is enshrined in the umpires category.

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Softball 'family' happy to toast their coach

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether coaching women's slow-pitch softball or pouring a cold one in the basement man-cave at his Canton residence, nothing gets past Chuck Drewicz.

Take it from a longtime friend and his former co-coach with the USSSA national champion Lady Blue teams of the early 1990s.

"He is a phenomenal host," said Steve Leasure, who now lives in Missouri. "He'll pour you a beer and by the time you take your first drink, you'll be excited about taking this beer because it has to be just a perfect pour."

"It has to have just the right amount of froth on it. He was that meticulous as a coach."

Drewicz, who just turned 58, will have another chance to toast with softball pals on Friday, when he is inducted into the United States Specialty Sports Association National Hall of Fame in the managers-coaches category.

He'll be joining his late father, Carl Drewicz, one of the USSSA pioneers and a hall-of-famer in the umpires category.

"His dad (who passed in 2000) was one of the starters of the association and was always a stickler to appearance," Leasure continued. "(It was) how you present yourself, win or lose, and you can see how that quality carries on with Chuck."

There will be close to 40 friends (many of them former players from

those Lady Blue teams) who are making the trek from southeast Michigan down to Daytona Beach for the induction dinner.

Ex-Lady Blue players Allison Cole and Sue Schulte are just two of them, who wouldn't miss the chance to share the big moment with their former coach.

"I played on Steele's (before joining Lady Blue) and we probably had the best talent," noted Wyandotte's Cole. "But we didn't have the chemistry, you know?"

"That's what Chuck brings, he brings everybody together, how to get along and he understands the game."

GIVING HIS ALL

Also thrilled about the induction is another colleague, Troy's Pam Hardy, who co-coached the Raiders' Triple-A major women's softball team when it was one of the top 10 in the country.

"There was no question in my mind that Chuck was the person I needed to set us apart from thousands of other women's teams," Hardy said. "Coaching with him was an incredible experience for me."

"He not only gave his time and talent but also his heart and soul while only wanting one thing in return — for every player to be the best they could be."

It was Drewicz' constant attention to detail, and people, that helped him reach the Women's Major World Series each year from 1988-98, with teams including the Tosi Raiders, Canton Softball, Lady Blue, UPI and UPI-Kinder. Six of those teams won champi-

onships.

Another testament to his impact, Leasure continued, is more than 75 percent of the USSSA female hall of famers (including Cole) played on Drewicz' teams.

"Our time together, our five years, all the championships we had together, by far he was just a coaching expert," said Leasure, now an administrator with the National Pro Fastpitch League. "It was the greatest experience of my 36 years in softball, my time coaching with him."

"It was a true delight and inspirational every second. It was 24/7 with Chuck."

JUST THE BEST

It wasn't always that way between the two men, who are the best of buddies.

Leasure recalled being enemy coaches — he for Kansas City-based Gaslight and Drewicz for the Tosi Raiders.

"We met two nationals in a row and we did not like each other," he said.

Of course, once Leasure realized how special his competitor was as a softball master and motivator, any animosity morphed into respect and lifelong friendship.

And Leasure's far from the only one, as can be deduced from the folks who will travel from all around the United States to have another chat and another brew with good ol' Chuck.

"I think it's awesome he's going in and one day I hope he gets in as a player, he deserves to be in for that, too," Cole added. "It was a blast playing for him."

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DREWICZ

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Lady Blue championship teams coached by Drewicz. "He deserves to be in as a player, and hopefully that will happen too, and he's an awesome coach because he knows the game inside and out."

"... We had a great defensive team, everyone knew what they were supposed to do and where we were supposed to be. And he made it fun. It was a good time, we were like a family."

Steve Leasure, who was co-coach with Drewicz on Lady Blue championship teams from 1991-93 (teams comprised of top players from around the country), said the honor his friend is receiving is an obvious if overdue one.

"It's really pretty simple," said Leasure, who lives in Missouri. "Chuck, as a player, was one of the best male players that every played the game. He extended his efforts (into coaching), ... 75-to-80 percent of the players that are inducted into the female category of the hall of fame played for Chuck and I."

"Chuck, by far, is a true mentor to the game, to the players that played for him."

After finishing his career as a women's softball coach, Drewicz turned to prep softball for further success.

In recent seasons he has been right-hand man for Garden City softball coach Barry Patterson (another of Drewicz' many close friends). Chuck helped coach the Cougars' 2008 Division 1 state championship team and also does softball instructional clinics with Patterson.

"Having had the opportunity to have Chuck as my assistant coach at Garden City for over 10 years I got the chance to witness first hand what he brings to the game, every day," Patterson said. "His loyalty, knowledge and passion for the game and his teams are greater than any I've witnessed in my 30 years of coaching."

What could be next? "Barry threw something at me about a year ago," Drewicz said. "Hey, you ready to coach college yet?"

JOINING DAD

One thing Drewicz is ready for is to join his late dad, Carl Drewicz, as the only father-son combination to be inducted into the USSSA National Hall of Fame, albeit in different categories.

"My dad was hoping over the years that he'd get a chance to see it (his USSSA induction)," Drewicz said.

Carl died in 2000 and Chuck's mom (Bernie) and stepmom (Mel) also have passed away. But Friday's festivities will be proudly enjoyed from afar by his godfather, 85-year-old Jerry Drewicz.

About being together with his dad in the hall of fame, Drewicz shook his head.

"I don't know how to describe it, really," he said. "I was thinking about it the other day when I was cutting the grass. Here you are looking up to somebody all your life, as you're a kid. Then, to get to be in it with him, ..."

Drewicz couldn't help getting choked up for a moment.

Meanwhile, Friday's ceremony marks the latest step in a family journey that began in 1968 at a Milwaukee meeting attended by Carl Drewicz. He was one of an eight-person board that helped organize the association. Later, Carl wrote the USSSA rule book and eventually was inducted into the umpires category.

"I was still a teenager in Wisconsin," said Chuck, recalling his dad's early involvement in forming the USSSA. "I don't know where they got this idea, these eight guys. But then they had trouble the first couple years. But they turned it around and it's big money, now."

Whether at home or handling USSSA chores, the elder Drewicz made it a big deal to pound home messages of punctuality, reliability, preparedness and doing right by others.

He had an eager listener.

RULES TO LIVE BY

"My dad, he had all these rules about how to dress neatly, how an umpire should look," Chuck continued. "And he always used to tell me as a ballplayer, 'Hey, if you're no good, at least look like a ballplayer.'"

During the mid-1970s, after Chuck Drewicz left the University of Wisconsin La Crosse and entered the world of tool and die, he filed all that advice and knowledge into his back pocket along with his sunflower seeds or bubble gum.

He played nonstop and didn't let up even after moving to Detroit in 1976 to work at a General Motors plant.

Soon, he'd be teammates next to Detroit Tigers legends Norm Cash, Jim Northrup and Mickey Stanley with the Caesars, playing home games at East Detroit Memorial Park and traveling out of state to weekend series.

Of course, Drewicz played those days for the love of the game and he didn't change as a coach, either.

Drewicz relished helping players climb the ladder of success. He recalled how he hit the practice field with future USSSA Hall of Famer Mary Hoff during their Lady Blue days.

"I worked with her and worked with her, and she turned out to be the best pitcher in the United States," Chuck emphasized. "She also played third base. I worked with her every week, and we went over certain things."

"We would go out in the morning before the girls were eating breakfast, before we went out for batting practice."

That kind of extra attention didn't just pay dividends for players. This week's induction is proof.

"I'm very humble receiving this award," Chuck said. "With all the people I was involved with, especially my buddy, Steve (Leasure), I've made a lot of friends around the United States, it's incredible."

"I'll get people who come up to me 'Hey, I knew your Dad.' You get to sit around and talk for a while."

A lot of people know and talk about Chuck Drewicz, too. That's because it's easy to talk about a hall-of-fame coach and even greater person.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Ocelots cagers win

Karl Moore, a 6-foot-8 forward from Academy of Oak Park, pumped in a game-high 30 points and grabbed seven rebounds Wednesday as the host Schoolcraft College men's basketball team rolled to a 116-66 victory over the Marygrove College JV.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) and Lydell Mason each added 16 points, while DeMarco Walker chipped in with 15 for the victorious Ocelots (2-2), who led 57-25 at halftime.

Jeff Suber and M. Dujon Johnson combined for 54 of the Mustangs' 66 points with 34 and 20, respectively.

Schoolcraft made 10-of-19 free throws, while Marygrove was 15-of-25.

Ferrick 1st-team

Freshman Amanda Ferrick of Madonna University was named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-team in women's soccer.

Second-team selections included junior goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth), who had three shutouts and an 0.93 goals-against average, along with senior defender Katie Kozlowski.

Third-teams included junior Chelsea Shrewsbury

and sophomore Laurn Dostillio.

Senior Sarah Rokuski was named to the WHAC Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who displays the NIAA's five core values.

First-year coach Jeff Hodgson, who guided the Crusaders to a 3-6-7 record, was selected by his peers as Coach of Character.

Named to the Academic All-WHAC were juniors Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) and Nicole Rodriguez, along with Kozlowski, Rokuski and Warner.

To be selected, a junior or senior student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 or higher.

MU men's honors

The 8-6 Madonna University men's soccer team landed three players on the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference second team including senior midfielder-defender Ogbemudia Iyoha, sophomore defender Franco Giorgi and freshman striker Mustapha Olorunnimbe.

Named to the All-WHAC third team was sophomore

goalkeeper Parker Laabs (Canton), who had three shut-outs and a 1.42 goals-against average, along with senior midfielder Jacob Rosiek.

Junior midfielder Mosato Morioka (Northville) earned the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best displays the NIAA's five core values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Wash a Briton cager

Albion College has announced its men's basketball roster for the 2010-2011 season and it includes Anthony Wash, a graduate of Redford Union High School. A sophomore guard, Wash averaged 3.6 points in 25 games last season for the Britons.

Under the direction of third-year head coach Jody May, the Britons open the season at Ohio Wesleyan University on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Albion returns home Nov. 19-20 for the Mike Turner Tip-Off Tournament hosted by the Rotary Club of Albion and sponsored by Andersons Albion Ethanol. The Britons also have a Nov. 23 home date with Heidelberg University of Tiffin, Ohio.



With their commendable charity work done for now, the players and coaches of '99 Canton Victory Honda talk at the bench during a stoppage of play about their next on-ice assignments.

PEE WEES

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did," said Joe Kacic, a Canton resident. "He took it seriously, he took his time researching the charities and had me read his letter a few times."

"It was nice to see him actually not just thinking this was something he had to do, it was something he took an active interest

in, which was nice."

Both coaches said all three charities were deserving, but Mott's just seemed to fit the bill.

"I know for my son, Hockey Has Heart definitely is a good charity," Kacic continued. "But it's a selected group, it's (for) the hockey community. Mott's just gives a chance to more people, that's what my son liked about it."

The members of '99 Canton Victory Honda Pee Wee A

include the following: coaches Lamoureux and Kacic; players Andrew Allan, Jack Balch, Nicco Bifano, Kaitiane Bloomberg, Dylan Burns, Brad Byars, Michael Collins, Anthony Crews, Jacob Frketch, Josh Frketch, Alex Iafraite, Brendan Kacic, Mitchell Knedgen, Devin Lamoureux, Jacob Lane, Alex Malkowski, Ryan McCamant and Nick Yankee.

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Cap your day with a laugh at Detroit Story League's 'Tellebration'



Linda Day of Farmington Hills is president of Detroit Story League and a teller at the organization's annual Tellebration event.

BY SHARON DARGAY
DGL STAFF WRITER

Linda Day hopes listeners will laugh their worries away, if only for a few hours Friday, Nov. 19.

"When I tell to an adult audience I just want it to be fun," said Day, a storyteller from Farmington Hills and president of the Detroit Story League. She and four other storytellers will perform works for an adult audience at "Tellebration," a 22-year-old event held the same day every year on six continents, in nine countries and 40 states. The program, held locally at the Livonia Civic Center Library, is meant to foster and preserve the oral tradition of storytelling.

"Tellebration is an adult program — it's very 'PG' — but we'll be telling stories that children may not have enough maturity and experience to comprehend," said Day, a former teacher who also previously worked at the Garden City Public Library.

"Many who come are senior citizens. When they were children they listened to radio and that developed a whole different listening skill than the screen does. Kids can't even go for a ride in the car today without taking a dvd player. They don't have to imagine any more. When you tell to adults they move immediately into the use of imagination."

Day will tell her own version of a story by another teller, Laura Simms, and she'll perform an adaptation of a written story at Tellebration. She always uses written material, from children's

books, as a basis for telling stories to youngsters, but tells both original and adapted works to adults.

"I feel my job is to take the child to the book to foster reading," she said. "I do a lot of my own material for adult audiences. There has been a real movement in the last 15 years to create your own material for adult audiences."

She cites radio humorist and author Garrison Keillor of *Prairie Home Companion* fame as a trailblazer for other storytellers with original works.

Barbara Shapiro of Southfield, co-coordinator of Tellebration, is honing an original story that she hopes to tell publicly some day. In the meantime, like other League members, she performs adapted material at libraries, schools and other locations.

She began storytelling as a teen-ager in her native West Virginia, later using the skill in her career as a speech pathologist in Michigan. She discovered the Detroit Story League in 1996.

MISSION OF SERVICE

"Our mission is to keep alive the ancient art of storytelling and to provide the opportunity to study it. Our other mission is to furnish storytellers to those who request us. It's a service organization," Shapiro said.

"We make it fun. Our organization has two requirements — once a year to tell a story and to host a meeting."

The group meets the third Saturday of the month at a different location. Its next meeting is noon-3 p.m. Nov. 20 at

Please see **STORIES, B5**



Toni Isaac will tell stories at Tellebration in Livonia.



The Music Sisters will use an "in tandem" storytelling technique at Tellebration.



Barbara Jones Clark of Southfield will perform at Tellebration.



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STORIES

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the Redford Township District Library, 25320 West Six Mile; (313) 531-5960.

Beginners can get assistance in learning the art of storytelling from a League mentor. The group also runs small-group sessions called "Cric-Crac" aimed at helping tellers craft and perform their own material.

The League will hold a short memorial service in conjunction with Tellebration to honor deceased members.

"Each member will hold a rose and candle for the ones who have departed. We wanted to make this very special," she said, adding that the event this year also will include an auction, snacks and beverages.

The silent auction will open at 6 p.m. Tellebration runs from 7-8:45 p.m. The library is located at 32777 5 Mile Road. Admission is \$5, which benefits the League's scholarship fund.

In addition to Day, other tellers are:

• Toni Isaac, a Troy librarian and Shelby Township resident who has 20 years experience storytelling.

• The Music Sisters, Marilyn Flam of Farmington Hills and Sharon Schmidt of West Bloomfield, who will tell a story in tandem.

• Barbara Jones Clark, a Southfield resident and co-chair of the event this year, also works in the Birmingham Public Schools. • Judy Sima, a West Bloomfield resident, who has trained parents in storytelling, will serve as emcee.

For more about the Detroit Story League visit www.detroitstorytelling.org

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Tough questions require honest answers

Marsha writes: "I'm regretting getting rid of my 30-plus-year-old Whirlpool dryer. I'd had it repaired a few times but this last time I think there was a short or something in it because I was getting "shocked" when I touched it, so I finally decided to let it go. What a mistake."

Marsha's e-mail was much longer and more detailed than the above and I spent quite some time talking to her on the telephone. She has been a very smart shopper for many years and this time she put her faith into a long-time appliance retailer and purchased a new dryer which leaves her clothes damp and wrinkled at the end of the cycle. I must add that she purchased a pretty basic dryer which means a lower priced model. I asked Marsha to unhook the vent line from the back of her dryer and let it vent directly into the room rather than to the outside. I pointed out that she needs to open a window near the dryer when doing this as carbon monoxide is produced by a gas dryer. I asked her to try doing a

load of wet clothes without the vent line hooked up to see if it made any difference. She called me after doing this and said it made a lot of difference so she went back to the appliance retailer and asked what they could do for her. The retailer more or less admitted that the lower end of the dryer models might be responsible for not drying the clothes properly and offered to exchange the dryer she purchased to a more expensive model. In doing so there would be a \$70 restocking charge. I don't consider that a smart move on the part of the retailer trying to keep a customer satisfied. Marsha hasn't decided yet what she is going to do but she will let me know what she decides.

BOTTOM FREEZER

Debbie writes: "A little while ago I sent you an e-mail about some trouble we are having with our refrigerator. In your response you ended with 'we might need to start looking for a new one.' We are doing that, but would like your opinion on one we are considering. It is a Kenmore French door/bottom freezer style. We own a Kenmore gas stove that we would like to match. My concern is the efficiency of the freezer being on the bottom. Does this type of design work well? I like the French doors, but I don't want to sacrifice

efficiency. Please let me know what you think."

Reply: The efficiency factor should not be a concern on today's bottom mount refrigerators but I know that in the 1950s when the bottom mount was first introduced they were a real energy guzzler. New engineering designs have made it easier to move air uphill. I would find out who is making your selected model for Sears as things have changed with the country's largest retailer. At one time when you purchased an appliance from Sears you could pretty well rest assured that it was made by Whirlpool. That is not the case today. You will find that a bottom mount refrigerator is a lot easier on your back and has returned as a consumer favorite when it comes to refrigerators. It goes to show you that they knew what they were doing in the old days.

These two e-mails I recently received are an example of what I will be doing at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Canton Library. The title of the seminar might be, "What do I purchase in the world of major home appliances?" Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to applidre@twm1.rr.com



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Various agents act as irritants. Osteoarthritis of the knee causes fluid production because the breakdown of cartilage cells releases constituents that the lining cells see as noxious products.

The inciting agent for rheumatoid arthritis remains unidentified, however, the effect of its presence is to create a cascade of chemicals called cytokines. One of more of these cytokines enter the lining cells and set off a series of reactions in the cells culminating in a marked increase in synovial fluid.

In gout, the source of irritation is uric acid crystals. Each crystal has the shape of a damning needle, with one or both ends of the crystal acting like the edge of a sharp knife. The effect on the lining cells is like being pierced by a sharp sliver.

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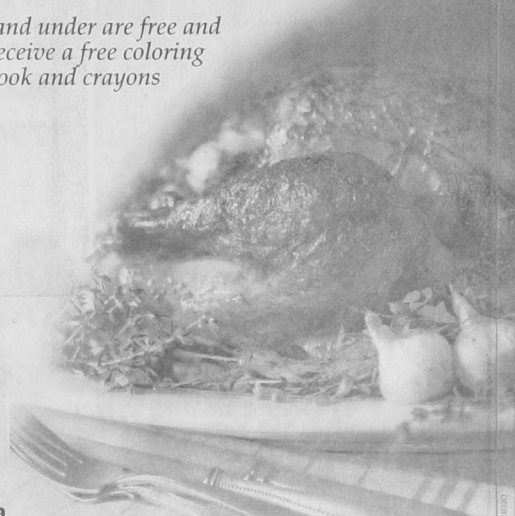
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Garden club members work on arrangements at the Greens Sale last year.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for a Compressor at Discovery Middle School. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. Any and all technical question must be addressed to Bruce Haarala in the Central Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Compressor Bid) 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 12:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, November 30, 2010 where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed bids will not be accepted. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Belleville High School

Class of 1971

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

Detroit Cody

Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 201, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: codycomet6@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

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Class of 1962

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

Farmington High School

Class of 1970

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

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

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

Class of 1990

20-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Station 885, Plymouth. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com

Ladywood High School

Class of 1961

Planning our 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: sandymacg@aol.com or

call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voicemail picks up.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1961

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

Livonia Churchill

Class of 1980

30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking classmates and contact information. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at churchillclassof80@yahoo.com.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1990

20-year reunion, Nov. 27, for more information e-mail to LivoniaFHClassof1990@gmail.com. Buy tickets at <http://fh1990reunion.eventbrite.com>

Redford Union

Class of 1975

Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; Nov. 1 is deadline for sending in money and \$50 ticket price. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RUTSReunion@gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.

Rosary High School

Class of 1966

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

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1990

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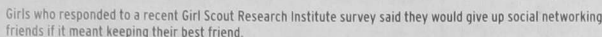
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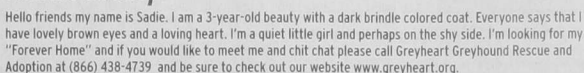


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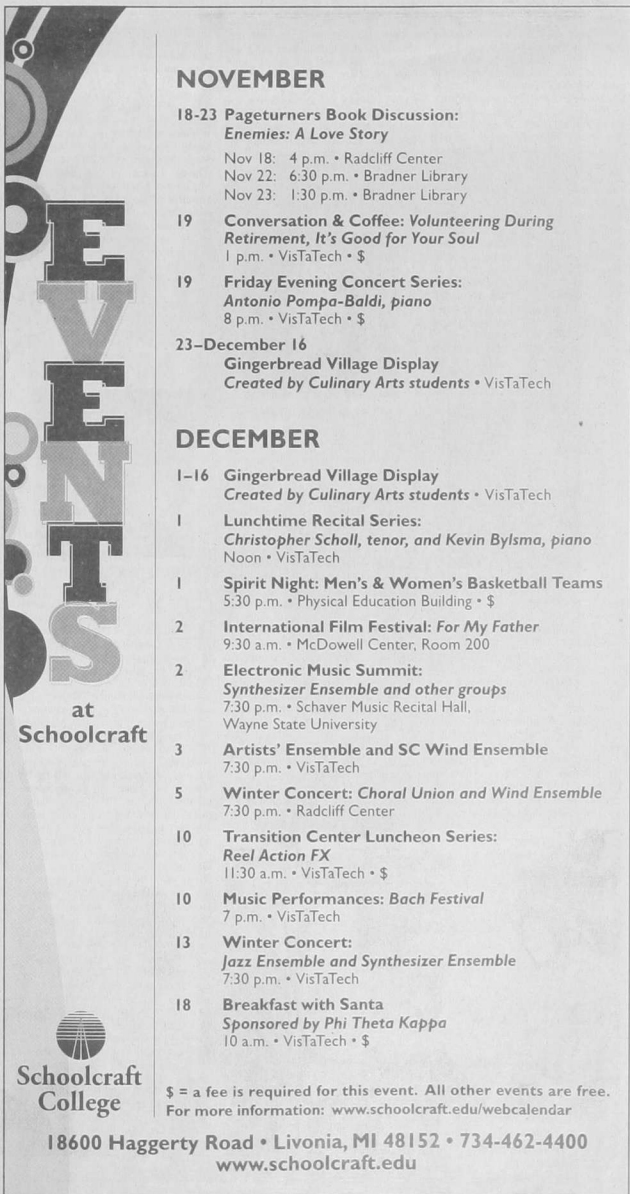


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LAVETA F. BRODIE

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away November 7, 2010. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



LAURA ANNA CUMMING

90 years of age. On October 20th, 2010 Laura made her final journey into the arms of our Lord. Survived by her loving husband John. Dear mother of Louise M. (James) LeCourt, Donna L. Cumming, John F. (Diane) Cumming. Grandmother of Steven, Leticia, Amy, Emily, Jamie, James and Melinda. And twelve great-grandchildren. She was born in Detroit, MI on May 20th 1920 to Laura Lee (Franz) and Frederick Vincent Tews. She was the sixth of 7 children. After graduating from high school Laura attended beauty college and became a licensed beautician and manicurist. Laura married John on June 28th 1941 in Grandale Presbyterian Church in Detroit. They recently celebrated their 90th birthdays as well as 69 years of marriage. She lived in Detroit until John returned from the Navy. Laura, her husband and children moved to the house they built in Plymouth in June of 1951. She worked in Plymouth at Bernie's Beauty Salon, Purcell's Office Supply and Emmitt Candy. In 1958, they started the family business, John J. Cumming Plumbing Co., she managed the office and kept the books until they retired in 1982. She also was an Avon Representative for many years. She enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Plymouth Mayflower Garden Club for many years. In 1987 they moved to Hemlock Lake, Reading, MI. Fishing was one of her favorite pastimes. Many hours were spent fishing on the dock at her lake home. Laura loved to cook and bake, some of her recipes were published and her mandarin orange cake won 1st place in Hillsdale County. She was an active member of Reading United Methodist Church. In 2005 they returned to Plymouth to be near their children. She is greatly missed by all who knew her loving smile and generous heart. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" F. ELLIOTT

Age 87, of Plymouth, passed away on November 7, 2010. Loving wife of 61 years to William G. Beloved mother of Beverly (Tom) Simmonds and Patricia (Thomas) Welland. Proud grandmother of Eric and Carl Welland. Dear sister of William (Ruth) Wiseman and the late Robert Wiseman. Also survived by cousins: Gloria Cann and Norman (Peggy) Van Dine, sister in law, Evelyn (Donald) Kitenour and by many loving nieces and nephews. Betty was a proud member of the D.A.R. in Plymouth. Many knew Betty for her beautiful paintings and for her gift as a wonderful writer. She also loved music and nature but above all else, her family is what she cherished most in life. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association 20300 Civic Center Dr Ste 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076-4166 or to the Humane Society of Huron Valley P.O. Box 7026 Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-7026.



GRACE EVA ERICKSON

Age 89, November 8, 2010, of Westland. Beloved wife of Delbert. Loving mother of Ron (Libby), Joan (Joe) Bolek, Arthur (Nancy), Charles (Deby), Janice (Dennis) Wilson and Gregory (Pansy). Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation Wed 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Thurs 11 am at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions to Alzheimer's Association or Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hivley, Westland, MI 48186. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

RICHARD "RICK" WALTER GEIPEL

Age 61. Passed away November 9, 2010, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, after a short illness. Rick was born July 19, 1949 in Benton Harbor, MI. He was raised in Stevensville, MI where he attended Lakeshore High School and went on to attend Northwood Institute in Midland, MI. He retired from FEMA and enjoyed spending time with good friends and watching sports, of course. He was one of three children born to the late Stan and Norma Geipel and was the beloved husband of Patti O'Brien-Geipel for over 20 years. Rick will forever be remembered by his loving sister Sally Blalock (Jim), beloved children Holly Geipel and Kelly Stanley, treasured grandchildren Rochelle and Shannon Stanley, precious great-grandchild Ryan and dear nieces and nephew Jackie, Jamie and Jim (Amy) Blalock, along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him. He was preceded in death by his brother Jack Wilson and daughter Kerri-Lynn Watta. Cremation has taken place and services will be private.



ALBERT GEORGE (THE OL' BUZZARD) HAVNER

Age 74, of Vonore, TN, went to be with God and all those who traveled before him, Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at Blount Memorial Hospital. Al was born on April 29, 1936, in Harbor Beach, MI. Al attended Marysville High School, Marysville, MI; The Highland Park Police Academy in Highland Park, MI; Wayne County Community College in Detroit, MI; and attended many classes and seminars at several academic institutions. He was an honored veteran of the Korean War. He retired as a Sergeant from the Farmington Hills Police Department in Farmington Hills, MI after 38 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vickie; parents; brother, John, and sister, Alveta. He is survived by his family, Betty McBrien of Vonore, TN; sons and daughters-in-law, Alan Scott and Rebecca Havner of Marysville, TN; Albert R. and Linda Havner of Vonore, TN; Albert G. Havner of Wixom, MI; Joseph and Peggy Bowman of Clyde Township, MI; and Larry Bowman of Vonore, TN; eleven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and close friends, Connie and Jim Jarrett, John Edwards, Daryl Colvin, Gary Hess, the Nanney Family, the Shinsky Family, Connie and Homer Smith, the McBrien Family, the Bowman Family, and the Larson Family. Prior to being cremated, Al selflessly donated his viable organs. His remains will be buried in Farmington Hills, MI. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home, Marysville, TN, (865) 982-6041, www.millerfuneralhome.org.



MARIAN ROSE GREEN

November 8, 2010 peacefully at her home in Franklin. Age 98. Marian will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Wife of the late Edward J. Dear mother of Peter Green (Marilyn), Lizzy Johnson (Frank) and John Green (Debi). Grandmother of Mike Green (Ann), Suzy Roebuck (Mike), Katie Izzo (Pat), Anne Johnson, Ben Green and Marlee Green. Great grandmother of Charlie Green, Gordie Green, Lydie Roebuck, Hank Roebuck, Peter Roebuck and Nicholas Izzo. Sister of Marge McBeth and Carol Tappert. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Thursday at Franklin Community Church, Interment Franklin Cemetery. Marian was a strong and independent woman for her generation. She was generous and giving toward her family and friends and was very active in her community. Memorial tributes to Franklin Community Church or Oakland Family Services or Hospice of Michigan. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

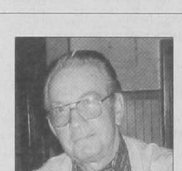


MARIE J. KENNEDY

Age 88, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2010 at St Patrick's Residence in Naperville, IL. She was born July 23, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan and was a longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A former school teacher, Marie was a graduate of the University of Detroit. She and her late husband, James D. Kennedy, were founding members of St. Thomas More Parish in Troy, Michigan, and were active in several humanitarian organizations committed to peace and justice. Marie was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, James D. Kennedy. She is survived by her sons, Brian, Kevin, Colin (Diane) Kennedy and her daughter, Dianne (Scott) Crutenden; her grandchildren, Norah (Erik), Adam, Maddie, Alex, Olivia and one great-grandchild, Hadley. The family wishes to extend their deep appreciation to the staff and Sisters at St Patrick's Residence for their loving care of Marie. For those who prefer, memorials in Marie's name be given to St Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd, Naperville, IL 60563. A private family interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

RAYMOND G. LAMPRON

Age 87 of Canton passed away on Oct. 14, 2010 from heart failure. He was a loving husband to Mary for 60 years before she died in 2003. He is survived by his brother Bob, his children: Dennis "Dino" Leslie, Michael, Valerie (Larry) Gild & Carol (Don) McCulloch; his grandkids: Renee, Sheryl, Scott, Denise, Jud, Mike & Stan; step grandkids: Joanne, Suzanne, Nicole, Danette & Rob; great grandsons: Nick, Thomas & Nathan; step great grandsons: Jake & Luke. We all miss our brother, Daddy, Grandpa, Poppy or good friend. Memories shared on facebook of Sheryl Gild.



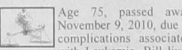
JOHN S. MCGUIRE

Age 78, of Westland, died Monday, September 13, 2010 after a three month battle with cancer. John participated in Golden Glove Boxing as a youth. He went to Henry Ford Trade School, was a proud US Marine, worked as a tool maker for Ford Motor Co. for 38 years and was a active member of Marysville, MI. He died in death by his wife, Elizabeth (Libby) McGuire. John is survived by his beloved companion of 14 years, Marilyn Wilt. He is also survived by his five children, David (Becky) McGuire of Westland, Steve McGuire of Westland, Kathy (Dave) Leach of Ypsilanti, Joe McGuire of Charlevoix, Diane (Steve) Snouffer of Roanoke, MI. His loving grandchildren, Amber, Libby, Jenny, Eric, Heath, Aaron, Jesse, Maggie and Brock, one great-grandchild, Preston. His decision was always to donate his body to U of M for research. A Memorial luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 21st at Angelo Brothers Hall, 33550 Ford Rd, Westland, from 1pm-5pm. All friends & family are welcome!



WILLIAM KURT "BILL" NECKER

Age 75, passed away November 9, 2010, due to complications associated with Leukemia. Bill lived in Dearborn, Harbour Springs, and Chicago but spent most of his life in Wayne, where he was a leader and giver to the community, a long time member of the First Congregational Church, Wayne Lion's Club, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, Michigan Bar Association, and many other social and community organizations. He was a devoted and beloved father, who always placed his family above all other concerns. He was an avid outdoors-man who enjoyed fishing, hunting, skiing, sailing and golf. Bill was a passionate Attorney, who relentlessly and intensely fought for justice. He was always willing to take a firm, strong stand for what was right, yet he also always had a good joke or story to tell. He took great pride in working very hard and playing very hard. He lived life large and never did anything halfway. He was a man of honesty, integrity, devotion, and servitude -- a religious man of the highest moral and ethical standards, from which he never wavered. His contributions will be remembered for many generations. Bill Necker will truly be missed by many. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 27, at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, at 2 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184, (734) 729-7550. Gathering for friends and family at noon, service at 1:00, reception to follow. Memorial donations may be made to the Wayne Lion's Club or the 1st Congregational Church and may be sent to the above address.



CARL NICHOLF

November 6, 2010, age 79. Beloved husband of Sofia, dear father of Mary (Kenneth) Libbing, David (Elizabeth) and Michael (Stephanie). Loving grandfather of Samuel, Carlo, Alexander and Alicia. Brother of Sylvia Poldendyke. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Tuesday, November 09, 2010. Carl was laid to rest at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church or to Pancreatic Cancer Research. Care and services were entrusted to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

THEODORE "TED" PAULSON 1949 ~ 2010

Passed peacefully on November 9, 2010 in Perth, Western Australia. Born in Detroit, Michigan on July 11, 1949. Survived by his beloved wife, Mary; daughters, Lara and Andrea; mother, Shirley of Scottsdale, AZ; father, Gordon (deceased in 88); sister, Margaret of Wellington, NV; brothers, Tom of Scottsdale, AZ, and Dan of Palm Beach, FL. Served in United States Marine Corp and Vietnam, August 1967 to October 1969. Services, Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at Bowra & O'Dey Funeral Home, Great Western Highway, Midland, Western Australia.



BRIAN K. PRY

"Boo Boo" Age 56, November 8, 2010. Beloved Son of the late William and Gladys Pry, Dear Brother to Barry Pry, Beverly Pry, and the late Bill Pry.



BRUCE F. RANDALL

Peacefully October 31, 2010, age 86. Beloved husband of the late Margaret for 60 years. Cherished father of Dave (Marjorie), Barbara Koss (Jerry), and Jim (Patty). Devoted grandfather of John Randall (Jen), Leslie Bixenmann (Ben), Michael Koss, Kathryn Koss, Laura Randall and Kristin Randall. Great grandfather of Madeline Bixenmann. Bruce was born in Detroit on September 28, 1924, to the late Charles and Helen Randall. He attended Baldwin High School in Birmingham and graduated from Denison University where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He met his future wife at Denison, married and moved to Birmingham, MI in 1949 where together they raised their family. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Bruce was a co-owner of The Birmingham Insurance Agency, which he took over from his father. He enjoyed traveling with Margaret, reading every page of the Wall Street Journal, and spending a lot of time in California and Florida during the winter months. Funeral services have been held at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Memorial tributes to Friends of the Birmingham Historical Museum & Park, 556 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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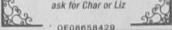
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Fondaw-Schumacher

APRIL 2011 WEDDING

Cameron Fondaw and Michael Schumacher announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Cathy Fondaw of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She graduated in 2008 from Walsh College with a degree in business management and is employed at DFCU as a senior member relation representative.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Ann Schumacher of Grand Blanc, is a 2000 graduate of Goodrich High School. He graduated in 2005 from Michigan State University with a degree in civil engineering. He is employed at Wade Trim as a professional civil engineer.

An April 2011 wedding is planned in Livonia.

MARRIED IN SEPTEMBER

Northville residents Clancy Gray and Jeremy Horgan were married Sept. 4, 2010, at St. Johns Chapel in Plymouth. The Rev. Denis B. Theroux officiated.

The newlyweds were Franklin High School sweethearts from the Class of 2003.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Peggy Gray of Livonia. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2007 and works as a child life specialist at Mott Children's Hospital.

The groom is the son of Dave and Pat Horgan of Livonia. He graduated from MSU in 2007 and works as a powertrain engineer at General Motors.

Cassandra Smith was the Matron of Honor. The bride's attendants were Kiernan O'Donohue, Kelly Kessler, Meghan Horgan, Michelle Hatten, Bridget Swerecki, Catherine Birch, and Erin Hennessy.

Jacob Horgan was the Best Man. The groom's attendants included Buck Gray, Chris



Horgan-Gray

Curtis, Adam Vaughn, Aaron Vaughn, Scott Doyle, Don Preiss, and Anthony Morris.

The ushers were Jeff Gray and Kian O'Donohue.

A reception was held at The Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii and live in Northville.



PLYMOUTH NEWLYWEDS

Joshua Adam Geiser and Tracey Lynn Carley were wed Aug. 13, 2010, at Tunnel Park on Lake Michigan in Holland. The couple have made their home in Plymouth with their dog, Sadie.



FIVE GENERATIONS

The Wrathell family recently posed for a portrait with its newest member. Effreda Wrathell of Ann Arbor holds Owen Ryan Wrathell of Livonia, born June 5, 2010. George Wrathell of Livonia and George Wrathell of Canton are in the back row. Ryan Wrathell of Livonia is seated.

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Annual event encourages smokers to quit

The American Cancer Society will mark the 35th Great American Smokeout Thursday, Nov. 18, by celebrating six months of smokefree air in Michigan.

The event also comes on the heels of study results released this week by the Michigan Department of Community Health that show more than 70 percent of Michigan residents favor the statewide comprehensive smokefree air law that went into effect May 1. More than half of the 2,289 smokers surveyed reported they tried to quit since then.

During this year's Great American Smokeout, the Society will encourage smokers to make a plan to quit or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. According to an American Cancer Society report, Cancer Prevention & Early Detection Facts & Figures 2010, smokers who quit can expect to live as many as 10 years longer than those who continue to smoke.

"After years of fighting for a law that would protect all workers from the health effects of secondhand smoke, it is refreshing to see further evidence that proves what we already knew - Michigan residents and businesses were ready for a comprehensive smokefree air law, and smokefree air can give people the extra push they need to quit smoking," stated Vicki Rakowski, COO, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc. "During the 35th Great American Smokeout, we are reminding people not to quit quitting and that the American Cancer Society stands ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week with information, resources and support to assist in smoking cessation."

Research shows that quitting can prevent the risk of premature death from smoking. Smokers who quit, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke and smokers who quit reduce their risk of lung cancer. Ten years after quitting,

the lung cancer death rate is about half that of a continuing smoker's. Quitting also lowers the risk for other major diseases including heart disease and stroke.

The study released this week also shows that of the 6,900 residents from 76 counties surveyed in August more than 80 percent thought secondhand smoke was a serious health hazard to nonsmokers, and more than 85 percent said there was either no change or that they went out to eat more often in restaurants and bars after the law went into effect. Another recent poll showed that 95 percent of businesses randomly selected were compliant with the law.

"We are pleased with the level of compliance and the tireless efforts of our volunteers, advocates and lawmakers across the state who worked to make Michigan smokefree," Rakowski stated. "This year's Great American Smokeout is truly a celebration for Michigan workers who can now breathe freely no matter where they work."

Smokers who want to quit can call the American Cancer Society Quit For Life Program, operated and managed by Free & Clear, at (800) 227-2345 for tobacco cessation and coaching services that can help increase their chances of quitting for good. The Society also has online tools at www.cancer.org/Smokeout, such as a crave button and a quit clock to help smokers plan towards kicking the habit for good. For more information about the smokefree air law, visit www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw.

The American Cancer Society held its first Great American Smokeout in 1976 as a way to inspire and encourage smokers to quit for a day. One million people quit smoking for a day at the 1976 event in California. The Great American Smokeout encourages smokers to commit to making a long-term plan to quit smoking for good.

Stop-smoking suggestions

The American Cancer Society offers these tips to help a smoker quit the habit:

Do respect that the quitter is in charge. This is their lifestyle change and their challenge, not yours.

Do ask if you should call or visit regularly to check on their progress. Let the person know that it's okay to call you whenever he or she needs to hear encouraging words.

Do help the quitter get what she or he needs, such as hard candy to suck on, straws to chew on, and fresh veggies cut up and kept cold in the refrigerator.

Do spend time doing things with the quitter to keep his or her mind off smoking - go to the movies or take a walk to get past a craving (what many call a "nicotine fit").

Do help the quitter with a few chores, some child care, cooking - whatever will help lighten the stress of quitting.

Do celebrate along the way. Quitting smoking is a big deal.

Don't take the quitter's grumpiness personally during his or her nicotine withdrawal. The symptoms will pass in about two weeks.

Don't offer advice. Just ask how you can help with the plan or program they are using.

IF YOUR SMOKER RELAPSES

Research shows that most people try to quit smoking five to seven times before they are successful. Don't give up your efforts to encourage and support your loved one. If the person you care about fails to quit:

Do praise him or her for trying to quit, and for whatever length of time (days, weeks, or months) of not smoking.

Do encourage him or her to try again. Don't say, "If you try again..." Say, "When you try again..." Studies show that most people who don't succeed in quitting are ready to try again in the near future.

Do encourage him or her to learn from the attempt. Lessons learned from a failed attempt to quit may help a smoker be successful in a future attempt.



The American Cancer Society encourages smokers to snub out their cigarettes and cigars during the Great American Smokeout.

IF YOU ARE A SMOKER...

Do smoke outside and always away from the quitter. Do keep your cigarettes and matches out of sight. They might be triggers to smoke.

Don't ever offer the quitter a smoke, even in jest!

Do make an effort to quit. It's better for your health and might be easier to do with someone else that is trying to quit.

Call the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 to find out what resources might be available to you for your quit attempt.

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Does Persistence Really Pay?

While we can all recite quotes about how persistence is the key to success -- "If at first you don't succeed ..." -- "Nothing good comes easy" -- they're easier said than acted upon when we feel instead like we're "banging our head against a wall" or "beating a dead horse."

The fact is many workers and job seekers struggle with persistence nowadays. It can be hard to keep going when your job search proves fruitless after months of hard work, you still haven't gotten that promotion you were hoping for or it seems like your "big break" is always just out of arms' reach. With so much time and energy put into your efforts to persist, doing so to no avail can cause us to wonder if our persistence will ever pay off.

According to Caroline Ceniza-Levine, co-founder of SixFigureStart, persistence does pay off, so long as we remember one thing about our path to achieving our goals: There is a difference between smart persistence and blind persistence.

"Persistence to a goal pays off as long as you can be flexible on how you get there," Ceniza-Levine says. "If your job search isn't yielding offers, then whatever you are doing is not working. You may have the right role and companies in mind but your marketing, your interview technique, your networking approach, or something else about how you are presenting yourself to these prospects is off. Or the prospects themselves may be wrong for you."

With that in mind, here are a few strategies for successful, smart persistence.

Pursue your goal from all angles

According to Tyler Tervooren, author of the blog "Advanced Riskology," persistence works best when there's a method to your madness.

"Persistence does pay, but only if it's persistence with a real strategy," he says. "If, in the worst economy of our time, your strategy is to send out a résumé and say 'Here, hire me please,' you're never going to get anywhere no matter how many times you do that. On the other hand, if your goal is to make enough money to support yourself and you're willing to try a bunch of different things like submitting an online résumé or portfolio, going to networking events, meeting influential people in different industries or even starting your own business, then yes, persistence pays off," he says.

To elaborate on Tervooren's example: As a job seeker your overall goal may be to find a well-paying job in your industry. You decide that you will send out 10 résumés per week until you get a job -- but after months of searching, you have yet to land a position. While your ultimate goal may be a realistic one that's well within your reach, your way of going about getting the job is unrealistic.

Instead of just sending out résumés:

Seek out new networking opportunities by joining a professional

organization or volunteering in your community AND

Engage the companies you'd like to work for on Twitter and LinkedIn AND

Take a class online or at a local community college to freshen up your skill set and enhance your résumé AND

Consult a professional résumé writer to make sure your résumé is fine-tuned and captivating

"You need be willing to try any crazy idea you get to make [your goal]

happen; give up on the tactics that aren't working and pour more into the ones that look more promising. Do that over and over again and you'll get what you want," Tervooren says.

Take off your blinders

While it's important to have goals, it's also important to make sure you don't get so set on one particular path that you miss out on other opportunities that may prove equally rewarding.

"You cannot get so stuck or focused on that one goal that you forget to see other opportunities that might be even better than your original goal," says Jason O'Neill, teen entrepreneur and author of "Bitten By the Business Bug." "While goals are good in theory, if someone doesn't reach their goal, they often feel like they failed. However, if they take off their blinders, keep their eyes open, they just may see some other

direction they never even thought of."

Accept that waiting is part of the process

It's important to remember that your goals won't happen overnight, and that you need to maintain a positive attitude in order to persist successfully.

Believing that your goals will happen in your ideal time-frame will only lead to discouragement, so be willing to wait for your reward.

"The ability to delay gratification is vital," says Dr. Sylvia Gearing, a clinical psychologist in Dallas and owner of Gearing Up Counseling Centers. "Sacrificing short-term pleasure for a long-term goal is key here. Success has everything to do with tenacity. The world is full of intelligent, talented people who never achieved anything -- simply because they gave up."

Essentially, while persistence is necessary in achieving any goal, blind persistence isn't. Pouring your time and energy into a method of achieving your goal -- when that method isn't working -- is a waste of time. Trying every avenue you can think of in order to achieve a goal, on the other hand, is when persistence really does pay.

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