

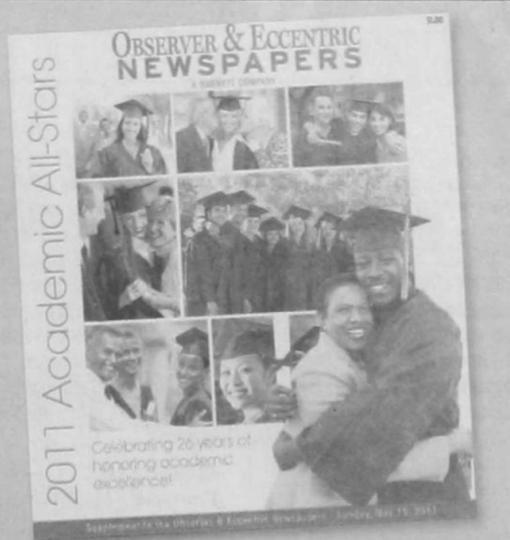
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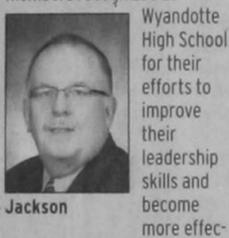
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## CONNECTION School board honor

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President John Jackson recently earned the Award of Distinction from the Michigan Association of School Boards. Previously, he earned the Certified Board Member Designation and Award of Merit.

Jackson was one of 23 Wayne County school board members recognized at



Jackson

Wyandotte High School for their efforts to improve their leadership skills and become more effective school leaders by demonstrating their commitment to student achievement and their own continuous improvement. Awards are earned for classes completed in MASA's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

"School districts are under exceptional pressure to be innovative and to reinvent the way we deliver education. In this environment, it's more important than ever that our school leaders are informed and have the most up-to-date information available," said MASA Executive Director Kathy Hayes. "Training equips them with the tools necessary to make the best decisions for Michigan's school children."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, hosts a free public screening of the education documentary "Waiting for Superman," 7 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the Flat Rock Community Center, 1 Maguire in Flat Rock. Immediately following the screening will be a panel discussion focused on the issues raised in the film. The evening's panelists include Colbeck and Senate Education Committee members Hoon-Yung Hoopgood, D-Taylor, Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park and former senator and Education Committee chair Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland.

## Movie screening

The documentary has won critical acclaim from film critics, the media and members of the education community.

**Weeds be gone**  
In an effort to combat overgrown weeds on vacant lots, Canton's Public Works Division is continuing its Noxious Weed Program. Canton has municipal codes that pertain to weeds and overgrown lawns. These ordinances are in place to increase the safety and appearance of township neighborhoods.

Township officials said healthy grass should be maintained by all residents and property owners. Canton ordinance requires that grass be kept at five inches in height or less. To report overgrown lawns in your neighborhood, call Canton's Ordinance Enforcement Unit at (734) 394-5400.

To report overgrown weeds on a vacant lot, contact Public Works at (734) 397-1011. All vacant lots with noxious weeds will be put on a list to be cut by the township.



Meghan Lombardo and daughter Lilley, 4, show off the family's savvy spending habits. "I get excited about saving money and getting things for free," Lombardo said.

PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA

# Frugal finds

## Blogger leads way to coupon clipping savings

BY JILL HALPIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Meghan Lombardo wants to save you lots of money, and she knows exactly what you need to get started.

Coupons. Surprised? So were many others until they checked her blog, "Savvy Spending: Because Paying Retail is for the Birds," where the Canton resident regularly shares deals and tips with readers and subscribers.

Lombardo uses her website to post everything from grocery store coupon links to other cash-saving deals like free admission to area botanical gardens and a deal for a free 8 x 10 photo collage from Walgreens. One recent post even included information for a free breakfast at Ikea.

"I get excited about saving money and getting things for free," Lombardo admitted, adding that she often saves between 50 and 60 percent off each grocery bill. "It can be very addicting."

Lombardo, the mother of two children, ages 4 and 6, said she has used coupons her whole life. However, it was not until she was a newlywed that she became more budget-conscious and started using coupons more seriously.



Meghan Lombardo of Canton saves a lot of money using coupons.

**Tips to achieve couponing success, A5.**

Stumbling across another coupon website where shoppers boasted of saving huge amounts of cash on food and household purchases, she decided to take her money-saving tactics to the next level. By matching coupons found in weekend newspaper circulars with weekly store sales, she discovered she was able to increase her savings dramatically.

"There is a whole strategy

involved in effective couponing," Lombardo said, adding that careful planning and reviewing local store ads is essential. "Now, I spend less but there is more food in the house."

### SAVINGS REALIZED

Encouraged by her savings, Lombardo continued to investigate new ways to save money. Friends were often impressed

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# New chief's first charge: fill openings

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the first challenges Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustees want their new interim superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes to tackle is the filling of key positions being vacated by retirements among the district's leadership team.

Mike Bender didn't make that job any easier this week.

Bender, the district's director of secondary education, announced he's leaving to accept a position as assistant superintendent for instructional services for Utica Community Schools. The job is a step up in terms of career positioning and in terms of district size. Utica is the state's second-largest district, ahead of Plymouth-Canton.

"Plymouth-Canton has been an absolutely wonderful district ... I've been proud to serve alongside so many wonderful teachers, staff and administrators," Bender said. "Utica provides a great opportunity for advancement. It's a great district, and the opportunity to provide leadership in Utica is very attractive."

Bender's departure leaves Hughes with several pairs of shoes to fill:

• Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs is scheduled to retire shortly after the 2011-12 school year begins. He took advantage of the state's retirement plan, offered last year, that allows potential retirees to factor their retirement with a 1.6-percent multiplier rather than 1.5 percent.

• Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Cindy Swift who, like Jacobs, took the retirement incentive. Also like Jacobs, she filed for a one-year extension, which means she must retire by Sept. 1. She could opt to withdraw her retirement and work another year, but, according to state officials, she'd have to give up the extra percentage point on her retirement.

• Director of Student Services Bob Hayes retired in December, and was replaced by former Tonda Elementary Principal Kurt Tyszkewicz on an interim basis. Hughes will have to decide whether to leave Tyszkewicz — like Hughes, he was an applicant for the interim superintendent job — in place permanently.

• Director of Elementary Education George



Swift



Jacobs

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# Free Senior Expo set for Tuesday

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, for the *Observer & Eccentric* annual Spring Senior Expo.

O&E Web Editor Larry Ruehlen will be on hand to answer web-based questions about hometownlife.com and help seniors who want to learn more about Facebook and Twitter. Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with your grandchildren no matter how far away they may be and Larry is the guy to

show you how to get started. Photojournalist John Heider will be on hand to shoot a video montage of seniors at the event. Stop by the O&E exhibit booth for more information.

Tuesday's event features more than 60 exhibitors, speakers, programs and demonstrations. Learn a lot then have some fun playing the Senior Feud. The Entertainment Network of Southfield will host this version of Senior Feud (a fun spoof of the original show

*Family Feud*). This realistic, high-tech game show system has it all — questions, sound effects, real digital scoring and lots of prizes.

Throughout the expo, The Entertainment Network will have fun-filled activities available every hour, including name that tune, TV trivia and more. Come play and win.

Best of all everything is free — admission, parking, morning refreshments, workshops, presentations and more. The

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Local seniors flocked to last year's Senior Expo held at Schoolcraft College's VisiTech Center in Livonia.



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AROUND CANTON

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

Library friends

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

**Details:** The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries are sponsoring a book and author luncheon, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The cost is \$25. The featured speaker will be Wall Street Journal columnist Jeffrey Zaslow, who has authored the best sellers, *The Girls from Ames*, and *The Last Lecture*, as well as *Highest Duty*, a memoir of Captain Sully Sullenberg, the pilot who successfully landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. This is the 25th anniversary of the book and author luncheon.

**Contact:** Tickets may be purchased between April 15 and May 15 at the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries. No tickets will be available at the door.

Grief support

**Date/Time:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly, 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Compassionate Care

Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton  
**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, *The Grief Journey*, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.  
**Contact:** Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, (888) 983-9050.

All Saints Camp

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-Aug. 5  
**Location:** All Saints Catholic School, Canton  
**Details:** All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment summer camps for students entering 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week.  
**Contact:** For registration forms and additional information, please visit the school's website at [www.allsaintscs.com](http://www.allsaintscs.com) or e-mail [msswiderek@yahoo.com](mailto:msswiderek@yahoo.com).



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Sheldon Center is expected to close this week as work begins on the long-awaited improvement project.

## Sheldon Center Road set to close for work

Beginning next week, weather permitting, Sheldon Center Road will be closed between Amy Lane and the Canton Center/Sheldon Center intersection as crews begin work on the highly anticipated Sheldon Center Road Reconstruction Project.

In addition to the Sheldon Center closure, Charrington Drive will be closed in both directions at Sheldon Center.

The reconstruction of Sheldon Center is a large-scale project that may take two years to complete. Construction on this project includes widening Canton Center Road to five lanes from

Warren Road to where Canton Center Road splits and turns to the northwest; reconstructing and widening Sheldon Center Road to five lanes from Canton Center Road to Joy Road; and reconstructing the Sheldon Road connector to three lanes from Sheldon Road to Sheldon Center Road.

Canton Township officials are urging drivers to drive safely through the construction area and follow all posted detours. For up-to-date information on construction projects going on in Canton follow [facebook.com/cantonmsd](http://facebook.com/cantonmsd), [twitter.com/cantonmsd](http://twitter.com/cantonmsd) or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## Residents face penalties for not following grill laws

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't let an outdoor barbecue turn into a tragedy.

That's the warning Canton fire officials, in an effort to reduce the potential threat of fires, have issued for residents who could face penalties unless they obey township ordinances and neighborhood rules when firing up their outdoor grills.

The warning comes as fire officials each year receive complaints of residents, particularly those living in apartments or condominiums, who use their outdoor grills on balconies, patios and other areas too close to buildings.

Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier cited a local ordinance requiring that outdoor grills be placed at least 10 feet from buildings while in use, regardless of whether they are powered by propane, charcoal, natural gas, wood or any other material.

Grills also cannot be located along walkways or other entrances and exits.

"I tend to believe it's more of an occasional problem," Meier said, "but the complaints we do get, we follow up on."

Residents who refuse to obey township ordinances pertaining to outdoor grills could face fines of \$500 or up to 90 days in jail — the typical penalties for most misdemeanor violations.

Meier said some apartment and condominium complexes allow residents to store their grills on balconies and patios

as long as they move them away from buildings before firing them up.

Meier urged residents who see violations to report them by calling (734) 394-5400. Fire officials rely on residents to report violations because they don't have the resources to scour neighborhoods and continually watch for violators.

Meier also said residents of single-family homes should heed the same precautions as residents of multi-unit buildings to protect their own property.

Fire Chief Tim Dunn said it's important to heed township ordinances and neighborhood rules to avoid cookout-related fires.

"I would say that it is important for residents to follow the barbecue grill ordinance first because it is a local law, and violation can include a fine and/or jail time," Dunn said. "Second, it's important because by moving grills away from buildings, it will prevent the building from catching fire should something go wrong with the grill."

"Our concern is always the safety of the occupants of the building," Dunn said, "and by following the ordinance, we believe that, should something happen to the barbecue grill (such as an out-of-control fire), it will not spread to the building."

Meier said anyone who has questions may call (734) 394-5456.

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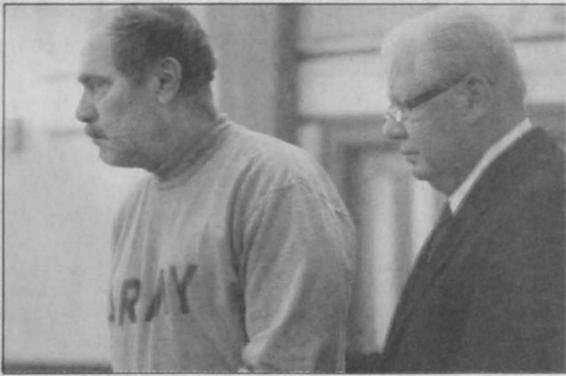
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# Former coach bound for trial on child porn charges

## EXPO

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BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Stephen J. Nyquist and his attorney, John McWilliams, during an earlier court appearance. Nyquist was bound over for trial Friday by 35th District Court Judge James Plakas.

After a brief preliminary hearing during which prosecutors offered only one witness and the defense gave away nothing as to what a defense might look like, 64-year-old Stephen Nyquist was bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he kept child pornography on his home computer and distributed it on the Internet.

Nyquist, a Canton resident and former Plymouth High School girls lacrosse coach, is charged with six counts of using his computer to communicate with another to commit a crime, which carries a 10-year term upon conviction; three counts of distributing child sexually abusive material, a seven-year felony; and three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material; a four-year felony.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Keisha Glenn presented just one witness — Wayne County Sheriff Sgt. William Liczbinski, who is attached to the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Liczbinski testified he was contacted in March by an investigator in Wisconsin who, undercover as a 14-year-old girl on the Internet, received

"pornographic images" from someone using the screen name "High48126."

Tracing the IP address for the computer activity led Liczbinski to Nyquist's Canton Township home. Upon executing a search warrant, Liczbinski testified, he showed Nyquist many of the images that had been sent to the Wisconsin investigator. Nyquist identified several of those images as images he possessed on one of several computer thumb-drives that were eventually taken as evidence, the officer testified.

According to Liczbinski, all of the images were traded

between sources in Internet "private" chat rooms. The Wisconsin investigator, after receiving some of the images from Nyquist, ran them through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and several of them were identified as being photographs of "known victims" of child sexual exploitation, Liczbinski testified.

Liczbinski testified he found more than 350 images on one thumb drive.

"They all appeared to be pornographic images of children participating in real or simulated sexual activity or (photographs) exposing geni-

tals," said Liczbinski, who has been part of the task force for two years.

On cross examination, Nyquist's attorney, John McWilliams, got Liczbinski to acknowledge that Nyquist appeared in none of the photos. There was also no evidence, Liczbinski testified under cross examination, that Nyquist and participated in the taking of any of the confiscated photos or videos.

The only real point of contention during the hearing came when 35th District Court Judge James Plakas asked about bond conditions. Nyquist posted \$5,000 (10 percent of a \$50,000 bond) after his March 17 arraignment. Glenn wanted the bond increased to \$500,000 (10 percent).

"The defendant has positioned himself to be around children," Glenn told Plakas. "He sent those images to what he believed was a 14-year-old girl. It's not an appropriate bail."

Plakas declined to increase it, though he did add a condition that Nyquist not come within 100 yards of any school or day care center.

Nyquist is due in Wayne County Circuit Court for arraignment May 27.

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## OPENINGS

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Belvitch is scheduled to retire when this school year ends.

The district will also lose four principals: Allen Elementary School's Marcia Moore; Sue Kelly of Bird Elementary; Amy Potts of East Middle School; and Lynn Haire of Miller Elementary.

Hughes said he'll decide how to fill the jobs after talking

with staff and school board members.

"The first thing I need to know is which jobs the board wants me to fill permanently and which ones would be more of an interim basis, to give the new (permanent) superintendent a chance to choose his own people," Hughes said. "I'll talk to the staff and the board, to see perhaps if there are people being groomed for those kinds of leadership positions."

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## Writer shares love of poetry with students

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH  
CORRESPONDENT

"Follow your dreams!" Brod Bagert demands of his audiences.

The award-winning author speaks from experience. After a 21-year law career and service in public office, Bagert pursued his childhood dream of being a professional poet.

His message was well received at Dodson Elementary School in Canton during a recent visit where he shared his love of poetry. The students were thrilled by Bagert's action-packed interactive performance, as well as an evening of family fun.

Bagert grew up in New Orleans, where he currently lives with his wife, Debby, and their four children. One day, his daughter needed a poem to recite for an elocution contest. She wanted to act out the poem and make everyone laugh. They searched popular children's poetry, but couldn't find many in the voice of a child. This gap in poetry caused him to write the poem for her and this proved to be a pivotal time in his life because it led to his new career as a poet.

*If Only I Could Fly* is Bagert's first published book of poetry. He self-published it in 1984, after friends and family wanted his poems. The book took off and he began speaking at conferences. It gradually started taking over his life and he became a full time poet.

Bagert has published 10



JENNIFER WILMARTH

Brod Bagert performs a poem for the all-school assembly at Dodson Elementary.

books of poetry for children and two for young adults, including *Giant Children* and *Hormone Jungle: Coming of Age in Middle School*. He co-authored an educational series, *Poet and the Professor Poems for Building Reading Skills*, with well-known fluency expert, Timothy V. Rasinski, Ph.D. Bagert also published five books for adults, including *Steel Cables*, a book of love poems.

When Bagert writes for specific audiences, he creates a character, gives him a name and personality and adds in dramatic elements. He focuses on what's going on in the character's life, patterns of voice and speech, specific sounds, vocabulary and habits.

This is similar to what a playwright or novelist does. By the character's actions, the reader concludes what the feelings are about.

"This makes it metaphorically universal," Bagert said. "The character pursues a goal or experiences a conflict and expresses emotion. The moment the reader identifies with the character, the poem is not about somebody else. It becomes about the reader."

During his performances, Bagert draws his energy from his audience. He is quite animated, and even plays the harmonica. When he recites his poems, he is passionate and gets the students excited about poetry, too. He is a firm believer that, "Oral recitation

can be the foundation of a successful curriculum ... and reciting poetry becomes the opportunity to do that."

In fact, his poems are written with the intention of being read aloud and acted out. He encourages students to find a poem they like.

Bagert believes there is a lot of bad poetry out there, but that should not discourage someone from finding one they like.

"You might have to go through 100 poems before you find one, then memorize it and make it part of yourself and you have a treasure inside yourself," he said. "After you find a dozen poems that you like and you've memorized them over a period of 10 years, you've got a vast wealth that keeps giving to you every day because you'll hear the lines of poems as you live your life and that's what it's like to be a poetry lover."

While Bagert's style is unique, he's been influenced by writers such as Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*, Shakespeare (for his sense of humor) and Robert Frost (for central metaphors). Robert Burns' work taught him about central metaphors in transactions between two characters and Emily Dickenson taught him how words can be quiet and powerful at the same time. He greatly admires José Martí, as a writer and a Cuban national hero, "who was passionate, had heart and intellect".

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Activities for Early Childhood's Book Land revolved around activities and games based on a favorite book.

## Book Land promotes childhood literacy

Staffers at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Development hosted the second annual Book Land preschool literacy event, the latest event in the effort to promote literacy among youngsters.

The event took place at Hulsing Elementary School, which houses four preschool classrooms. Each room conducted activities and games based on a favorite book: *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Preschool children also enjoyed face painting, pictures with Clifford the Big Red Dog, winning a preschool book from the Book Walk, and a

finale presented by a special friend from the Canton Public Library. Parents could shop at the Scholastic Book Fair and buy raffle tickets for four themed gift baskets and a handmade quilt.

Proceeds from the raffle went toward tuition assistance for preschoolers who might otherwise not be able to attend preschool in the 2011-12 school year.

"The evening was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended," said Early Childhood Development staffer Lori Haneline.

For information on preschool, call the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the website at [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood).

### Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

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Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2011-12 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 9 - May 23, 2011 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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# Tips to achieve couponing success

Interested in learning to use coupons to save money? Canton resident Meghan Lombardo regularly uses coupons to help save as much as half off her weekly grocery bill. She posts many of her tips and links to area freebies on her website at [www.savvyspending-meghan.blogspot.com](http://www.savvyspending-meghan.blogspot.com).

Here are some of Meghan's tips for beginners:

**1) START SMALL**  
Don't think that you have to make a 180-degree change in the way you shop on the first day of couponing. Try to clip a few coupons and use them when the item is at a rock bottom price. Or, just tackle one store at a time to learn the ropes. Remember, big changes — in anything — take gradual steps to reach completion. Take baby steps.

## 2) HEALTH AND BEAUTY ITEMS ARE FREQUENTLY FREE

Did you know you can literally get free toothpaste every week at drugstores? If you combine coupons, store reward money (like Extra Care Bucks at CVS), and sale prices you can almost always pick up a few tubes of toothpaste for free. The same goes for deodorant, shampoo, floss, toothbrushes, cleaning supplies, medicine, laundry detergent, medicine, and more.

## 3) START A STOCKPILE

The secret to saving money at the grocery store is buying what you know you'll use when it's free or cheap with coupons — not when you actually need it.

Here's what I mean: I know that in our house go through about a box of pancake mix each month. The shelf life of

the box of pancake mix is six months. I can pay \$3.50 for it when I have run out of it and need it, or I can buy six of them by combing coupons and a sale and pay just 50 cents each! I know I'll use it, I won't have to buy it again for six months (or until that sale comes back), and I've just saved myself some money! Apply that to all the weekly freebies and deals, and you've got yourself a nice stockpile!

## 4) STACK STORE COUPONS WITH MANUFACTURER COUPONS FOR MORE SAVINGS

Many stores offer their own coupons that can be used with a manufacturer coupon. "Stack" a store coupon with a manufacturer coupon on the same item. These coupons are easy to print online and can

greatly increase your savings.

## 5) PLAN AND PREPARE

Couponing doesn't have to take up hours of your time. There are so many websites that do most of the work for you — showing you what the best deals are, telling you where to find the coupons you need, and sharing with you the freebies that are out there. Take 30 minutes or so each week to plan your trip, and print, clip, and organize your coupons and you're all set to go. They say that time is money, and that 30 minutes you spent in planning and preparing your trip can easily save you 50 percent off your grocery bill.

You can find Couponing 101 Guides, store policies, coupon lingo and more at Savvy Spending! ([www.savvyspending-meghan.blogspot.com](http://www.savvyspending-meghan.blogspot.com))

# Canton man charged in postal fraud case

A 47-year-old Canton man was among five U.S. Postal Service supervisors indicted by a federal grand jury this week, charged with conspiring to take bribes in exchange for directing more than \$13 million in maintenance work on Postal Service vehicles to a private contractor in Ohio and Michigan.

The indictment of Gregory Gorski and the other four supervisors was announced Thursday by U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, along with Special Agent in Charge Torri Piper of the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General and Elizabeth A. Farcht, the Special Agent in Charge of the Postal Service OIG's Eastern Area.

Gorski, was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday, along with Denny Robinson, 35, of Brownstown Township; Bruce Plumb, 61, of Brownstown; Mancer Holmes, 49, of Farmington Hills; and Jeffery Adams, 50, Copley, Ohio.

At the time of the alleged crime, Gorski was acting manager of the United States Postal Service vehicle maintenance facility in Ann Arbor. Robinson was employed as a supervisor at the postal services' vehicle maintenance facility in Detroit; Holmes served as a lead automotive technician at the postal service's bulk mail center in Allen Park, and as a lead mechanic at the Detroit vehicle maintenance facility; Plumb was the acting manager of postal service's Detroit vehicle maintenance facility; Adams was the manager of the Akron, Ohio, vehicle maintenance

facility and had previously served as a supervisor at the Detroit vehicle maintenance facility.

The alleged conspiracies took place between 2004 and 2010, according to McQuade, when the private contractor charged the USPS more than \$13 million for maintenance and repair work.

A statement issued by the U.S. Department of Justice said Gorski is charged with taking \$2,000 in cash bribes, a 1999 Pontiac Minivan, tickets for Detroit Pistons, Detroit Lions, and University of Michigan football games, and thousands of dollars in gift cards. The other men allegedly accepted gifts of cash and vehicles, free service work, entertainment at a local strip club, tickets to sporting events and other items.

If convicted, each of the five defendants faces up to five years in prison for conspiring to commit bribery. Gorski also faces up to 15 years in prison on each of four counts of bribery.

The indictments also seek forfeiture of the illegal payments received by the Postal Service employees in connection with the crimes.

"The Postal Service spends about \$11 to \$12 billion on contracts annually - an amount that provides opportunities for fraud," Piper said. "Special Agents from the Postal Service OIG aggressively investigate any such schemes to defraud the Postal Service."

The case was investigated by agents of the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David A. Gardey.

## COUPONS

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with her frugal finds and asked her to share deals via e-mail. Soon she had a long list of friends and family requesting information on the best deals she found. She even had people stopping her in church, asking for money-saving tips.

"They all wanted to know how I did it. I thought a blog would be an easier way to communicate," she said and launched her site in January 2010. She currently has 250 followers and subscribers on her site.

Staying organized is key when using coupons, Lombardo said. Clipping coupons and matching them to store sales can take time, and posting these "match-ups" on her site helps speed up the process for others, she said. She regularly posts match-ups from current area newspaper coupons to sales at local stores such as Meijer, CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens.

Lombardo notes that the recession has fueled a new interest in couponing and more people are seeking ways to economize. A part-time technology teacher for Livonia Public Schools, she also teaches classes on effective couponing at the Canton Summit on the Park and CrossPointe Community Church in Wayne.



Lombardo

She also visits local groups such as Mothers of Preschoolers and gives talks on using coupons to save money.

"It seems like all of the sudden it has gotten really popular," she said. The tough economy has pushed couponing into the mainstream, she said.

## GROCERY BILL

Plymouth resident Stephanie Kuhn agrees. She began using coupons when she was a new college graduate looking to cut back on her monthly grocery bill.

"I figured if I could save \$10 every month on groceries, it would be \$120 a year. And that is a lot of money when you're just out of school ... it really adds up," she said.

Now as a mother of three girls under the age of 7, she continues to use coupons regularly and has even expanded her coupon use to both restaurants and clothing stores. She often takes advantage of stores sales and special offer coupons to stock up on clothing at local stores such as Gymboree.

"I make my shopping list based on what I have coupon for," Kuhn said, adding that daughters Grace, Aubree and Ashlyn are already learning

the value of saving.

"They like to help me clip the coupons and out of the newspaper and when we go shopping they ask, 'Is it on sale?'" she said.

"Three kids are so expensive, especially when they're in diapers," noting that she often trades coupons with her sister-in-law, Emily Barczyk, whom she affectionately calls "The Coupon Queen."

## LESSONS FROM MOM

Barczyk, a Plymouth mother of two and longtime coupon user, credits her mother with instilling appreciation of a good value.

"My mom used coupons when I was growing up. I like to save money and I don't pay full price unless I have to. I get excited about saving money and getting things for free," she said.

As a stay-at-home mom, Barczyk feels that using coupons gives her an opportunity to support to the household budget.

Barczyk and her mother still trade coupons and shares tips on sales over the phone, she said.

"I feel good when I walk out of a store and have saved money ... it makes me feel like

I am contributing," she said.

Lombardo also acknowledges that helping others save money has been rewarding.

"I get e-mails from people thanking me. It makes me feel good to know I'm helping others in tough times," she said. "Even people in line behind me at the store ask, 'how did you do that?'" as they watch her saving add up at the cash register.

In fact, recently her expertise brought her to the attention of producers from the TLC television show *Extreme Couponing*.

She said although she will not be appearing on the show, "They did ask me for some tips."

Lombardo said that although she does not fall into the category of "extreme," couponing has changed her life. In addition to helping her own household budget, using coupons wisely has allowed her to be able to donate bags of food to her church on a regular basis.

"You've heard the saying, 'Change your budget; change your life' ... it sounds silly, but couponing has been life-changing for me," she said.

Visit Meghan's website at: <http://savvyspending-meghan.blogspot.com/>.

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## Band Boosters strike winning tune in bank's cash giveaway

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton Band Boosters have landed a \$10,000 prize by placing first in a local bank's Web-based fundraiser.

The Boosters racked up 3,962 online votes during the second and final round of Sweet 15, which the Bank of Ann Arbor launched in March to mark its 15th anniversary. "The last couple days, we kept sending out notes to our kids and the Boosters," reminding them to vote, said Erin Babcock, president of the fund-raising and support organization for the marching band made up of Plymouth Canton Educational Park students. "Everybody just pulled together."

The Boosters had over 300 more votes than the second-place finisher, the Michigan

Interscholastic Forensic Association. Voting in the second round ended at 10:15 p.m. Thursday.

Votes, limited to one a day per computer, were cast through Bank of Ann Arbor page on Facebook. The first round of the competition, which ended in April, narrowed a list of about 400 nonprofits to 15, and all 15 groups that made it to the second round will share in the \$75,000 the bank put up for the competition.

The top five groups will take away \$10,000 each. The Boosters have earmarked their winnings for the marching band's trip to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City this fall.

The contest brought the bank, which has a branch on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, a lot of attention.

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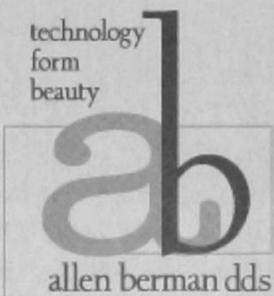
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## Revised plans for downtown building win planners' OK

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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Some architectural details have yet to be worked out, but plans for a new commercial building at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street were given the green light by the Plymouth Planning Commission on Wednesday.

Developers Omar Hamdan and Ed Dombrowski, who owns the site with his wife, Patricia, say they want to get the 789 Building, named for its address on Ann Arbor Trail, built this summer. They had earlier won approval from a divided Planning Commission for a three-story building, despite opposition by the owners of many downtown businesses, but have scaled back their plans, which now call for a two-story building, with the second floor housing a restaurant with open-air terrace seating.

The developers say they would lease space for retail, restaurant or office use, or a combination of those. The city's Historic District Commission, which has a special meeting Wednesday, must still sign off on some minor changes in the building's appearance that its members requested.

In addition, the City Commission needs to take up the developers' petition to make a cash payment, of \$10,000 per space, in exchange for a waiver of the 16 parking spaces the proposed building requires. The plan as approved includes no on-site parking.

The Planning Commission's vote in favor of revised plans was 5-1, with Commissioner Jim Mulhern

casting the only no vote. Mulhern said he wanted to see completely finished plans before voting for them.

"I'm not going to vote to approve anything that isn't representative of what the exact finished product is," Mulhern said.

That prompted Hamdan to express frustration with the approval process, which dates back to planning and Historic District Commission meetings last fall.

"Time is of the essence," said Hamdan, who also threatened to "go ahead and go with the three-story building." Commissioners, however, assured him they would schedule a special meeting if needed. Their Wednesday approval, however, means there will be no such meeting.

Commissioner Keith MacDonald, who in March voted against plans for a three-story building, said he liked the revisions. "I appreciate the lesser intensity," he said.

The only citizen comment on the plan came from William Saxton of Saxton's Garden Center, a block east of the site. Saxton expressed concern that the building, without on-site parking, will put an extra burden on downtown parking.

"When is the city going to get off dead center and provide the parking that's needed in this downtown area?" Saxton said. He added that new construction without parking is "just an extra imposition on the people that provide it," as does Saxton's.

The corner slated for the 789 Building had been the site of a long-vacant gas station that was demolished early this year.

## Plan wisely to help fund grandkids' college costs

**Q:** Dear Rick: My wife and I decided to move into a senior community. After all is said and done, including furnishing our new place, we have about \$120,000 left. Our Social Security will cover monthly fees and I figure we may need, at most, a couple of hundred dollars a month to cover some additional expenses. I would like to use some of the excess money (about \$20,000) for my grandchildren's college education. I have three grandchildren, ages 5, 7, and 8 years old. I want to use the rest of the money to cover any shortfall. I do have some other investments for long-term growth. Any ideas on how I can invest this money? I want to be conservative with the money.

**A:** Congratulations on selling your home, particularly in this market.

In reviewing your situation, I will start with the money that you wish to allocate for your grandchildren's college education. My recommendation is to take the \$20,000 and open a Michigan Education Savings Plan for each of the grandchildren (www.misaves.com).

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Considering the ages of your grandchildren and the fact



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

In regard to the older grandchildren, you may wish to show them what you're doing and take this opportunity to teach them about money. They should know that their grandparents are sacrificing so they can get a good college education.

With the approximate \$100,000 remaining, I recommend \$7,000 into your bank account to cover your additional income needs. This

money should last you close to two years. This will allow other monies that you have to reinvest and grow.

I recommend dividing the other \$50,000 equally through the following Vanguard Funds:

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My recommendation for these funds is to let everything reinvest and grow. Once the initial \$7,000 in your bank account is exhausted, withdraw equally from these three funds to replenish that money.

With the remaining money — considering your desire to be conservative and the fact that you will not need this money for a number of years — my recommendation is to consider a fixed annuity. It is

guaranteed and insured, and all the money would grow on a tax-deferred basis. You would only pay taxes when you withdraw the money.

Not all fixed annuities are the same. The ones I recommend are no-load and not stuffed with excessive fees. The individual I generally recommend for fixed annuities is Jim Hutton (800-870-4444).

I am frequently asked about senior communities and whether I recommend them.

It's sort of like mutual funds. Some mutual funds are good, some are not so good. The same could be said about senior communities.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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Jay Young and 4-year-old granddaughter Lily Lombardo untangle their line.



Bob Haske and 5-year-old grandson Aidan Haske wet their lines in Heritage Park during Canton's annual fishing derby.

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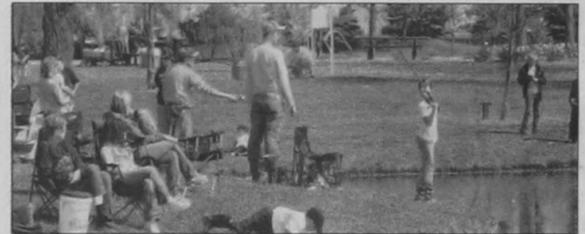
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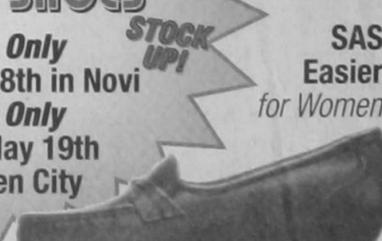
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# Hills couple will visit their school in Africa, gifts in hand

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like a tapestry of goodwill, things are coming together, piece by piece, for Paul and Nancy Berrigan.

The Farmington Hills couple, who has opened a secondary school in Chelekura, a remote area in the east African nation of Uganda, about four hours east of the country's capital, Kampala, will return there in June, bearing gifts.

About 2,000 of them. The gifts are colorful, cotton, handmade dresses for the girls of Chelekura.

"Each one is cuter than the next," said Nancy Berrigan, who was contacted by Joan Mountford of Canton, after reading an article in the *Observer* about the John Paul School built by the Berrigans.

Mountford sews the dresses and gives them to the Berrigans. She came up with the idea of sewing the dresses out of fabric or pillow cases, when she saw the Little Dresses for Africa nonprofit set up at the Summit in Canton. She knew, from reading the newspaper story, that the Berrigans would return to Africa, so she contacted them to see if they'd be interested in taking some dresses.

Nancy Berrigan, of course, said they would love to take dresses for the girls.

"It's exciting," she said. "I just can't wait to see their faces."

Mountford and Nancy Berrigan have become fast friends, and Berrigan has collected fabric from her church, St. Fabian Catholic Church, for Mountford to continue creating the adorable dresses.

Mountford, who has made about 70 so far, is happy to do it.

"I'm just really having a good time," said Mountford. "I try to make one a day, but



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul and Nancy Berrigan sort through the colorful, handmade dresses they will take with them to Africa.

sometimes I can make five in a day." She pictures the girls enjoying the dresses.

"I know some little child is going to really enjoy it and appreciate it for at least a year," she said, noting that's how long, or longer, they'll wear the dresses. "A lot of the kids have nothing else — no nightgowns, no change of clothes."

She purposely makes each dress unique — and that's for a reason.

"Every one has been different," she said. "So they all can feel individual and important."

The Berrigans are also taking dresses that were made for the Little Dresses for Africa organization, which has people volunteering to sew from all 50 states and around the world.

The organization was started by Rachel O'Neill after visiting Africa.

"When she saw all these little girls, she said, 'I'm going to get you a dress,'" said Berrigan, noting the O'Neill didn't know how to sew, so she came up with the idea to start the sewing network that's based in Brownstown. For more information about Little Dresses for Africa, visit [www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org).

#### PROGRESS

The Berrigans are excited that their trip to Uganda will include their daughter, Kathleen, her friend and another friend of the family.

They will also mark a very special occasion while they're

there — the dedication of the new Science and Learning Center, with a physics lab, a biology lab and a chemistry lab. The building will also have a library, a study hall and a computer lab. The Berrigans are hoping for donations of solar panels on the building, since there's no electricity. They're also in need of furniture for the building.

"Their needs are endless," said Paul Berrigan.

Yet, the school keeps growing. It's up to 149 students now, 61 of whom are female boarding students.

"Each new success brings a new challenge," said Paul Berrigan, noting that they hope to build staff housing so they can retain top qual-

ity teachers. He said they've already started a bonus incentive for teachers, to keep them at the school. Their goal is to make it a premier school, focused on science. They offer 40 scholarships per year, including those for the top male and top female student.

"We want it to be a quality school to get a good education and that's why they come," said Paul Berrigan.

It's only \$100 to sponsor a student; \$200 to sponsor a boarding student and \$1,500 to sponsor a teacher.

The John Paul School — which is named after Paul and Nancy's father's first names — has become the center point of the rural community and it

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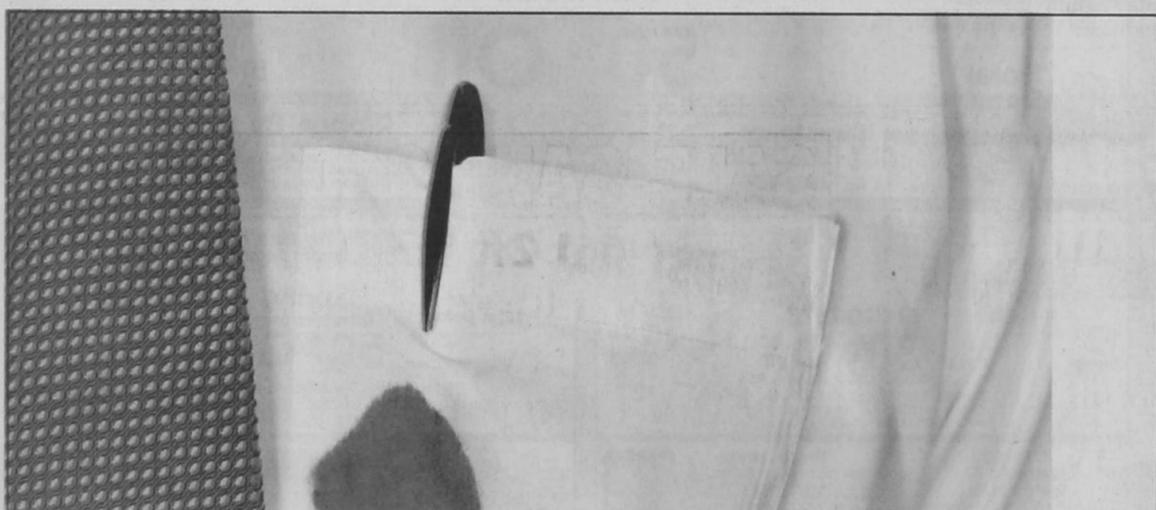
seems to be attracting more people to the area.

The first school in Chelekura was the shade from a large tree. The second school was under a hut made from tree limbs and a thatched roof, with no walls. The third location for the school was inside a crumbling old church, after a new one was built.

The Berrigans, who try to visit once a year, are excited to return.

"We're really happy with the progress," said Nancy Berrigan. "We're excited to see how things have grown and changed."

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# Seeking 'Salvation' – Corps remains key part of retiree's lifestyle

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salvation Army may not be in George Aren's blood, but it's certainly in his bloodline.

The 76-year-old Aren, a Livonia resident who recently retired after what he calls a 76-year career serving the Salvation Army, was basically born into service, born to a father who was a member of the Church of England, a mother who was in the Army and grandparents who had served, as well.

So it's no surprise Aren became the patriarch of what might be referred to as the "family business," a father who led two of his four children into the same sort of service.

"It's all we knew when I was a kid," said Aren, who started at the Temple Corps, located at Grand River and West Chicago in Detroit. "The Salvation Army becomes your way of life. It's not just a church, it's a lifestyle."

## A SANCTUARY

It's been George Aren's lifestyle virtually his whole life. He grew up in what he calls a working-class neighborhood and attended church at the Temple Corps. He actually ran the community center as a 16-year-old. Through high school, it was his sanctuary, a place he and his friends escaped for hour after hour of basketball or floor hockey.

He went on to own his own business — Telway Towing in Redford — for 38 years. He volunteered for the Salvation Army from 1987 through 2000. But it was the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255 at Detroit Metro Airport that put its stamp on what Aren would do with his latter years.

"That was my introduction to disaster services," said Aren, who would go on to become the chief of disaster services. "I had a friend serving as corps commander who was trying to get me to volunteer for disaster services. He called me on a Friday, then



George Aren, who retired as director of disaster services for the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan region, has been followed into Army service by his son, Maj. John Aren, and his daughter Laurie, who is director of family and community ministries at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

called again Sunday to say the plane had crashed."

The Salvation Army turned the disaster services position into a part-time job, with Aren manning it. Then came Sept. 11, 2001. After the Salvation Army responded to the disaster in New York, Aren's job was turned into a full-time job, one he kept until he retired April 1.

## DISASTER RELIEF

While dealing with a variety of disasters — from the plane crash at Metro Airport to fires and other disasters — Aren has met a variety of people. For instance, he met the firefighter who walked out of the crash debris at Metro with Flight 255's only survivor (153 people died that day), 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan.

"It's necessary work," Aren said of the disaster services job. "First responders and victims (on-scene) are despondent, they're very much upset. There's a saying that if you can get those people to eat or drink something, it alleviates that."

Aren's children heard all the



Laurie Aren of Westland, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, at a presentation she made to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

stories over all the years. It's had an effect on at least two of them. His son, John, is a major who, with wife Julie (also a major and a third-generation officer herself), runs the Romulus Adult Rehabilitation Center and manages the assets of seven different thrift stores, including the newest one in

Canton. He said it's no surprise he got involved, given his upbringing.

"My parents took us to the corps three times a week," John Aren recalled. "From that, and from being part of study groups, we got good training in understanding



George Aren of Livonia (center) is flanked by his successor as director of disaster services Chuck McDougall and his son, Maj. John Aren.

what the Bible says."

Like most corps officers serving the Salvation Army, John and Julie Aren, who now live in Westland, have lived a transient lifestyle. They've served in places like Minneapolis, Minn.; Alpena and Monroe, Mich.; Des Moines, Iowa; Grand Rapids and now Romulus.

## ON THE MOVE

In fact, the Westland Arens are moving again; the biggest piece of John's ministry, the Adult Rehab Center in Romulus, has changed its mission and the Arens will move to the Chicago area in June.

While he thought about not doing it — John's background is in systems engineering, Julie is a registered nurse — John said his beginnings in the Brightmoor Corps solidified the choice.

"Starting at such an intense level, and calling on God to meet it ... the two connected and put is in the middle," John said. "That was thrilling and helped us understand that's what we were supposed to do with the rest of our lives. We'd found our calling."

Not all of the Aren children felt the calling. Son Mark works at Telway Towing (George's former company), son Jim teaches special-needs students and daughter

Jennifer is a social worker who specializes in foster care and adoption.

It wasn't exactly a calling for his other daughter, Laurie Aren, either. Sure, for the last few years she has served as director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, but the Westland resident had an extensive career in the health care industry before that.

She spent more than 13 years at Henry Ford Hospital and also did bereavement work for Arbor Hospice before landing in Plymouth. She isn't surprised she gravitated to the Salvation Army.

"All of my family are there," Laurie said. "I don't know if it was an 'attraction,' it was just always there. It's such a way of life; 95 percent of our friendships are in the Army. You don't know anything else."

George Aren doesn't figure to be out of the Salvation Army way of life any time soon. He had his wife, Dorothy, still worship at the Dearborn Heights Corps. It's been a way of life for 76 years, so why change now?

"The people I've met ... I've made some good friends," Aren added. "You have all the stories ... it's amazing."

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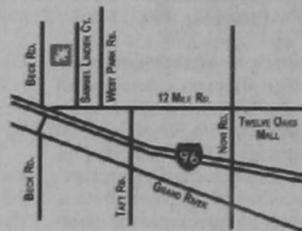
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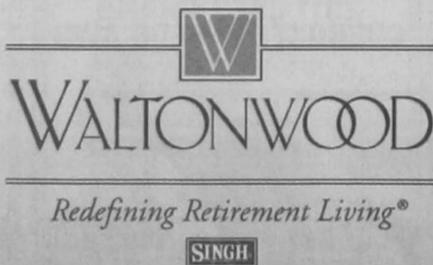
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During a recent softball game, Salem junior Alyssa Meagher launches another pitch toward the plate – now 43 feet away from the circle. Ready at third base is Elliott Mitchem.

## CIRCLE CHANGE

Softball pitchers, coaches adjusting to 43-foot distance

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How big a deal is the MHSAA edict to add three feet to the distance from the pitcher's circle to home plate?

Not so much, according to several softball coaches and pitchers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park asked about the mandate to move the mound from 40 to 43 feet away from their target.

But make no mistake, the 2011 prep season is one of adjustment – for varsity, junior varsity and

freshman pitchers.

"You just have to give a little more *oomph* when you push off," Salem pitcher Alyssa Meagher said. "But it's not that difficult."

With a little extra space and time, however, batters are better able to time fastballs or lay off breaking pitches. They also have more of a head start toward first base if they lay down a good bunt.

"I'm going to assume it's going to happen more," Canton pitcher Alyssa Boucher said. "Because there's three feet now where it's going to take me longer to get to the ball."

IN SYNC

The change helps prep players with hopes of playing college softball to gain experience throwing the ball 43 feet, which is what the distance is at the collegiate level. Travel teams also go by the 43-foot distance.

"A lot of girls at the varsity level, their dream is to play college softball," Plymouth varsity coach Val Canfield said. "And that's the way they'll be ready for it."

The change will help girls gear up for college softball, but Salem

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

## KLAA TRACK MEET

# Canton boys 2nd to Novi

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marsha Reid has had plenty of success recently coaching the Novi girls track and field team.

And now that Reid is doing double duty, that success has translated over to the boys side as the Wildcats repeated as KLAA Kensington Conference champions Friday at Livonia Churchill.

Novi finished a team-best 140 points with Livonia Stevenson and Canton finishing second and third with 104 and 80.5 points, respectively. See complete team standings and results.

Novi was led by double winner Joe Schubring, a senior who swept the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in 4:25.29 (meet record) and 10:00.17, respectively.

Novi's other individual winner was Derek Kim in the 110 hurdles (15.17). The Wildcats also captured the 4 x 100 relay in 44.06.

"We had some key graduations last year on the boys side," said Reid, who has also coached the Novi girls for 10 seasons. "We weren't sure what to expect. And here we are with a conference championship and the (Central) division championship. It's been a harder fight this year for the boys than the girls, but it's a nice thing."

Novi was coming off a 72.5-64.5 dual meet victory over Stevenson to determine the KLAA Central Division champion.

"My assessment today is that it was an overall great team effort," Reid said. "I think that's kind of been the key to our success all year. When we've needed to, we've had athletes step up and done everything they could for the team. They've sacrificed whatever they've done as an individual and gone out and done it for the team. I can't stress that more than what happened here today and what happened on Tuesday (72.5-64.5 dual meet win over Stevenson)."

After finishing fourth in last Saturday's Observerland Relays, Stevenson broke the 100-point barrier at the conference meet.

"We did real well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Obviously, we had a lot more kids set personal bests in a number of events and won three of four relays – we're real happy with. We had a freshman (Danny

Please see **KLAA TRACK, B3**

## SIDELINES

### Canton best at Massey

Last year's annual softball game between Canton and Salem at Don Massey Field in Plymouth went 14 innings with the Rocks eking out a 2-1 victory.

This year's wasn't as dramatic as the Chiefs won 4-0.

Winning pitcher Alyssa Boucher helped her own cause, going 2-for-3 at the plate, knocking in a run.

Chipping in with two hits each for the Chiefs (20-2) were Kaitlyn Mattson (double) and Lauren Leskovitz (triple, two RBI).

Salem's record dipped to 5-7 overall.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, the Chiefs took both ends of a double-header against Livonia Franklin, 10-2 and 13-3.

Boucher scattered seven hits over seven innings to win the opener.

In the nightcap, Canton hurler Hannah Warren scattered seven hits and struck out four in going the distance.

### Huge win for 'Cats

A deflection goal proved to be the difference Thursday as host Plymouth downed Livonia Churchill, 1-0, in a key girls soccer battle for first place in the KLAA's South Division.

The loss ended Churchill's unbeaten streak at seven game as the Chargers fall to 6-4-2 overall and 5-2-1 in the division.

Plymouth is 7-2-3 overall and 5-1-2 in the KLAA South, but now is one point behind division leader Canton (6-2, 18 points).

"We just can't stand prosperity," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "I think we can out and played scared. We did not play well as a team

Please see **SIDELINES, B4**

## Indiana Tech inks Allard to play women's lac

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton senior Lauren Allard will be continuing the impressive trend of girls lacrosse players from the Park moving on to play at Indiana Tech University.

On May 6, Allard officially signed her scholarship offer from Indiana Tech, with Warriors' women's lacrosse coach Ed Karasek and wife Diana on hand.

"Having coach Karasek drive two and a half hours here and back for the signing of my scholarship was an honor," Allard said. "He had to head right back to Indiana Tech after our game because (Karasek's team) was having their banquet the next day."

Also at the signing were her parents, Steve and Amy, and Salem varsity coach Dave Medley – her former coach

with the PCS United Lady Warriors (which folded after 2010 to launch separate teams for Canton, Plymouth and Salem).

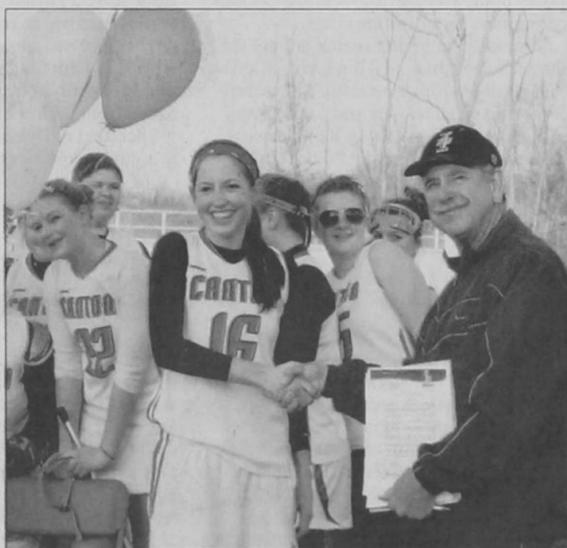
Of course Chiefs head coach Dave Bower and the rest of the Canton squad helped Lauren celebrate her big day.

And having them there meant a lot to her. "My Canton lacrosse team has been very supportive of this opportunity I have been given," Allard said. "I think that this encourages my teammates to work hard and this opportunity can be theirs as well."

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Bower said Allard's work ethic, sportsmanship and strong competitive edge are reasons why she should suc-

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Canton senior Lauren Allard (No. 16) is congratulated by her future coach – Indiana Tech University's Ed Karasek – after she officially signed to play college lacrosse for the Warriors.



## JOSHUA ALLEN

**Who:** Joshua Allen, senior co-captain of Plymouth Christian Academy varsity track and field team.

**Miscellany:** The 17-year-old shot put and discus thrower carries a 3.1 grade-point average and was also captain of PCA's football team. His parents are Patricia and Todd Allen. He is hopeful of setting a new school record in the shot put and has his sights set on going to the state finals. Allen was accepted to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. **Captain's job:** "The job of a captain is to exhibit leadership and set a good example for the rest



of the athletes on your team." **Leadership style:** "I lead by setting a good example for the others to follow. I also make sure to hold my tongue so I don't say something I'd regret."

**Why him?** "They picked me because I showed leadership to the other throwers and I have been on the team for a long time."

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# Plymouth sweeps past John Glenn

Plymouth senior pitcher Mike Nadratowski threw a complete game, not allowing an earned run, as the Wildcats defeated Westland John Glenn 8-5 in the opener of Wednesday's twinbill.

Supporting Nadratowski with three runs was Ben Wohl, while Chad Schroeder chipped in with two hits.

A five-run first, courtesy of two John Glenn errors, set the tone.

Nadratowski carried a no-hitter until there were two outs in the seventh, when Caleb Clenney doubled.

In Game 2, the Wildcats mercied the Rockets 11-0 in a five-inning KLAAs South Division contest.

Justin Thompson threw a two-hitter over five innings. He did not allow a walk and struck out two.

Nadratowski had a 2-run double, while John Etienne scored three runs. Wohl also doubled and scored twice.

With the wins, Plymouth improved to 13-8 overall and 8-5 in the KLAAs South.

**CANTON 13-14, FRANKLIN 3-0:** KLAAs South Division co-leader Canton (18-3, 11-2) collected a total of 32 hits in Wednesday's double-header sweep of host Livonia Franklin (11-12, 4-9).

Canton won the opener in five innings, 13-3, as Ryan Bazner had a solo homer and RBI double.

Chris Perkovich went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer, while Braden Price added two triples and scored a run.

Mike Stafford pitched the first four innings to earn the vic-

## PREP BASEBALL

tory, while Franklin starter Brent Marzion gave up 11 earned runs in 4.2 innings.

Dan Muller doubled and scored a run for the Patriots.

Canton also won the second game, 14-0, as Bazner pitched a perfect game through four innings before Muller broke up the bid with a lead-off single in the fifth for Franklin's lone hit.

Bazner struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Seth Tschetter went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Price went 2-for-3, including a 3-run homer.

**PCA 14-12, LUTHERAN SOUTH 3-2:** The Plymouth Christian varsity baseball team swept a pair from Lutheran South in Newport.

The big story of the day was Matt Hagelin. In 10 plate appearances, he went 4-for-4, drew five walks, laid down a sacrifice bunt, scored four runs, stole five bases and drove in eight.

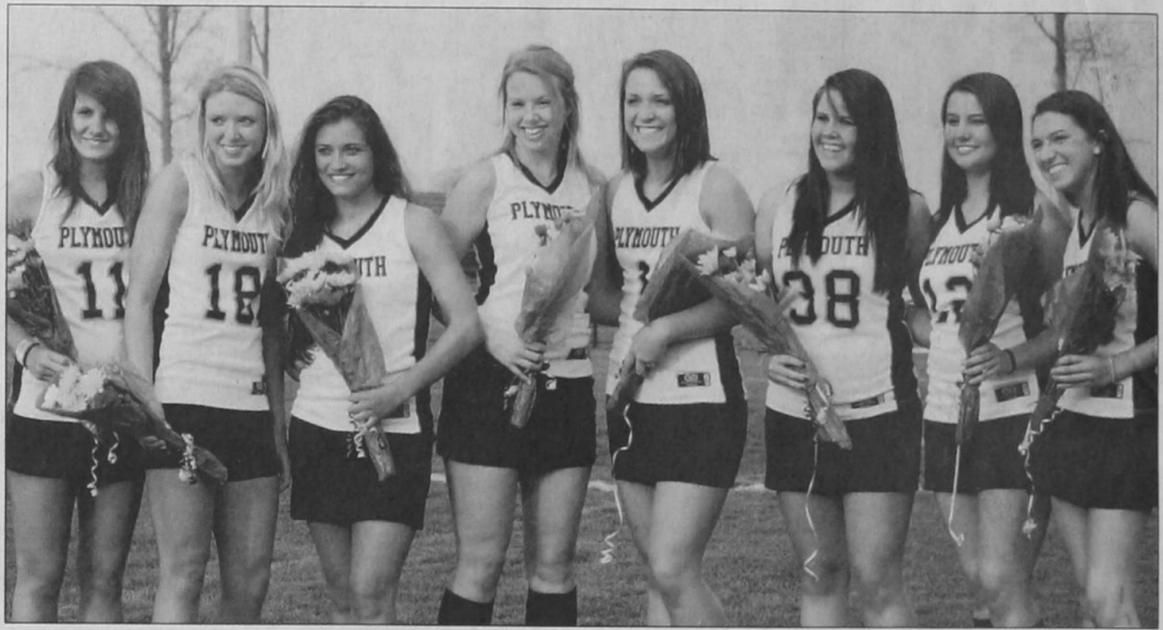
Daniel Jipping went the distance in the opener, striking out seven.

Besides Hagelin's 4-for-4 and seven RBI, Matt Dodson and John Slater each singled and doubled.

Also tallying hits were Dillon Rahill, John Beauchemin, Matt Read and Jared Cobb. Daniel Slater walked three times and was hit by a pitch.

Game 2 was more of the same, with John Slater pitching all six innings, allowing just two hits and smacking two doubles himself.

Daniel Slater (single, two walks), Jipping (double, walk), Read (single) and AJ Smith (single) helped the cause.



Wednesday was Senior Night for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team. From left are Jill Sparschu, Cindy Bradford, Sophia Flesch, Taylor Martin, Taylor Birman, Lauren Manner, Megan Birdwell and Rhianna Fleischer.

# Seniors have big night for Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday was "Senior Night" in more ways than one for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team.

Six senior players scored as the Wildcats rolled to a 15-6 victory over Salem.

Leading the way with three goals each for Plymouth (8-6 overall) were seniors Taylor Birman and Megan Birdwell. Also finding the back of the Salem net were seniors Jill Sparschu (two goals), Sophia Flesch, Cindy Bradford and Rhianna Fleischer.

Junior attacker Katie Hill paced the Wildcats with four goals.

For Salem (3-11 overall), goal scorers included Rose Krasofsky (two goals), Breanne Beaver, Jenna Carter, Kiersten Vala and Shannon Fitzpatrick.

"It was a great game against our cross-campus rivals," Plymouth head coach Bob Hill said. "The coach of the Salem girls lacrosse team, Dave Medley, started the lacrosse program six years ago."

"All of the players on campus owe a great deal to him and his dedication."

The Wildcats only led 6-4



Salem's Kiersten Vala (No. 15, left) keeps a half-step ahead of her Plymouth pursuer, Jordyn Burdick (right), during Wednesday's varsity girls lacrosse match.

at halftime, giving the young Rocks reason to be optimistic about an upset victory.

"I felt grateful to be that close at the half and was starting to believe we could

pull the upset," Salem coach Dave Medley said. "... but with (Plymouth) seniors doing what seniors are supposed to do, they came alive in the second half and (gradually) erased that thought from my mind."

Medley coached the Plymouth seniors during his stint at the helm of the former combined Lady Warriors squad (this is the first year all three high schools have fielded their own teams).

"In a strange way, I was honored by watching how well some of the seniors for Plymouth were playing," he added.

Meanwhile, Medley praised his young players for their effort. "I can't help but to feel positive as all our scores were by first-year players."

Plymouth followed that win up on Thursday with a 14-5 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Katie Hill scored seven goals with Swanson registering a pair. Other goals were notched by Birman, Shannon Lubin, Amanda Kne, Sam Arsenal and Bradford.

Making six stops with a strong performance was Plymouth sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Messer.

## SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

### Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us). For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

### Future Stars baseball

The Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls in current grades 2-8 will be 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road.

The cost is \$60 and you must be registered by June 24.

For more information, call Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or e-mail [mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org).

### Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camps, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14 (boys) and July 18-21 (girls) at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95 (\$10 discount if registered by May 30).

For more information, call (248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at [basketballacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:basketballacademy@hotmail.com).

### Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

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## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

### BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 159**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 161**  
May 10 at Whispering Willows G.C.

**Plymouth scorers:** Kyle Rodes, 38; Josh Heinze and Justin Bauer, 40 each; C.J. Thompson, 41; Ryan Rieckhoff, 43; Craig Whitley, 51.

**Churchill scorers:** Andrew Ioanou, 36 (medalist); Chris Theile, 40; Eric Hill, 42; Nick Proben, 43; Ben Proben and Cory Dare, 44 each.

**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs South.

### CANTON 173

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 184**  
May 9 at Gateway G.C.

**Canton scorers:** Frank Parzynski, 39 (medalist); Josh Maxam, 41; Marty Peck, 44; Alex Champagne, 49; Brandon Laabs, 50; Justin Legel, 53.

**Wayne scorers:** Zach Williamson, 40; Jarret Williams, 46; Corey Robbins, 47; Austin St. Peter, 51; Shane Schooley, 54; Dylan Dotter, 73.

**Dual match records:** Canton, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAAs South; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

## ALLARD

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ceed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Allard also is an excellent student (3.9 grade-point average) and will study energy engineering at Indiana Tech.

"It's really satisfying seeing her get this chance to continue playing lacrosse at the collegiate level," Bower said. "She is well-deserving of this honor and I have every confidence she will have a lot of success."

Medley said he knew from the day

Allard arrived as a freshman, "I could tell this girl was something special. One of the most polite, humble and respectful players I've ever coached. She's very deserving of this scholarship."

The 5-9 midfielder will be the third player from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to receive a scholarship to play lacrosse at Indiana Tech.

The first two were Allard's teammates with PCS United, Canton's Chelsea Olson and Plymouth's Nicole Rottell. Both graduated from high school in 2009.

Speaking of Olson, she'll be playing this summer in Germany and the Czech

Republic with the USA Women's Lacrosse Team.

To help generate money for her overseas trek, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge in Canton is hosting a fundraiser Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Anybody who comes in to the restaurant and mention's Olson (or shows a clipping of this article) will receive 15 percent off the total bill (not including taxes).

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# Whalers focus on offense at draft

With eight defensemen and two goaltenders set to return next season, the Plymouth Whalers used Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection to stock up on young forwards.

The Whalers used their 11th-round pick to nab 6-foot-2, 205-pound left wing Mitchell Dempsey, who had 38 goals, 34 assists and 76 penalty minutes in 55 games for the Cambridge Hawks. Dempsey is described as a power forward by Plymouth general manager/coach Mike Vellucci.

According to Phoenix Coyotes scout Jeff Twohey, the new Whaler is "tailor-made for a Mike Vellucci-type team. Mitchell's a big winger who plays hard. Not only is there some size and competitiveness, but he also has the ability to score goals."

With their second round pick (33rd overall) the Whalers selected left wing Matthew Mistele, who scored 43 goals with 34 assists for 77 points and 50 PIM's in 60 games last season for the Whitby Wildcats.

"The Whitby Wildcats have a long history of developing players," Twohey said. "Typically, Whitby's players come into the league ready to play. Matthew's another good fit for the Whalers. Mike Vellucci likes competitive players."

### THEY FIT THE MOLD

Plymouth assistant general manager Brian Sommariva gave his assessment of

the early rounds of the Whalers draft.

"We think with Mitchell Dempsey, we've got a real good player with size and skill," Sommariva said. "We think he'll project real well. He's a prototypical Plymouth Whaler — he can skate, he's got a nasty side and he can score, too. So we're excited about him."

"Matthew Mistele is a real good goal scorer. People around the league are already texting Mike (Vellucci) saying what a great pick that was in the second round. Without putting any pressure on him, we're real excited to see how he does."

Plymouth had to wait until the fifth round (88th overall) to select right wing Connor Chatham, who scored two goals in 12 games in a season cut short by surgery in the Tier I Elite Hockey League.

According to Central Scouting, Chatham is big and physical but an above-average skater with good offensive skills.

Chatham has reportedly committed to play for the National Team Development Program in 2011-12.

Five picks later, Plymouth continued to draft forwards as left wing Dylan Mascarin was selected from the Thunder Bay Kings. Mascarin scored 21 goals and 53 assists for 74 points and 120 PIM's in 56 games for the Kings last season.

### BLUELINE HELP

The Whalers took their first defense-

man in the draft in the seventh round (133rd overall), going to North Carolina to select 6-foot-3, 180-pound defenseman Charlie Pelnik from the Carolina Hurricanes U-16 team.

Although several Plymouth alums are playing in the Carolina Hurricanes system, Pelnik is the first member of the Hurricanes' youth program to be selected by the Whalers.

Early in the eighth round (144th overall), the Whalers went back to offense with the selection of left wing Danny Vanderwiel, who scored 10 goals with 11 assists for 21 points and 87 PIM's in 33 games for the Team Illinois U-16's last season.

With their own eighth round pick (153rd overall), Plymouth selected defenseman Chris Lindner from the London Knights Gold team. Lindner scored three goals with 17 assists for 20 points and 16 PIM in 50 games last season.

Plymouth historically has found value in the late rounds of the draft.

"A lot of teams say after the eighth round or so, the draft's done," Sommariva said. "We don't feel that way. We'll keep working late into the draft. The picks in the late rounds aren't wasted. The slots late in the draft could get us players that are just as valuable as the higher selections."

"We'll continue to work our lists and have discussions about players who can help."

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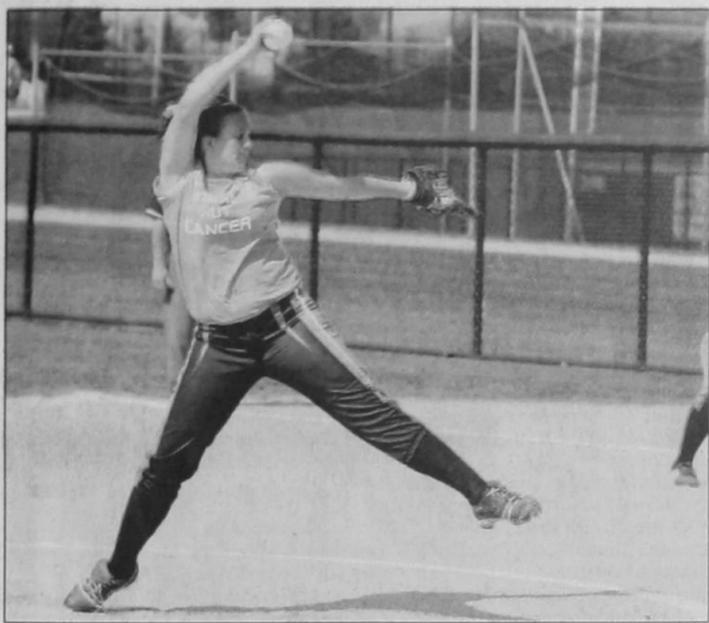
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Delivering a 43-foot pitch Monday against Livonia Stevenson is Plymouth senior Lauren Smith.

# SOFTBALL

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varsity coach Bonnie Southerland stressed that it will be more of a test for girls to play at the high school level for various reasons.

"I think it will make the game more challenging, it will be more of a hitter's game," Southerland said. "There will be more bunting, slapping, ... and speed will also factor in both on offense and defense.

"If you cannot move fast on the corners you won't be getting those runners out as often."

According to Canton varsity coach Jim Arnold, the change will lead to subtle changes in how the game is played. But it won't take long for players to adjust.

"It's going to change the game a little bit, as far as bunting and that sort of thing," Arnold said. "But our pitchers are ready to go. They've been practicing all winter

long at the 43-feet, they're in good shape."

To that end, they had to build up their strength and endurance and retrain in order to throw the ball three more feet than they had been used to.

"Most summer ball tournaments are actually at 43 feet," Boucher said. "So that helped prepare me for the high school level.

"But I did have to do some outside training like at home, where I would have to run a little bit more, do a little more leg work to help me get that extra three feet."

When this season began, the longer distance was an issue with Boucher. "But right now, it feels like nothing."

## TWO-SIDED COIN

For hurlers who like to throw breaking stuff to fool batters, the 43-foot distance is a plus — as long as they have good control of their pitches, of course.

"I'm more of a movement pitch-

er," Boucher noted. "So it (going to 43 feet) gives me that three feet to give that extra one inch or two inches on my drop."

Arnold said his pitchers (Boucher and Hannah Warren) "have breaking balls that break pretty good. (With) the 43 feet they'll break even more, which I am happy about."

The flip side is the additional fraction of a second batters have to time the pitch and hit it.

"It opens up the game a lot more offensively," Canfield said. "If you're facing a faster pitcher it's more time to open up on the ball."

Although the change was inevitable and understandable, Southerland cited one down side to it.

"If you are not deep in pitching you will not be able to thrive," she said. "Those teams and schools with low numbers and small teams will suffer the most."

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# Park teams run hard, but can't catch Novi

BY TIM SMITH  
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## GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Novi dominated the KLAA conference girls track and field meet Friday at Livonia Churchill.

But coaches from other teams still thought their squads competed well during the course of the hot, muggy afternoon — and they won't have to worry about the Wildcats at this Friday's Division 1 regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Novi totaled 132 points to easily outpace the competition and win the Kensington Conference title.

Finishing second with 81 points was Livonia Churchill, followed by third-place Livonia Franklin (74). Both Westland John Glenn and Plymouth tied for fourth with 73 points.

"It's a really good conference, a very competitive conference this year," Churchill head coach Pat Daugherty said. "And Novi is by far the king and the queen of the conference, if you want to call it that."

Daugherty and other coaches said the weather did impact the stamina of athletes competing in multiple events.

"You could tell," the Churchill said. "I had a couple girls in the four-by-four who had already run three races and they didn't run their best time in the four-by-four because of the amount of races and definitely from the heat and humidity."

"But everybody else is going through the same thing. I was hoping for a little bit more out of our team, but Novi clearly is the superior team today."

Daugherty said standouts from his team included Emily Norscia (first, discus, 106 feet, 7 inches) and Mahogany Miller (first in the shot put with a meet-record 36-0.25). Both were personal bests.

Churchill's second-place 3,200-meter relay team (9:53.22) and third-place 800 relay team (1:47.25) were other pluses, he added.

## TOO MUCH DEPTH

Novi's excellent depth certainly played a factor in the first-place finish.

"I'm very fortunate to have a good group of core girls that are a good group of sprinters, (a) good group of hurdlers," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "We're able to take that and add that to some solid distance performances and field events."

"All you need is a little bit of every event to kind of push it out there and everything," Sparking Novi were Kelly McCloskey and Jasmine Ward, who each set conference meet records.

McCloskey set hers in the 100 hurdles with a mark of 15.42, while Ward captured the 200 dash with a record time of 25.55.

The Patriots trailed John Glenn for much of the day, but grabbed third place after the final field events were tabulated.

Franklin long jumper Pia Klein, a German exchange student, had a lot to do with that, she set a new meet record with a distance of 17 feet, 2.75 inches.

Klein also captured the high jump, while Franklin teammates Megan McPherson (first, 3,200 run), Meghan Lark (second, pole vault) and Kelly O'Brien (third, 100 hurdles) also scored key points.

"I am very proud of how we finished today," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We lost some close dual meets during the season, but to finish third in the KLAA meet is a great accomplishment by our girls."

As for the Rockets, who won the KLAA South Division with a 4-0-1 record, they scored in a lot of events and largely overcame having some key members of relays on the sidelines.

"Our relays were a little banged up today, but they still ran pretty well," Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "If we do what we did today, but keep everybody healthy, then we'll be in good shape."

John Glenn scored 2-3 in both throwing events and other solid efforts were turned in by Joslyn Massey (third, long jump, 16-6.25), Kirsten Smith (fourth, 100 hurdles, 16.32) and Kayla Jones (third, 200 dash, 26.87).

## MIGHTY MADI

Plymouth also had several big performances. Madi Lewis took first in the 400 dash (58.61) and anchored the victorious 1,600 relay team.

Lewis put it in overdrive in the final stretch to help the Wildcats edge Novi (4:08.84 to 4:09.53).

After the race relay, teammates Rachael Hille, Jada Woody and Becca Knox rushed to Lewis for a celebratory group hug.

"Novi's a great, great team and they're pretty deep," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes said. "They had a pretty good lead going in to the last leg, and honestly I didn't know if Madi was going to be able to run it out."

"But I told her today, she closes like no girl I've ever seen. Her ability to close in on people in the back half of races, whether it's a short sprint or the 400, is amazing."

Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich won the 1,600-meter run with time of 5:13.17, which is a new record for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams.

Kavulich was also part of the victorious 3,200-meter relay with Adrianna Beltran, Victoria Tripp and Kathryn Binsfeld (9:48.68).

"The 4-by-8 went 9:48, so we're right on track where we wanted to be with the state qualifying time of 9:50," Salem coach Dale Maskill said. "So next week (May 20) at regionals, they should feel really comfortable."

"We basically use today like a regional practice. Everything we're doing today is pretty much the same that we're going to do next Friday at regionals."

The highlight for eighth-place Canton (36 points) was a first by Jordan Clark in the 100 dash (12.53).

## GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 13 at Livonia Churchill

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 132 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 81; 3. Livonia Franklin, 74; 4. (tie) Westland John Glenn, 73; 4. Plymouth, 73; 6. Northville, 65; 7. Salem, 40; 8. Canton, 36; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 34; 10. South Lyon, 23; 11. Wayne Memorial, 17; 12. South Lyon East, 15.

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 36 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 33-4; 3. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 33-5; 4. Solana Gillis (SLE), 32-11; 5. Rachel Staudt (Novi), 32-5; 6. Tione Johnson (P), 31-1; 7. Bailey Hart (WM), 30-09; 8. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 30-7.

**Discus:** 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 106-7; 2. Kayla Branton (LS), 106-7; 3. Rhiannon Pavlinac (SLE), 106-0; 4. Jessica Fredericks (SL), 105-1; 5. Alexandra Moynes (Nville), 100-9; 6. Wright (WJG), 97-10; 7. Megan Ling (LC), 95-4; 8. Rebekah Hendrian (Salem), 95-1.

**High jump:** 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-3; 2. Kerri McMahan (Novi), 5-2; 3. Moynes (Nville), 5-2; 4. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-1; 5. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-11; 6. (tie) Abby Downs (Novi), Brady Covert (SL) and Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9 each.

**Long jump:** 1. Klein (LF), 17-2.75; 2. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 17-3; 3. Massey (WJG), 16-6.25; 4. Becca Knox (P), 16-4.25; 5. Jordan Clark (Canton), 16-0.25; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-3.5; 7. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 14-10.25; 8. Alex Kitz (LS), 14-6.25.

**Pole vault:** 1. Kitz (LS), 10-03; 2. Meghan Lark (LF), 10-0; 3. Jane McCurry (P), 9-9; 4. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-9; 5. Megan Paruta (S), 9-03; 6. Lindsey Kretzmann (LC), 9-3; 7. Mirand Spencer (SL), 9-0; 8. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 8-9.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 15-47; 2. Abby Downs (Novi), 16-1; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 16-2; 3. Lyndsay Tyler (SL), 16-8; 5. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 16-23; 6. Talour Phillips (WJG), 16-81; 7. Jen Mueller (LF), 16-82; 8. Lina Davis (Novi), 17-1.

**300 hurdles:** 1. McCloskey (Novi), 45-94; 2. Klein (LF), 47-56; 3. Molly Jarvis (LC), 47-95; 4. Davis (Novi), 48-04; 5. O'Brien (LF), 49-58; 6. Smith (WJG), 49-61; 7. Phillips (WJG), 50-81; 8. Marykay Brzezinski (Nville), 51-67.

**100 dash:** 1. Clark (Canton), 12-53; 2. Madi Lewis (P), 12-6; 3. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12-92; 4. Janee Hood (Novi), 13-0; 5. E'isha Guster (WJG), 13-15; 6. Demi Crossman (LC), 13-18; 7. Alexa Abbott (Nville), 13-21; 8. Khyll Ray (Salem), 13-21.

**200:** 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 25-55; 2. Lewis (P), 25-97; 3. Kayla Jones (WJG), 26-87; 4. Abbott (Nville), 26-97; 5. Brzezinski (Nville), 27-17; 6. Heinzelman (LC), 27-19; 7. Meah Long (WM), 27-72; 8. Rheanna Allen (WJG).

**400:** 1. Lewis (P), 58-6 (meet record); 2. Gina McNamara (Nville), 1:00-11; 3. McMahan (Novi), 1:00-37; 4. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:01-44; 5. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:01-79; 6. Solana Gillis (SLE), 1:02-81; 7. Alison Timberlake (LS), 1:04-33; 8. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04-36.

**800:** 1. McNamara (Nville), 2:22-31; 2. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:23-83; 3. Rachael Hille (P), 2:26-09; 4. Brown (WJG), 2:26-11; 5. Bethany Piliat (LC), 2:27-72; 6. Taleen Shahriqian (Nville), 2:28-05; 7. Nicole Traitses (P), 2:28-64.

**1,600:** 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:13-17; 2. Jackie Mullins (Novi), 5:15-54; 3. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:17-1; 4. Piliat (LC), 5:23-85; 5. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:30-19; 6. Kelsey Hodge (Novi), 5:31-12; 7. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:31-16; 8. Christina Swain (SL), 5:31-27.

**3,200:** 1. McPherson (LF), 11:37-43; 2. Mullins (Novi), 11:48-3; 3. Hodge (Novi), 12:08-01; 4. Brianna Lax (P), 12:17-41; 5. Nicole Mosteller (Nville), 12:21-06; 6. Erin Zimmer (Nville), 12:21-63; 7. Annalise Snider (LF), 12:28-68; 8. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:32-39.

**400 relay:** 1. Novi, 49-36; 2. Wayne, 51-61; 3. John Glenn, 52-24; 5. Franklin, 52-32; 5. Stevenson, 52-46; 6. South Lyon, 52-72; 7. Salem, 53-03; 8. Northville, 53-38.

**800 relay:** 1. Novi, 1:46-15; 2. John Glenn, 1:46-98; 3. Churchill, 1:47-25; 4. Wayne, 1:48-94; 5. South Lyon, 1:50-33; 6. Northville, 1:50-75; 7. Franklin, 1:52-0; 8. Stevenson, 1:54-23.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Hille, Jada Woody, Becca Knox, Lewis), 4:08-84; 2. Novi, 4:09-53; 3. Northville, 4:14-42; 4. Churchill, 4:15-27; 5. Salem, 4:17-9; 6. Stevenson, 4:18-7; 7. John Glenn, 4:18-71; 8. South Lyon, 4:19-62.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Victoria Tripp, Kathryn Binsfeld, Kavulich), 9:48-68; 2. Churchill, 9:53-22; 3. Plymouth, 9:53-54; 4. Northville, 9:55-79; 5. Stevenson, 10:15-46; 6. Canton, 10:23-7; 8. Novi, 10:30-23; 8. Franklin, 10:55-06.

### GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

#### SALEM 75

#### NORTHVILLE 62

#### May 10 at Salem

**Shot put:** 1. Moynes (N), 28 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Danielle Davis (N), 27-0; 3. Pogany (N), 26-7.

**Discus:** 1. Rebekah Hendrian (S), 93-8; 2. Moynes (N), 88-9.5; 3. Dana Blankenship (S), 86-2.5.

**High jump:** 1. Roach (N), 4-11; Moynes (N), 4-7; 3. Smither (N), 4-7.

**Long jump:** 1. Brzezinski (N), 15-6.75; 2. Kristina Klusek (S), 14-11.25; 3. Drury (N), 14-4.5.

**Pole vault:** 1. Megan Paruta (S), 9-0; 2. Ade Jepperson (S), 8-6; 3. Meghan (N), 8-0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Paruta (S), 17-4; 2. Brzezinski (N), 18-0; 3. Sarah Martin (S), 18-4.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Brzezinski (N), 49-5; 2. Paruta (S), 51-5; 3. Malloy (N), 52-7.

**100 dash:** 1. Khyll Ray (S), 12-8; 2. Abbott (N), 13-1; 3. Breanna Frye (S), 13-3.

**200:** 1. Ray (S), 26-2; 2. Brzezinski (N), 26-4; 3. Abbott (N), 26-6.

**400:** 1. McNamara (N), 1:01-4; 2. Adrianna Beltran (S), 1:01-6; 3. Kathryn Binsfeld (S), 1:05-0.

**800:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (S), 2:21-2; 2. McNamara (N), 2:26-2; 3. Giacomini (N), 2:33-3.

**1,600:** 1. Kavulich (S), 5:38-3; 2. Vandervoort (N), 5:42-1; 3. Dunne (N), 5:56-3.

**3,200:** 1. Zimmer (N), 11:58-7; 2. N. Mosteller (N), 12:13-1; 3. Alejandra Beltran (S), 12:31-5.

#### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68.5

#### PLYMOUTH 68.5

#### May 10 at Plymouth

**Shot put:** 1. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 32 feet, 11.5 inches; 2. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 31-4; 3. Tione Johnson (P), 30-5.5.

**Discus:** 1. C. Wright (WJG), 101-8; 2. Chyna Williams (P), 101-3; 3. Alexis Mikonczyk (WJG), 96-9.

**High jump:** 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-10; 2. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9; 3. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 4-3.

**Long jump:** 1. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 16-11; 2. Becca Knox (P), 16-5.75; 3. Massey (WJG), 16-5.

**Pole vault:** 1. Jane McCurry (P), 9-8; 2. Rieckhoff (P), 8-6; 3. (tie) Audra Flores (WJG) and Sarah Anlian (P), 8-0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Smith (WJG), 16-5; 2. Talour Phillips (WJG), 16-9; 3. Natalie Puckett (P), 17-9.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Smith (WJG), 49-7; 2. Phillips (WJG), 51-3; 3. Jenna Hamed (P), 51-6.

**1,600:** 1. Lax (P), 12:08-6; 2. Sophie Roberts (P), 12:41-5; 3. A. Wright (WJG), 12:45-6.

**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Guster, Kaira Barnes, Allen, Kayla Jones), 51-6; 2. Plymouth, 56-2; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Jones, Brown, Scott), 1:48-8; 2. Plymouth, 1:54-5; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 4:08-9; 2. John Glenn, 4:14-7; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:19-8; 2. John Glenn, 10:40-5.

**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 4-0-1 overall, 4-0-1 KLAA South Division (clinched title); Plymouth 3-1-1 overall, 3-1-1 KLAA South.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 73

#### CANTON 64

#### May 10 at Franklin

**Shot put:** 1. Nicole Price (LF), 31 feet, 10 inches; 2. Ashley Gruden (LF), 30-3; 3. Grace Modes (LF), 27-7.

**Discus:** 1. Price (LF), 85-11; 2. Gruden (LF), 30-3; 5. Kaylie Lobb (C), 77-4.

**High jump:** 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-4; 2. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-2; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 5-0.

**Long jump:** 1. Klein (LF), 16-6; 2. Natalie Modes (LF), 14-2.5; 3. Carolyn Benner (C), 13-3.25.

**Pole vault:** 1. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-6; 2. Sheila McKinley (LF), 7-0; 3. Bridget Alaniva (C), 6-0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. O'Brien (LF), 16-0; 2. Jen Mueller (LF), 16-9; 3. Gabby Williams (C), 17-3.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Klein (LF), 47-5 (breaks school record of 47-6 set by Seneca Scott, 2009); 2. O'Brien (LF), 49-1; 3. Williams (C), 52-5.

**100 dash:** 1. Lipa (C), 13-2; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 13-3; 3. Elena Valetti (C), 13-3.

**200:** 1. Lipa (C), 27-1; 2. Piwowar (C), 27-9; 3. Valetti (C), 28-0.

**400:** 1. Rachel Martin (C), 1:05-2; 2. Alaniva (C), 1:08-0; 3. Olivia Carter (LF), 1:08-6.

**800:** 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:30-5; 2. Katie Grimes (C), 2:37-0; 3. Megan Wickens (LF), 2:38-5.

**1,600:** 1. McPherson (LF), 5:23-7; 2. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:29-0; 3. Chelsea Smith (C), 5:50-8.

**3,200:** 1. Kubicki (C), 11:40-7; 2. Jessica Siegler (C), 12:51-0; 3. Wickens (LF), 12:51-4.

**400 relay:** 1. Canton, 51-9; 2. Franklin, 52-4; 800 relay: 1. Canton (L52.5); 2. Franklin, 1:52-8; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:24-1; 2. Franklin, 4:47-3; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Anna Snider, Wickens, Kelly Walby, McPherson), 10:22-2; 2. Canton, 10:30-8.

**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAA South.

# KLAA MEET

FROM PAGE B1

Pocalujka) place (sixth) in the discus. He threw a 127-2 — his personal best ever. He threw well in the shot, too, — 41-4.5 — even though he didn't place."

Stevenson captured three-of-four relay events with senior Matt Williams and Zaid Shareef figuring in each of the three first places.

The team of Adam Duncan, Shareef, Williams and Kenning Britchford took the 4 x 200 (1:31.14), while the quartet of Williams, Shareef, Adam Chludzinski and Matt Garon captured the 4 x 400 (3:29.87).

Stevenson's 3,200 relay team of Williams, Urso, Shareef and Chludzinski were also victorious in a meet record 8:13.05.

"We placed multiple kids in multiple events," Shaw said. "Novi just has a lot. Overall, we can't be disappointed in anything. I thought we had a chance to do something if we scored 100 points, but still couldn't get it done. But I don't think we could have done anything better. We gave it the best shot that we could."

Meanwhile, Canton coach

SIDELINES

FROM PAGE B1 and it was a poor performance by us tonight. We haven't trained or played well since the Canton game (1-0 win on May 5). This was a tough lesson for us and we hope it carries some weight in the state tournament.

"We started the first half with more players on the attack. We went back to our original system and they (Plymouth) ended up scoring a goal. Kaylie Secord (Churchill's goalkeeper) got a hand on it, but it was deflected. She was our best player tonight."

Shutout for Rocks

Visiting Salem had a field day Thursday, romping to a 6-0 victory over South Lyon to improve to 6-5-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the KLA Central Division.

A lot of players got in on the act for the Rocks.

In the first half, a nice pass from Katelynn Krause set up Emma Tardiff for the opening

goal. Lily Burnstein made it 2-0 before halftime, one-touching a blast off the far post. Emily Barfuss assisted.

Barfuss also set up Jenna Coon to kick off the second-half scoring and Krause drove a shot home (from Mackenzie Rogers) to open up a 4-0 edge.

Rounding out the offense were goals by Kristina Klusek and Victoria Kaye - both assisted by Nancy Krutty.

Ali Eggenberger earned the shutout, making five saves.

"We played a sound game," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "Early balls to our center-mids, good distribution out wide and some quality finishes."

PCA kickers prevail

Freshman Katelynn Bartell scored two goals and goalkeeper Brianna Harris stopped 10 of 11 shots Thursday as Plymouth Christian earned a 4-1 win over Oakland Christian.

Other goal scorers for PCA were Emily Gerulis and Rachel Zandee.

Fundraiser on menu

Canton High School alum Chelsea Olson, who is a lacrosse player finishing her sophomore year at Indiana Tech University, has been invited to play this summer with the USA Women's Lacrosse Team in Germany and the Czech Republic.

But Olson is hoping to defray some of those travel costs and a local restaurant is ready to help her do that.

On Tuesday, May 17, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge in Canton is hosting a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Rose's Rich Constantino said anybody who comes in May 17 who mentions Chelsea Olson, or even brings a clipping of this Observer article, will receive 15 percent off the total bill (not including taxes).

"They're customers that come in and they wanted to keep it (fundraiser) local," said Constantino about the Olsons. "We do a lot of things, like donate food, to help out the (prep) sports teams."

Rose's Restaurant & Lounge is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 981-9904.

Golf for Canton football

Here's a way to combine helping out the Canton High School football program with enjoying a day of golf.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Come out to Salem Hills Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 6, for the annual golf outing/football fundraiser. Cost is \$100 per golfer. It will be a four-man scramble format. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, free range balls, lunch at the turn, a barbecue chicken and rib dinner, numerous contests and prizes.

For more information and a printable registration form, please go to www.canton-football.com. You can also call Lina Williams at (248) 240-1125 or Julie Baechler at (734) 645-7777.

Canton grid camps

That's not all of the news about Canton football. The Chiefs will be hosting three grid camps this summer.

The first one is for players going into grades seven-nine this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. on June 20 and 5-8 p.m. on June 21-23. This camp is for players going into grades 10-12. Call varsity coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades three-six will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon June 27-30. Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information.

Also, check out www.CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held from June 27 through June 29.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go from 5-to-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate from 7-to-9 p.m.

Please go to www.plymouthwildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

CYO volleyball signups

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

Any girls grades 5-8 in 2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September.

To register, contact St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, extension 31.

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## From garage to green home



Here's a glimpse of Don Soenen in his souped up garage. See more of his cars and collectibles during the Michigan Philharmonic Spring Home Tour, May 21-22.



A soda bar with Coca Cola memorabilia are among the items, including auto art, car models, life-sized sculptures of the "Blues Brothers," a juke box, flat screen television, and wall mural that make Don Soenen's garage so much more than a place merely to park cars.

## Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic home tour returns

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Don Soenen occasionally likes to "get away from it all" by spending time in his garage.

When he does, changing motor oil, tuning up the lawn mower, tinkering at a workbench and other garage-worthy tasks are the last things on his mind.

Instead he turns on the flat screen television, relaxes in a lounge chair, drinks from his soda bar or takes in his favorite collectibles.

The Plymouth Township businessman, who races retired NASCAR vehicles, stores both racing and collectible cars, along with pint-sized models in a garage addition.

The 50- by 50-foot space is decorated with auto, gas station, racing and personal memorabilia and awards. With its juke-box, soda bar, television screen, restored gas pumps, vintage working telephone, parking meters, drive-in speakers, traffic light and more, it's a stunning combination of entertainment room, "man cave," and museum. You won't find any scuff marks — much less motor oil — on the custom checkerboard floor.

"It's pretty much my spot, although we do parties in here," said Soenen, who is board president of the Michigan Philharmonic. "We've had a number of symphony functions in here. I enjoy having people come

in and sharing it. There is no point in having the door locked on this place every day."

### PLANNING AHEAD

When Jeanette Sullivan, a member of Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic, saw the garage a few years ago, she kept it in mind for the symphony's annual home tour, which has been on hiatus for a few years.

"If we ever have a home tour again, this has to be shared," she told Soenen and his wife, Colleen.

The garage is one of six stops on the newly resurrected event, which runs May 21-22.

"This is a different type of home tour that I'm hoping will appeal to a broad audience. The men will love it; the women will love it," Sullivan said. "We have a little something for every one."

The other stops on the tour include:

- An in-town two-story duplex that has been turned into a single-family home with hand-made furniture and accessories throughout
- A 170-year-old Greek Revival-style house
- A custom-designed house that includes an eclectic mix of antiques and contemporary furnishings
- An elegant home with stunning light fixtures throughout, granite kitchen table and more
- A home, equipped with geo thermal system that heats the living space, including an indoor



Don Soenen bought this #26 Quaker State Winston Cup Car two hours after he saw it in Daytona.

pool

### DO-IT-YOURSELF

Many of the homeowners have remodeled or redecorated their houses themselves. That includes Soenen's garage.

"I hung every plaque, every shelf, I laid the floor. The only thing I didn't do was put the mural up," said, Soenen, referring to the Minnesota farm and gas station scene that covers one wall. "But everything else I did and I did it in a relatively short time, over six or seven weeks."

When the Soenens built their home 23 years ago — their fourth in the Plymouth area — they included two attached garages with space for seven cars.

The space quickly filled as Soenen, who took race driving classes in 1998, began buying retired NASCAR vehicles and taking them for 140- to 200-mph

spins around tracks throughout the country. He races in approximately 45-50 events, ranging from 30 minutes to four hours each, per year.

### SOUPED UP GARAGE

Soenen built the new garage extension, matching brick and

shingles, four years ago.

"While I was at it, I thought it would be interesting to put out a gas station facade," he said, pointing to the refurbished 1950s gas pump, air device, oil containers and neon signs outside the building.

The former Ford engineer, who now owns companies in Michigan and California, stores motorcycles and cars inside the garage, along with hundreds of trophies and medals. The cars include a 207 Shelby GT500 Mustang, 2006 Ford GT, sporty two-seat Plymouth Prowler, retired NASCAR racers and a 1965 Shelby Cobra.

Soenen will be on hand during the home tour to answer questions about the cars, motorcycles, and the garage decor, including the wall mural that depicts his late father and father-in-law inside the vintage gas station.

### SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

- The Michigan Philharmonic — formerly the Plymouth Symphony — will be busy this summer.
- 6-7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Liberty Fest, in the Heritage Park amphitheater, 1010 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free admission
  - 8-9 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno, Milford. Free concert with \$5 per vehicle park entry permit.
  - 7:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 2, Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth with "An American Salute" pops concert. Free admission
  - 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 23, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The concert is a part of Fairy Tale Day festivities at the mansion. See [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org) for advance ticket purchase.
  - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. General admission to the Concours is \$25; VIP tickets are \$125. Visit [concourseusa.org](http://concourseusa.org)

### SPRING HOME TOUR

- What:** Visit five houses and one garage and help support the Michigan Philharmonic
- When:** Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 22
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**BACK PAIN-NO CAUSE FOUND**

The rule in back pain is to wait at least 4 weeks before undertaking an intense evaluation. The reasoning behind this rule-of-thumb is that in most instances the back pain clears within that time.

However, that wait-and-see approach has limits. In some instances the pain is so intense the individual is incapacitated; telling that person to go home and live with pain for a month is unreasonable. Also, physicians are unwilling to let evaluation of back pain in the elderly wait for 4 or more weeks. The possibility of allowing an osteoporotic fracture or a metastatic cancer to go untreated is too serious to wave off for a month or more.

The assessment of back pain in the elderly requires an examination to localize the source of the pain and where it moves. This information allows the physician to x-ray the part of the back likely to be the source of the pain. If the x-ray does not show changes of an osteoporotic fracture or bone changes or destruction that characterizes a cancer, the physician can turn his attention to giving the patient pain relief. The usual medicine is Vicodin and the common waiting period is 4 weeks.

What the patient gains in return for delay in diagnosis is peace of mind. What concerns both patient and physician is that their pain represents a profound event such as a cancer. Once relieved of that worry, the individual is more willing to carry on with the pain for the 4 week observation period. The physician is able to work at a calmer and reasonable pace.

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The Bora Clamp Edge is a quick guide tool that provides a perfectly straight and secure straightedge for accurate cuts through all kinds and types of wood. You can use it with circular saws, jigsaws, routers and

biscuit jointers as well as with other tools or just as an accurate guide to scribe.

The company manufactures three sizes of clamps to handle a complete variety of wood-working projects. The small, 24-inch model is commonly used as a fence on table saws, router tables and small cutting projects. The 36-inch clamp edge is perfect for remodeling jobs such as trimming doors and cabinets.

They also make a 50-inch clamp edge, which is the one I've been testing. It's designed for 48-inch cuts. The design, engineering, integrated clamps and ease of use are all impressive.

The Bora Clamp has ergonomic handles, easy and simple lever locking mechanisms, unique swivel clamps

(which also permits the user to do some slight angle cuts) and was designed for professionals, handymen and homeowners in mind.

The clamps are made from aircraft grade extruded aluminum and come with a lifetime warranty.

Affinity Tools also has an enviable line of pistol grip clamps, multi-angle adjustable squares and an angle master miter duplicator.

If you or someone you know works with wood, check out Bora Tools at the following websites: Woodcraft ([www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)); Rockler ([www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)); Sears ([www.sears.com](http://www.sears.com)); Lowe's ([www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) — Madison Heights store only); Performance Tool Center in Waterford ([www.performancetoolcenter.com](http://www.performancetoolcenter.com)).

## SPORT BRELLA CHAIR

Now that great weather is almost upon us, I'm sure everyone, including myself is looking to the outdoors as well as outdoor projects and events.

I recently came across the Sport Brella Chair. It is a unique, new portable garden and patio chair. Yes, we've all seen portable outdoor fold-up chairs. People take them from their patios to the Woodward Dream Cruise, beaches, parks and concerts.

What makes the Sport Brella Chair unlike other foldout sport chairs is that it has an attached, 360-degree swivel umbrella, which can be moved from side to side, and can be swiveled at three different points with the push of a button. The umbrella opens

out to 46-inches, which provides complete coverage from the sun and wind at any conceivable angle.

The lightweight Sport Brella Chair also has a built-in cup holder, bottle opener and even a zippered pouch for personal items. The chair easily folds up and fits into a compact carry bag that has a comfortable carry strap.

The M.S.R.P. is \$39.99 and is available at [www.sportbrella.com](http://www.sportbrella.com). I recently found it at Costco for \$35.00.

## WHISPERSENSE VENTILATION FANS

Panasonic recently introduced its new Whisper Sense Ventilation Fans at the 2011 kitchen and bath industry show in Las Vegas.

Panasonic claims the WhisperSense bathroom exhaust fans are the only vent fans on the market to incorporate dual-motion and humidity sensors. That makes perfect sense, since the fan will only operate when necessary. The motion sensor has a delay shut-off timer that activates when a person enters the bathroom and automatically shuts the fan off 20 minutes after the occupant has left. If the tub or shower is used, the built-in humidity sensor overrides the delay timer and continues to exhaust moisture until the humidity is back down to a pre-set level.

All that is well and good, but my favorite feature is the noise level. It has an incredibly quiet level, as low as 0.3-sones. One-sones is the sound of a quiet refrigerator operating at night.

The 0.3 would be the quietest ceiling mounted fan I have experienced.

Panasonic WhisperSense ventilation fans have an average suggested retail price from \$289 to \$412 depending on the model (some have lights) and are available at Panasonic dealers and wholesalers. Check out the WhisperSense fans when they come out in June of 2011 at [www.panasonic.com/ventedfans](http://www.panasonic.com/ventedfans).

**Q: While a rolling stone may gather no moss, our shaded, shingle roof is. What do people do if their roof is susceptible to fungus or moss?**

**A:** You don't have to raise the roof to correct it. For all types of roofs there is a product called "Shingle-Shield" from Chicago Metallic. It is a maintenance-free roof moss/fungus protector. It is easily installed along the ridgeline and releases zinc oxide. The manufacturer claims it will last the life of the roof. Chemicals such as zinc oxide or chloride in metals are carried down the roof when it rains. These chemicals discourage the growth of moss. Also trim any overhanging trees and keep the roof clear of leaves and debris. With a cedar shake roof, remove as much of the moss between the shakes as possible. Use a piece of wire, then hose off the tiles.

**Lon Grossman** of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at [rdryv@comcast.net](mailto:rdryv@comcast.net). Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his website [www.technihouse.com](http://www.technihouse.com).



## Outstanding leader

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently recognized Jean Fitzpatrick of Canton for her dedication to Girl Scouting. Fitzpatrick is trained in wilderness first aid and has taken her troop on countless camping trips. Her nominator stated, "Jean is a firm believer in the 'girl-run' troop system and goes to great lengths to achieve the right balance between girl and adult leadership responsibilities." In addition to her troop duties, she serves as the registrar for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors in Plymouth/Canton. To learn more about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit [www.gshom.org](http://www.gshom.org).

# Classes, tips improve motorcycle safety

May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month — a perfect time to sign up for one of Schoolcraft College's motorcycle safety classes.

Registration is ongoing and classes run through September.

The classes are taught by professional, certified instructors who are passionate about riding and rider safety. There are a variety of motorcycle safety trainings to choose from including the Basic Rider Course, the Three-Wheel Basic Rider Course, and the Performance Based Course for people looking to get their motorcycle endorsement to the Advanced Rider Course.

"Improving the safety of motorcyclists on our roads is our primary goal, and with winter behind us, motorcycles are back on the roads. Drivers of all vehicles need to be extra alert," stated Jennifer Bodurka, programming coordinator. "Motorcycles are some of the smallest vehicles on the road so folks in other vehicles need to really look out for them — and to take extra care and share the road."

In addition to the motorcycle safety classes, Schoolcraft College promotes motorcycle safety by offering these tips to drivers:

- Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on

the roadway. Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width — never try to share a lane;

- Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.

- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle. Motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.

- Remember that road conditions that are minor annoyances to other vehicles pose major hazards to motorcyclists.

- Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when following a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle) or call (734) 462-4448.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

# Appraisal night will benefit scholarships

Dust off that family heirloom you've stashed in the attic and head to the Appraisal Fair at 7 p.m. May 23 at the Alexander Blue House in the Greenmead Historical Park, in Livonia.

Zonta Club of NW Wayne County is sponsoring the event. Doug Dalton, a cer-

tified appraiser of fine art and antiques will appraise items for \$10 each, with a limit of two items per person.

Funds raised will help support Zonta Club's scholarship fund. Call Barb at (734) 464-0450 for more information.

Zonta International is a Women's

Organization of professional and executives working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The organization, founded in 1919 in New York, has 1,200 clubs in 67 countries with more than 33,000 members. [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

## GARDEN & NATURE

### GARDEN PARTY

The party runs 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Temple Shir Shalom asks families to bring one organic plant to put into the congregation's spring garden at The Corners, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster, West Bloomfield. Open to the public. A planting wish list is available. (248) 406-4255 or [www.shirshalom.org](http://www.shirshalom.org).

### BIBLE GARDEN

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of

the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants, flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at [www.wollbiblegarden.org](http://www.wollbiblegarden.org).

### GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at [www.annarborfarmandgarden.org](http://www.annarborfarmandgarden.org), or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the website.

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# SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Attorney J.B. Bieske can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary Bieske has won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings.

Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to

call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a **FREE** consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

[www.ssdfighter.com](http://www.ssdfighter.com)

# Essay contest calls for float design ideas

Michigan high school students can submit ideas for Art Van Furniture's new float in this year's annual America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

The furniture company encourages students in grades 9-12 to research the company's values and mission and then develop a Parade float concept based on the company's messaging. The float should creatively show how the messaging relates to America's Thanksgiving Parade and the spirit of the partnership between Art Van Furniture and the Parade Company.

"Art Van's commitment to The Parade Company dates back to 1990 when the Parade was in danger of being canceled and Art quickly decided to make a contribution to keep the parade afloat," stated Tony Michaels, president and CEO, The Parade Company. "Since then they have commissioned several floats, balloons, props and donated more than \$2 million to The Parade Company."

There will be one grand prize winner selected from all of the entries who will receive a \$2,500 financial scholarship.

Their school's Art or English Department also will receive a \$2,500 donation. Both the scholarship and donation are compliments of Art Van Furniture.

The student's winning submission also may be incorporated into Art Van Furniture's new float design. The winning student also will receive Parade Company and Art Van Furniture merchandise, a meet and greet with Art Van Elslander and six Parade Preview Party tickets for Wednesday, October 19.

Students must submit a float concept in essay form in 250 words or less. Submissions should be typed, single-spaced with one-inch margins and include the student's name and school on the essay. Entries should be submitted online at [www.theparade.org](http://www.theparade.org) or by mail. Mailed entries must include a completed application form and should be sent to: Art Van Furniture Float Concept Contest, c/o The Parade Company, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Studio A, Detroit, MI 48211. All applications must be received by Monday, May 30.

**Belleville High School**

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

**Dearborn Fordson**

**Class of 1971**  
The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

**Dearborn Heights Robichaud**

**Class of 1961**  
50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

**Detroit Cody**

**Class of 1961**  
50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail

codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167. 50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

**Class of 1971**

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

**Detroit Henry Ford**

**Class of 1971**  
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn

Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

**Detroit Mackenzie**

**June Class of 1961**  
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

**Class of 1962**

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

**Garden City East & West**

**Classes of 1966-67**  
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

**Ladywood High School**

**Class of 1961**  
Planning a 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 voice mail picks up.

**Livonia Bentley**

**Class of 1961**

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twm1.rr.com.

**Class of 1981**

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

**Livonia Franklin**

**Class of 1966**  
45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

**Redford Union**

**Class of 1971**  
6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUHS71@yahoo.com

**Rosary High School**

**Class of 1966**  
Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

**Royal Oak High School**

**Class of 1951**  
A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The

event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjlocke@aol.com

**St. Mary of Redford**

**Class of 1971**  
6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com.

**Southfield High School**

**Class of 1981**  
The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com.

**Wayne Memorial High School**

**Class of 1976**  
35-year class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

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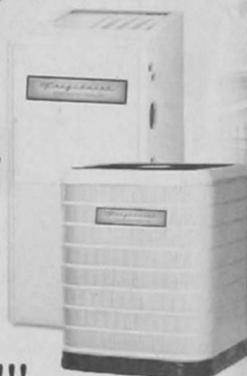
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**Details:** Garage sale and baked goods sale  
**Contact:** (248) 474-3444 or e-mail to clarencevilleumc@att.net

**Gospel Mass**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22

**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Resounding Art in a Sacred Space, concert series presents Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass." Admission is a \$10 donation per person and \$25 donation per families  
**Contact:** www.stjohnsplymouth.org or (734) 453-0190

**Lunch and Learn**  
**Time/Date:** 12:30 p.m., Friday, May 20

**Location:** Udipi, 29210 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Rabbi Joel Roth will present "Seeking the Reasons for Mitzvot: Pros and Cons" over lunch at the kosher-certified vegetarian restaurant. Cost for the lunch and learn is \$10 per person, payable to Udipi at the door on the day of the event. It will include Udipi's daily vegetarian lunch buffet and a cold beverage. RSVP by May 19. Presented by Congregation Beth Ahm  
**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

**Mass of anointing**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** This Mass will incorporate the rituals of the Sacrament of the Sick, which Catholic doctrine teaches offers spiritual strength and healing to those who are aged, or seriously or chronically ill, be that physical, emotional, or spiritual  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 20, and 9 a.m.-noon, May 21

**Location:** Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Clothing, toys, household and more. No admission charge;

May 20 is half price sale and May 21 is \$5 plastic bag sale  
**Contact:** (248) 478-7272

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 21

**Location:** Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, one block south of Warren, five blocks south of Greenfield, Dearborn  
**Details:** Clothes, shoes, linens, toys, sporting goods, household items. \$1 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 855-4477

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21

**Location:** Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at the back door of the church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, May 16-18. Bag sale Saturday, May 21  
**Contact:** (248) 626-7906 or e-mail to judyglass@mi.rr.com

**MAY 26-JUNE 1**

**Career workshop**  
**Time/Date:** Session 1 is 10 a.m.-noon and session 2 is 1-3 p.m., both on May 26

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** Participants may choose 1 of the 2 sessions. Resume review and writing tips, mock interviews, interviewing etiquette, job search tips and strategies and many other topics to assist in a job search or career change  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480

**Clothing bank**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 28

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need. Food pantry also will be open  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

**Financial Peace University**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1-Aug. 24; preview class, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** During Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, participants will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt  
**Contact:** (248) 474-3444 or search on www.daveramsey.com

**Widowed Friends**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Saturday, May 28

**Location:** Macaroni Grill, 393007 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The peer group meets for dinner. Order from the menu, separate checks provided. Seafood, Italian and American dishes. Make new friends in a safe setting. Aimed at widows and widowers, age 55 and younger  
**Contact:** RSVP to Phil at (248) 684-3433 or ywfriends@gmail.com

**JUNE 2-8**

**Job fair**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Driv, Catnon  
**Details:** Bring resumes and dress to impress. Some employers may interview on the spot  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480

**Spring Bazaar**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, June 4

**Location:** St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Tables of crafts, jewelry, new and gently used household articles, and clothing will be sponsored by the Women's Guild  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0476

**ONGOING**

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

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096  
**Classes/study**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

**Faith Bible Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8  
**Location:** 34541 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "Four Views of the End Times" adult study  
**Also ongoing:** "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits  
**Contact:** (734) 464-7990

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

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

**Nicole's Revival**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer  
**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000  
**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920  
**Clothing bank**  
**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

**Food Bank**  
**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

**Moms**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSNExt. Both programs run through May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSNExt supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSNExt  
**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS details

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084

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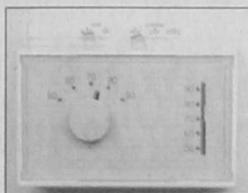
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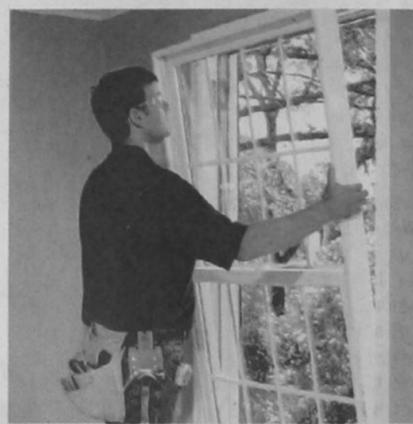
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# Memorial service set for former pastor

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will hold a memorial service for its Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. William F. Whitley at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 22.

Whitley, who served as senior pastor at St. Paul's for 27 years beginning in 1961, died May 3 in Hudson, Fla., where he recently served as a parish associate at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. He took the position after his retirement from St. Paul's.

While in Livonia, he was known as a caring

and dedicated shepherd of his flock. He also kept busy throughout the community and the Presbytery of Detroit. He was admired for his inspiring preaching, his organizational skills and his sharp sense of humor.

The memorial service will be followed by a cookie and punch reception.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-1470. St. Paul's is located at 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road.

## METROPARK CALENDAR

**General:** 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

## KENSINGTON

**Note:** For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

### Nature Center

**Heron Watch:** Sunday, May 15, 1-4 p.m. It's spring and the herons are back on the rookery. Spotting scopes will be out so that you can get a better look.

**Heron Days:** Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, noon-4 p.m. Stop by to purchase books, and native trees and shrubs; look at live insect exhibits; view the heron rookery from the boardwalk and laugh at Rosco the Clown's shows.

**Heron Watch:** Saturday, May 28, 1-4 p.m. It's spring and the herons are back on the rookery. Spotting scopes will be out so that you can get a better look.

**Exploring Pond Life:** Sunday, May 29, 2-4 p.m. Join an interpreter and meet some of the pond's unique animals. Preregistration required.

**Reptiles in the Lobby:** Monday, May 30, 2-4 p.m. Meet some of the critters that make Kensington Nature Center their home. Registration is not required.

### Farm Center

**Women's Kayak & Geocache:** Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Go on a scavenger hunt in a kayak on the Huron River using a GPS device to plot your course and locate your treasure while learning a new skill. Fee: \$30 per person. Preregistration is required by contacting Heavner Canoe online at heavnercanoe.com or at 248.685.2379. All equipment will be provided.

**Family Fun Tri-Athletes:** Sunday, May 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Plan a father/son or daughter day beginning with a hayride followed by a hike and then a canoe ride on the Huron River. Wrap up the day with lunch at the farm. Fee: \$30 per person. Preregistration is required by contacting Heavner Canoe online at heavnercanoe.com or at 248.685.2379. All equipment will be provided.

## INDIAN SPRINGS

**Note:** For more information for registration, call Indian Springs at (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192. The golf course number is (248) 625-7870. Discovery Center number is (248) 625-6640. Summer park hours are 7 a.m.-10 p.m. A metropark vehicle entry permit is required.

### Environmental Discovery Center

**Bears and Webelo Scouts - Space Badge:** Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Scouts will learn why the moon changes shape over time, learn to read their own star map for spring, print the spring constellations on their t-shirt and go stargazing in a "planetarium." Please bring a white or light color t-shirt. Fee \$4 per scout. Preregistration required.

**Inspect Insects Spring Edition:** Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m. Out in the wild and inside your home there are countless insects crawling, climbing, flying and scurrying about. Explore the busy world of insects as we capture and examine these fascinating creatures. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Boy Scouts - Bird Study Merit Badge:** Part I, Saturday May 21, 8 a.m. and Part II Sunday, May 22, 8 a.m. (2-day event), Environmental Discovery Center. The Haudenosaunee people believe that the birds were given the sacred task of finding

their unique place in the landscape and learning its song. By singing that song, they would lift the minds of the human family. Whether it's for pure enjoyment or to gain a greater understanding of ecology, our study of birds will definitely expand your mind, deepen your understanding of nature, and change the way you look at these magnificent creatures. Scouts will complete all of the requirements for their Bird Study Merit Badge over the course of this two-day workshop led by a certified merit badge counselor. Scouts should bring a pair of binoculars if at all possible. Fee \$16 per scout. Preregistration required.

**Woodland Hike with Discovery Backpacks:** Saturday, May 28, 1 p.m. Join a park naturalist to explore the woodlands. Each group will use the tools contained in one of our "discovery backpacks" on this fun, family-friendly hike. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Tot Time: June Bugs:** Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. Go on an insect hunt! We will introduce our six-legged friends and make one to take home. For ages 2-5. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Microscope Madness:** Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m. Discover the world of the unseen as we collect, view and learn about microscopic life with the aid of microscopes and computers. For ages 8 and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Salute to America - Colonial Paper Crafts:** Saturday, June 11, 1 p.m. Celebrate being an American with some fun patriotic crafts. Make a traditional American wind vane, a stars 'n' stripes decorative ball and other fun stuff. While crafting, learn a bit about the significance of these items in our American history. For children in the first grade and up (will need parent's help). Preregistration required.

**Frog Catchin' Fun:** Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m. Who doesn't love a frog's big, bulging eyes and smooth, slippery skin? We'll venture out to the park wetlands, learn to identify frogs by their calls, and try our hand at sneaking up on some of these fantastic amphibians. For ages 6 and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**No Child Left Inside Week: GPS Picnic:** Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. Learn about latitude and longitude to see how GPS works, and then use a GPS unit to find practice geocaches hidden in the park. For children in the second grade and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**'Water Quality CSI' Day Camp:** Monday, June 20 - Wednesday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Become a guest researcher during this three-day camp where you investigate what contaminants might be lurking in our natural waters. You will sample for metals, bacteria and natural contaminants, right beside researchers from Lake Superior State University. Get out into nature to collect your samples, perform DNA analyses right on site, and learn to interpret the results so you can share what you discover with others. If you have ever considered a career in science, this is an experience you can't afford to miss! Open to teens entering grades 9-12. Fee \$110 per teen. Preregistration required.

**June Stars in the Planetarium:** Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m. Join an interpreter for story-telling of ancient sky legends, get a peek at the planets and learn how to find your way around the constellations of the summer sky in our Cubex planetarium. Bring a white or light-colored T-shirt and decorate it with the summer constellations. For children in the second grade and up. Fee \$4 per person. Preregistration required.

**Scientist for a Day - Day Camp:** Tuesday, June 28 - Friday, July 1, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Become a modern-day explorer! Campers will become a different type of scientist each of the four days, trying experiments, making observations, using microscopes, doing "scientific" arts and crafts, and participating in other fun and games. Open to children entering grades 3-5. Fee \$75 per child. Preregistration required.

## MILESTONES

### JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Royal Oak residents Paige Chittaro and Rhett Ashton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Heather and Al Chittaro of Livonia, attended Western Michigan University and is employed by Entertainment Publications.

Her fiancé, son of Janet and Paul Ashton of Shelby Township, also attended Western Michigan University and is employed by ASI.

A July 2011 wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak.



Chittaro-Ashton

### JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Donna Lee Bobcean and David Bush announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Don and Marie Werton of Farmington Hills, earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and works as a historian.

Her fiancé, son of Lilly and James Bush of Malibu, Calif., earned a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and works as an aviator.

A June 2011 wedding is planned in Phoenix, Ariz.

### OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Jessica Luella Kallgren and Garret Blaine White announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Suzanne and Robert LaPlante of Farmington Hills and Jeff and Jean Kallgren of Wixom, graduated from Michigan State University and works as a counselor.

Her fiancé, son of Susan and Blaine White of Howell, graduated from Cleary University and works in accounting.

An October 2011 wedding is planned in Howell.



Kallgren-White

### NOAH ARRIVES

Noah William Battle was born Jan. 7, 2011, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. He joins his parents, Tim and Kristen, and sibling, Samantha, 9, at home in Howell.

Proud grandparents are Bill and Janet Heiob of South Lyon and Bob and Peg Battle of Livonia.



Noah William Battle

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**KNIGHTON, BURTON S.**  
Age 83, of Farmington, MI. Passed away May 10, 2011. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home Farmington, MI

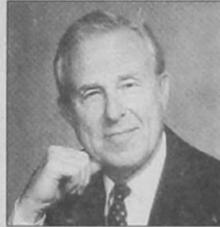


**LIVERMORE, ALFRED H.**  
May 6, 2011, age 88. Husband of the late Joyce for 62 yrs. Father of Terry (Kim). Grandfather of Thomas & Lindsay (Mike) Boujoulain. Private services at Grandlawn Cemetery. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



**NORTON, MARGARET R. (ROTTSCHAEFER)**

Of St. Anne's Mead in Southfield, formerly of Rochester Hills, died February 23, 2011 at the age of 97. She was born August 16, 1913 in South India to Dr. Bernard and Bernice Rottschaefer, Dutch Reformed missionaries. Her early education was at the Kodaikanal International School, which she visited in 1970 and 2001. In 1941, Margaret married James Horace Norton and together they had three daughters; Joan of Birmingham, MI, Nancy Sharpe-Blizard (Ricky) of Los Angeles, CA and Carol Springs (Gregory) of Anacortes, WA. Margaret had 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James and granddaughter, Kathy. Margaret earned her B.A. from Hope College and her Masters from Wayne State University. She was a librarian at Mount Clemens High School. Margaret was a long-time member of the Rochester Historical Commission, the Mt. Avon Cemetery Board, the Rochester Hills Historical Society, and a former member of the A.A.U.W.; she was a member of the First Congregational Church of Rochester and more recently the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Her hobbies included reading, writing poetry, hiking, the study of history, and world travel. An important part of Margaret's life after she married Jim, was vacationing at their cottage on Basswood Lake in Canada. Her traveling companion for the last 16 years was her adored sister, Jean Upjohn of Kalamazoo, MI. Funeral service was held at the First Congregational Church of Rochester on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Amnesty International USA, 322 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10001.



**YEAGER, WELDON OSBORNE**

Retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died April 30, 2011 at his home in Palm Beach at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly Yeager of Palm Beach and Tallahassee. He was born July 26, 1922, in Hillsboro, Ohio to Carl O. Yeager and Stella McCall Yeager. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. Degree and lived in Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs and Birmingham, Michigan. While living in Michigan, he was very active in the Republican Party, holding several positions. He was elected to the Michigan State Legislature and also ran for Secretary of State. Governor George Romney appointed him as Director of the Michigan Workman's Compensation Department where he served for four years prior to starting his own insurance company. He moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida, and later Palm Beach following his retirement. While living in Ocean Ridge he served a term as mayor. Mr. Yeager was a generous philanthropist, supporting many charities; as well as The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, where he was a member. Mr. Yeager was also a member of the Four Arts, Beach Club, Club Colette, Old Guard Society, Palm Beach Yacht Club, and the English Weldon Osborne Yeager, retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died on April 30th in his home in Palm Beach, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager Speaking Union. Mr. Yeager also served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and left the service with the rank of Captain. He is also survived by his son, Mark Yeager; his stepson David Gilman; his three granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and his brother, David Yeager. Other survivors include an adopted daughter, Carey Yeager; an adopted son, Skye Yeager; a step-granddaughter Shana Gilman; and a step-grandson, Thomas E. Gilman, V. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his son, Richard Yeager; and step-son, Thomas E. Gilman, IV. Services were held earlier in Tallahassee and Palm Beach, Florida. Gifts in memory of Mr. Yeager may be made to The Royal Poinciana Chapel, Sixty Coconut Row, Palm Beach, FL 33480; or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. BEVIS FUNERAL HOME of Tallahassee (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) assisted the Yeager family.

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**MULDOON, DOUGLAS J.**  
Age 50, May 5, 2011 of Livonia. Loving father of Christopher, Jaclyn (Josh) Truax and Scott. Beloved son of Sarah and the late Jerome. Dearest companion of Stephanie Gilliland. Dear brother of Jack, Tim, Barbara Salvadore, Kathy Nakoneczny and the late Norman Muldoon. Also survived by many dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford on May 10. Visitation was at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory of Doug at www.rggharris.com.

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# Kensington to host concert on June 24 on beach

Get an early start celebrating our nation's birthday at "Pops Plus," a free, family-friendly concert performed by the Michigan Philharmonic on Maple Beach at Kensington Metropark on Friday, June 24, at 8 p.m.

Let the rich musical history of America fill your ears and enliven your national pride as the Michigan Philharmonic, lead by conductor Nan Washburn, plays both fun and classical pieces by American composers. Featured songs include, "Hoedown," by Aaron Copland, "An American in Paris," by George Gershwin and selections from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. A medley of patriotic songs like, "Yankee Doodle," "God Bless the U.S.A." and "This Land is Your Land" will also be performed. The concert will open with a rousing rendition of our national anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner, and will close with the iconic "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky.

A Metroparks vehicle entry permit, which is only \$25 annually for regular admission, \$15 annually for seniors, or \$5 for a daily, is required to enter Kensington Metropark.

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# HEALTH

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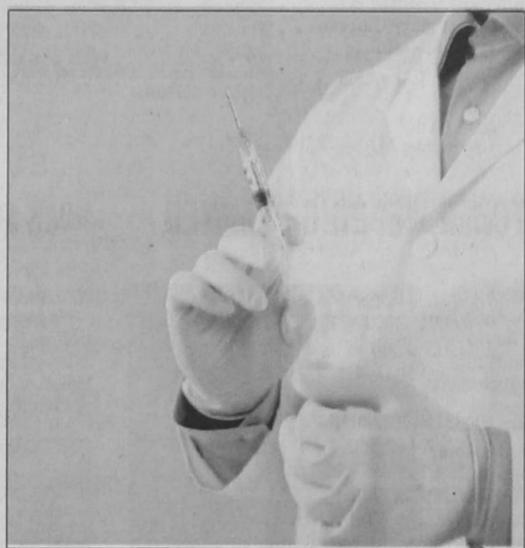
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## Women need vaccines to stay healthy

In recognition of National Women's Health Week, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) urges women to get vaccinated against serious diseases.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has issued an updated schedule of recommended screenings, lab tests, and vaccines for non-pregnant women, age 13 and older. The schedule includes information about which vaccines are recommended for certain age and risk groups. Women who are pregnant or are planning a pregnancy should talk to their doctor about the vaccines they need.

Before becoming pregnant, a woman should be up-to-date on routine adult vaccines. It is especially important that women receive Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Infants less than 12 months especially are vulnerable to whooping cough, which is on the rise in the United States and in Michigan. Each year, there are around 3.3 million cases of pertussis in adolescents and adults. To protect infants, everyone around the baby — including parents, grandparents, siblings, day care and child care workers, and health care personnel — should be vaccinated against whooping cough and influenza.



During pregnancy, it is safe, effective, and important for women to receive the seasonal flu shot. A pregnant woman who gets the flu is at risk for serious complications and hospitalization. Often a mother's immunity is passed along to her baby during pregnancy. This protects the baby from some diseases during the first few months of life until the baby can get vaccinated. Since infants cannot receive the flu vaccine until 6 months, it is critical that pregnant women and those surrounding the baby get vaccinated.

After giving birth, it is safe for women to receive vaccines, even while breastfeeding. Women who have

not received Tdap vaccine should be vaccinated right after delivery, along with family members who have not received Tdap vaccine. Women who are not immune to measles, mumps and rubella and/or varicella (chickenpox) should be vaccinated before leaving the hospital. Women and their family members should receive seasonal flu vaccine every year, in order to protect vulnerable infants from this serious disease.

For information on vaccines women need, visit: [www.immunizationforwomen.org/](http://www.immunizationforwomen.org/) For information on vaccines adults need, visit: [www.adultvaccination.org/](http://www.adultvaccination.org/)

## Botsford Commons nurses earn recognition for work

The Michigan Holistic Nurses Association has recognized two Botsford Commons nurses for their excellence on the job.

Donna Spiers-Dunn, a nurse manager for Botsford Commons chronic and dementia programs received the Nursing Excellence Award for 2010-11.

Krystal Boddie, coordinator of education and training, also

was nominated for the award.

Both were nominated by the organization's Nursing Excellence Committee for doing their jobs in a way that reflects positively on the nursing profession as well as their own careers.

"We have such a tremendous nursing staff, and it is wonderful to see them recognized for all of their hard work and dedication," stated Michelle Cross,

Executive Director, Clinical Services. "Our staff is a large part of the success of Botsford Commons, and Donna and Krystal are perfect examples of that."

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. For more information visit [www.botsfordcommons.org](http://www.botsfordcommons.org).

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### MAY

##### Bowling fundraiser

Autism Speaks fundraiser runs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at MerriBowl, 30950 Five Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. Cost is \$20 for two hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, pop. Call (734) 261-6879 for more information.

##### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

"Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" is a five-week class that runs 7-9 p.m. Mondays, May 23-June 27. Participants will learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Fee is \$75 per couple. Register online at [st.marymercy.org](http://st.marymercy.org) or call (734) 655-1162.

A breastfeeding class designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy, runs 7-9 p.m. May 26. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Instructors will demonstrate the many techniques of breastfeeding. Class will include breastfeeding and the working mother, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with other helpful books and supplies. \$25 per couple. Register at (734) 655-1162. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

##### Schoolcraft College

Learn about technologies and treatment options available in Women's Health at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, just south of Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenters include Dr. Oscar Afsari on "Minimally Invasive Surgery - Amazing Recovery;" Dr. Suchitra Zambare on "Women and Weight;" Dr. Debra Hollander with "Why am I so stressed out?" and Dr. Chandrika Joshi with "Menopause."

Should I take HRT? The free event is sponsored by St. John Providence Health System. Register at (866) 501-DOCS.

#### JUNE

##### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr. Ramneet Mangat from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register by calling (734) 655-1182.

A community blood drive runs 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 2, in the auditorium at the hospital. Participants will receive a hockey puck stress reliever and will be entered into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of gasoline. Schedule an appointment at (800) GIVE-LIFE.

A presentation on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Options" with Tim Short of Healthcare Solutions, will run 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Discover the latest in medical equipment, masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Individuals with a CPAP machine, may bring it along for a free pressure accuracy check. Register at (734) 655-4640. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

##### Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network... A Primer," 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools, health care economics and accountable

care organizations' impact on health care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals. Offers 4.0

AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at [www.henryford.com/cmeevents](http://www.henryford.com/cmeevents).

##### Free fall risk screening

The screening will run 12:30-3 p.m. June 15, at The Recovery Project, LLC, 20000 Victor Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and occupational therapist, pharmacist and physicians will provide vision, balance, medication, blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734) 953-1745.

##### Summer camp

The American Cancer Society offers a camp for children being treated for cancer or for those who are in remission. Cancer survivors, 4-15 may participate in one of two camps offered by the Society's Great Lakes Division. Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered to children 4-6 on Sunday, June 19. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a weeklong summer camping experience, held June 19-24, for children 7-15. Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts. Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation therapy, can be done onsite or at a nearby center. Registration is accepted through May 27. Get an application by calling (800) 227-2343 or by visiting [www.cancer.org/camprainbow](http://www.cancer.org/camprainbow).

## ONGOING

### Aquatic classes

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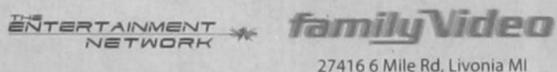
### Workshops

- Low Vision - 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
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- Combating the Diabetes Epidemic - 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
Take Action Now
- Ways to Manage Neck and Back Pain - 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- How to Choose a Skilled Nursing Facility - 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
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- What You Should Know about Long Term Care - 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- Senior Moving Made Easy - 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Identify Theft Protection - 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
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- Social Security Updates - 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
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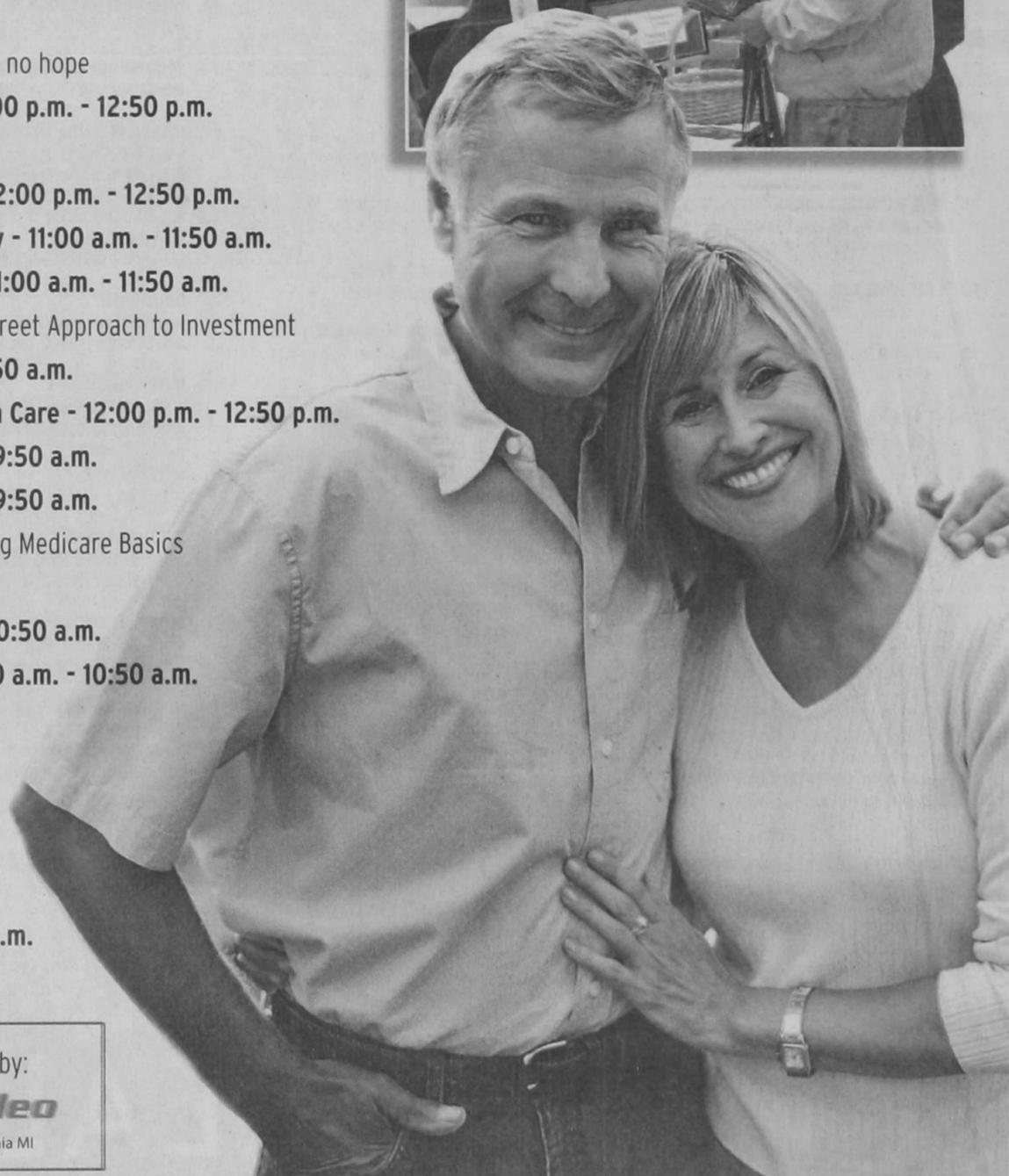
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## Where The Boys Are (And Aren't): Non-traditional Jobs For Women And Men

Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

When was the last time a male dental hygienist [cleaned your teeth](http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/dental+hygienist/%20)?

Sure, we all know that women have significantly changed the face of the American work force over the past 50 or so years. And while children today rightly dream of becoming anything they want, the fact remains that some fields continue to be dominated by one gender over the other.

Here, a look at some of the careers in which female or male employees may not have much competition for the restroom:

### Non-traditional jobs for women

The Bureau of Labor Statistics considers a job where less than 25 percent of the work force is female to be a "non-traditional" job for women. Among the fields that meet this criteria are:

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• Repair and maintenance <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/maintenance/%20> of electronic and precision equipment, commercial and industrial machinery, and autos

While there are a significant number of women employed in manufacturing <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/manufacturing/%20>, they tend to be better represented in some segments over others. For instance, about a third of the 1,467,000 people employed in the making of computer and electronic products are women. But men overwhelmingly dominate in the production of nonmetallic mineral products (think cement, pottery and glass), metal products (such as iron and steel), machinery, transportation equipment and wood products.

Nearly half of the people employed in retail <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/retail/%20> trade are women. Very few of them, however, are automobile or other motor vehicle dealers <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/car+dealer/%20>; work at stores selling auto parts, accessories or tires; or are vending machine operators. Likewise, women may account for about 30 percent of all wholesale <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/wholesale/%20> trade employees but are rarely merchant wholesalers of recyclable materials, farm product raw materials, groceries or alcoholic beverages.

### Non-traditional jobs for men

Walk into any child day care <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/child+care/%20> service and you'll likely be greeted by a woman. Of the 1,563,000 employees in that field, a whopping 95.3 percent are female. Among other industries

the BLS classifies as "non-traditional" for men:

- Veterinary services <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/veterinarian/%20>
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So what about health care <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/health+care/%20> and education <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/education/%20>, two fields often associated with women?

Male nurses are still rather rare, though their numbers are growing. The most recent national nursing survey by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration reports that men accounted for 6.6 percent of all RNs in 2008, up from 5.8 percent in the 2004 survey.

Women continue to make up at least three-fourths of the work force at hospitals; the offices of physicians <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/physician/%20>, dentists <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/dentist/%20> and optometrists <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/optometrist/%20>; and outpatient care centers. Men account for only 13 percent of the workers at nursing care facilities, and even fewer are employed in home health care.

As for education, numbers can be

deceiving. Although the BLS found that men account for about 30 percent of those employed in educational services as a whole, they tend to gravitate towards colleges, universities and technical or trade schools. If you can't remember your child ever having a male primary-school teacher <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/elementary+education/%20>, you're not alone. According to the National Education Association, only 17 percent of elementary-level teachers are men. (Men do, however, represent about a third of middle-school teachers and about half of high school teachers.)

### The most gender-neutral fields

Grocery stores <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/grocery+store/%20> employ equal numbers of men and women. In manufacturing, the work force is nearly split in textile product mills (except carpets and rugs) and in places producing soaps, cleaning compounds and cosmetics. Other industries that are at or close to 50-50 include:

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- Services to buildings and dwellings <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/building+services/%20>
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One last figure (which might surprise some): 50.2 percent of gas station workers are female. Maybe there is hope yet for male dental hygienists to become commonplace.

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**CAT** 4-5 yrs. old. Small & gentle brown Tabby. Named Mick. Missing since 5/7, near 10 Mile/Middlebelt. Reward. 248-477-3339, 248-514-2413

**MISSING**

Black and White male CAT. Friendly. 4 yrs old, neutered. Distinctive black 'helmet' on head, black shell on back, black tail, yellow/green eyes. Last seen near Palmer/Schuman area April 5th. Name: 'Oscar' 989-965-1201 or 989-965-0108

# GARAGE SALES

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**CANTON - Bridgmont Park** Subdivision, Thurs-Sat. May 19-21, 9am-4pm. Canton Center Rd. & Warren, 6824 Bridgmont Dr. 734-453-1496

**CANTON** Covington Square Sub-Wide Garage Sale - May 19-22, off Lilley, btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer.

**CANTON** Fairways West Subdivision Garage Sale (Beck & Cherry Hill), Thurs., Fri. & Sat. May 19, 20 & 21, 8am-4pm

**CANTON:** Large Neighborhood Garage Sale Buckingham Place Thurs-Sat. May 19-21st W. of Beck, N. of Warren

**CANTON** Multi-Family Tent Sale - Many unique items! Wed.-Fri., 5/18-5/20, 9-5pm. 2306 Hannan Rd, just S of Palmer.

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**CANTON - MULTI SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE** 3 Pheasant Run Golf Club Communities (700+ homes) - Pheasant View, Fairway Pines, and Fairways at Pheasant Run. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9-5pm. Btwn Beck & Canton Center, just S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Geddes.

**CANTON WHOLE HOUSE SALE!** 42050 HANFORD RD. May 19, 20, 21, 9am-5pm. Living, dining, bedroom, patio furniture. Wurlitzer spinet piano, housewares, tools, baseball cards and comics, lamps, lawn care, treadmill, Ruthven framed prints and MUCH MORE!

**FARMINGTON HILLS CHURCH OF GOD EXTREME YARD SALE!** 25717 Power Rd. btwn 10 & 11 Mile. May 19-21, 9am-5pm, Thurs-Fri. 9am-2pm, Sat. 10+ families! Misc items incl organ & full electronic piano, knife & scissor sharpening on site - nominal fee. To support our Costa Rica Missions Team. New items arriving daily!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Green Hills Sub. 5/19-5/21, 8-4pm. S. of 9 Mile, btwn Halsted & Drake. Lots of misc. items!

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 5/19 & 5/20, 9-5pm. 28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd. Garden carts, yard equip, children's bikes, sporting goods (lacrosse, golf, fishing), vacuums, electronics, collectibles, antique cedar chest.

**FERDALE: TRUNK & TREASURE SALE!** Sat. June 4, 9am-2pm. 300 E 9 Mile-City Hall. Vendors may apply at: 248-544-6767

**LATHRUP VILLAGE: \$\$ DAYS** Antiques, tools, lawn mower & equip. 27717 California Dr., off Southfield btwn 11 & 12 Mile. Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9-7

**LIVONIA** - 3 family garage sale. May 18th-21st, 9-5pm. 17685 Parklane, off 6 Mile. Antiques, dishes, misc. household furniture.

**LIVONIA** - Big 2 family sale. Thurs., May 19 thru Sat., May 21st 9am-5pm, 15951 Oporto St. Btwn 5 Mile & Puritan, W of Middlebelt

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**FARMINGTON HILLS:** Multi-homes Farmington Green Sub, N/12 btwn Farmington & Drake. May 19-21st, 9am-4pm. Household items, clothes, furniture, books, etc.

**MILFORD** May 19-21 Milford Heritage Hills Sub - 520, 550, 575, 440 Heritage & 1157, 1159 Eagles Nest. Furniture, generator, tools, Wii, sports, kids' items & more! Priced low!

**MILFORD SUB SALE** River Oaks, off Milford Rd. N. of town, S. of M-59. May 19-21, 9am-4pm

**NORTHVILLE QUAIL RIDGE SUB:** 8 Mile/Meadowbrook. Sat, 5/21, 8am-5pm. Antiques, toys, TV, DVD, Thomas Train, Home Items, Baby/kids/maternity clothes.

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**LIVONIA:** Multi family Household, collectibles, craft supplies, hockey equip. 5/19-5/21 9-4pm. 9834 Mayfield S/Plymouth, E/Farmington

**NORTHVILLE** - Steeplechase Sub Sale. Thurs.- Sat. May 19-21, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W of Beck, off 6/7 Mile. Furniture, household, toys, lots of baby clothes, appli, electronics.

**NORTHVILLE:** Thurs., May 19 & Fri, May 20th, 8-4pm. 366 Welch Rd., 8 Mile & Center St. Household items, furniture, accessories, books, patio, antiques & much more!

**NORTHVILLE TWP Neighborhood GARAGE SALE** May 19-21st, 9am-4pm. Participating streets: Ripling Lane, Upper & Lower Scenic Harbour, plus Granje & Upland Cts. Btwn 7 & 8 Mile, W. of Haggerty, E. of Northville Rd. LOTS OF STUFF!

**NORTHVILLE: WOODSIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION** Thurs-Sat., May 19-21, 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn. 5 & 6 Mile on W. side of Haggerty.

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**NOVI** - Chase Farms & Riverbridge 5/20 & 5/21, 9-4pm. Off 8 & 9 Mile btwn Novi & Meadowbrook. Look for signs. Over 35 homes.

**NOVI** HUGO 2 Sub Garage Sale Novi, May 19-20, 21. Two adjacent upscale subs (220 homes) in Novi - Bradford Nov & Lexington Green subs. SW of 9 Mile & Taft Rds. From Taft enter on Princeton or Galway. From 9 Mile enter on Galway. Don't miss it! <http://detroit.craigslist.org/okl/gms/2373105182.html>

**NOVI** Jamestown Green Sub - 10 Mile, btwn Novi Rd & Taft. Antiques, Electronics, Video Games, movies, CDs, Toys, clothes (adults & kids'), appliances & more! Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 9am-6pm.

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**NOVI** Multi-Family Garage Sale! Electric range, hood/fan style microwave, sterling jewelry, housewares, glassware, some antiques. Fri. & Sat., 9-4pm. 24636 Picara, Novi, MI 48374.

**PLYMOUTH:** Garage Sales on Bradford Ct. May 19-21, 9-5-5 Homes. Ann Arbor Rd. W. of Beck. Furniture, household, books, vintage items, tools.

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**LET'S GO CAMPING**  
SWF, 52, 5'5", plus size, beautiful eyes, pretty smile, NS, seeks WM, 50-62, NS, for long walks, swimming, outdoors, possible LTR. ☎338080

**LET'S MEET**  
Well-educated, attractive female, brown hair and eyes, 5'9". Looking for companion to enjoy movies, dining, travel, etc. Love to cook even better (I love Italian food). If you're a sweet man, in your 40s to 50s, have pretty eyes, and know how to spoil a lady, call me. ☎332666

**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

**TALL, ATHLETIC SWIM**  
Good looks, good personality, muscular, 50, 6'2", 205lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, degree, easygoing. I enjoy exercising, the parks, road trips and trying new activities. Seeking single female for fun, friendship and more. Age and area open. ☎331308

**ONE-WOMAN MAN**  
Italian SWM, 52, brown/brown, in very good shape, seeks AF, 40-65, who likes going out and having fun. ☎330127

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
SWM, 53, 5'11", 180lbs, NS, like chess, backgammon, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. ☎218827

**CHANGE OUR LIVES**  
SWM, 61, NS, a caring, respectful gentleman, has herpes, looking for a compassionate, down-to-earth SWF for possible LTR. East Side. ☎313205

**SEEKS A REAL LADY**  
SBM, 35, 5'8", 160lbs, NS, seeks woman, 22-45, sexy, down-to-earth, curvy, for friendship and more. Westside Detroit. ☎338759

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎289646

**PEOPLE SAY I'M NICE!**  
SWM, 25, 5'9", shaved head, 145lbs, goatee, smoker, seeks woman, 18-30, to have fun, eat out, share conversations, maybe LTR. ☎338785

**LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT**  
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 49-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

**LOVE IS BLIND**  
SWF, 42, NS, totally blind, 5'4", brown hair, seeks WM, 35-58, NS, who is patient, kind, understanding, honest, loving, for friendship first leading to possible serious LTR. ☎337812

**TOTAL LOSER!**  
I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no IQ, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1982! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth: I am a SJPF, 47, 5'8", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. ☎324039

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SBF, 44, no children, lives alone, looking for a non-smoking, non-drinking, drug-free man who enjoys travel, playing cards, getting together and just having a good time. ☎332295

**VERY CUTE**  
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking confident male, 46-60, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

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SWF, 45, very petite, blonde hair, hazel eyes, smoker, down-to-earth, kind, sweet, loves antiques, plays, nice dinners, beaches, nature, outdoor activities, seeks a caring and honest man, 43-64, NS, for serious LTR. Please no games. ☎337328

**SUNRISES AND SUNSETS**  
Let's be happy together! SWPF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, professional, caring, beautiful and pure, NS, likes concerts, gardening, dancing, walking along the beach, long drives, seeks a nice, caring SWM, professional, dedicated to family with integrity, 44-50, NS, who is sincere to share loving, beautiful moments and more. ☎338430

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 49, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

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# Acura ZDX Ride Is Firm; Mercedes Goes High-tech

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Even though the Acura ZDX crossover coupe has all-wheel drive and good ground clearance, it doesn't drive like an SUV. It feels tight and solid on twisty two-lane roads. Choppy pavement reveals that the ride is quite firm, but it is not objectionable.

The company calls the ZDX a four-door sports coupe even though the precise definition of coupe is a car with two doors.

The ZDX rides on the chassis of an SUV but it definitely has the heart of a coupe.

As we drove a local parkway, a couple pulled alongside, rolled down the window of their car and commented on how much they liked the Acura's styling. We were surprised that the ZDX drew so many admiring looks.

Size may be one reason the ZDX draws so much attention. It is relatively wide, and it sits tall like the MDX sport utility. The aggressive design, however, has a presence that makes the car hard to ignore.

The steeply sloping roof is only one part of the car's visual appeal. Deep shoulders over the back wheel accentuate the car's muscularity, and an all-glass roof runs from the windshield to the tailgate. The roof is pinched in at the back, and that, too, gives the ZDX a distinctive appearance.

Getting into the back seat is not easy because of the sloping roof, but the space is tolerable for relatively short distances once you're inside.

Who's supposed to be buying the ZDX? Acura said the car is designed for buyers who want the intimacy of a coupe with the flexible cargo space and all-road capability of an SUV. Clearly this target demographic is small, and Acura predicts sales of 8,000 units per year.

The refined interior and luxurious materials make the ZDX a pleasant car to drive. The seats are among the best we've

seen, and the instrument panel that wraps around the driver and passenger has great lines and nice leather covering. The matte black center stack is unique.

Standard equipment includes a Bose stereo, power liftgate, rearview camera and 19-inch wheels. The Advance package adds adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitoring system, ventilated seats and a collision mitigation system. The Technology package adds surround-sound stereo, navigation and a rear camera that lets the driver select three distinct views.

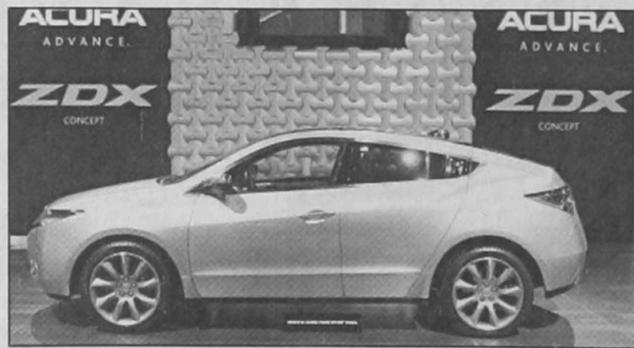
The ZDX uses many components from the MDX, but they have all been retuned for this application. The engine is a 300-horsepower, 3.7-liter unit that provides excellent power across the entire rev range. It accelerates smoothly while noise and vibration are held in check.

The six-speed automatic transmission can be shifted manually with paddles on the steering wheel.

The size of the cargo compartment is hindered by the steeply sloping roof, but when the seats are folded the result is a long, deep space big enough to haul a bicycle.

The cargo space is finished with nice carpeting and plated handles. The side panels of the trunk come out to accommodate four golf bags. The cargo floor opens to reveal a good-sized storage space that can be used to keep valuables out of sight.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:** Mercedes-Benz dealers have begun using Apple iPads as an alternative to printed literature to answer questions about the 2012 CLS-Class. The CLS-Class iPad app, created by All Things Media and assigned to sales people in Mercedes showrooms this month, provides virtual tours of the car, an "Explore" customization tool and



Driving the Acura ZDX is as nimble as a coupe with the space of a sport-utility vehicle.

videos promoting the luxury car's technical proficiencies.

**NEW STUDY:** Scuderi Group reports a study conducted by the Southwest Research Institute on a 2011 Nissan Sentra showed a turbocharged Scuderi Air-Hybrid Engine can cut gas use of the Sentra by 36 percent. The engine boosts miles per gallon by 54 percent. That means a car with a 15-gallon gas tank that gets 30 mpg can drive 243 miles farther by using a Scuderi instead of a factory engine. Scuderi is in talks with 15 automakers worldwide to get them to use the fledgling technology.

**SPARE PARTS:** Bob Frayer, supervisor of engineering laboratories at NSF International in Ann Arbor, earned the Industry Award from the Automotive Body Parts Association. He was recognized for creating an in-house certification program that ensures bumpers, absorbers and other auto parts meet high quality, safety and performance standards. ... Toyota this week opened the first hydrogen fueling station in the U.S. fed directly from an active industrial hydrogen pipeline. The station is a partnership of Toyota, Shell, the Department of Energy and two other companies. It will provide hydrogen for fuel-cell cars in California. ... IndyCar driver Townsend Bell is the new brand ambassador of the members-only Thermal Motorsports Track & Club in Palm Springs, Calif. Bell, driver of the No. 99 Herbalife car, will create niche driving programs at the club.

**HAWKE NEW HQ FOR PORSCHE:** Porsche Cars North America will begin building a headquarters in Atlanta this fall near a terminal at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The HQ, which is expected to open in summer 2013, will be home to 400 employees who will staff a Technical Service and Training Center and Customer Experience Center, Detlev von Platen, president of the North American unit of Porsche Cars, said this week. The headquarters also will include a road course to showcase the sports cars' performance. The company will move Porsche Financial and Porsche Business from Lisle, Ill., to Atlanta in 2013 to put everyone in one location. Porsche sells about 25,000 cars per year to Americans, including the Cayenne and Panamera Gran Turismo. Porsche opened its Porsche of the Motor City dealership in Eastpointe this spring to serve Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The service manager there is John Wilson. He can be reached at (586) 435-8350

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**Acura ZDX**  
**Vehicle class:** Crossover sport utility.  
**Power:** 3.7-liter V6 engine.  
**Mileage:** 17 city / 22 highway.  
**Price:** Around \$47,000.

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