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State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, whose district includes part of Canton, will be featured on Comcast Newsmakers to discuss the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and his plans to create a regional authority for more local control and lower costs.

The video will air during the week of May 23, five minutes before the hour during CNN headline news, and will be in rotation with other Newsmaker interviews.

It will also be available via Comcast's On Demand by clicking on the "Get Local" section, then "Comcast Newsmakers."

Vets invite

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is extending an invitation to all 7th District veterans to attend the Michigan Senate's 17th annual Memorial Day service in the Senate chamber Thursday, May 26.

"Without the service and sacrifice of the members of our armed forces, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the freedoms that we so often take for granted," Colbeck said. "It is an honor and privilege to take part in the Senate's Memorial Day Service, and I invite local veterans to join us in remembering our fallen heroes."

Lawmakers will honor soldiers from their districts who died during the past 12 months. Families who lost loved ones will also be recognized by the Senate.

Local veterans interested in attending the May 26 ceremony, scheduled for 10 a.m., should RSVP to Sen. John Pappageorge, who is coordinating the event, by calling his office toll free at (877) SEN-13TH.

Family picnic

A family picnic with grilled delights, a train ride, face painting, a balloon artist, games and fun for all will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday June 4, Heritage Park, Pavilion 1 and 2. Your immediate family is encouraged to attend complimentary with your \$20 dues for the 2011-12 and 40th season of the Canton Newcomers, the community's social and charitable group, where you don't have to be "new." Visit www.cantonnewcomers.org for all the club's offerings. To RSVP to join the Newcomers club and attend its annual picnic, call Jessica at (734) 331-3201.

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.



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Zima Amado, Otis Scero and Sam Brown enjoy a run around the new dog park.

Finally unleashed
Canines finally can take a walk in their park

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every dog has its day. It might take years of whimpering and waiting to escape the house arrest enforced by overbearing human owners.

It could take decades in dog years — decades spent napping at home, playing alone in a back yard, going for an occasional walk while tied to one of those confounded leashes.

But every dog has its day. That day came on a fog-shrouded Friday morning in Canton, when dogs of all shapes and sizes made new friends, wagged their tails, barked happily and chased each other inside a six-acre, fenced-in dog park that opened on Denton Road north of Cherry Hill.

Canton resident Sharon Brown brought her 5-year-old pooch Sam, a part-pug.

"I think this is great. It's going to be fun," she said. "I think Sam believes he can rule this place on his own — in his mind, anyway."

NO LEASH REQUIRED

Kim Guy brought 4-year-old shih-tzu Tango from their Cherry Hill Village home.

"I think it's awesome that dogs will have a place to play without a



Mary LeMerise offers a drink of water to Sunny, her golden retriever.

leash," she said.

Tango kept his distance as a few other dogs played tag. It's not that he's conceited.

"He's a little shy," Guy said. "Maybe coming here will bring him out of his shyness."

Tango watched, just as curious as a cat, as an Afghan hound, an English bulldog and a golden retriever dashed by.

Then, there was a small Maltese, 10-year-old Niles, whose owners, Lee and Noel Bittinger, let him play

with the big dogs, even though the park has separate, fenced-in areas for large and small dogs.

"He wanted to come to the big-dog park," Lee Bittinger said. "He was bored in the little-dog park. He's small — but mighty."

The dogs limited their comments for this story to a bark or, in Niles' case, a slight growl, yet they seemed pleased with their new park, which culminated a dream

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Legislators weigh in on Snyder's plans

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rick Snyder has the overall support of local legislators in places where you'd expect it — Republican state Rep. Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township and Republican Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton. And he's got opposition from just as likely a source: Democrat Dian Slavens, the state representative from Canton.

But the support he's getting, even from local Republicans, isn't unwavering. Both Heise and Colbeck had issues with some of Snyder's overall plan. Heise was critical of funding for public education, while Colbeck thinks Snyder's plan to expand the tax on pensions could face a constitutional challenge.

Heise, while voting in favor of Snyder's tax reform package and supporting his efforts on the overall budget, is critical of his handling of the state School Aid Fund, even after Snyder announced he'd dump another \$310 million into the fund.

"I feel better about it, but we still don't have all the details," Heise said of the governor's latest announcement about the School Aid Fund. "We want to look over the numbers and see what goes into it. How much goes into K-12 immediately? How much is tied into incentive programs?"

"Clearly the governor and the Senate have been listening," Heise added. "I think the message myself and others has conveyed definitely got through. The cuts are certainly not as bad as they could have been. The question now is, is it something the schools can live with?"

NARROW WIN

Snyder narrowly got his tax policy through

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State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (center), here speaking at a forum in Novi, thinks the governor's plan to change the tax on pensions could face a constitutional challenge.

Twins reach perfection on college prep exams



Salem High School juniors Peter and Scott Su each scored a perfect 36 on the ACT college admissions exam. Peter also earned a perfect 2,400 on the SAT; Scott earned a 2,340.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Xiang Ying Su believes basic areas of academic study such as English and mathematics are necessary fundamentals, no matter what students decide to do in life.

That's why Su encouraged his three sons from an early age to push themselves and learn those basics, especially math, in which Xiang has earned a Ph.D.

The extra work is apparently paying off for Su's two youngest sons. Salem High School juniors Scott and Peter Su were among four Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students — Steven Marion of Canton High School and Todd Maslyk of Plymouth High School were the others — who scored a perfect 36 on the ACT college admissions and placement exam.

For good measure, Peter earned a perfect 2,400 on the SAT, while twin brother Scott nearly aced it, too, scoring 2,340.

"I think math and English are fundamental subjects for kids, especially when they're young," Xiang Su said. "No matter where you go, when you go to college, no matter what you're going to study, it's the fundamentals."

ACING THE TEST

The twins, the sons of Xiang Su and Hong Jiang of Canton, took the SAT back in January, then aced the ACT in March. Leading up to both tests, the twins — who do their homework separately unless they have questions for each other — leaned on each other to prepare.

"We study together a bit," said Scott, a straight-A student. "If we don't understand something, we ask each other. We bounce ideas off of each other a lot."

As one might expect of students who aced the test, they didn't find either the SAT or ACT particularly difficult, although each test had

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LEGISLATORS

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the Legislature last week. Both the House (56-52) and the Senate (20-19) passed the package, which ends the Michigan Business Tax in 2012 and put an end to most refundable tax credits, including the film incentives. The bill:

- Dumps the MBT and replaces it with a 6-percent corporate income tax.
- Includes a tax on some pensions, though Snyder and legislative leaders agreed to continue the exemption as is for those who will be 67 and older in 2012.
- Restores the state Earned Income Tax Credit for working poor people to 6 percent of the federal credit; it is 20 percent currently.

Slavens wasn't the only critic of the plan. Not a single Democrat in the House or Senate cast a vote for the plan. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley was forced to cast a tie-breaking vote in the Senate.

"We need to get rid of the MBT, there's no question about that," Slavens said. "We want to help businesses out, but not on the backs of our seniors, the working poor or the schools. I think if he had phased it out, that would have been better."

Heise said the tax package was necessary to bring back jobs to Michigan. He said the pension tax was the result of a compromise that would leave elder Michiganders unaffected.

PLAN CONSTITUTIONAL?

"If you're 67 or older you see no impact ... there are caps if you're in the 59-67 age range, and Social Security isn't taxed," Heise said. "You had to look at the overall package."

That, to me, is the centerpiece of why we came here. That tax package is what's going to bring back jobs to Michigan."

But Colbeck, while "strongly supporting elimination of the MBT," thinks the changes to the pension tax structure could be constitutionally challenged.

"While I support the repeal of the Michigan Business Tax, I oppose several other elements of the tax policy that passed the Senate today and voted no on the legislation," Colbeck said. "The removal of pension tax exemptions is very likely to face constitutional challenges. These challenges hold the risk that the revenue projections forecast will not be realized. If the risk becomes a reality, we will have failed to balance the budget, thereby continuing our structural budget deficit."

Colbeck acknowledged he voted in favor of the legislation in committee before voting against it on the floor.

"I disagreed with the proposal, but I wanted to get it onto the floor," Colbeck said. "I voted to report it out so we could get the process moving. I'm strongly against the pension tax. People who know me know that."

The governor wants his budget passed by the end of the month. That means anyone hoping to get the governor's ear, or the ears of legislators, particularly on school funding, better move fast.

Just how much money will be cut from school aid is still being worked out, said Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*, the legislative news letter. But if somebody is going to contact legislators about the budget, he said, "they'd better do it soon."

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Locals hail death of business tax, but decry parts of Snyder's plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
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McNamara

Canton, already touting itself as a business-friendly community, hopes to score more jobs and lure new companies after state lawmakers by a razor-thin margin approved a far-reaching, tax-shifting plan touted by Gov. Rick Snyder as crucial to economic growth.

But critics blasted the tax-policy overhaul, when coupled with other Snyder budget measures, as punitive toward retirees, middle-class people, the poor, children and those needing mental health services.

The state House and Senate this month approved Snyder's plan to eliminate the long-criticized Michigan Business Tax and shift much of the \$1.7 billion burden to individuals, though Lt. Gov. Brian Calley had to cast a tie-breaking vote in the Senate.

MBT critics have long said the tax stifled economic growth. They are hopeful the changes will bring new jobs.

"I see that as a positive step for the business community and a way to stimulate jobs and get more people working and more people paying taxes," Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

HIDDEN GEM

Canton already had offered what tax breaks it could to lure new companies. The township last year garnered national

attention when *Inside Business Report*, a television show hosted by politician and actor Fred Thompson, chose Canton for one of its segments titled *Hidden Gems of Economic Development*.

Canton has since drawn more businesses such as W.F. Whelan, a global third-party logistics company, which early this year completed its move from Romulus to the former Kmart distribution center near Haggerty and Joy — a 1.1-million-square-foot building that had been Canton's largest industrial vacancy.

"Anything that can give businesses a break right now will help," said Dennis Webb, W.F. Whelan's chief business development officer. "A lot of businesses have been running at a loss or barely breaking even. For some businesses, that (elimination of the MBT) could be the difference between being profitable and staying in business — or not staying in business."

The tax cut will help W.F. Whelan, which employs about 150 people, at a time when it hopes to expand its workforce, Webb said. The company stores and distributes goods exported and imported by air and sea.

"Right now we're sitting on

the fence of wanting to hire a few more people," Webb said. "We have meetings every week and go over our finances. Every dollar counts. Just a few thousand dollars can make the difference in hiring somebody or buying a new forklift."

PENSION TAX CRITICS

While supporters say Snyder's tax-shifting plan could boost economic development across Michigan, others have criticized efforts to replace much of the money by taxing pensions for retirees and sharply cutting the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income working families, reducing a typical credit from \$300 to \$90.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Canton, said efforts to tax retiree pensions, trim school funding, further cut state shared revenue and eliminate tax credits for working and poor people would have a negative impact on Michigan residents.

"Overall, I'm opposed to it," McNamara said of Snyder's budget plan. "It balances the budget on the backs of middle-class people, poor people and children."

COUNTY LOSSES

Though better-than-expected state revenue has led to a budget deal that restores some school aid and state shared revenue to local governments, McNamara said any new round of cuts to state shared revenue would be harmful as Wayne County struggles to

"plug budget holes and provide service."

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said county officials had projected losing as much as \$25 million to \$30 million in state funding for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, including state shared revenue, funding for mental health services and cuts across other departments.

"It's a problem because we already have a \$100 million deficit," Helmkamp said.

Wayne County already has reduced its workforce by 40 percent since 2003, he said, "and the lion's share of that has been over the last three years."

If the county has to absorb another round of deep cuts, he said, "a number of services will be impacted. I can't tell you what all those are yet, because we're still working on that, but I'm sure there will be some personnel cuts again."

LaJoy, meanwhile, said Canton already had budgeted for losses in statutory state shared revenue, though it now appears some of the revenue could be restored.

One thing Snyder's critics and supporters can agree on is that new projections of an uptick in the state's treasury holds some promise. Most estimates place the amount around at least \$429 million, if not more.


All agree that any boost in the state's revenue is a welcome sign, though some already fear that another round of potential revenue gains next year could be wiped out when Snyder's Legislature-approved tax-policy overhaul takes effect.

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PCA preschool

Date/Time: Now
Location: 43065 Joy Road, Canton (between Lilley and Morton Taylor)
Details: Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, is now enrolling for fall classes. Visit the website for a virtual tour and more information.
Contact: (734) 459-3505 or www.plymouthchristian.org

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.

O.U.R. Camp

Date/Time: Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Northville Christian Academy, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Details: O.U.R. Camp, Inc. (www.ourcampinc.org), a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, will have an Open House during which parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This



JULIE YOLLES

Diabetes fundraiser

Jaye Stellini of Detroit and Salem High School Head Track and Field Coach and English Teacher Kyle Meteyer and his wife, Sarah. The Meteyer family founded the Gerad Meteyer Foundation (GMF) in 2008 in memory of Kyle's brother, Gerad, who died from complications of Diabetes. A fundraiser for GMF will be held on Nov. 19 at Andiamo's of Novi.

event is free and open to the public.
Contact: Claudia Pietron, (734) 718-5734 or Karen Beaudoin, (734) 737-9102.

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.all-saintscs.com or e-mail msswiderek@yahoo.com.

Locals urged to restrict water use

In an effort to reduce instances of low water pressure and help control future water rate increases, Canton Township officials are asking residents and businesses to use voluntary odd/even days for outdoor water usage throughout 2011.

Residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses are asked to do outdoor watering only on odd-numbered dates. Likewise, those with even-numbered addresses are asked to do outdoor watering only on even numbered dates. In addition, Canton residents should be completed with outdoor irrigation before 6 a.m., officials said.

Homeowners in subdivisions with common areas are also

asked to restrict watering their common areas to every other day. Residents should be aware that many public areas, such as parks, golf courses, etc., receive irrigation water from ponds which are independent of the public water system.

By watering during these off-peak demand hours, Canton enables all customers to continue receiving an even distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems, officials said. Following the requested water restrictions can also help Canton avoid costly increases from DWSD in the future, they added.

Canton is a wholesale customer of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

According to township officials, there are three major factors that DWSD uses to calculate wholesale water rates including: 1) the distance the community is from the water treatment plants, 2) the elevation of the community relative to the water treatment plants, and 3) the maximum daily water demand and the peak hour water demand for each community. By following the odd/even day water cycle Canton can level out these high water demand factors resulting in more stable long-term water rates for our customers.

For more information on the requested water use restriction please call Canton's Public Works Division at (734) 394-5150.

Canton e-waste collection exceeds expectations

More than 90,000 pounds of electronic waste was collected at Canton's May 7 e-waste event, tripling the total collected in 2010.

The collection, which was sponsored by the Wayne County Department of Environment in cooperation with Canton and Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc., was held at Canton's Division of Public Works Building in an effort to give all Wayne County


residents the opportunity to properly dispose of outdated electronic equipment free of charge.

In all, 90,261 pounds of electronic waste was collected from more than 760 vehicles. Some of the collected equipment will be refurbished and reused, while the rest of the equipment will be properly recycled.

Anyone who missed the May 7 e-waste collection gets another chance when Canton

holds its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Division of Public Works Building. To obtain a complete list of items being accepted at this year's event visit www.canton-mi.org or call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

For more information on the e-waste collection or Canton's upcoming hazardous waste collection please call Public Works at 397-1011.



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The Plymouth-Canton culinary management team, consisting of students Brianna Dobson, Kristina Kapedani and LeSaesha Pollard, finished fourth in the national culinary competition.

Culinary team places fourth at nationals

A team of hospitality management competitors from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park took fourth place in the recent management competition at the National ProStart Student Invitational.

Competing for adviser Diana Woodward's team were students Brianna Dobson, Kristina Kapedani and LeSaesha Pollard.

The national invitational was comprised of two distinct disciplines: culinary and management. The Plymouth-Canton team earned the right to compete at the national invitational by winning the management event at the Michigan contest in Lansing in March. Earning fourth place in a national competi-

tion against the very best teams from around the country is a tremendous accomplishment, and the team members were awarded with \$1,000 scholarships for college, industry equipment and cookbooks.

The P-CEP management team developed a business and marketing plan for a new restaurant concept, delivered a verbal presentation about their concept as though they were approaching potential investors and applied critical thinking skills to operational challenges that managers face day to day.

The fourth-place finish left the Plymouth-Canton team behind teams from California, New Mexico and North Carolina.

Parents urged to pressure legislators

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There weren't as many people around as she would have liked to have hear it, but Sheila Paton's message was still the same.

The state Legislature needs to do something about funding public schools properly.

Paton, who co-chairs Plymouth-Canton's Legislative Action Network, gave one of the keynote speeches last week at a rally in Lansing designed to let legislators know parents are concerned about the direction in which school funding is headed.

Paton said some 200 people showed up for the rally, including several Plymouth-Canton representatives.

"The rally went well, although attendance was much lighter than we would have liked," Paton said. "With the ... understanding that revenues are coming in better than expected, it is our hope these funds can be used to alleviate some of the cuts or pension increases."

It might be that someone is listening. Gov. Rick Snyder this week announced he's adding some \$330 million to the school aid fund, based on better-than-expected revenue projections.

Paton is concerned that Snyder's hoped-for education reforms are coming without the funding necessary to implement them. She pointed out at the rally that Plymouth-Canton, the state's third-largest district, is having to cut some \$18 million out of its budget this year.

At the rally, she pointed out Michigan has relied on federal stimulus money to maintain school funding the last couple of years. Indeed, that was a big lift in Plymouth-Canton, where the board has been making millions of dollars worth of cuts for years.

But that money stream has dried up, Paton said, and the state isn't doing much to replace it.

"Over the last two years Federal Stimulus funds have allowed the state to maintain school funding at a level equal to that of about 2008," Paton said in her

speech at the rally. "Districts across the state have been cutting where ever possible in an effort to minimize cuts to the classroom."

Districts have been asked to do more with less for years, Paton pointed out, and "enough is enough." She and co-chair Denise Zander have been making this case to anyone who would listen for months now. They made it last week at a town hall meeting in West Bloomfield/Walled Lake, and Paton was at this week's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting to urge parents to let their Legislators know what they're thinking.

"We're urging parents to write to their Legislators urging them to use the additional revenue to fund schools," said Paton, just a couple of days before the governor did just that. "We're urging people to write as soon as possible, because things are happening very fast in Lansing."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Imagination champions

Discovery Middle School was named the Michigan State Champion in this year's Destination Imagination competition.

Seventh-grade students Swetha Duraiswamy and Maha Zahid and eighth-grader Naren Nathan created a structure out of aluminum, wood and glue. This 20-gram structure held 712 pounds, which earned them top honors at the competition.

The team travels to Knoxville, Tenn., to participate in an international competition May 25.

High school commencements

As the school year winds down, seniors scheduled to graduate — and their families — are turning their eyes toward the annual commencement exercises.

As has been the tradition, the three high schools at the park — Plymouth, Canton and Salem — will conduct their graduation ceremonies in the Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, June 12. Canton High School's commencement takes place at 11 a.m., with Salem High School going at 2 p.m. and Plymouth

High School seniors turning their tassels at 5 p.m.

Students at the Starkweather Alternative Education Center conduct their commencement exercise Thursday, June 16, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Graduation tickets

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DOG PARK

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that began nearly three years ago for Friends of the Canton Dog Park and township employees.

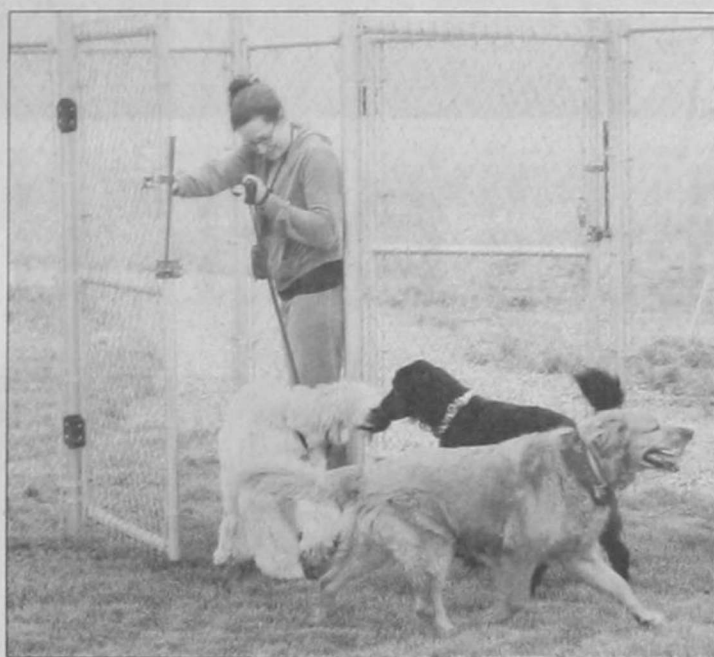
"We really needed this in Canton," said Friends member Debi Greene, who has three dogs — Champagne, Ginger and Jazz. "This has always been a dream. Hopefully, everybody will use it."

PAY TO PLAY

Dogs have to be registered and licensed through the township clerk's office, Greene said, and annual memberships are \$25 for Canton residents and \$50 for non-residents. The fees cover up to three dogs per family.

The dog park, open from dawn to dusk, was developed using \$70,000 in Wayne County parks funding and \$37,000 raised by the Friends group. A formal grand opening will occur later this summer.

"It's another valuable recreational amenity for the community, and it's certainly good for our four-legged friends," Canton Leisure Services



Sam Bresler and Sunny LeMerise check out a new arrival, Zima Amato and her owner, Carol Wassner-Amato.

Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said, adding that an off-leash dog park was identified as a need in the department's community surveys in 2005 and 2009.

The park has a few benches where owners can sit and make new friends of their own. Abe Vinitzki, parks and

golf supervisor, said organizers still have to add landscaping, more benches, dog-agility amenities, a water source — and next year, they plan to install an electronic entry device allowing dog park members to swipe a card to enter.

For now, those using the



Otis, an English bulldog, takes a break at the dog park. He belongs to Brittney Scero.

park are on the honor system, though members expect to self-police and enforce rules. Township employee Mary Kahanec said nearly 300 people already have bought memberships.

Dog owners can use on-site

plastic grocery bags to clean up when dogs do what dogs do, and Vinitzki said visitors are asked to bring extra bags for the park's bag dispenser.

Anyone who wants to donate to the dog park's ongoing efforts may stop by or



Debi Greene is smiling as the new dog park opens.

send checks to the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI, 48188. Any checks should include a notation for the dog park and additional information are online at www.canton.mi-org. Just look for the dog park icon and link.

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TWINS

FROM PAGE A1

its challenges. The brothers cruised through the math and science portions, and the writing portions came easily enough.

"The reading section was a little harder, but it wasn't too bad," Peter said. "The writing wasn't hard, although the essay was a little tough."

Their teachers don't seem surprised at the success of the Su twins. Business teacher Barbara Rutecki, who has the twins in her computer applications class, said that kind of ability starts at home.

"It speaks very highly of them and of their parents," Rutecki said of their academic success. "They're so fast at picking things up. Anything I introduce, they're both right there."

COMPUTER STRATEGY

When they're not excelling in school, the twins acknowledge a lot of their fun comes on the computer, playing real-time strategy games such as Age of Empires. They haven't been much for competitive sports — "We've done mostly academics our whole lives," Scott said — but when they want something a little more physical, they hit the ping-pong table.

So who's better? The twins just smile at the question.

"We've played each other so often, it gets pretty intense," Peter said. "It's a little different when we play other people."

They've reached a level of success few students hit, according to district officials. When ACT officials told the district of the four perfect scores, they said less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all test-takers earn the perfect score. In the current class, for

instance, 1.6 million students took the test nationwide and only 588 earned the perfect 36.

What sets the twins apart, according to their teachers, is the brilliance they display without "acting the part."

"They have the kind of personality you'd want them to have," physics teacher Angela Brown said. "It's a brilliance without the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. They're helpful with everybody in class. They gladly help without pushing themselves on people."

Brown said hard work is the key to the twins' success, although she points out that their style isn't necessarily an academic process she'd normally push.

"I almost hate to say it, but they ace everything without having to take a note," she said, smiling.

The brothers aren't in a rush

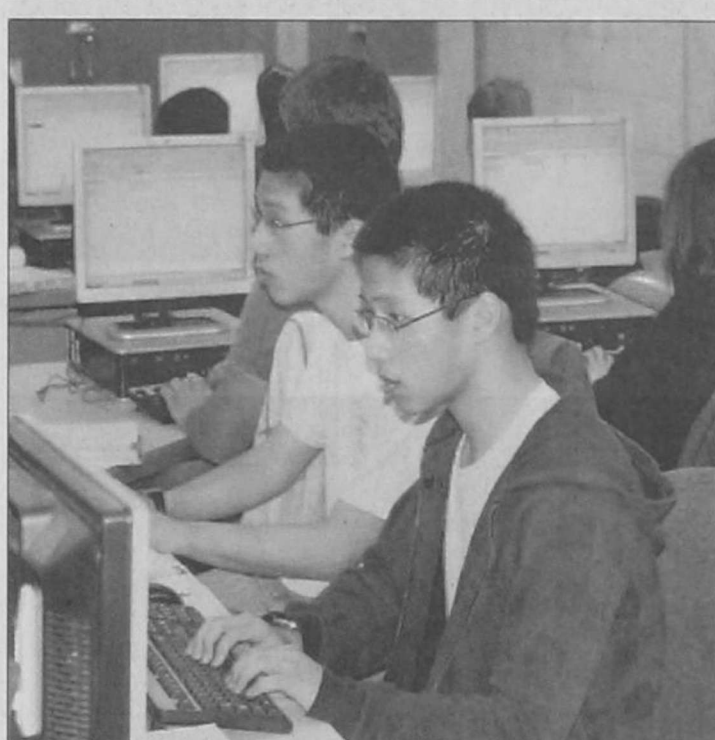
to figure out what they want to do with their lives. They don't know where they want to go to college — "MIT is always a target," Peter said — but figure they have time to worry about that. They're excellent at math, but science is their favorite subject, and they figure they'll do something in that realm.

"There's such a nice ability to solve everyday problems," Scott said. "The labs are pretty fun to do."


For now they have their senior year to worry about. So far, though, they've provided some inspiration.

"In this day and age, it makes you feel good," said Brown, who has the twins in her honors physics class. "When there's so much about education that's bringing you down, it makes you feel good. It helps you remember why you went into education."

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Scott and Peter Su, here in their computer applications class, amuse themselves in their free time by playing real-time strategy games such as Age of Empires.



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2011 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

Awards ceremony fetes O&E all stars



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Meghan Diehl, Farmington High School.

Area students and their families were honored Thursday morning at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* Academic All-Star Awards Ceremony at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel.

Students, parents, sponsors and O&E staff members were treated to an elegant breakfast buffet at the Townsend, a long-time partner of the Academic All-Star Awards Program.

Students received special awards and gifts to mark the annual team, which highlights academic excellence in western Wayne and Oakland counties. The all-star team is selected based solely on academic credentials (grade-point average in academic subjects and national test scores — ACT or SAT). Each public, private and parochial school in the O&E coverage area is invited to nominate two students. Students named as runners-up (53) also are profiled in the special print section published May 15.

Joining in honoring the 25-member team of students was Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University. The Livonia-based university is a longtime supporter and sponsor of the program. Also attending was Lori Mouton, vice president of marketing for DMC Children's Hospital. The hospital, a member of the Detroit Medical Center, is a new partner of the all-star program.

Principals who served as judges for this year's team also attended — Terry Piper of Seaholm High School (who is retiring in June after 41 years in education), Carolyn Witte of Mercy High School and Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School.

Other principals attending to support their students named to this year's team included Fred Proctor of Groves High School, David Kozlowski of Brother Rice High School, Randy Gawel of Berkley High School and Robert Dureka of Andover High School.

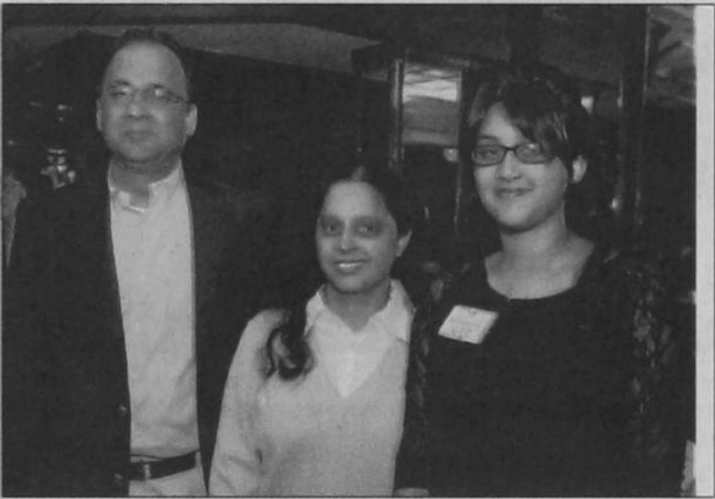
"This team marks the 26th year that the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* has honored and celebrated academic excellence in our hometowns. At the core of our mission as a local company is 'enhancing the lives of our readers and nurturing the communities we serve,'" said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the *Observer & Eccentric*.

"We can't think of a better way to fulfill this mission than to profile the best and brightest of students in area schools and show the residents in our communities what is good and right with young people and education today."

To read the profiles of this year's all-stars and the runners-up, go to hometownlife.com and see Special Sections. For a photo gallery and video of Thursday's event, see hometownlife.com.



Yiran (Nika) Duan, of Livonia Churchill High School.



Sahithi Gogineni, of Canton High, and her parents, Vijay and Mahavi.



Allen Yuan is an O&E Academic All-Star from Detroit Country Day. He lives in Farmington Hills.



Makayla McCoskey, of North Farmington High School, is congratulated by Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University.



Nicholas Alaniva, of Canton, with parents, Howard and Yvonne.



Ishani Shah, of Plymouth, and her parents, Mayur, father and Yakshamu, her mother.



Ishani Shah, of Plymouth High School, receives her awards from Lori Mouton of Children's Hospital.



Sarah Kang, of Salem High School and her parents Steve and Linda.



Ben Novak, of North Farmington, and his mother, Barbara.



Sahithi Gogineni, of Canton High School, accepts awards and congratulations from (center) Lori Mouton of Children's Hospital and Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University.



Lynne Krutty, of Salem High School, and her parents, Marion and Dean.

Career Tech students honored by state for 'Breaking Traditions'

Two students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland are have been recognized by the state for "Breaking Traditions."

Megan Redmond and Jacob McFalls were among 23 students from across the state to receive honors. The awards were presented by the Michigan Department of Education through its Office of Career and Technical Education, at May 12 ceremony at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Presenting the awards were Patty Cantú, director of the Office of Career and Technical Education; Dr. Joanne Mahony, office supervisor, and Norma R. Tims, the office's Gender Equity/Title IX Coordinator.

The "Breaking Traditions" awards were established to recognize students who have shown excellence in their Career and Technical Education program in programs that are nontraditional for their gender.

Redmond, a Culinary Arts student, was selected for the merit award and received a trophy. Her instructor, Chef Anthony Paquette had nominated her noting that she embraced the philosophy of hospitality where taking care of others needs are foremost.

In her application, Redmond said that her grandmother inspired her to prepare food professionally and pursue a career in this field. Some of the activities she has participated in that earned her this award were being an active member of SkillsUSA competitions, serving as a tutor and mentor to younger students in the culinary program, and assisting with the Thanksgiving Family Resource Center Charity Luncheon where she helped earn \$4,000.



Jacob McFalls practices bandaging during his Health Occupations class.

She has offered her time to participate in other extracurricular catering events, including the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Westland, helping the culinary program earn first place two years in a row in competition with other community food and catering businesses.

Redmond has received perfect attendance awards, has been a role model in the Positive Behavior Support program and earned a Civic Leader Certificate for completing 40 hours of community service. She recently found out she was the recipient of the Westland Community Foundation scholarship which she will use to continue her culinary education at Schoolcraft College.

McFalls received a certificate recognizing his accomplishments in Health Occupations where he specialized in Diagnostic Services with the college career goal of sports physical therapy. He was nominated by his Health Occupations instructor Ruth

Ann Petres, who noted that he demands excellence from himself yet is humble and quiet as he works with a positive attitude helping others.

"There are several benefits to being a part of a nontraditional career field, all of which are amazing, not only have I learned skills about nursing and sports medicine, but I also learned how to interact with others, giving me a head start communicating with patients," he said in his application. "I find that the students in class, though, primarily female, look to me now as a role model."

McFalls has been on his high school honor roll all four years, plus two years in the National Technical Honor Society and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), competing both years at regional competitions. He is certified in AHA and BLS for Health Care Providers and National Safety First Aid.

He has also been a classroom mentor, tour guide

for visitors, participated in fundraisers for homeless shelters and "Christmas Angels," buying gifts and clothing for needy children, worked in Red Cross blood drives and held clinical placements at a convalescent center and sports rehab facility.

"These outstanding students are preparing themselves to enter a career that will benefit them individually and benefit Michigan by increasing diversity in our state's workforce." State Superintendent of Instruction Mike Flanagan said. "By their determination and dedication to pursuing careers in an area nontraditional for their gender, they are role models for peers who may be considering such a career path."

In addition to being nominated, each applicant was required to provide two letters of support and write a brief narrative explaining his or her choice of career, obstacles faced and key accomplishments.

Budget deal has some financial relief for W-W

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Finances for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will still be a challenge for fiscal 2011-12, but it's looking a little bit better following Gov. Rick Snyder's announcement about a budget deal Thursday.

"In order to hit our bottom line, we're still going to have to do significant belt tightening, but it looks a little bit brighter than a few days ago," said Gary Martin, deputy director for administrative and business services.

The district has been facing a potential \$14.5 million revenue loss, but the budget deals brokered between the governor and state lawmakers could reduce that figure to roughly \$8.9 million, due in part to a partial restoration of the districts equity funding it has been receiving in lieu of millage disallowed with the start of Proposal A in 1994.

The district had been receiving \$6 million in equity funding, however, Snyder labeled it a categorical and axed it from his proposed budget, school officials, including Superintendent Greg Baracy, have been lobbying lawmakers to get the money restored. Coupled with a \$300 per pupil cut on school aid and an almost 4 percent increase in retirement costs, Wayne-Westland stood to lose the most money - \$1,150 per

student - under the governor's proposal.

Martin credits State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, with getting the partial restoration, and the work of State Sen. Glenn Anderson and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, behind the scenes on behalf of the district.

"Kurt Heise was especially helpful in working diligently with a majority of the folks on the committees, he gave it enough oomph to get it through, but we're not quite to the finish line," he said. "It wasn't a very popular subject to consider, but it was an equity issue not pork barrel. They all worked very, very hard on our behalf, they were very helpful to us."

The equity funding as signed into law by then Gov. John Engler represented 40 percent of what the district lost under Proposal A. The new agreement, if it makes it through to the governor's signature, will be just 20 percent. No matter, "we're happy about it," Martin said.

Under the agreement, K-12 schools will receive \$330 million more for funding for 2011-2012. Of that amount, \$150 million distributed to districts which adopt best practices and \$160 million to defray rising teacher retirement costs.

Martin isn't sure how the money for retirement costs will be dispersed. It represents \$100 per student and offsets what would have been \$205 per student cost.

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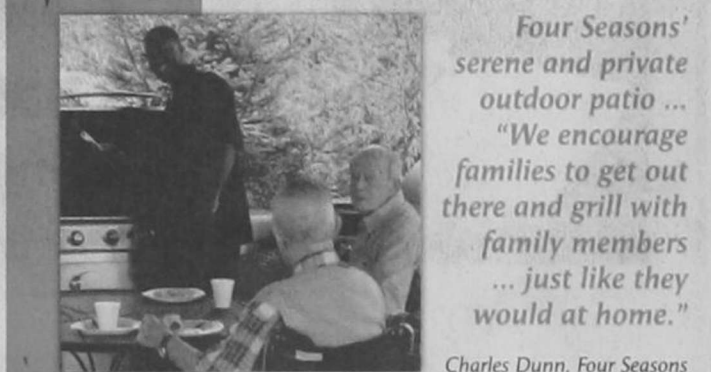
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Trail unveiling part of River Day activity

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A twofold milestone awaits bicyclists, joggers and other outdoor enthusiasts as organizers prepare to formally unveil a newly restored of the I-275 recreation pathway from Canton to Novi and the improved Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, now connected by pedestrian bridges from the interstate west to Canton Center Road.

The celebration occurs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 4 — coinciding with River Day — and dozens of events are planned, rain or shine, across communities such as Canton, Plymouth and Livonia.

Jubilant recreation leaders say the official opening of the two recreation trails marks the culmination of hopes and

dreams that began more than a decade ago.

"We've been working on it for 11 years," Bob Belair, assistant township engineer for Canton, said, referring to plans to connect the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail with a series of eight wooden pedestrian bridges.

Belair estimated the entire project, mostly paid for with county and state grants, cost some \$2 million.

John Bailey, spokesman for the I-275 Metro Trail, estimated that project cost \$4 million — primarily, he said, using federal grant dollars.

BIG IMPROVEMENT

Planners say the projects signal a vast improvement for recreation offerings in western Wayne County, using dollars set aside prior to a sharp economic

downturn.

Bailey said the I-275 trail has been "completely rebuilt" between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive, with smaller-scale repairs made along the stretch that continues north to Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

"It's a major milestone because that trail had been falling into serious disrepair," Bailey said. "I think we've got the momentum (and volunteers) now to keep that trail in good shape."

A section of trail south of Michigan Avenue remains closed for repairs, but Belair said it is expected to open later this year. It's all part of a 40-mile recreation trail that runs through communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Northville Township and Novi.

The trail improvements mark one of the biggest facelifts the I-275 trail has witnessed since it opened in the 1970s. It couldn't be more welcome news for people like Bailey, who rides his bike along the path three or four days a week, as much as 15 miles weekdays and 25 miles on weekends.

Belair said more and more bicyclists, hikers and other nature enthusiasts also are starting to use the Lower Rouge trail, which can be accessed from Canton Center near Palmer and followed all the way to I-275. It's a pristine trail that users say provides a peaceful escape from the bustling township it intersects.

BIKE RIDE

Bailey said bicyclists are encouraged to join a group bike ride that is expected to

start at 9:30 a.m. June 4 at the Lower Rouge trailhead, on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue, where a parking lot is available. The ride will make its way to the I-275 trail and then south to the rest stop near Cherry Hill Road, where ribbon-cutting ceremonies are planned including a band at 10 a.m. and speeches at 10:30 a.m.

Also, open riding, in-line skating, walking and jogging happens 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Michigan Avenue and Seven Mile Road, though bicyclists and skaters must wear helmets.

Bailey said participant registration is encouraged at a gazebo in front of Sweet Bikes, on the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads, or at Schoolcraft College in the south parking lot along Haggerty Road.

Belair said those who want to go directly to the Lower Rouge trailhead also may join the ride.

FUN FESTIVITIES

Here's a snapshot of other activities marking the River Day festivities:

For the I-275 trail:

- Along with the group bike ride and ribbon-cutting ceremony, activities include a children's bike- and helmet-decorating parade at the Cherry Hill rest stop 11 a.m. to noon.
- A guided bike ride through Plymouth will happen 12:30-1:30 p.m., and cyclists must wear helmets. The group is expected to meet at Wilcox Lake's parking area on the south side of Hines Drive, east of Northville Road.
- A "geocaching" demonstration, which involves using GPS units to find hidden caches, is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schoolcraft College.
- Also at the college, a helmet-fitting and bike-safety clinic is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; a bike safety talk by

Northville Township Police Officer Jim Fisher is scheduled for 10 a.m. and noon; and an activity that involves mixing up a smoothie drink by pedaling is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- From 10:30 a.m. to noon, a guided urban walk/hike around Haggerty Road and the trail is set, with participants meeting at Schoolcraft's south parking lot.
- The Canton Downtown Development Authority is expected to have a gazebo set up near the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads, near Sweet Bikes.
- Those who register will qualify for prizes during a drawing at 2 p.m. at Schoolcraft College.
- For Canton and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail:
 - A restoration project at Canton's Heritage Park, west of Canton Center between Palmer and Cherry Hill, is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Canton employees will work with volunteers to plant shrubs and seeds with wet meadow wildflowers and grass along the banks of ponds. Volunteers are encouraged to wear jeans and boots, and registration will be at the park's clock tower. Scout troops who want to help should call (734) 397-1011 to register.
 - The Leslie Science Center will be at the trailhead to tout their Raptors Program, including an up-close look at a bald eagle. Demonstrations are set for 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
 - The Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association will be at the trailhead to provide basic bike and helmet-fitting advice and to take groups of parents and children on trail tours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A birdhouse-building tent also will be set up for children to build their own birdhouses out of donated wood.

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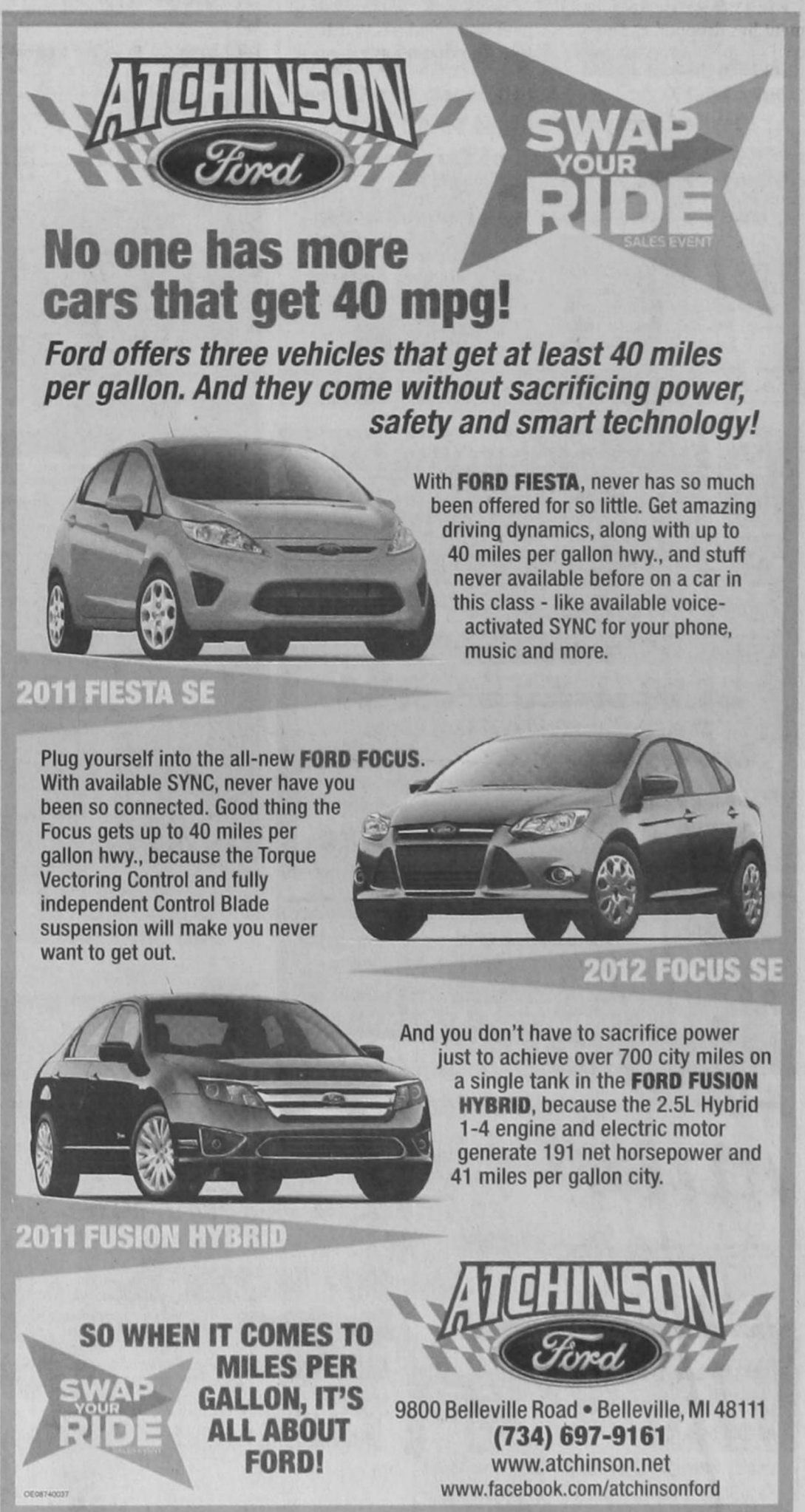
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Audience grills Walsh about taxes at town hall meeting

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The president of the Citizens Research Council believes new lower taxes on Michigan businesses should increase the return on capital invested in Michigan leading to greater investment and economic growth.

"Dollars appropriated for economic development will spur investment," said Jeff Guilfoyle. Guilfoyle, who leads the Livonia-based nonprofit, nonpartisan CRC, highlighted the state budget at a Town Hall meeting Tuesday at Schoolcraft College, hosted by State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia.

But Guilfoyle also added a caveat: that the overall tax change in Michigan is "revenue neutral" — that the tax increase on seniors and low-income workers will reduce their consumption, which has a negative impact on Michigan's economy.

That fact wasn't lost on some of the audience members, who questioned Walsh on the proposed cuts in the school aid fund and proposed taxes on some pensions, proposed increases in state employee contributions to pensions and more cost burdens falling on school employees for health insurance.

GUILFOYLE: 'THINGS AREN'T GREAT'

Guilfoyle highlighted several items about this year's budget and the economy:

- The stock market hit a low point in March 2009, but has doubled since then. It is still down 7 percent from January 2008, Guilfoyle said. "Things aren't great," Guilfoyle said. "They are just better than the low point."
- In Michigan, employment has dropped 17.4 percent or one in every six jobs was lost in the past decade. "There is nothing good to say about the last 10 years in Michigan except that it's over," Guilfoyle said.

- Transportation equipment manufacturing jobs fell dramatically from 346,000 in 2000 to 131,000 in 2010. But that number is showing signs of rebounding slightly.
- Unemployment fell in

Michigan from 14 percent to 10.3 percent. While that number isn't great, Guilfoyle said, it appeared the number is improving as the economy slowly rebounds. "A 2 percent employment growth is noticeable," Guilfoyle said. "You will notice it, and things will feel a lot better."

- While significant budget cutting has occurred, it has not matched the dramatic decline in revenues — the gap has been filled with stimulus aid and other one-time revenue. To address the \$1.4 billion budget gap, the state is looking at \$180 million in employee concessions, including pension and health care costs.

AUDIENCE CRITICAL

Terry Cannon of Livonia asked why the state didn't wait to get the revenue figures on the budget released on Monday before proposing next year's budget. Walsh told him that many school districts wanted the state to finish that process before May 31 so that school officials knew their anticipated revenue before they completed their budgets.

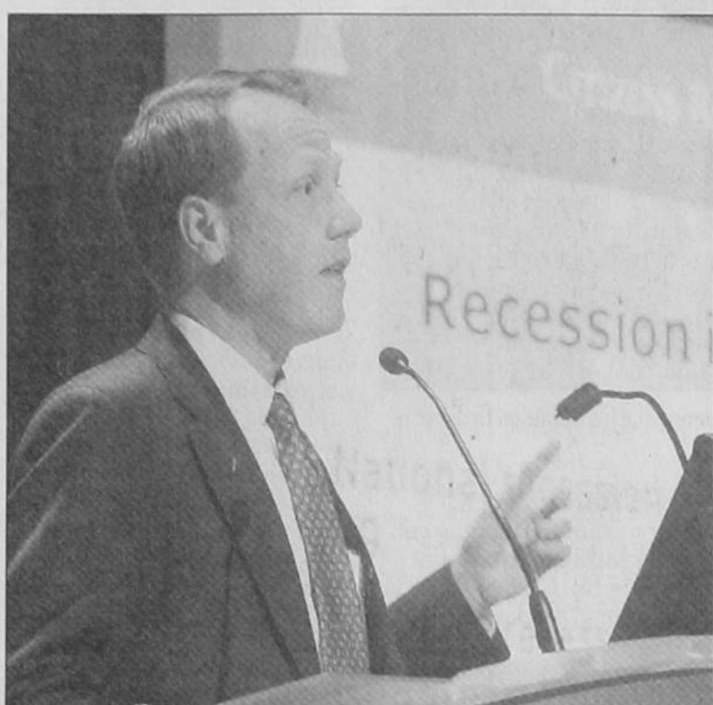
One member of the audience told Walsh that seniors are on a fixed income. "They can't afford when they pay now," he said. Even with the phase-in tax program,

credit was cut, Walsh said the state could not afford the program in its entirety, but added that \$100 million was still there. "We cut that because we can't afford it, but we didn't want to completely abandon it either," Walsh said.

Another audience member wondered why anyone would enter the teaching field as salaries fall and they would pay more for health insurance. "If you want a solid state, you need to have a solid education system," he said. "Why would anyone come to this kind of state?"

Walsh said teachers still made "more than average" salary. Walsh admitted he wasn't making these decisions happily. "The public sector is the last one to go through this (pay cuts and concessions)," Walsh said. "The private sector already went through it."

For more information on Guilfoyle's report on the state budget, visit the CRC at www.crcmich.org, click on Presentations and click on Gov. Snyder's FY 2012 Budget Proposal.



Jeffrey Guilfoyle, president of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, talks about the state economy.

Michigan remained in the top 10 in terms of taxes on pensions, falling from fourth to eighth nationally, Walsh said.

Another audience member asked why earned income

Canton Cup kicks back for weekend tourney

A Memorial Day Weekend tradition continues as the Canton Soccer Club hosts the 29th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament May 27-29, on more than 68 fields in Canton.

The largest tournament of its kind in the state, the 2011 Canton Cup will be held Friday from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Over 750 teams will compete in this event sponsored by State Farm and Meijer. Additional Elite sponsors include Oakwood Health Systems, Yankee Air Museum and Traveling Teams.

Setting a new record, 781 teams will take part in this year's Canton Cup tournament, surpassing last year's record of 670 teams. Teams will be comprised of boys ages 8 to 19 and girls ages 8 to 14. Each team is set to play a three-game minimum with playoffs scheduled for each age group. Accepted teams include: Premier, Select, Travel and Recreational. Divisions are multiple in each age group and are created based on the team's skill level. Participating teams

with over 12,000 players will travel from Michigan, Ontario, Ohio and Indiana to take part in over 1,200 games.

"The Canton Soccer Club has always been committed to furthering the development of players at all skill levels," said Darryl Noel, 2011 Canton Cup Soccer Tournament Director. "We strive to create an environment of growth for all players that is fun, challenging but most importantly rewarding for everyone involved in the game."

As a fundraising project, The Canton Cup will be selling camouflage T-shirts with a portion of proceeds from all sales going to local Military organizations including VFW Post 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

For more information, visit the Canton Soccer Club website at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or the tournament website at www.cantoncup.net. Additional information is available by contacting Jim Parks, Tournament Public Relations Director, at (248) 890-5899 or via e-mail at jamesparks@eaton.com.

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Pastor fulfilled lifelong dream in publishing short-cut to Bible

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Edward H. Einem of Livonia, who published his first-ever book last year at age 82, died May 5.

The book, titled *Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus*, was a lifelong dream of his, said his daughter, Sandy Kratzer of St. Louis.

He was working on a sequel when he died of complications of prostate cancer at University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. He was 83.

"You asked if he was proud of finishing his book," Kratzer said. "Had you asked him, I think he would have used the words 'deeply fulfilled,' as he was always giving glory to God, and wanted all attention pointed to Him."

The Rev. Einem was founder and executive director of Detroit-based Project Compassion Ministries, which works to improve the quality of life of nursing home residents,



FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Edward Einem of Livonia died May 5. He was on the board at Livonia Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation and published his first book at age 82.

before retiring in 2002. Through that ministry and as a former chaplain for Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Einem had bedside chats with many people, including nonbelievers and members of various Christian churches, who lacked a real understanding of Jesus's teachings.

That's what motivated him to write the 57-page paperback, a short cut to understanding who Jesus really was, based on the Bible. An accurate understanding means the difference between a person's spending eternity in heaven or hell, Rev. Einem said at the time of the book's publishing.

The book is being translated into German, and the Rev. Einem was planning to take copies of it to Germany in October, Kratzer said.

He was battling prostate cancer in December when the *Observer* profiled him and his book in its pre-Christmas edition. The week before Easter, he got pneumonia, and he was in and out of the hospital after that, Kratzer said. "Until the very end, he was very active."

The Rev. Einem was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis. He served two years in the Army before receiving an honorable discharge. He and his cousin founded a construction company before the Rev. Einem enrolled in Concordia Seminary,

Springfield, Ill., in 1957 to begin five years of study for the Lutheran ministry.

After ordination, he established a mission congregation in Waukegan, Ill., then accepted a call to the Lutheran Home and Services for the Aged in Arlington Heights, Ill., as chaplain and assistant administrator. During this time he directed the development of a lay-visitation program for the Chicago area known as Project Compassion. In 1972, he accepted a call to Detroit to serve as chaplain at Oakwood Hospital and director of Project Compassion in the greater Detroit area.

In addition to his work with Project Compassion and Oakwood Hospital, the Rev. Einem served as the vacancy pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Westland, as well as various other congregations. He served on the Synod's Board for Jewish Evangelism and as the chairman of the Lutheran Institute for Jewish Evangelism. He also authored

several tracts published by Concordia Publishing House.

Pastor Einem was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Marion. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by two sons, Mark (Jane) of Northville, who is pastor of Christ Church of Redford, and John (Brenda) of Augusta, Kansas; five grandchildren and beloved friend Helen Barger.

Memorials may be made to Project Compassion Ministries Inc. (<http://www.projectcompassion.net>), Lutheran Institute for Jewish Evangelism (<http://www.lije.org>), or Christ Church of Redford (<http://www.christchurchredford.org>).

Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus (ISBN: 978-1-60976-335-0), available for \$10, can be ordered through the publisher's website: www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/DidJesusREALLYsayTHAT.html or at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com.

King's Brass to play June 7 concert

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will be appearing in concert at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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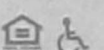
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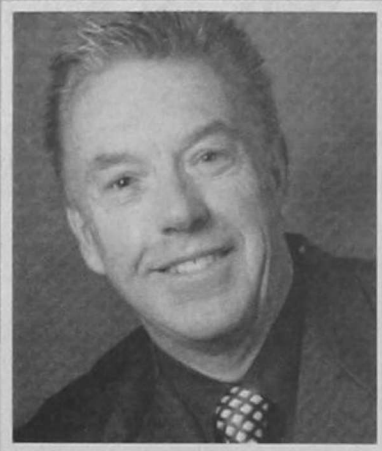
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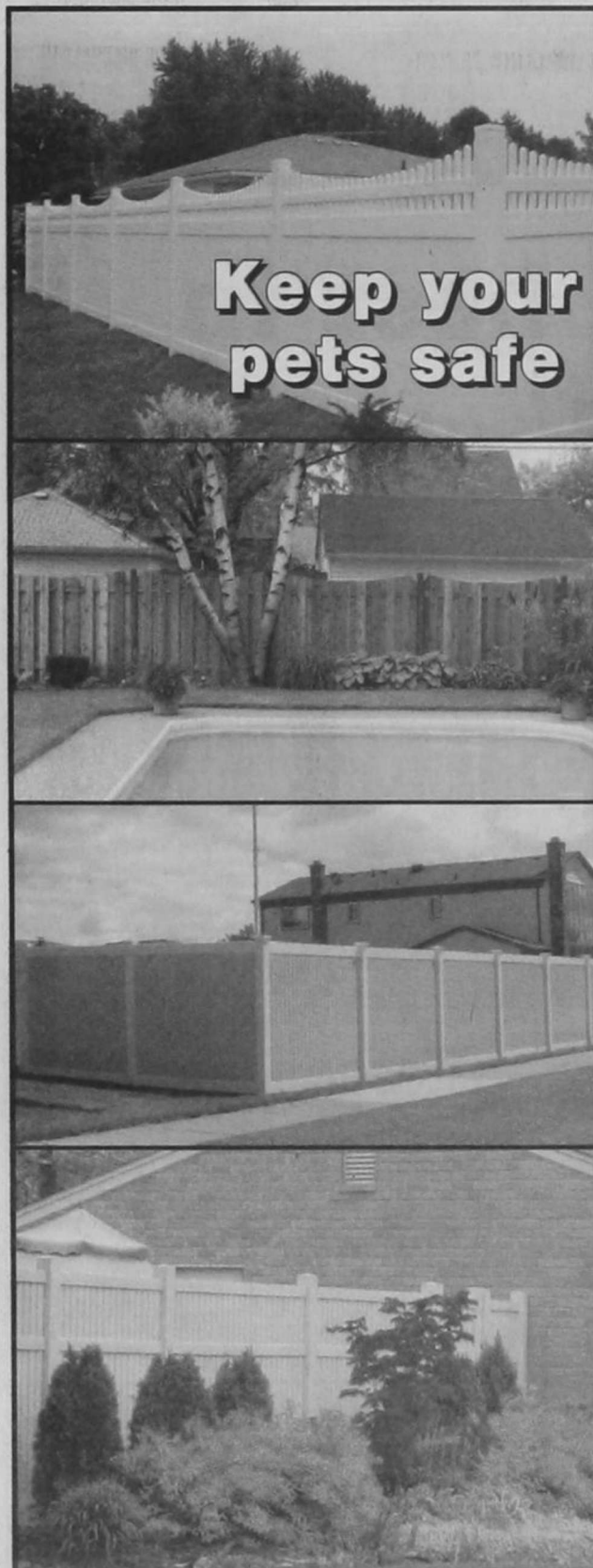
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Intensity rules at D1 track regionals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's place in the MHSAA record books as 2011 Division 1 boys track and field regional champions had been secured much earlier than Friday's final event.

But there was Spartans senior Matt Williams — anchoring his team's 4-by-400 relay — busting it to the very end to outpace Canton's Kevin Buford and Salem's Dan Martin.

Thanks to that final push, Stevenson's relay team of Pat Smith, Adam Chludzinski, Zaid Shareef and Williams qualified for the state meet with a time of 3:26.1.

That was enough to edge Canton's group of Matt Schacht, Tyler Winningham, Scott Piwowar and Kevin Buford (3:26.23) and Salem's third-place unit (3:26.77).

And that was the kind of

day witnessed by spectators at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, who got much more than their five dollars' worth.

Solid depth across the board sparked Stevenson, which led the field with 106.5 points.

The Spartans won with room to spare, despite only winning in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200-meter relays.

Stevenson's Chludzinski, Joe Urso, Shareef and Williams also broke a school record in the 3,200 relay with a time of 7:58.87.

"We took points in 15 out of 17 events," Spartans head coach Scott Shaw said. "So when you score in just about every event, that's pretty key."

Also key was Williams, who captured the 800 run with his best-ever time of 1:57.5. "He's a good athlete for us," Shaw said.

Other Stevenson stalwarts, the coach added, were thrower John Anede (third in the



Canton senior Ben Poirier launches the discus during Friday's Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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shot put and discus), Kenning Britchford (third in the 200 dash) and Scott Brewer (third in the high jump).

SLIDING INTO SECOND

Placing second with 80 points was Canton, passing Dearborn (77 points) in the 4-by-400 relay.

"I thought going into the meet that we'd be one of the top three teams," Canton head coach Bob Richardson said.

"And as it came down to it we were tied for second with one relay to go, and the kids came through."

For the Chiefs, Ben Spreitzer placed first in the high jump, with his 6-foot, 5-inch tally nipping second-place Tre Goynes of Redford Union (6-4).

Spreitzer also won the 300 hurdles in 40.26. Also qualifying in that event was Joe Amado of Salem (second, 40.27), who also qualified by winning the 110 hurdles (15.66).

Among those joining Spreitzer at the D1 state meet will be teammates Ryan Jones (first, 100 dash), Nick Alaniva (first, pole vault) and the 400-meter relay team of Piwowar,

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SIDELINES

Ice dancers at Copa

Here's a pretty cool reason to take in a Detroit Tigers baseball game.

World Ice Dancing Champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who train out of Canton Arctic Ice Arena, will be throwing out the first pitch at Comerica Park prior to the Tigers-Tampa Bay game set for 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Canton Cup Soccer

The 29th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament will take place Friday through next Sunday on over 68 fields in Canton — with Independence Park at Cherry Hill and Denton roads being the main hub.

It is deemed the largest such tournament in Michigan, and will draw over 750 teams from the state and all over the Midwest. Teams will be comprised of boys (ages 8-19) and girls (ages 8-14) with each team slated to play at least three games and reach the playoffs.

The tournament is presented by the Canton Soccer Club and is sanctioned by Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association. More than 50,000 spectators are expected.

Kicking off the tourney will be contests from 5-to-9 p.m. on Friday. Action continues from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and concludes with final games and award presentations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

One highlight is Saturday's game between the Michigan Bucks and Indiana Invaders of the Professional Development League. That contest will begin following a noon Memorial Day ceremony and is sponsored by the Canton

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PREP BASEBALL

Chiefs win share of division, to vie for conference title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

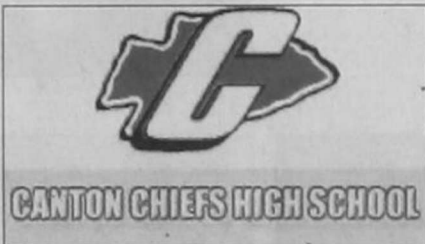
It was almost dark Thursday before light was shed on the question as to whether Canton or Livonia Churchill would prevail as KLAAs South Division baseball champions.

And even then it was rather murky.

Both teams divided a doubleheader, with the Chargers winning 7-4 in the opener but falling 5-1 in the nightcap — which ended at 8:53 p.m.

That meant the teams officially won a share of the KLAAs South title with 13-3 records. It is Churchill's first division championship (albeit a co-title) since 1976, head coach Ron Targosz said.

But because the Chiefs won



the tie-breaker by outscoring the Chargers 9-8 over the course of the twinbill, Canton will meet Livonia Stevenson Monday for the Kensington Conference crown.

The games were played at Churchill, although they were originally slated for Canton. On Wednesday, rain forced action to be halted in the second inning.

Early Thursday, with the Chiefs

home field still unplayable, it was decided to switch sites.

"I wasn't happy about it but you still got to play the games," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said.

GOING FOR IT

Canton (20-4, 13-3) led 4-1 entering the bottom of the sixth, needing to score one run to gain the edge in run differential.

A pinch single to center by senior Jason Lynch opened the frame and junior courtesy runner Greg McCurry scurried around to score on a two-out single to left-center by senior catcher Seth Tschetter.

"We were fortunate enough to scrape out a run," Blomshield said. "Seth came through with a big two-out

hit as he's done many, many times."

Tschetter, who hit the ball on the screws but with little to show for it all day, smiled about finally getting one to drop in.

"The baseball gods, they were looking out for me there at the end," Tschetter said. "They took away a few but at the end I got a good hit when it was time. That's all that really counted."

Churchill (19-7, 13-3) had one last chance to score enough runs to win the tiebreaker and the inning got off to a promising start when sophomore southpaw Mike Stafford walked Danny Cameron.

But Cameron was picked off first

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Wet spring can't dampen spirits of golf rivals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The weather this spring, to put it bluntly, has been pretty lousy for golfing.

But the Plymouth and Canton varsity boys golf teams didn't care last week about the rain or soggy terrain either at Fox Hills or Hilltop golf courses.

All that mattered was being able to compete against each other.

The Wildcats did get the best of the Chiefs on back-to-back days, however.

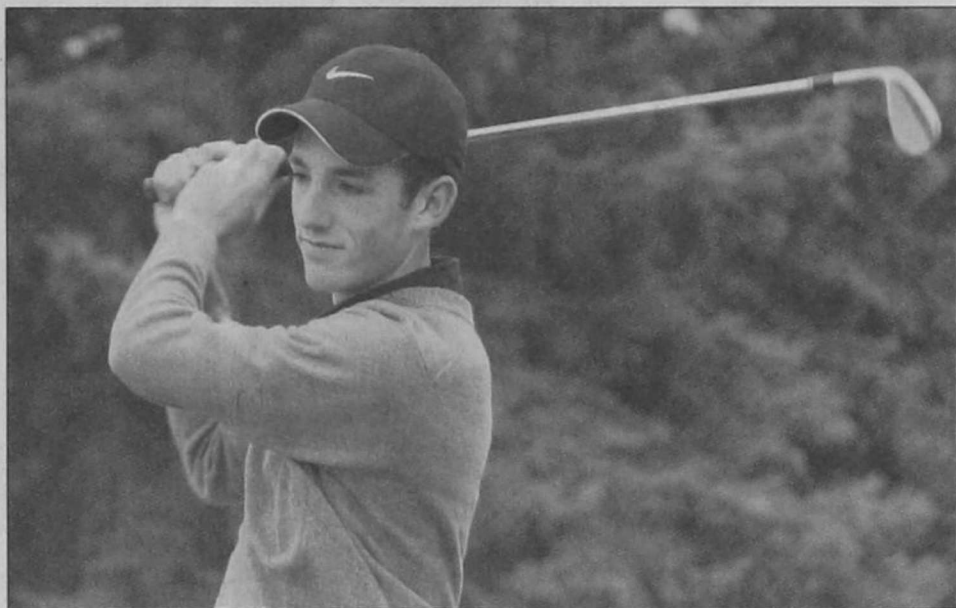
On Tuesday at Fox Hills (Plymouth's home course), the Wildcats won by a 158-170 score and followed up Wednesday at Hilltop with a 160-169 triumph.

"It's fun, cross-campus the kids know each other so well," Wildcats head coach Chris Moore said. "It's just fun, one way or the other, win or lose it's just fun to play against those guys."

Canton head coach Tom Alles agreed, noting that the back-to-back matches is becoming an annual centerpiece for the teams.

"We typically schedule it this way amongst ourselves," Alles said.

Plymouth junior Josh Heinze did not play during Tuesday's contest because



Although Plymouth's Josh Heinze did not play Tuesday against Canton, he still got in some practice swings to get ready for Wednesday's rematch.

Moore wanted to start all seniors for "Senior Day."

Those seniors included Justin Bauer, CJ Thompson, Jimmy May, Steven Kirsch and Mark Thompson. Moore said senior

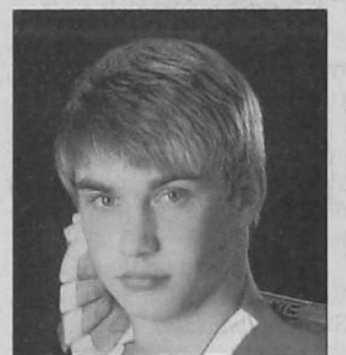
Derek Austin is out for the season with an injury.

But Heinze (averaging 38 for nine and

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MATT RODGERS



Who: Matt Rodgers, senior captain of Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team.

Miscellany: The 18-year-old Rodgers carries a 3.3 grade-point average and has won a KLAAs Scholar Athlete Award. Team lacrosse awards include garnering All-Park, All-Conference and All-State honors in 2009 and 2010 and team MVP honors in 2010. As a varsity boys hockey player for the Chiefs, he won the 2011 Coaches Award and was all-conference. His parents are Dave and Nancy Rodgers.

Captain's job: "The job of the captain is to encourage the team, be a leader in practices and set an example in games. We are also responsible for

leading the team through our pre-game warm up, to get everyone focused to play, come game time."

Leadership style: "My style of leadership comes through setting an example on the field by working hard, and having a positive attitude at all times, even if we're down."

Why him? "My teammates chose me to be a captain, because I'm fun to be around, but serious when its time to play and because of my play on the field."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run will take place beginning 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19 in downtown Plymouth. has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

The morning of fun and fitness will begin with the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and the National Anthem by Plymouth attorney John C. Stewart.

The run offers an event for every age. There will be a kids fun run at 7:30 a.m., followed by walk and run events of one meter, one mile or 5k. And don't forget the 10k run at 8:45 a.m..

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the

Governor's Council.

Also, volunteers are needed. To volunteer or get more info about the Fathers Day Run, contact Cindy Morency at cmorency@ymcametrodetroit.org. Proceeds will support the Plymouth YMCA "Strong Kids" Scholarship Campaign.

Golf for Canton football

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

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.cantonfootball.com. You can also call Lina Williams at (248) 240-1125 or Julie Baechler at (734) 645-7777.

Chiefs clinch title with 7-0 rout

Ally Krause and Janine Kozlowski tallied two goals apiece Thursday as host Canton wrapped up the KLAA South Division girls soccer title with a 7-0 victory over Livonia Franklin on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Kayln Berinti, Robyn Mack and Melanie Pickert also scored goals for the victorious Chiefs, who improved to 8-4-1 overall and 8-2 in the KLAA South.

Canton will travel Monday to face KLAA Central Division champion and top-ranked Novi for the Kensington Conference title. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

Franklin (5-10-2, 4-5-1) got a sterling effort in goal from Alexis Smith, who finished with 18 saves.

"She kept us from getting merced," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said of his junior keeper.

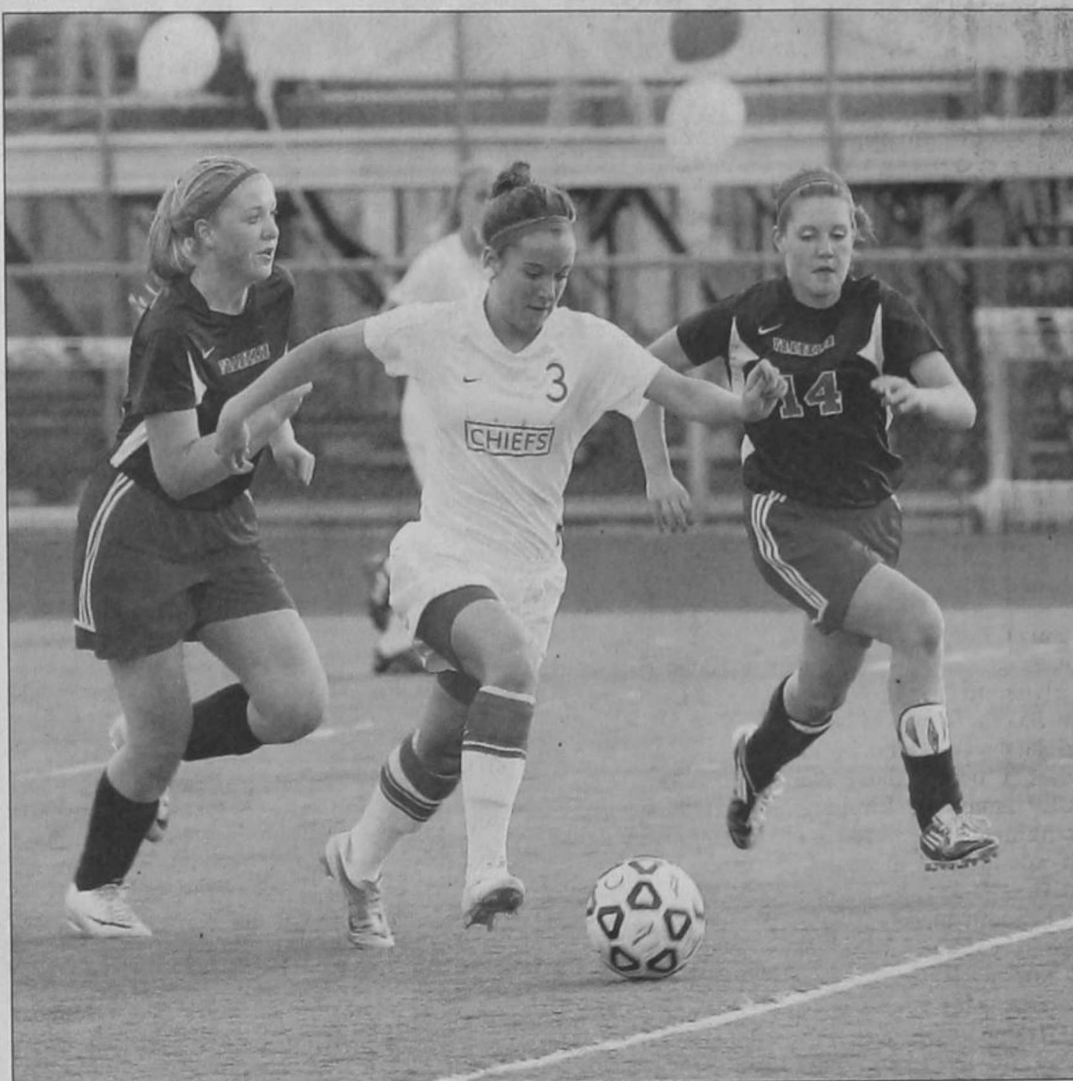
NORTHVILLE 3, SALEM 0: On Thursday at PCEP's grass soccer field, strong goalkeeping by Salem's Jamie Hunley and Ali Eggenberger went for naught.

Rocks head coach Joe Nora, in particular, cited Hunley for her efforts trying to keep the Mustangs from scoring.

"In the second half they got their head on a cross and Jamie Hunley got a hand on it almost making an amazing save but the ball's momentum carried it into the net," Nora said. "Both Jamie and Ali Eggenberger both played well, each making crucial saves in net."

Northville jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half, and the Rocks (7-6-2, 5-4-1) tried to fight back, but to no avail.

"I'm proud of how we responded," Nora added. "Northville is a strong team and we learned a few little



Getting a jump on Livonia Franklin players during Thursday's game is Canton junior midfielder Allison Krause (No. 3). The Chiefs clinched the KLAA South Division with a 7-0 victory.

things we need to get straight in order to be the best we can be. We'll move forward and continue to strive towards our top play for the state playoffs."

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0: On Tuesday, Stephanie Dillon and Megan Peplinski each scored twice as the Wildcats won going away.

Other goal scorers were McKenzie Hengesh, Jen Babcock, Abby Livingston and Alyssa Dillon.



Canton senior defender Robyn Mack (No. 17) uses a header to knock the ball away from Livonia Franklin players during Thursday's KLAA South Division matchup.

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and Mike Rybinsky fled out to center.

On the fly-out, Canton center fielder Braden Price joked that he only caught the ball because he correctly guessed where it would fall coming down from the darkening skies.

An error kept Churchill's hopes alive, but Stafford struck out Sean Servalish to end the game.

Targosz said it was tough to see pitches in the seventh, but because his team had battled so hard for the chance to win the tie-breaker he wanted to at least try.

"I think the kids deserved to (go for it), they worked their butts off," Targosz said. "It would have been nice to push across a couple runs."

PITCHING IN

Earlier in the game, the Chiefs (who were the home team even though the games were at Churchill) went up 2-0 on RBI singles by senior first baseman Robby Golematis and junior right fielder Mitch Clinton off Chargers starting pitcher Ben Matigian.

Churchill sliced that lead in the third to 2-1 when shortstop Alex Tsakos hit a sacrifice fly to score junior Brent Ochodnicki (who doubled).

Canton answered in the bottom half with two more runs, both on a home run to left-center by senior shortstop Chris Perkovich.

"He owes me for that one," Blomshield chuckled. "We were trying to work on a hit-and-run, to get things going."

"He stayed back on that curve ball. ... I forced him to swing and he put a good barrel on it and he just hit it over the fence."

The lead held up thanks to the outstanding pitching of Stafford, who allowed only three hits and struck out four.

It was his first complete game and it couldn't have come at a better time for the Chiefs.

"To get to where we want to go you need a couple guys," Blomshield said. "He's a lefthander who can throw low-to-mid 80s with good stuff, but he's been having trouble getting later into games."

"I just told him 'We need you

to go the game today."

In the much-delayed first game, the Chargers picked up where they left off on Wednesday.

Churchill had loaded the bases with no outs against Canton senior pitcher Ryan Bazner when the game was stopped.

The first batter he faced on Thursday after play resumed was Rybinski, who singled to make it 1-0. But Bazner got tough and struck out the side to limit the damage that frame.

Churchill took a 2-0 lead in the third on an RBI hit by Stephen Foster only to have the Chiefs score twice in the bottom half on hits by Perkovich and Bazner.

Both teams scored two runs in the fourth, which began with a 45-minute rain delay and ended 4-4.

Churchill scored on RBI singles by Connor Dwyer and Matigian; the Chiefs answered on run-scoring singles by senior second baseman Bernabe Salinas and Perkovich.

GIVE HIM THE BALL

The Chargers then scored three times in the fifth against junior reliever Vaughn Birchler.

An error broke the tie and two insurance runs came in on a clutch single to right by Dwyer.

Meanwhile, starting pitcher Ochodnicki settled down and gave up just one walk and one hit the rest of the game.

"I felt bad for him (Ochodnicki) too, just the way how screwy it was," Targosz noted. "He threw 30 pitches yesterday, and I asked him to make sure he was alright to come back because if not we were going to come with Ben (Matigian) in the first game today."

"But he said he was alright. Then we had the rain delay and he came back again. He battled, he kept wanting to go."

Churchill will play the second-place team from the KLAA Central on Monday, either Novi or Northville.

"They played hard, I can't fault them for anything," Targosz summarized. "Canton's a good team, we knew that. ... We just needed to score more runs, one run's not going to do it many days."

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Canton senior co-captain Frank Parzynski watches the flight of the ball during Tuesday's dual meet against Plymouth at Fox Hills. Both teams played again Wednesday at Hilltop, despite wet playing conditions — the norm this spring.



Watching his iron shot during Tuesday's golf dual meet at Fox Hills is Canton senior co-captain Brandon Laabs.

GOLF

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77 for 18) said playing matches on back-to-back days against Canton or any other team is good practice for upcoming tournaments.

DEALING WITH WEATHER

"It's fairly easy because they're nine-hole matches," said Heinze, about the dual meets. "But if there were 18-hole tournaments you'd have to prepare before the match and just go out and play."

According to Heinze and Moore, the soggy, chilly spring weather has been challenging. But golfers just have to take it in stride.

"We haven't been able to play a lot," Heinze said. "It's been

kind of up and down. "One day you'll get out and play, the next day it's too cool or too windy to play."

He added that the biggest impact of this year's weather has been on tee shots.

"You just hit your drive and then you get no roll on it," Heinze said. "And you could probably lose it because the ball plugs (gets buried in the turf)."

Moore said golfers are compensating for the loss of distance by hitting longer iron shots if necessary.

Hilltop (Canton's home course) apparently has been the more water-saturated of the two courses.

"We've just been playing mark, lift, clean and place," Alles said. "That's what we do on Hilltop because it's so wet."

"We haven't been able to play a lot," Heinze said. "It's been

MATCH RESULTS

In Tuesday's meeting, Plymouth's Bauer and sophomore Ryan Rieckhoff were co-medalists (39 each) while Canton's top performer was sophomore Alex Champagne with a 39.

Other Plymouth results were: May, 40; CJ Thompson, and Steven Kirsch (44 each) and Mark Thompson, 47.

For Canton, trailing Champagne were Frank Parzynski, 40; Brent Perry, 44; Josh Maxam, 47; Brandon Laabs, 48; and Marty Peck, 50.

On Wednesday at par-35 Hilltop, Heinze was the medalist for the fourth time this season. He shot a 38.

Bauer followed with a 39 for the Wildcats (6-1) with other scorers including: John

Tatti, 41; Rieckhoff, 42; Kyle Rodes, 43; and Craig Whatley, 48.

Canton's top golfer was Parzynski, with a 39 score.

Rounding out the card for Canton were the following: Champagne, 40; Maxam, 44; Justin Legel, 46; Sal Ventura, 51; and Brent Perry, 53.

On Thursday, Canton dropped to 2-6 overall with a 173-174 loss to Westland John Glenn at Hilltop.

The medalist for the Rockets was Josh DuPrie (39), with Canton's Parzynski next with a 40.

Champagne registered a 44 while Maxam and Legel tallied scores of 45 each. Chandler Berlin and Brian Galm finished with tallies of 47 and 48, respectively.

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Salem's Dion Walker (from left), Livonia Franklin's Tom Brokaw, Westland John Glenn's Kelly Maxwell and Salem's Joe Amado get a leg up in the 110-meter hurdles on Friday.

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Alaniva, Demetre Lopez and Jones. Plymouth (fourth, 59 points) and Salem (fifth, 55.5 points) led the next cluster of teams. Not far behind those two PCEP teams were Livonia Franklin (53), Redford Union (51) and Livonia Churchill (47.5). Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said his team stepped up, taking the sting out of a disappointing dual meet season. "The guys really ran great today," Mikosz added. "We had an iffy season winning dual meets, but they pulled it off today.

"We scored in a lot of events, a lot of guys PR'd, they ran great." He said Plymouth's second-place 3,200-meter relay team qualified as did pole vaulter Andy Bihn (third) and two-miler Derek Gielarowski (second).

BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Other coaches who were thrilled with their team's showings were Salem's Kyle Meteyer and Redford Union's Tom Kessel. "We've probably exceeded our expectations and qualified more people than we thought for the state meet," Meteyer said. "Which is always a good thing to hear." Making the cut were Amado, long jumper Tom Crawford (second, 20-5) and Martin

(first, 400 dash, 48.68) — but not the Rocks' 1,600 relay team anchored by Martin. That relay team finished third, but just missed additional qualifying standards. "We had people in quite a bit of events," Kessel said. "We did real well today." Goynes PR'd in the high jump with his second-place mark of 6-4 while the 400-meter relay team of Marcus Lane, Ahmad Springer, Josh Hall and Harry Jones qualified with a second-place time of 44.52. Other Observerland teams to win events included Redford Thurston's Eric Wilson (long jump, 21-1; 200 dash, 23.236) and Franklin's Austin Jones (3,200 run, 9:59.04).

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Fast track to success

Plymouth's Lewis spearheads 'Cats to third-place finish

BY ED WRIGHT
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If the Livonia Churchill girls track and field team owns the Division 1, Regional 5 title much longer, it's going to have to start paying taxes. On Friday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium, the Chargers captured their fourth consecutive regional crown under fourth-year head coach Pat Daughtery by outdistancing runner-up and cross-town rival Livonia Franklin, 119.5 to 90.5.

Westland John Glenn registered 89.5 points to earn third-place. The three host schools — Plymouth (78.5), Salem (71) and Canton (56) — took fourth through sixth, respectively, just ahead of seventh-place Livonia Stevenson (53). Redford Thurston, bolstered by Domonique Smith's first-place showing in the 200-meter dash, placed eighth with 30 points.

The champion Chargers appear to be peaking at the right time after placing second at last week's KLAAs Kensington Conference Meet.

"I think we out-willed a lot of people today," Daughtery said. "I couldn't have asked for anything more from the kids. It's the best we've been all year. Novi dominated the conference meet last week and we were second. Winning today makes up for that and for not winning the division meet."

Churchill scored in every event with the exception of the long jump. Mahogany Miller got things rolling for the winners by winning the shot put. Miller's triumph proved to be the Chargers' lone first-place effort in the individual events, but the Chargers are so deep, it didn't matter.

The Patriots placed second at the regional meet for the third consecutive year.

"I'm proud of the girls and how we finished the season off these last two weeks," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said.

"(Pia) Klein was amazing. (Megan) McPherson was tough today and (Kelly) O'Brien ran a great hurdles race. I was real proud all of my other kids and the relays, and some other events where we picked up some crucial points to stay ahead of Glenn — and Glenn has a great team.

"I was hoping to score around 90 points. I thought that would maybe be put in a position to be up there and we were pretty close to that. Everybody we thought would qualify did, we were just hoping for one more. I'm real happy."

The Rockets launched one of their best regional finishes in



Celebrating their win in the 800-meter relay on Friday are Plymouth's Madi Lewis, Reagan Engstrom and Becka Knox. Also in the relay but not pictured was Lindsey Russell.



Salem's Kayla Kavulich glides toward her first-place finish in the 1,600-meter run during Friday's Division 1 regionals.

recent memory, missing runner-up status by just one point. "The girls performed very well," John Glenn head coach James Fitzgerald said. "We had a great start, but we didn't finish as well as I would have liked. It's been a great season, though. We've gotten a lot out of these girls."

BEST FINISH

Plymouth was led by sophomore speedster Madi "The Missile" Lewis, who won the 400 and anchored the Wildcats' winning 800- and 1,600 relay foursomes.

But it was the Wildcats' depth that paced their best regional finish in school history.

"It was a big meet and a lot of girls stepped up big time," Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes said. "This week, our coaches sat down and we talked about who had a chance (to qualify for the state meet). We talked about, in a perfect world, how many girls can we get out. And everybody on our list made it. The girls stepped up and ran their best races when we needed them to run their best races."

Salem's point barrage was sparked by freshman sensation Kayla Kavulich, who won the 1,600 and placed second in the 800.

"We knew what Kayla was going to do, and she came through," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said. "But I'm impressed not just by our state qualifiers, but by the girls who scored points for us that we weren't necessarily expecting." Maskill gave special props to pole-vaulter Nancy Krutty, who qualified for the state meet with a second-place effort of 10 feet, 1.5 inches — a whopping 14 inches higher than her previous personal best.

Smith stole the spotlight for Thurston with her incredible showing in the 200.

"Domonique is a very focused kid and a great athlete," Thurston head coach Al Chambo said. "Our relays didn't do as well as we would have liked, but she rebounded nicely and ran a tremendous 200 final." "Now that she's able to just focus on one race the next two weeks, I think she has a good chance of scoring in the state meet. A lot of it just depends upon how deep the rest of the field is."

The conditions of the meet were close to ideal, especially considering last year's event was marred by sporadic thunderstorms that pushed the conclusion back to Saturday morning.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL
May 20 at Canton H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 106.5 points; 2. Canton, 80; 3. Dearborn, 77; 4. Plymouth, 59; 5. Salem, 55.5; 6. Livonia Franklin, 53; 7. Redford Union, 51; 8. Livonia Churchill, 47.5; 9. Redford Thurston, 42; 10. Westland John Glenn, 39.5; 11. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 17; 12. Inkster, 12; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 9; 14. Garden City, 3; 15. Wayne Memorial, 1; 16. Detroit Cody, 0.
FINAL EVENTS RESULTS
(top 2 qualify for state meet)
Shot put: 1. Feerooz Yacoobi (Dbn.), 56 feet, 11 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 55-0.5; 3. Jon Aneed (LS), 51-11 (sq); 4. Blake Padgett (LC), 51-0.5 (sq); 5. Devin Ryles (RT), 50-11 (sq); 6. Jay Woolfork (LF), 50-7.75 (sq); 7. Adel Cothron (RT), 44-6.5; 8. Barry Banks (WM), 43-5.
Discus: 1. Yacoobi (Dbn.), 147-7; 2. Kareem Hashem (DF), 142-6; 3. Aneed (LS), 136-1; 4. Ben Poirier (Canton), 134-5; 5. Paulin Chateau (LC), 131-10; 6. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 128-6; 7. Ryan Hall (LC), 122-1; 8. Clay (LF), 115-5.
High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 6-5; 2. Tre Goynes (RU), 6-4; 3. (tie) Scott Brewer (LS) and Anthony Johnson (WJG), 5-8 each; 5. Marquis Johnson (RT), 5-8.
Long jump: 1. Eric Wilson (RT), 21-1; 2. Thomas Crawford (Salem), 20-5; 3. Marcus Lane (RU), 19-9; 4. Angelo D'Orazio (LS), 19-9; 5. Goynes (RU), 19-2.75; 6. Keshawn Walker (Dbn.), 19-2; 7. Andy Bihn (Ply.), 19-0.75; 8. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 19-0.
Pole vault: 1. Nick Alaniva (Canton), 14-7; 2. Carl Rayford (LC), 13-10; 3. Bihn (Ply.), 12-10

(sq); 4. (tie) Andrew Willmer (Salem) and Alex Ryktarsyk (LC), 12-4 each; 6. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 12-4; 7. Brenton Zuzo (Ply.), 11-10; 8. Ari Peppas (LS), 11-4.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Joe Amado (Salem), 15.66; 2. Maxwell (WJG), 15.68; 3. Tom Brokaw (LF), 15.81; 4. Dion Walker (Salem), 15.84; 5. Elijah Simkins (Dbn.), 16.69; 6. Matt Szuba (LC), 16.71; 7. Joe Mims (LS), 16.95; 8. Elie Awad (DF), 17.26.
300 hurdles: 1. Spreitzer (Canton), 40.26; 2. Amado (Salem), 40.27; 3. Nicholas McIntosh (Dbn.), 40.44; 4. Doug Deykes (Ply.), 41.81; 5. Mims (LS), 42.33; 6. Terrell Gray (RT), 43.11; 7. Jeremy Kozier (LS), 43.11; 8. Maxwell (WJG), 43.36.
100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11.2; 2. Ali Hammoud (Dbn.), 11.35; 3. Deshawn Vaughn (Ink.), 11.53; 4. Stefon Anthony (WJG), 11.54; 5. Franklin Okolo (Salem), 11.57; 6. Lane (RU), 11.7; 7. Vaughn Frederick (GC), 11.74; 8. Deshawn Bell (Ink.), 14.9.
200: 1. Eric Wilson (RT), 23.236; 2. Keshawn Walker (Dbn.), 23.286; 3. Kenning Britchford (LS), 23.29; 4. William Askew II (Ply.), 23.365; 5. Vaughn (Ink.), 23.488; 6. Kevin Buford (Canton), 23.502; 7. Josh Hall (RU), 24.371; 8. Ahmad Springer (RU), 25.171.
400: 1. Dan Martin (Salem), 48.68; 2. Buford (Canton), 50.4; 3. Francis Mensah (RU), 51.07; 4. Khalil Boussi (Dbn.), 51.76; 5. Lucas Bantling (Ply.), 52.49; 6. Alton White (Ink.), 52.55; 7. Dane Foster (WJG), 53.04; 8. Richard Toler (Dbn.), 53.45.
800: 1. Matt Williams (LS), 157.2; 2. Dave Koponen (LF), 159.5; 3. Adam Chudzinski (LS), 159.6; 4. Ryan Wise (LC), 200.4; 5. Raidan Nagi (DHC), 201.3; 6. Jared Hoffman (Dbn.), 201.9; 7. Max Rogowski (Ply.), 201.9; 8. Tyler Wingham

(Canton), 202.5.
1,600: 1. Raidan Nagi (DHC), 4:28.48; 2. Thomas Windle (LC), 4:31.83; 3. Joe Urso (LS), 4:35.8; 4. Jacob Colley (LS), 4:41.85; 5. Brandon Dalton (Ply.), 4:42.38; 6. Robert Labrell (Dbn.), 4:43.88; 7. Nicholas Eiben (Ply.), 4:44.22; 8. Jeff Molchan (Canton), 4:46.11.
3,200: 1. Austin Jones (LF), 9:59.04; 2. Derek Gielarowski (Ply.), 10:01.21; 3. Joe Porcari (Ply.), 10:11.9; 4. Urso (LS), 10:12.9; 5. Stephen Fenech (LS), 10:14.4; 6. Windle (LC), 10:24.9; 7. Bradon Conley (Canton), 10:28.62; 8. Zac VandenToorn (RU), 10:30.0.
400 relay: 1. Canton (Scott Piowar, Alaniva, Demetre Lopez, Jones), 44.2; 2. Redford Union (Lane, Springer, Hall, Harry Jones), 44.52; 3. Thurston, 44.78; 4. Franklin, 44.98; 5. John Ginn, 45.09; 6. Stevenson, 45.11; 7. Inkster, 45.48; 8. Garden City, 46.59.
800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Adam Duncan, Zaid Shareef, Williams, Britchford), 1:31.52; 2. Franklin (Alex Perelli, Woolfork, Brett Gutowski, Ryan Hurl), 1:32.88; 3. Redford Union, 1:33.75; 4. Dearborn, 1:33.82; 5. John Glenn, 1:34.75; 6. Thurston, 1:35.39; 7. Crestwood, 1:36.89; 8. Plymouth, 1:38.1.
1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Pat Smith, Adam Chudzinski, Shareef, Williams), 3:26.1; 2. Canton (Matt Schacht, Tyler Wingham, Piowar, Buford), 3:26.23; 3. Salem, 3:26.77; 4. Dearborn, 3:29.96; 5. Plymouth, 3:33.66; 6. Redford Union, 3:34.23; 7. John Glenn, 3:36.82; 8. Franklin, 3:39.48.
3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Chudzinski, Urso, Shareef, Williams), 7:58.87; 2. Plymouth, 8:07.82; 3. Dearborn, 8:23.65; 4. Churchill, 8:25.11; 6. Redford Union, 8:52.91; 7. Canton, 8:55.75; 8. Crestwood, 9:08.08.

Rookie Whalers to showcase skills

The Plymouth Whalers will be holding their annual rookie orientation this weekend at Compuware Arena. Assorted drafted players over the last two seasons and invited free agents along with their parents will receive an opportunity to visit the city of Plymouth, the Plymouth-Canton Education Park and Compuware Arena in a low-key, informal setting. "The hockey is almost secondary," said Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "We're interested in showing the players and their parents what Plymouth is all about — the city, the school system and then everything we have to offer as an organization." The players will hit the ice in scrimmages from 5-to-7 p.m. on Saturday and from 9:30-to-11 a.m. Sunday. The scrimmages are free to the public. Rosters will be provided. The scrimmages will be the fans' first opportunity to see some of the players the Whalers have drafted over the past couple of years, including 2011 draft selections Mitchell Dempsey and Matthew Miste. Fans saw Plymouth veteran Tom Wilson (pictured) during last season's rookie orientation. The Whalers finished sixth in the Western Conference race last year with a record of 36-24-2-6. Plymouth returns a full roster for 2011-12 and is expected to be in the playoff chase again.

Chiefs win pair to nab share of title with 'Cats

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park softball rivals will enjoy a share of the KLAAs South Division championship but only one will have a crack at the conference and association titles. Both Plymouth and Canton finished 9-1 in the division, following the Chiefs' doubleheader sweep of Livonia Churchill that began Wednesday and ended Friday after the game was suspended on back-to-back nights due to rain. The Wildcats (17-6 overall) will face KLAAs Central champion Northville on Monday because they won the tie-breaker (run differential within the division), coaches from both teams confirmed. Canton (25-3) takes on South Lyon East, the second place team from the Central. Canton won the opener against Churchill 7-5, riding the wave of a six-run first inning and outstanding relief pitching by freshman Hannah Warren. She struck out eight and gave up just two hits over the final four innings in relief of starter Alyssa Boucher. CarolAnn Sexauer, Sam Partain and Heidi Lucke each had two hits in the win — which was not concluded until Friday afternoon. Then in Game 2 Friday, needing a victory to catch Plymouth, the Chiefs broke a 3-3 tie with three runs in the fourth to go on to a 6-3 win. Getting things started with a double was Lucke and she scored on an infield single by

Catherine Porter. Central Michigan-bound Sexauer then launched a towering two-run homer to right-center, her fifth round-tripper of the year and fourth to clear the fences. The 6-3 cushion was plenty for Warren, who again relieved Boucher and earned the save. Homering for the Chargers (7-7, 5-5) was pitcher Natalie Hiser, a shot to left in the top of the third. 'CATS TROUNCE WAYNE The Wildcats, meanwhile, finished divisional play as strongly as possible on Wednesday. Sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou threw two no-hitters (one being a perfect game) in 18-0 and 21-0 shellackings of host Wayne Memorial. In the first game, Gerou struck out eight of the 10 batters she faced, allowing one walk and a foul out. The Wildcats scored seven runs in the second inning and 11 more in the third with big hitters including Bre Giordano (3-for-3), Brooke Senkbeil (2-for-4) and Allison Raylean (2-for-2, three runs, two RBI). Contributing a big triple and knocking in four runs was Kayla Rebaun. In Game 2, Gerou was perfect, striking out seven in another three-run mercy victory. Senkbeil again had two hits, while Karen Rebaun (1-for-2, three RBI), Cristy Pattison (1-for-1, three runs) and Gerou (1-for-2, two RBI) sparked the attack.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 20 at Canton H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 119.5 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 90.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 89.5; 4. Plymouth, 78.5; 5. Salem, 71; 6. Canton, 56; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 53; 8. Redford Thurston, 30; 9. Dearborn, 27; 10. Detroit Cody, 22; 11. Inkster, 10; 12. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Garden City, 7 each; 14. (tie) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Fordson and Redford Union, 0 each.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
(top 2 qualify for state meet)
Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 34 feet, 8 inches; 2. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 33-4.75; 3. Alex Al (Dbn.), 32-2; 4. Maggineese Holliday (RT), 32-2; 5. Tionne Johnson (Ply.), 31-7.5; 6. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 31-2; 7. Christina Teodoro (GC), 31-1; 8. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 30-7.5.
Discus: 1. Wright (WJG), 105-11; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 99-1; 3. Kayla Branton (LS), 96-11; 4. Megan Ling (LC), 95-9; 5. Sarah Muzzin (LS), 94-4; 6. Chyna Williams (Ply.), 93-8; 7. Rebekah Hendrix (Salem), 93-2; 8. Jade Burkett (LS), 92-6.
High jump: 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-3; 2. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-2; 3. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 5-2 (sq); 4. (tie) Taylor Rieckhoff (Ply.), Ashley Cochran (LC), Kelly O'Brien (LF) and Joselyn Massey (WJG), 4-9 each.
Long jump: 1. Lipa (Canton), 17-6; 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 17-5; 3. Klein (LF), 17-4; 4. Becka Knox (Ply.), 16-9.5 (sq); 5. Massey (WJG), 16-2; 6. Domonique Smith (RT), 15-9.75; 7. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-2.5; 8. Jordan Verleye (LS), 15-1.5.
Pole vault: 1. Alex Kiltz (LS), 10-2; 2. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 10-1.5; 3. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-8 (sq); 4. Jane McCurry (Ply.), 9-8 (sq); 5. Reagan Engstrom (Ply.), 9-8; 6. Rieckhoff (Ply.), Lindsey Kreutzman (LC) and Megan Paruta (Hurdles), 9-2 each.
100-meter hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 15.99; 2. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 16.15; 3. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.38; 4. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.14; 5. Andrea Gentile (LS), 17.59; 6. Marci Kovsky (LS), 18.11; 7. Natalie Puckett (Ply.), 20.19; 8. Talour Phillips (WJG), 21.49.

300 hurdles: 1. Klein (LF), 47.02; 2. Molly Jarvis (LC), 47.86; 3. Smith (WJG), 48.28; 4. O'Brien (LF), 50.14; 5. Marina Milad (Canton), 50.28; 6. Gabby Williams (Canton), 51.25; 7. Jessica Fedrigo (LC), 52.13; 8. Gentile (LS), 52.46.
100 dash: 1. E. Bulger (Cody), 12.79; 2. Khyli Ray (Salem), 13.04; 3. Tina Davis (Ink.), 13.19; 4. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.27; 5. Scott (WJG), 13.3; 6. Kayla Jones (WJG), 13.53; 7. Robyn Piowar (Canton), 13.55; 8. Brianna Jed (LS), 13.65.
200: 1. Smith (RT), 25.79; 2. Bulger (Cody), 26.27; 3. Lipa (Canton), 26.74; 4. Jones (WJG), 27.17; 5. Davis (Ink.), 27.38; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.51; 7. Crossman (LC), 28.31.
400: 1. Madi Lewis (Ply.), 59.88; 2. Adrianna Beltran (Salem), 1:00.64; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.64; 4. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:03.4; 5. Domonique Union (RT), 1:03.48; 6. Krystal Whitlow (GC), 1:03.67; 7. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:03.9; 8. Jada Woody (Ply.), 1:04.04.
800: 1. Sara Stassen (Dbn.), 2:18.15; 2. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:20.49; 3. Anna Stassen (Dbn.), 2:23.79; 4. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:25.32; 5. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:26.81; 6. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 2:27.34; 7. Rachael Hille (Ply.), 2:29.09; 8. Nicole Traites (Ply.), 2:30.08.
1,600: 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 5:08.2; 2. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:10.21; 3. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:17.64; 4. Pilat (LC), 5:21.51; 5. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:33.24; 6. Marina DiBiasi (Ply.), 5:34.94; 7. Abbey Wright (WJG), 5:40.92; 8. Natasha Stevenson (Salem), 5:43.87.
3,200: 1. McPherson (LF), 11:30.52; 2. Kubicki (Canton), 11:37.03; 3. Pilat (LC), 11:41.86; 4. Brianna Lax (Ply.), 12:09.52; 5. Viviani Okechukwu (LC), 12:30.14; 6. Annalise Snider (LF), 12:32.09; 7. Leah Wendzinski (Dbn.), 12:32.09; 8. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 12:44.96.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Crossman, Cochran, Aljha Jackson, Latasha Smalls), 49.9; 2. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Jones, Rheana Allen, Scott), 50.71; 3. Canton (Lipa, Jordan Clark, Piowar, Elana Valetti), 50.8 (sq); 4. Wayne, 51.46; 5. Stevenson, 52.16; 6. Thurston, 52.43; 7. Franklin, 52.49; 8. Salem, 53.19.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Knox, Engstrom, Lindsey Russell, Lewis), 1:45.87; 2. John Glenn (Guster, Jones, Brown, Scott), 1:46.34; 3. Churchill, 1:46.35; 4. Thurston, 1:48.21; 5. Cody, 1:52.66; 6. Franklin, 1:52.81; 7. Stevenson, 1:53.02; 8. Salem, 1:53.7.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Hilles, Carissa Buttermore, Knox, Lewis), 4:07.22; 2. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Ray, Kathryn Binsfield, Kavulich), 4:08.6; 3. Churchill (Anderson, Jarvis, McDonnell, Heinzelman), 4:12.47; 4. John Glenn, 4:13.22; 5. Stevenson, 4:14.58; 6. Franklin, 4:15.61; 7. Dearborn, 4:17.84; 8. Canton, 4:23.15.
3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Tripp, Binsfield, Kavulich), (34:12); 2. Plymouth (Traites, Lax, Woody, Hille), 9:47.38; 3. Churchill (Anderson, Riley, Okechukwu, Pilat), 9:49.56 (sq); 4. Stevenson, 10:13.65; 5. Canton, 10:37.4; 6. Franklin, 10:53.64; 7. Garden City, 11:03.95; 8. Dearborn, 11:05.24.
(sq) additional state qualifier
GIRLS TRI-MEET RESULTS
May 17 at Livonia Clarenceville
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Skyline, 88 points; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 38; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 30.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Emily Jasmir (Cville), 24 feet, 1.75 inches; **discus:** 1. Jasmir (Cville), 76-8; **high jump:** 1. Boyd (Sky), 4-8; **long jump:** 1. Vandermeulen (Sky), 14-10; 3. Micah Willingham (Cville), 13-8; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Evangelia Daniels (Cville), 17.45; **300 hurdles:** 1. Daniels (Cville), 50.7; **100 dash:** 1. Abatan (Sky), 13.04; 2. Mya Banks (Cville), 13.71; **200:** 1. Blake (BHC), 25.76; **400:** 1. Knight (Sky), 1:05.46; 3. Amber Bell (Cville), 1:12.37; **800:** 1. Halparn (Sky), 2:34.2; **1,600:** 1. Howlett (BHC), 5:56.2; **3,200:** 1. Howlett (BHC), 12:36.0; **400 relay:** 1. Skyline, 54.23; 2. Clarenceville, 55.98; **800 relay:** 1. Skyline, 1:54.5; 2. Clarenceville, 1:57.8; **1,600 relay:** 1. Skyline, 4:28.74; **3,200 relay:** 1. Skyline, 10:48.0.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 4-5 overall.

SIDELINES

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Soccer Club.

For much more information, go to www.cantoncup.net or www.canton-soccerclub.com.

Total Baseball Camp

Total Baseball will host summer baseball camps mid-to-late June at the Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road.

A baseball fundamentals camp is set from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23 and will be followed by a Train & Play camp, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30.

The camps will teach players ages 6-14 necessary skills through games and contests. Former pro and collegiate players will be on hand (including former Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper).

Awards, games and inflatables will be included in each week's camp and lunch specials and after-care are available.

Camp will be held outside or inside depending on the weather. Players should bring their gloves and eagerness to learn. All other equipment will be available.

Camp fees are \$150 per player (with a \$50 sibling discount available). To register, call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail aaronk@totalsportscomplex.com. On-line registration is available at www.total-sportscomplex.com.

Blazers triumph

Sophomore goalie Stephanie Mackley made 14 saves for her first shutout as Livonia Ladywood earned a 14-0 girls lacrosse victory Wednesday at Tecumseh.

Top goal scorers for the Blazers, who improved to 7-5 overall and 5-3 in the division, included senior Alexa Burns, four goals and five assists; senior Niki Jacobs, three goals and one assist; junior Mary Maslak and senior Erin Barnes, two goals apiece.

Tecumseh goalie Monica Acuna made 19 saves.

The Rockets' man

College Football Hall of Fame awaits Carr

BY BRAD EMONS
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Retired Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr has never forgotten his roots.

Just ask Chuck Gordon, who spent three seasons as an assistant at Westland John Glenn High under Carr.

On Tuesday, Carr was one of 16 inductees named to the 2011 College Football Hall of Fame announced by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.

The announcement was made Tuesday at the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square. The induction ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 6 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

"We still talk every couple weeks," Gordon said. "One of the things people don't know is that he was a friendly and outgoing guy. And another thing you have to respect is the guys he met on the way up, he kept in contact with. We remain good friends and talk regularly."

Gordon also knows a side of Carr that many haven't seen.

"One of the things people don't know, too, is that he has sense of humor," Gordon said. "He's funny and fun to be around. He wouldn't necessarily let that out with all the press and stuff, but behind the scenes, with the coaches and players, he was totally different. But he always knew when it was time to go to work. And when it was time to have fun, he was a fun guy to be around."

Carr and Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry are joined by 14 players, including Deion Sanders and Eddie George, that will be enshrined as members of this year's class.

John Glenn was Carr's first head coaching gig and Gordon, who had just been hired as a physical educa-

tion teacher at Stevenson Junior High, applied for a varsity position on the new staff.

"I had coached the freshman one year at Blissfield," Gordon recalled. "I got hired in May of 1973. I expressed interest in coaching and there was a new guy at Glenn in Lloyd Carr and he hired me to coach the DBs and wide receivers."

The two spent three seasons together as Glenn went from 2-6 in 1973, to 5-4 in 1974 and 8-1 in 1975 (as Carr earned Class A Regional Coach of the Year honors).

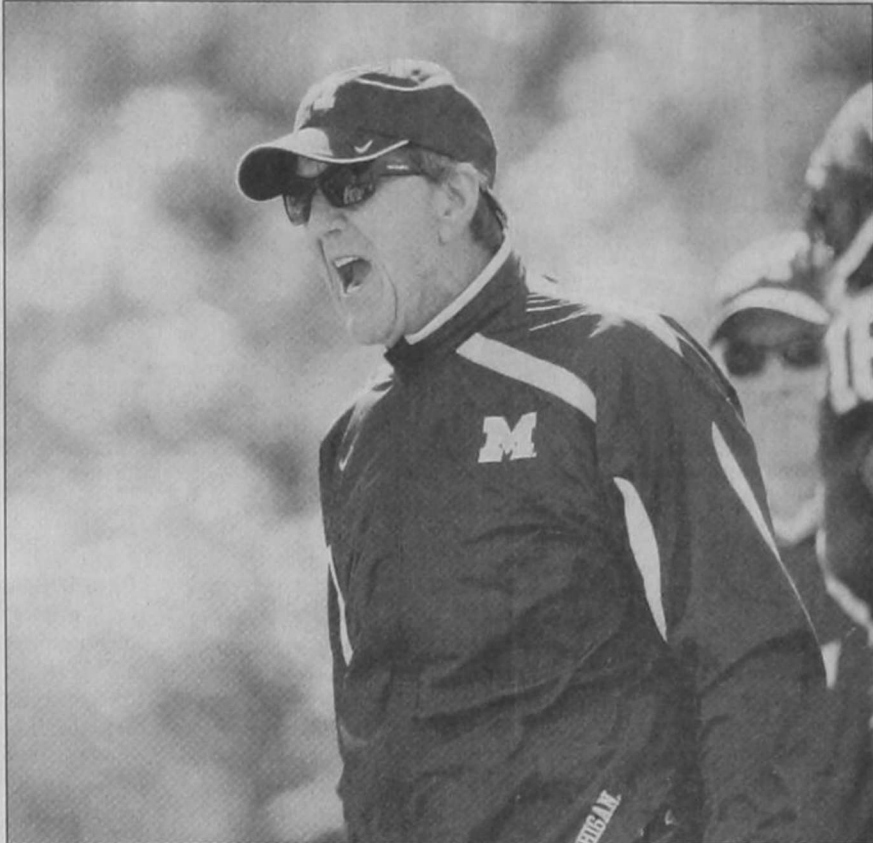
"The thing I remember is that he really had a passion for kids," said Gordon, who later became Glenn's head coach and went on to a Hall of Fame career himself with more than 200 victories with the Rockets. "He could motivate kids to play hard and play together. He cared about kids, not just as football players. He took an interest academically and the way they were behaving socially. All the things you're supposed to do in coaching."

Carr's first collegiate coaching experience was 1976 as an assistant at Eastern Michigan University. He later coached with Gary Moeller at Illinois before returning to coach as an assistant under Schembechler at Michigan. "You could tell one of his goals was to coach at the college level, but it's not something he made known every day," Gordon said.

Carr is the sixth Wolverines coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, joining Fritz Crisler, George Little, Bo Schembechler, Elton "Tad" Wieman and Fielding H. Yost.

A native of Riverview, Carr's coaching career began as an assistant at Detroit Nativity High School (1968-69) and Belleville High School (1970-73).

He completed his 13-year head coaching career at Michigan with a



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Former Westland John Glenn coach and retired Michigan coach Lloyd Carr will be among 14 inductees into the College Football Hall of Fame.

122-40 record, five Big Ten Conference titles and the 1997 national championship. He led the Wolverines to six 10-win seasons. Carr trails only Yost (165-29-10) and Schembechler (194-48-5) in career victories at Michigan.

Carr was dominant in Big Ten play, boasting the conference's third-best overall winning percentage at 77.9 percent (81-23).

He trails only his mentor, Schembechler (.850), and Yost (.786), in all-time winning percentage.

He is just the eighth coach in league history to claim five or more championships. Carr was a part of 13 Big Ten championship teams during his U-M tenure, eight as an assistant and the five as head coach (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2004).

Carr led the Wolverines to the 1997 national championship, the school's first title in 49 years, with a 21-16 victory over Washington State in the 1998 Rose Bowl. He was named the national coach of the year by six different organizations following Michigan's climb

to the summit of college football's elite.

"It's an unbelievable honor," Carr told the *Detroit Free Press*. "If you're a college football coach and you have the great fortune to have the players that I had, that's really how I got there. You don't win games, you don't do the things this program's done unless you have not only great athletes, but great people who are willing to be part of a team and play a role."

"Their unselfishness is really the key. So we've had the great fortune of having so many great people and coaches. I owe a great deal to coach (Bo) Schembechler, coach (Gary) Moeller because they mentored me. That's how you get in to the Hall of Fame. I give them the credit and I'm honored."

Carr, who will also be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame this fall, has been instrumental in the community, serving as co-chair of the capital campaign for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

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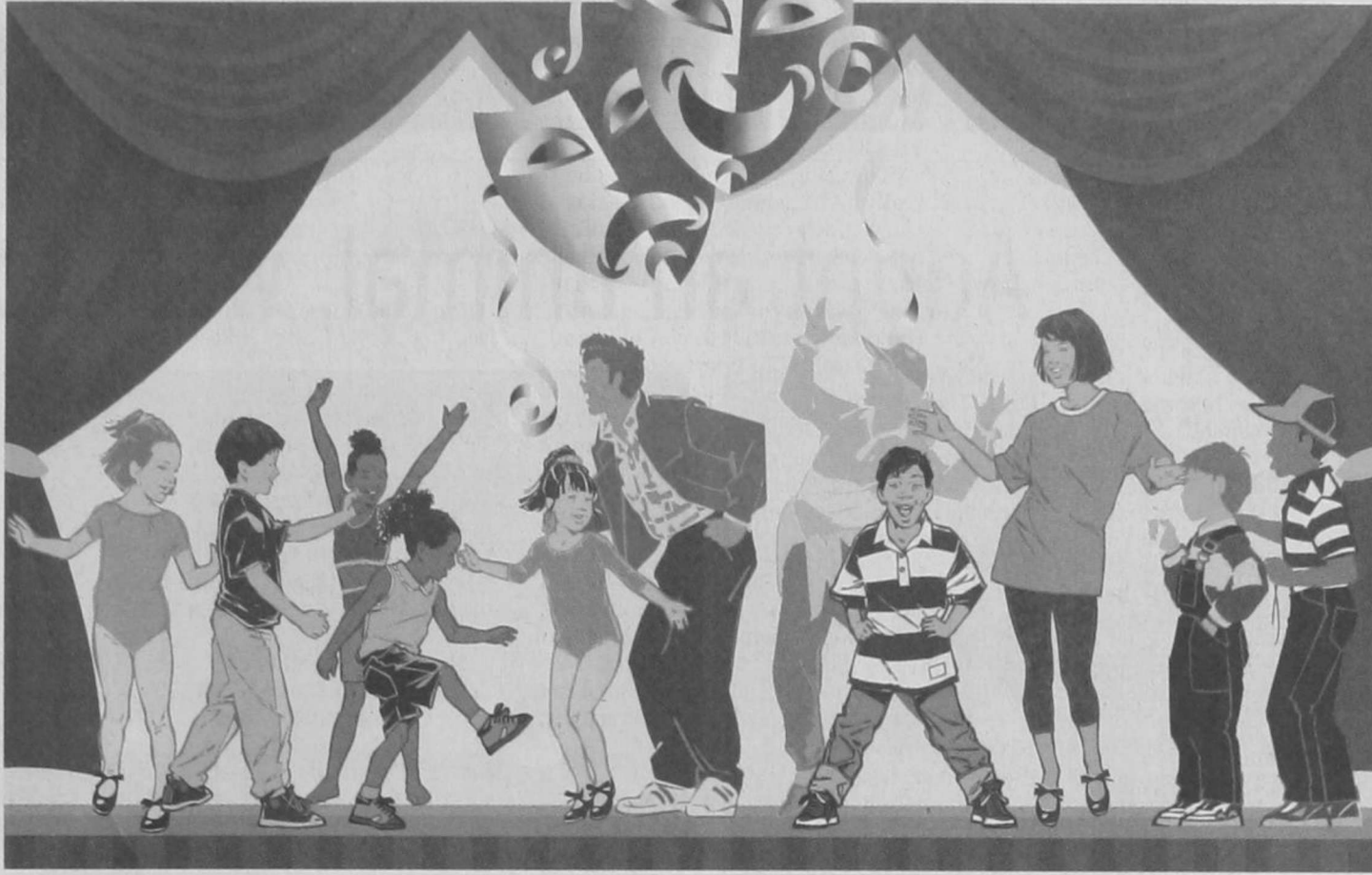
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Kids gain confidence, experience in theater camps

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Summer stage



ence for them," Patton said. "I see theater as a way for youth to communicate and express themselves through voice and body in a creative way. I was a shy child. Theater helped get me past that."

Patton's father, Paul, founded Trinity House Theatre before she was born in 1983. By age 6 she was on stage. Along with the summer camp, Patton is teaching at Wild Swan Theater and performing at Shakespeare West in Ann Arbor through Blackbird Theatre.

CANTON CLASSES

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, Canton, is a 400-seat state-of-the-art performance center offering youth theater camps by resident companies this summer.

Spotlight Players presents drama camps (ages 5-18) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 18-22 and Aug. 15-19, and musical theater Aug. 1-5. Cost is \$150. Call, (734) 480-4945 or send e-mail to youth@spotlightplayersmi.org. Information is available at www.spotlightplayersmi.org, click on Spotlight on Youth. All camps are divided by age.

"We always divide for individual attention," said Barbara Bloom, managing director, and a Novi resident. "We'll be playing theater games, doing improv, scene study, and culminate the week with the performance of a short play. They'll be required to learn some lines. It's for kids who have never done this to very seasoned. They learn from each other and help each other."

Bloom lets students cast the show. Everyone votes and is part of the selection process.

Please see **CAMPS, B6**

The next *Glee* star could be singing the summer away in Farmington Hills if Rachel Timlin has anything to say about it. The cultural arts coordinator is expecting the newest offering in a series of theater camps presented by Farmington Hills Special Services, Cultural Arts Division to be a hit.

One- and two-week camps run from June through August for grades 1-3 (one week) and 4-9 (two weeks) and cost \$250 for residents, \$265, nonresidents (one week), \$450 and \$465 (two weeks). A four-day intensive acting camp will take place Aug. 29-Sept. 1, and will focus on auditioning skills and character-building exercises for grades 4-6 and 7-10. Cost is \$175 residents, \$185 nonresidents.

The Next Stage helps singers build confidence and professional performance techniques (grades 6-12) June 27-July 1. The Aug. 1-6 *Glee* camp (grades 6-12) is designed for kids who love to sing. Each session runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs \$180 residents, \$190 nonresidents.

"The *Glee* camp is a new program after the TV show and works with kids on how to sing and dance on stage. They'll be working toward performance at the barn in

the style of the television show about the high school choir," said Timlin. "We have three really good instructors: Brian Christian, director of the Farmington Hills Youth Choir, for singing; Bruce Pooley, a local performer in the group Rock n' Soul, on stage presence and fright, and Tumija Banks, dance instructor at Harrison High School, whose students have won awards." All camps are held at the

Farmington Players Barn. Call (248) 473-1859, or visit www.fhgov.com.

IN LIVONIA

Emily Patton will tackle Greek plays this summer at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18-22 for ages 9-16, with a performance at 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 22. Cost is \$150, with a \$25 discount for second child

in the same family. Call (734) 464-6302 or send an e-mail to mail@trinityhouse.org or emilydpatton@yahoo.com.

Patton graduated in April from Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in drama and theater for the young.

"I've done Greek theater in the past with youth," said Patton. "It's a challenge, a different language, not our everyday conversational speech,

but still has stories that are powerful and meaningful to people today. One is about a young girl who stands up for what she believes in. I think that's good for youth to think about."

Patton will combine rehearsals for the ancient plays with morning sessions including games and improvisation that focus on process. She also plans to bring in guest artists.

"I hope it's just a fun experi-

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"It's amazing because they usually come up with the person who is the best performer for that role," said Bloom, who has directed more than 80 shows with companies like Birmingham Village Players and Stagecrafters in Royal Oak. Her career as a performer includes touring theater, movies, commercials and of late, Spotlight in a Trunk productions, that visit elementary and middle schools.

IMPROVING SKILLS

Forever After Productions focuses on creative movement, beginning and advanced acting, and musical theater productions of *Mary Poppins* and *Beauty and the Beast* during six weeks of camps that run July 5 to the end of August at The Village Theater. Camps range from \$50 to \$150 for kids ages 3-19. Call (734) 377-1639 or visit www.foreverafter-productions.com.

The live theater experience even includes an Aug. 22-26 camp for students to become their favorite *Star Wars* characters (ages 7-15).

"We hope to attract kids that want to improve acting skills, just have fun or have an introduction to theater," said Kyle Kaufmann who began working with the youth theater in 2004.

Forever After Productions plans to offer technical theater camps next summer. In the meantime kids learn about what goes on behind the scenes in the Explore Theater camp July 25-29.

"We're going to explain the technical aspects, tour the theater so they get to see where things happen," said Kaufmann.

PERFORMING IN PLYMOUTH

Drama coach, Sharon Belobraidich, will lead three weeks of performing arts camps this summer through Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. The Plymouth woman has directed the youth theater since 2002. No auditions are required for the camps that take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 11-15, July 25-29, and Aug. 15-19, for ages 5-12. Cost is \$135, \$120 arts council member. Contact (734) 416-4278 or www.plymoutharts.com.

"We're going to do simple plays out of books, smaller plays than during the year, let the kids choose," said Belobraidich who taught first and second grade students in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 40 years. "We show them how to do costumes, make their own scenery. We'll be drilling lines, learn theater games. It's a nice experience and a great training program for them."

Confidence building is one of the benefits of theater training. "They're never the same after they've been in front of 100 people," said Belobraidich. "That carries over to school to deliver a speech."

'They're never the same after they've been in front of 100 people. That carries over to school to deliver a speech.'

SHARON BELOBRAIDICH, Drama coach at Plymouth Uptown Players

Dave Cooper couldn't agree more. He and Kimmy Elliott will help children, ages 8-12, explore musical theater 1-4 p.m. Aug. 8-12, and Aug. 22-26, at the arts council. Cost is \$100, \$90 member.

Cooper, 20 of Canton, has written and directed plays for TLC Productions at The Village Theater and studied acting for six years. Elliott, a Plymouth High School graduate, has been in theater since fourth grade.

"It really is a wonderful experience," Cooper said. "I can guarantee once your child is on stage they will never be the same. They become confident young people."

SHOESTRING THEATRE

Patsy Durbin has seen the difference theater makes in children's lives as she teaches the drama and musical theater camps at Bailey Recreation Center (Westland Parks & Recreation), 36651 Ford Road. Call (734) 722-7620 or visit ci.westland.mi.us.

This summer Durbin's Shoestring Theatre Company presents half day and full day musical theater and drama camps. The half day camp introduces song, dance and storytelling tools 9:30 a.m.-noon, June 20-24 and Aug. 8-12. Cost is \$65 plus a \$10 supply fee paid to the teacher.

The full day camp with crafts component runs 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24, and Aug. 8-12, and includes making costumes, props and sets. The cost is \$120 plus a \$30 supply fee. The week concludes with a performance at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The full day musical theater and drama camp runs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., July 11-15. Students rehearse and perform a short play based on a fairy or folk tale, or myth in addition to learning basic theater skills. They perform at 1 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library on the last day of class. Cost \$65 plus \$20 supply fee.

For details, call Durbin at (734) 634-5906. All camps are for ages 6-14.

Durbin has a master's degree in drama and theater for the young from Eastern Michigan University. The Livonia woman has been teaching theater for children since 1988.

MotorCity Youth Theatre won't hold drama camps this summer because artistic director, Nancy Florkowski, will be studying in Russia. But children already have been cast for a production of *Macbeth* Aug. 12-14 at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. For information, contact (313) 535-8962 or www.mcyt.org.



In appreciation

Rick Bloomfield (left) and Jim Govan (right) co-chairs of the Catholic Central Dads' Club St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle present a plaque to Karen Murphy, regional manager, and Mike Prusak, general manager, of The Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia. The pub sponsored the 11th annual raffle, which helps raise money for the private Roman Catholic school for boys, located in Novi.

Adopt an animal, walk for mutts

Ann Grenier of The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue is looking for vendors, crafters and animal rescue groups to participate in the organization's Spring Pet Spectacular, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. June 12 at the Berwyck Saddle Club, 1477 Berwyck Drive, in Milford.



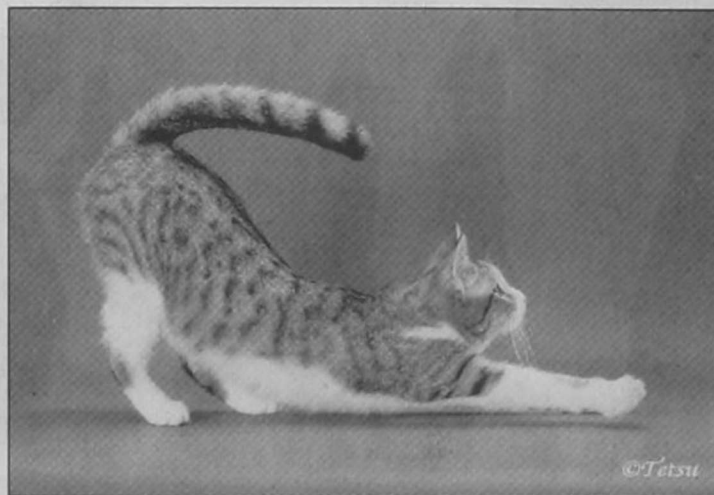
PET PROJECTS

The events will include cats, kittens, dogs, puppies and "pocket pets" such as hamsters and guinea pigs.

"There will be games and music, raffles and a train ride. The owner of the saddle club has a mini train," said Grenier, a Livonia resident. Her veterinarian, Dr. Shera Dickie, also will be on hand to answer animal health questions.

Anyone who adopts an animal at the event, which will include a pet food drive, will receive an entry into a raffle drawing.

Last year Grenier offered to shave her own head at a pet adoption event if her cat res-



Commander Data was rescued by The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue and now lives in Illinois. He's helping to get out the word about the rescue's upcoming Spring Pet Spectacular.

cue achieved its donation goal. It didn't quite make the mark, but Grenier plans to try again next month.

"If the Country Cat can raise \$2,000, I will shave my head."

Grenier also has a wish list that includes a donated laptop and use of a building to house rescued cats.

"I'm willing to travel an hour to a donated facility — even a

barn. It doesn't have to be in Livonia."

Anyone interested in participating in the pet adoption event or in donating to The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue, can call Grenier at (248) 249-9267 or e-mail her at kittyrsq@gmail.com.

WALK FOR MUTTS

The Michigan Humane

Society (MHS) presents its 23rd annual Mutt March, from 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday, June 5, on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore, between Vernier (Eight Mile) and Nine Mile in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Participants stroll up to five miles on the grounds of the lakeside mansion and raise funds for MHS at the same time.

Individual walkers and teams can register, set up personalized Web pages and collect donations online at www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch. Pre-registration is not required. All walkers who raise \$156 or more will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt. The first 600 four-legged walkers will receive a Mutt March bandana.

Several course lengths are available and water stops will be provided for individuals and their pets. Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times and their current vaccination records should be available at registration.

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE.

Market CEO takes a bow for supporting ALS patients

Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets, recently was honored by ALS of Michigan - Lou Gehrig's Disease and the Hiller ALS Clinic and Research Center.

The awards event also raised more than \$90,000 to support programs and services for people with ALS and research into the cause, treatment, and cure of the disease.

Hiller, who owns markets in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Northville, Berkley, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield and Union Lake, is passionately involved with organizations. His allegiance to the ALS community began when his mother, Harriet Hiller, was diagnosed with ALS. She lost her battle to the disease in 2000.

"When my mother was diagnosed with ALS, I promised



Marge and Jim Hiller attend the recent fundraiser for Lou Gehrig's Disease research and programs.

that I would work to find a cure for this terrible disease. This event is the chance for all of us

to act, not just talk," Hiller told the crowd. "We have assembled a powerful partnership between ALS of Michigan, the physicians and researchers at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Hiller ALS Center. Every bit of support we can muster makes a difference in this fight."

Hiller also was honored with special tributes by L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive; Dr. Richard Lewis, director of the Hiller ALS Center; Sue Burstein-Kahn, executive director of ALS of Michigan; and Linda Hiller Novak, vice-president of ALS of Michigan Board of Directors; and Jim's sister.

In recognition of his long-time support, Jay Welford, ALS of Michigan's board president and Burstein-Kahn presented

Jim with a plaque announcing that ALS of Michigan's board unanimously voted to rename their communication center the "Hiller AAC Center at ALS of Michigan." AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, and the Center is the only one of its kind in Michigan dedicated solely to helping people with ALS continue to communicate when they lose their ability to speak.

Lou Gehrig's Disease affects more than 30,000 people across the United States. In Michigan more than 1,200 people are currently battling the disease. ALS attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe, while the mind stays fully aware.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MAY 22-25

Concert
Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22
Location: Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward, Detroit
Details: Parish Life and Service Department of the Archdiocese of Detroit presents a concert to benefit the Mass for Shut-Ins ministry. Performers include Amy Blevins, soprano; Stacey Mason, soprano and violin; Andy Langlands, baritone; Hektor Oyteti, violin; Mario Amore, tenor; a gospel choir under the direction of John Thorne; the Igbo Mass Choir under Benn Anyadike; and the Cathedral Children's Choir under Nancy Deacon. Tickets for the concert are \$20 for general seating. Tickets available at www.aodonline.org/concertforamillion
Contact: gleason.joanne@aod.org or (313) 237-5932

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

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 oryfriends@gmail.com

JUNE 2-8
Job fair
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
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


JUNE 9-15
Concert
Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12
Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Pentacost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church
Contact: 313-937-3170

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 pastortscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

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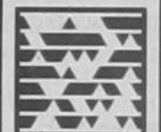


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REUNION CALENDAR

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.

Garden City High School
Class of 1986
 25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

Inkster Cherry Hill
All classes
 The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster. Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

Ladywood High School
Class of 1961
 Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacq@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@twmi.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.

Plymouth High School
 Classes of 1951-52
 Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

Redford Union
Class of 1971
 6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, 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 Tafftfoot@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



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 City of Plymouth
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 2011/2012 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2011/2012 City Budget.

Proposed 2011 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2011 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2011 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2010 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2011 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2002, 2004, and 2008 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.9100 mills, which is .0200 mills higher than the 2010 tax rate.
- The 2011 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills which is the same as the 2010 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.0134 mills for 4011, which is .0200 mills higher than the 2010 total City tax rate.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2011 equalization factors of 0.9690 for the residential class of property, 0.9940 for the commercial class of property and 0.9411 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has decreased assessments for all property classes for 2011 by the proposed factors, all 2011 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2011/2012 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2011/12 as follows:

Revenues		Expenditures	
GENERAL FUND			
Property taxes	\$4,815,760	Administration	\$1,324,910
Licenses & Permits	5,100	Buildings & Grounds	414,750
Federal Grants	28,000	Police Department	3,105,790
State-shared Revenue	728,770	Fire Department	845,000
Sales of Service	597,420	Public Works Dept	640,430
Cemetery Revenue	158,500	Other Functions	139,500
Parking Revenue	71,500	Capital Outlay	115,600
Other Revenue	659,400	Debt Service	141,563
Transfers-In	120,550	Transfers-Out	458,057
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,185,000	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,185,000
MAJOR STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 329,770		
Contrib & Other	10,120		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 339,890	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 339,890
LOCAL STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 133,750		
Contrib & Other	134,020		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 267,840	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 267,840
RECREATION FUND			
Contrib. From G/F	\$ 208,300		
Contrib & Other	832,850		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,041,150	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,041,150
WATER & RECYCLING FUND			
Property Taxes	\$ 717,500	Operating Expenses	\$1,057,350
Sales of Service	339,850	Debt Expenses	-0-
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,057,350	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,057,350

Revenues		Expenditures	
OTHER CITY FUNDS			
Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund	\$ 1,020		\$ 1,020
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 10,550		\$ 10,550
Parking Fund	\$ 70		\$ 70
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 830,660		\$ 830,660
Building Fund	\$ 362,130		\$ 362,130
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 134,850		\$ 134,850
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 324,150		\$ 324,150
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 2,100		\$ 2,100
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 10,070		\$ 10,070
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,010		\$ 1,010
2002 GO Bond Debt Fund	\$ 197,830		\$ 197,830
2003 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 69,300		\$ 69,300
2004 GO Debt Fund	\$ 437,120		\$ 437,120
2006 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 119,820		\$ 119,820
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 665,100		\$ 665,100
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	\$ 234,670		\$ 234,670
2002 Capital Improvement Bonds Debt Fund	\$ 135,403		\$ 135,480
Michigan Transportation Fund Debt Fund	\$ 275		\$ 275
Water/Sewer Bond & Interest Debt Fund	\$ 283,450		\$ 283,450
DDA Debt Fund	\$ 10		\$ 10
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 4,550		\$ 4,550
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 432,280		\$ 432,280
2008 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 1,180,368		\$ 1,180,368
MTF Construction Fund	\$ 10		\$ 10
2010 LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 481,750		\$ 481,750
Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 810,800		\$ 810,800
Water/Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,413,850		\$ 4,413,850
Equipment Fund	\$ 648,990		\$ 648,990
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 8,150		\$ 8,150

Transfers between Appropriations

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2011/2012 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
 City Clerk

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

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.

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, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthei 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.

ENGLISH GARDENS

- See a free presentation, The Basics of Water Gardening, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11 at all store locations.
 - Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.
- Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
 NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 11, February 8, March 8 & 22, April 12, May 10 & 24, June 14

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
 Township Clerk

Publish: January 9, February 6, March 6 & 20, April 10, May 8 & 22, June 12, 2011



PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF PLYMOUTH
 DRAFT MASTER PLAN
 PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on June 8, 2011 in the City of Plymouth Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Public Hearing will begin at 7:00PM.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input on the City's recently completed draft Master Plan. The Planning Commission cordially welcomes all interested parties to attend.

The draft Master Plan was created by the City of Plymouth Planning Commission under the authority of the Michigan Planning Act, Public Act 33, 2008, as amended, to serve as the primary tool for the guiding the physical development of the City.

The entire draft document may be examined at the Building Department, during regular business hours. Any questions you may have regarding the above item can be directed to the City of Plymouth Building Department at 734.455.1234.

If you have any written comments or concerns, they can be sent to the City of Plymouth Planning Commission, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 and should be received before June 8, 2011.

Persons interested are welcome to attend this meeting.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CITY CLERK

City of Plymouth
 201 S. Main Street
 Plymouth, MI 48170

MILESTONES



Wehrmeister-Rodriguez

SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Dara Wehrmeister and Rick Rodriguez announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Armand and Donna Wehrmeister of Northville. Her

fiancé is the son of Israel and Isabel Rodriguez of Canton.

A September 2011 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Kim Dubay and Todd Alexander announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas and Peggy Dubay of Westland, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 2001 and a master's degree in early childhood education from Eastern Michigan University in 2008. She teaches in the Wayne-Westland Community School District and is a dance teacher at The Dance Academy in Westland.

Her fiancé, son of Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa., and the late Carl Alexander, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Youngstown State University



Dubay-Alexander

in 1993. He is an engineer with Navistar Defense. A June 2011 wedding

is planned at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City.

MARCH WEDDING

Joseph Zajac and Danielle Orlikowski were married Saturday, March 5, 2011 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Joseph, son of Linda Zajac of Howell, formerly of Farmington Hills, and the late Robert Zajac, is a graduate of North Farmington High School and is a customer services supervisor at Dick's Sporting Goods.

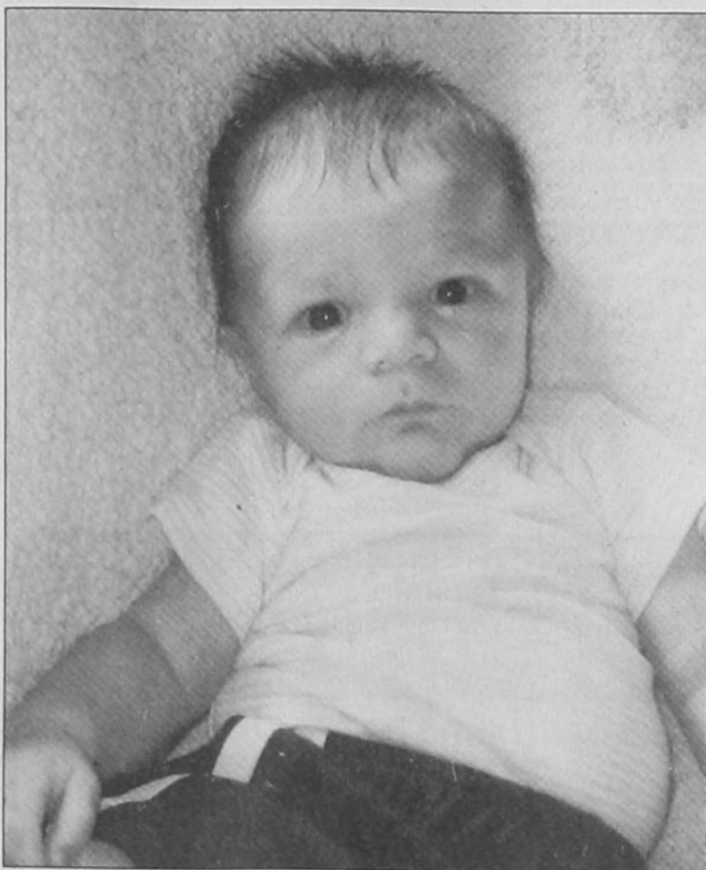
Danielle is the daughter of Mark and Susan Orlikowski, Farmington Hills. She is a graduate of Farmington High School and Madonna University, and is self-employed as a behavioral therapist.

They reside in Howell.



Zajac-Orlikowski

DREW ARRIVES



Drew Charles Van Washenova

Drew Charles Van Washenova was born at 4:53 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2011 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. He weighed 8 pounds 7.6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Drew joins his parents, Andrea and Dale Van Washenova, and his sister, Avery Louise, 2, at home in Canton.

Grandparents are Joyce and Mario Galindo of Livonia and Lorna Van Washenova of South Rockwood.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Swati Narang and Andrew Barylski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Sandeep and Nidhi V. Narang of Canton, graduated in 2006 from Canton High School. She attends Eastern Michigan University and works at Waltonwood.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Jean Hampton of Canton, is a 2006 graduate of Canton High School. He attends Schoolcraft College and works at the Salvation Army.

A June 2011 wedding is planned at the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army Citadel.

VOICES & VIEWS:
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Appliance repair is not all roses and wrenches

There are still those technicians employed in the appliance repair business who should be working on a rock pile in an enclosed facility. These these guys take us all back to the days when we suffered a severe image problem.

As an example, here's an e-mail I received recently from a consumer. I've left off the company name, but let me assure you that they will know we are talking about them. Deborah writes: My 80 year old parents returned from Florida

to discover their 11-year-old stackable washing machine was leaking. My husband suspected the rubber seal had dried out from not being used for five months. They called a repair company which charged \$129 to check it out.

After inspecting the washer for a brief moment, the technician wrote down several parts he claimed needed to be replaced, at the cost of more than \$350. He then immediately took my mother to the

computer and had her go to an appliance dealer Web site and look up the cost of a new washer and dryer set. She decided she wasn't paying \$1,200 for new appliances and instead asked him to return to repair her machine.

She had to call the service company several times to ask when he was going to return. They first tried to charge her the \$129 again, but she reminded them the man said she had 60 days to decide. She finally got an appointment and the man returned — without the parts. He said she was supposed to order them herself and he said that it was going to take two guys to do the repair.

She then had to give him a check for the \$350 while he ordered the parts on his laptop. Then he told her it would probably be some other guy that would do the repairs and that if he didn't think she needed all those parts she could just send them back and get her money back. It was obvious that he padded the repair bill so that he could sell her a new washer/dryer. The best part is that she has been using the washer and it doesn't leak. I guess the seal has expanded now that it has been wet and is no longer leaking. I

really feel that his man should be reported to someone. I don't know if these practices are condoned by the service company or if this is his individual way of doing his job. I think when they come back she is just going to have him replace the seal. What a shame to try to steal from elderly people like this.

Reply: It sounds like there was a lot of incompetence on display by this particular service technician and the man hasn't even been there to fix the machine yet. I might suggest that your mother contact the service owner or manager and make sure that she is not going to be charged any more dollars after the technician begins his repairs. She might inform the management that there is a law in Michigan called the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act signed by former Governor John Engler in June 2002 that makes it illegal to overcharge on a fixed price for repairs. Please drop me a note and let me know how the repairs went. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

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BILLINGS (McKISSIC), DOROTHY BEATRICE

May 14, 2011 Known as "Mother". Born Dec. 10, 1921. Funeral Sat. May 21, 2011 at 11am. www.janeholc.com

CLARK, CATHERINE

Passed away peacefully on May 13, 2011, at the age of 87. She is now in heaven with her dear husband, Wilson, and dear sister, Mary. She will look down over her four children, Brad (Shelly), Mary (Randy) Smitt, Kevin, and Christine (Steve) Von Dissen, as well as eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was born in Rhode Island on December 19, 1922, and lived in Washington D.C., Boston, Massachusetts, and Buffalo New York, before coming to Michigan. She worked as a flight agent for American Airlines and as a bookkeeper for Garden City Public Schools. Catherine had a large circle of dear friends from her associations with Garden City Schools, St. Theodore's Catholic Church, her friends and caregivers at Westhaven Manor, and other close friends. Her first love was her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, and attending social events at church. We will miss her warm smile and her rich New England voice. A memorial Mass was held at Saint Theodore Catholic Church on Tuesday May 17, at 10:30 AM.

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RUSINEK, STANLEY J.

May 16, 2011, age 75 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Maria E. Loving father of Dr. Christopher S. Rusinek. Dear brother of Eugene (Maria). Dear brother-in-law of Anatol (Anna) Styka. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Stanley was born in Poland on August 17, 1935. His journey to the United States included time in a Russian work camp in Siberia before being displaced to India, Africa, and England. He served in the Air Force before becoming an aircraft technician for Flying Tigers and later FedEx. He was devoted to his son Christopher and to his family. He was happily married to Maria Elizabeth for over 40 years. Visitation was Thursday, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, in Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

STRZALKOWSKI, GARRET (GARY)

Gary, who died suddenly, was born May 11, 1952 in Jacksonville, Florida to Edmund (deceased) and Loretta. He grew up in Garden City, MI, retired from Wayne County, Willow Run Airport Division, and relocated to Jonesville, MI. He is survived by his mother, Loretta; brothers, David, Timothy (Sandra) and James; nephews Robert, Phillip and Matthew and niece, Alyson. Family and close friends will celebrate Gary's life at a private memorial. Cremation arrangements handled by Hampton-Kurtz Funeral Home, (517) 437-0605.

TREFF, DEBRA M.

Age 59, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away May 16, 2011. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

SCHNEIDER, DONALD A.

Age 84, of Linden, died Sunday, May 8, 2011. Private interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Birmingham. Services will be held 4 PM Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Donald was born September 4, 1926 in Oak Park, IL. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in WWII and the Korean War. Mr. Schneider retired from General Motors with 27 years of service. Surviving are: wife, Virginia; sons, Larry and Greg; grandchildren, Ally and Evan. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharppfuneralhomes.com

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Cover your skin when heading outdoors

Get your sunscreen ready, because the Friday before Memorial Day — May 27 — is "Don't Fry Day."

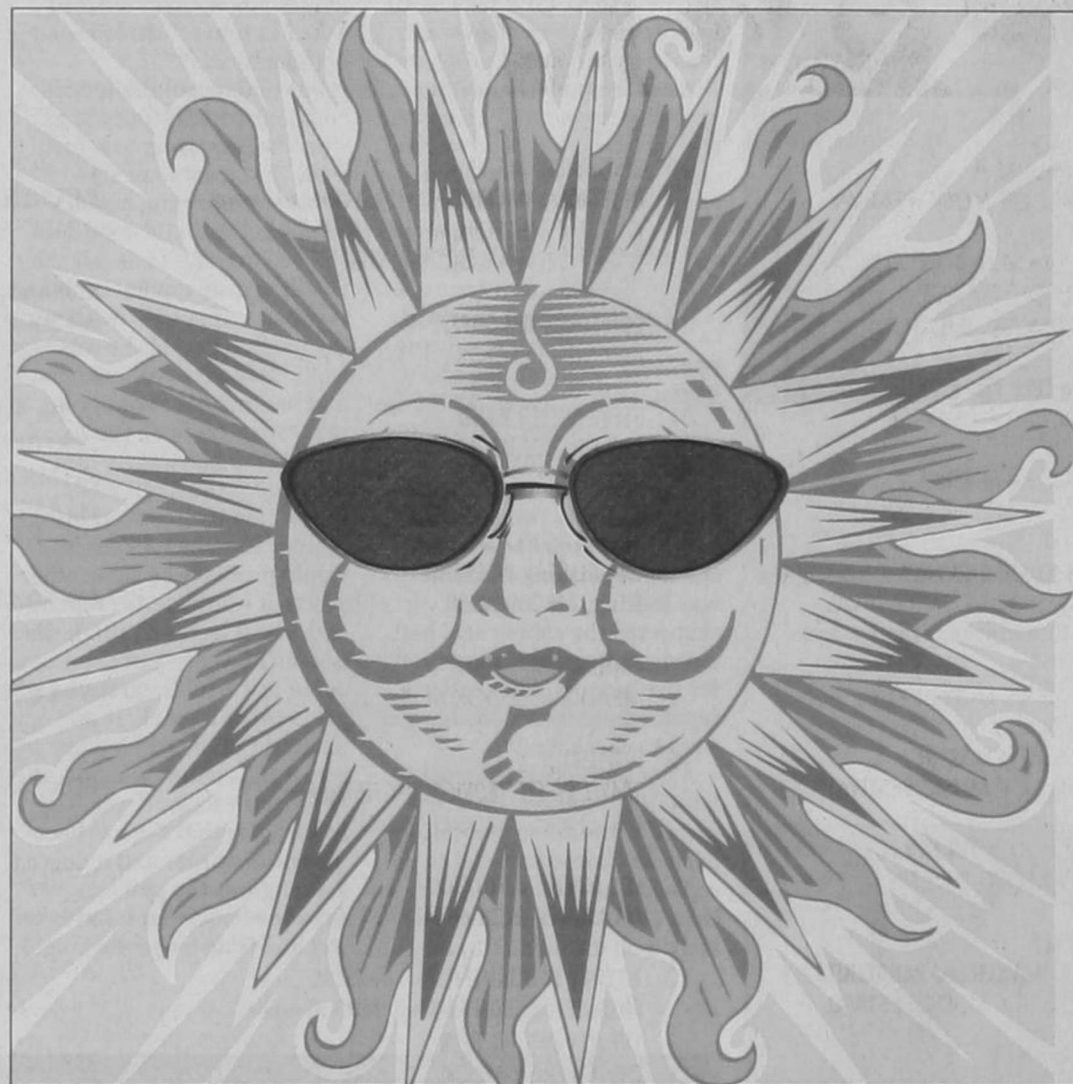
The American Cancer Society, along with the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, suggests you wear plenty of sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher, clothing that limits the amount of skin exposed, a hat and sunglasses as you head outdoors to kick off the summer season.

Although late spring usually means a rush to get a tan for the high school prom, graduation or simply to prepare for the beach, there's also a serious threat of skin cancer while basking unprotected in the sun. Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. According to the American Cancer Society, many of the more than 2 million cases that are diagnosed annually could be prevented by protecting the skin from the sun's rays, staying out of the sun during peak times of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and avoiding indoor tanning.

"One bottle of sunscreen should not last a summer," Trout says. "For maximum protection, use the highest SPF available, never use sunscreen after its expiration date, and apply it liberally before going into the sun. During sun exposure, one full ounce should be re-applied every hour."

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer that can be deadly. Look for any suspicious or unusual moles using the American Cancer Society's ABCD rule:

Asymmetry — One half of



the mole does not match the other.

Border — Edges of the mole are irregular, blurred, ragged.

Color — Color is not uniform and may have patches of pink, red, white or black.

Diameter — Melanoma moles are usually larger than 1/4 inch, but this is not always the case.

"I strongly encourage people

to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Michigan weather this summer, but it's critical that we all take the necessary precautions to avoid too much sun exposure without proper protection," stated Martha Trout, a registered nurse and director of Health Initiatives for the American Cancer Society. "There are plenty of ways to enjoy the sun without

putting yourself at greater risk for skin cancer."

Other risk factors for melanoma include fair skin with blond or red hair; a family history of skin cancer and a weak immune system.

"Certainly fair-skinned people who burn easily and have a history of severe childhood sunburns are at higher risk of getting melanomas," Trout said. "But the relationship between sun exposure and melanoma is more complicated than you might think and not completely understood. Genetics also plays a significant role in the incidence of melanoma."

Although melanomas can appear anywhere on the body, the most common place for men to develop skin cancer is the torso. Women find them on their legs. Individuals with dark skin, are more likely to find skin cancer on the soles of the feet and palms of hands, where pigment is lighter.

If you find a suspicious mole, talk to your doctor. Nothing increases cancer survival rates more than early detection, and nothing lowers cancer rates more than prevention.

For more information or to learn how to stay safe in the sun or do a self skin exam, call the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

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 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 Ottelman 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.

• Baby Basics runs 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, in the hospital's auditorium. Participants will learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. In addition, new parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. To register call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events". 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/cmevents.

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/campinbow.

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Arthritis support group


2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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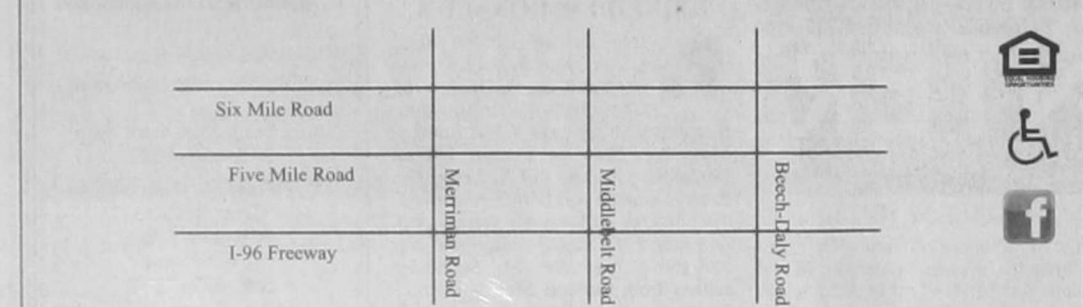
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Open House 12:00—2:00 p.m.
Guest Speakers 2:00—3:15 p.m.

Dr. John Woodward from Wayne State University will be speaking on the subject of "How to Live to be 100" and Amy Jackson from Detroit Storytellers Association will weave the generations together with her delightful storytelling.

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Male Urinary Incontinence: An Embarrassing Problem (No Longer)

Springtime has many men thinking about golf. Consistent errant golf shots on the course may not be the only reason some men hang up the clubs. Many men may silently experience the frustration and embarrassment of leaking urine upon exertion with simple activities such as laughing, coughing, walking, swinging a golf club, etc.

The inability to control urine is a common problem affecting many men in America. When looking specifically at men over 60, 17% reported having an incontinent episode. There are many potential causes of incontinence in men but most stem from the gland associated with the male reproductive system—the prostate. As many as 30% of men who have undergone treatments for prostate cancer report some incontinence.

The positive news—male urinary incontinence is a treatable problem. Although pads to collect urine are an option, some medications or a minimally-invasive procedure can provide a permanent resolution to most individual's problems.

Now's the time to seek the answers and treatment you need. Believe it or not, an active summer is right around the corner!

Call And Schedule Your Free Consultation.

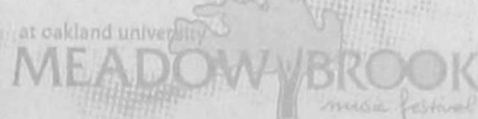
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OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE

A person with persistent right knee pain visits the doctor. Examination and x-rays reveal that the patient has moderate osteoarthritis of the knee.
 That the knee problem is osteoarthritis means that the knee cartilage had worn down like the tread of a tire. The finding that the cartilage loss was moderate means that the individual is not ready for a knee replacement.
 Dealing with a knee that is not good, but not ready for operation poses problems for both doctor and patient. The doctor has no tablet or injection that can reduce or reverse the loss of cartilage. The anti-inflammatory medicines like ibuprofen are not of value because in osteoarthritis of the knee inflammation plays little or no part.
 The patient wants to remain active, but knee pain stops activity.
 Usually the doctor first recommends acetaminophen (Tylenol) for pain. If that medication does not work, the physician turns to anti-inflammatory drugs such as Motrin, Naproxan, Feldene, or Lodine for their analgesic effect. If these medications do not help dampen discomfort, then reluctantly the doctor turns to narcotics such as Vicodin. Knee joint injections with steroids often provide a boost to leg strength and stamina.
 At no time should the patient lose sight of the necessity of taking daily exercise that is continuous for at least 20 minutes. The purpose of such a regimen is to keep the leg muscles strong and maintain the individual's weight in respect to body build.
 Caring for an osteoarthritic knee requires ongoing cooperation between physician and patient as the balance of treatment and activity is always changing.

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7:30 PM • DOOBIE BROTHERS
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THIS SATURDAY

3 PM & 7:30 PM • EDDIE MONEY
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

JUNE

- 03 PHISH
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 04 THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN: \$
A ROCK SYMPHONY
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 06 RAY LaMONTAGNE AND THE PARIAH DOGS
wsg SECRET SISTERS and BRANDI CARLILE
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 10 GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT FUNKADELIC \$
MC HAMMER/MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 12 HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 13 GLEE LIVE! IN CONCERT!
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 14 RIHANNA
wsg B.o.B and J. COLE
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK and
BACKSTREET BOYS wsg JORDIN SPARKS
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 GO-GO'S/THE B-52s \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 22 EARTH, WIND & FIRE
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 23 ALL-STAR MAGIC SHOW (2 SHOWS!) \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 24 TIM MCGRAW AND THE DANCEHALL DOCTORS
wsg LUKE BRYAN and THE BAND PERRY
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 24 BUDDY GUY wsg QUINN SULLIVAN/JONNY LANG
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 26 STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN
wsg JARS OF CLAY/FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI
and CALEB ★ \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 28 KATY PERRY wsg MARINA & THE DIAMONDS
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 29 MÖTLEY CRÜE wsg POISON
and NEW YORK DOLLS
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

JULY

- 02 JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY / \$
LORRIE MORGAN
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 07 THE TEMPTATIONS/THE SPINNERS \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 08 PETER FRAMPTON
FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE 35TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

08 1964... THE TRIBUTE \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

09 SUGARLAND wsg SARA BAREILLES
THE INCREDIBLE MACHINE TOUR
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

10 KID CUDI wsg CHIP THA RIPPER
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

13 '311 and SUBLIME with ROME
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

14 IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE (2 SHOWS!) \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

16 JOSH GROBAN
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

16 COMEDIAN DEMETRI MARTIN
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

17 RANDY TRAVIS/JOSH TURNER ON SALE SOON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

17 GOO GOO DOLLS
wsg MICHELLE BRANCH and PARACHUTE
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

20 YES/STYX
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

21 JIMMY BUFFETT SOLD OUT
& THE CORAL REEFER BAND
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

22 SLAYER/ROB ZOMBIE wsg EXODUS
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

23 KEITH URBAN wsg JAKE OWEN
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

23 CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

23 O.A.R. wsg SOJA
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

24 PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

27 MICHAEL McDONALD/BOZ SCAGGS ON SALE SOON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

28 BRITNEY SPEARS wsg NICKI MINAJ,
JESSIE AND THE TOY BOYS and NERVO
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

29 THE WIGGLES BIG BIRTHDAY! (2 SHOWS!) \$
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

29 BEACH BOYS \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

29 DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS \$
"THE DIRTY JOKE SHOW"
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

31 JOURNEY wsg FOREIGNER
and NIGHT RANGER
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

AUGUST

- 03 SADE wsg JOHN LEGEND
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 04 RASCAL FLATTS wsg SARA EVANS,
EASTON CORBIN and JUSTIN MOORE
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 05 MEAT LOAF \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 06 ALL-STAR BASKETBALL FESTIVAL \$
WITH 3-POINT & SLAM DUNK CHAMPIONSHIP
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

06 DISTURBED, GODSMACK, MEGADETH,
IN FLAMES, MACHINE HEAD, TRIVIUM and more!
ROCKSTAR ENERGY DRINK MAYHEM FESTIVAL
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

06 COMEDIAN JIM GAFFIGAN
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

07 STEVE MILLER BAND
wsg ERIC JOHNSON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE ON SALE SOON

10 SELENA GOMEZ & THE SCENE
wsg ALLSTAR WEEKEND
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

11 CHRIS ISAAK
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

12 IDENTITY
TRAVELING ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

12 LOS LONELY BOYS/LOS LOBOS \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

13 JEFFREY OSBORNE, PEABO BRYSON, \$
FREDDIE JACKSON AND HOWARD HEWETT
THE MEN OF SOUL TOUR
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

13 FAMILY DAY ON BROADWAY (2 PM) \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

13 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY (8 PM) \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

14 MICHAEL W. SMITH/THIRD DAY ★ \$
wsg CHRIS AUGUST ON SALE SOON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

16 MY MORNING JACKET ON SALE SOON
wsg NEKO CASE
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

17 DEF LEPPARD
wsg HEART and EVAN WATSON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

18 DAVE MASON, \$
MARK FARNER (FORMERLY OF GRAND FUNK RAILROAD),
RICK DERRINGER, FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS
and GARY WRIGHT
HIPPIEFEST 2011
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

19 THE J. GEILS BAND
wsg THE CHRIS ROBINSON BROTHERHOOD
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

19 RETURN TO FOREVER IV
(CHICK COREA, STANLEY CLARKE, LENNY WHITE,
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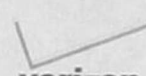
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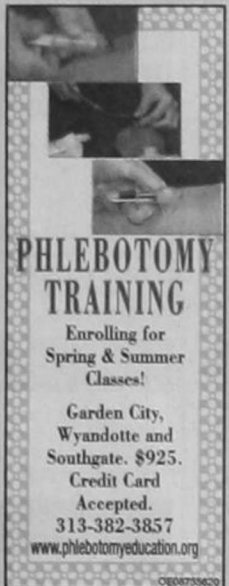
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Many jobs in health care require an extensive education that combines formal schooling with on-the-job training. Naturally, you want surgeons to have several years of practice before they begin operating on patients. You might be surprised to learn how many jobs – none of which allows you to perform a transplant, thankfully – you can find in health care with a moderate amount of formal training.

Here are seven jobs in health care that offer plenty of on-the-job training or require less than a bachelor's degree. Not only do these jobs allow you to work in a thriving field, but you also have the satisfaction of helping someone's well-being.

Pharmacy technicians

What they do: Perform administrative tasks in pharmacies and assist pharmacists preparing medication for patients.

Training: No nationwide regulations for a pharmacy technician's education exist, so each state has its own guidelines. Certification and formal training are definitely positives for job seekers, but expect plenty of on-the-job training as well.

Salary: \$26,720

Medical transcriptionists

What they do: Transcribe audio recordings made by doctors and

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Training: Transcriptionists can obtain certification, which helps employment opportunities. Depending on the employer, adequate course work or an associate degree in a relevant field can qualify you for a job.

Salary: \$31,250

Clinical laboratory technicians

What they do: Perform various tasks – ranging from collecting blood

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Salary: \$34,270

Medical secretaries

What they do: Work with physicians and scientists to write articles, speeches, presentations and reports.

Training: Requirements vary, but all secretaries should have a strong

command of grammar and possess excellent communication skills. Knowledge of medical terminology, procedures and insurance practices also helps.

Salary: \$28,950

Medical records and health information technicians

What they do: Ensure that patient records are complete and accurate. They review medical charts and other documents that need to be on file regarding the patient's medical history.

Training: An associate degree is standard, although relevant health-care experience or status as a registered health information technician improves job opportunities.

Salary: \$29,290

Physical therapist aides

What they do: Prepare the physical therapy site for a patient's treatment and assist with other duties that a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant requests.

Training: On-site training is typical, though related education is helpful.

Salary: \$22,990

Personal and home care aides

What they do: Help patients live comfortably in their own homes or in a live-in facility that is not a hospital or institution. Their patients can range from elderly individuals to people with disabilities.

Training: On-the-job training is standard, although some states and employers require further education, which you can obtain from a vocational school or community college.

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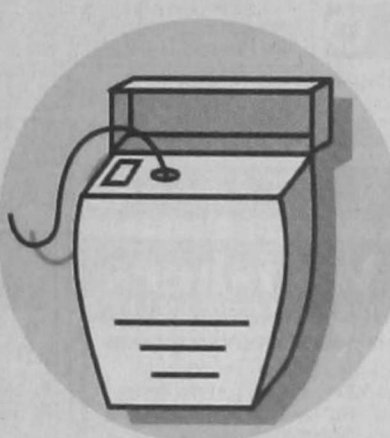


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- 6 High plateaus
- 11 Ilsa in "Casablanca"
- 13 Bump against
- 14 Prez after Jimmy
- 15 Piece of turf
- 17 Hawaiian guitar
- 18 Cycle starter
- 19 Qatar rulers
- 20 Waterlily leaf
- 21 Porkpies, for example
- 23 Come to a halt
- 24 Part of H.R.E.
- 25 Faint, with "over"
- 27 Jungle jaunt
- 29 Payable now
- 31 Pen point
- 32 Chinese festival "must"
- 35 Quick snack
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- 39 Web suffix

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- 41 Voice quality
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- 52 Blot out
- 54 CBers' wheels
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- 5 Baked potato or slaw, for example
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- 7 Element no. 99

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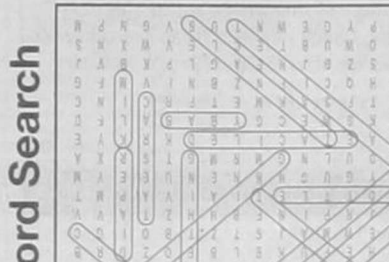
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I will say this about the Nissan cube (with a small "c") -- I have never seen a car that is so perfectly named as the cube. That's exactly what it is, a box on wheels.

Heck, Nissan doesn't even call it car; the company refers to it as the "cube Mobile Device." Now, that's not as boring as it sounds.

I actually think the cube might qualify as "cute," in some fashion. But that's exactly what you're going to get -- a car that looks like something you might draw in elementary school art class. It looks like something you could pick up and load onto a shopping cart. Put a square on top of four wheels and you have the 2011 Nissan cube.

Not that it's tiny. The cube has a long wheelbase relative to its length (99.6 inches against a 156.7-inch overall length).

The front end is short, with wide headlights and a wide grille, which give it a more bullish look up front. The rear passenger window wraps around all the way the back of the cube.

The rear features and refrigerator-style door allow access to the rear cargo area, with two different positions.

When space is available, the door opens all the way; when space is limited it has a limited-access position of about 8 inches for loading small objects.

The cube comes with 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels and body-colored power outside mirrors. You can order 16-inch gunmetal alloy wheels for \$790.

The tall roof line means the cube has tons of headroom, even for tall drivers, and you can see well, too. There's a deceptive amount of room in the rear cabin, as well. Yes, you can actually carry passengers in there. The rear seats recline and fold down to create cargo room.

The seats (manually operated) themselves are comfortable, and there's plenty of leg room. The interior features a "floating-pod" instrument panel, with asymmetrical light blue and white gauges that Nissan says are designed to make it easier to distinguish between the speedometer and the tachometer (is this a problem that needs solving?). At any rate, it's an attractive-looking instrument panel.

The rest of the interior is simple, with a little bit of "funky" thrown in. The audio controls are easy to reach and the climate system controls are arranged in a circular pattern in the lower center part of the dash.

The cube 1.8 SL version comes with a leather-wrapped steering wheel, cruise control, air conditioning, multi-function trip computer, remote keyless entry, and power windows and locks.

Standard is an AM/FM/CD audio system with six speakers, auxiliary input, and an interface system for an iPod. For \$1,850, you can upgrade to a system that includes an integrated touchscreen navigation system, rear view monitor, XM traffic, a USB connector, upgraded speakers with a Fosgate amplifier and

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The test car -- excuse me, the test mobile device -- had the dash topper and I'm still not sure what purpose it serves. It's a piece of round shag carpet Velcro-ed to the center of the dash top. It got me so curious, I went online to some Nissan owner Internet forums to see what cube owners think.

Turns out most of them don't know what to do with it, either, though some joked that Nissan should offer a little vacuum cleaner as part of the package.

The cube 1.8 SL is powered by a 1.8-liter DOHC 4-cylinder engine. Rated at 122 horsepower and 127 lb.-ft. of torque, its acceleration is not so bad for a 4-cylinder. This engine is mated with a Continuously Variable Transmission. The cube is rated at 27 mpg in city driving and 31 mpg on the highway; not bad, but for some reason I was expecting a little more from a car this small.

The cube is small, but the driving experience belies its size. The MacPherson front suspension, combined with its high



The boxy Nissan cube (with a small "c") is a mobile device, not a traditional "car."

body stiffness helps to smooth out the bumps. Power-assisted steering is standard, and the cube has a tight turning circle that makes it easy to maneuver and park.

There are plenty of standard airbags in the cube -- seat-mounted driver- and front-passenger side impact bags, and roof-mounted side curtain airbags. The cube also comes with a tire pressure-monitoring system, anti-lock brakes, vehicle dynamic control and traction control.

The 2011 Nissan cube 1.8 SL Mobile Device starts at a little under \$18,000. Add the upgraded audio/navigation system, Interior Designer Package, and the gunmetal wheels, and you're at almost \$21,500.

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