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If you were trying to reach us Friday, June 3, we may have missed the call. Due to technical problems, the Observer & Eccentric phones were out of order at various times in the afternoon. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you ever experience difficulties reaching us by phone, please e-mail oeads@hometownlife.com. You can also leave us a mes-

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The family and friends of young Lisa McMaster are putting on the second BLAST fundraiser to fight cancer noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Mettetal Airport in

A \$5 wristband gets participants unlimited games and entertainment. The event features food, beverages, face-painting, spin art



Lisa Marie McMaster, 6, has battled neuroblastoma, a cancer that often attacks young children, for half her young life.

raffles, and more available for an additional donation.

Lisa has a pediatric cancer called neuroblastoma and is fighting for her life. She was diagnosed three years ago at the age of 3, and has been now been living with cancer for half her life. She has undergone all types of chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries.

Funds raised at BLAST will support neuroblastoma studies, treatment and search for a cure; organizations who provide support and services to children with cancer and their families; and individual families fighting neuroblastoma and other childhood cancers.

Mettetal Airport is located at 9550 N. Lilley (at Joy) in Canton.

New principal

The board of South Canton Scholars Charter Academy, a new tuition-free public charter school opening in Canton in September, has named Jennifer Cook as the school's principal.

Cook, a veteran educator with experience as a teacher and administrator, joins South Canton Scholars Charter Academy after serving most recently as principal in residence at Canton Charter Academy. An undergraduate of Alma College, Cook holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from National Louis University in Chicago.

The new charter school will prioritize its academic program and instructional time so that students learn to read, compute and write at or above grade level.

Work ethic cited for Canton's top cop

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was pitch dark outside and a bone-chilling 10 degrees when Canton Police Officer Brandon Hayford, on routine patrol about 2:30 a.m., spotted an 85-year-old woman walking on Sheldon Road near Cherry Hill.

Lightly dressed and using a walker, she had strayed from a nursing home

"She was confused and thought she was on her way to church," Hayford said. "It wasn't even Sunday. Hayford helped the woman into his warm

police car, took her to a nearby nursing home where he rightly suspected she stayed, got her safely indoors and notified her children.

Another time, Hayford lost sight of a drunken thief he was chasing on foot, only to eventually find the man passed out in the middle of Morton Taylor Road near Warren, where he could easily have become a traffic fatality

Police honor year's top performers, A5.

Hayford, 27, already has seen much in his five years in law enforcement, and his tireless work ethic earned him the title of 2010 Canton Police Officer of the Year during the police department's 25th annual awards ceremony Thursday evening at the Village Theater at

Hayford humbly deflected the praise aimed at him when he discussed his award prior to

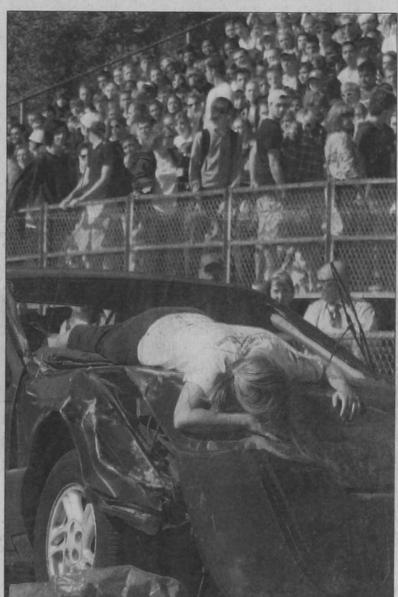
"I think it makes it easy for something like this to happen when you're surrounded by so many great people who like to come to work and who work hard," he said. "I work with people every day who give 100 percent. It's a team effort.'

Maybe so, but Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said Hayford last year made 202 arrests, including 160 he initiated him-

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Director of Public Safety Patrick Nemecek (right) congratulates Canton Police Department's Officer of the Year Brandon Hayford at Thursday's ceremony.



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In the aftermath of the simulated accident, Jamie Bricker lies dead on the hood of

Crash course

Mock accident drives home drinking, driving risks

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jamie Bricker laid sprawled across the hood of the smashed-up car, "bleeding" a mixture of corn syrup and red food dye, covered in a hot yellow tarp on a warm June day on the track at the Plymouth-Canton

As she waited for Thursday's mock drunken driving crash simulation to start, Bricker, an 18-year-old Salem High School senior, figured if she could help even one of the hundreds of students watching make better decisions when it comes to graduation-season partying, it was worth the heat and the sweat.

"It's an opportunity to show people what can happen ... it's graduation season, and you have to be safe," said Bricker, a video production student. "I think this makes it a lot more realistic for people. They don't think it would ever happen to them."

TWO OF FIVE

But it does. According to statistics provided by Janet Sutherland, PCEP's faculty adviser to Students Against Drunk Driving since opening the chapter in 1995, two of every five Americans is going to be involved in some sort of alcohol-related accident in their lifetimes.

That's why Sutherland organizes these biannual demonstrations (last year's was rained out, hence the 2011 "crash"), to show



Mock accident driver Dan Adsit is taken into custody after failing sobriety tests.

youngsters there are consequences to their

The scenario is a familiar one: Four kids, hitting a variety of graduation parties, are in a car. The driver, who is under the influence, is distracted by looking at pictures taken by one of his female passengers, drifts across the lane, loses control and crashes

When police and firefighters arrive, they sort it all out: driver Dan Adsit. 18, fails a field sobriety test and is arrested. He's wearing his seat belt which, combined with

Please see CRASH, A6

Deli fundraiser aims to aid scleroderma patients

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Brittney Berkey of Canton Township was diagnosed with scleroderma at age 12, her mother, Michelle Price, had never heard of the disease, which is characterized by the hardening of the skin and the body's connec-

But the Michigan chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation, whose name Price saw on a hospital leaflet, stepped in to provide Brittney and her family with education and support as she began treatments to ease the symptoms of scleroderma, for which there

Brittney, now 16, is a student at Canton High School, a normal teenager whose life is nevertheless marked by visits to doctors and a medication regimen. The type of scleroderma afflicting Brittney, called systemic sclerosis, affects her internal organs, such as her lungs, more than her skin.

"She tries to do what other teenagers are doing," Michelle Price said. "She's got some great strength there.'

Price credits the Scleroderma Foundation, which is benefiting from a month-long fundraiser at a Plymouth Township delicatessen and party store, for helping her daughter.

"The foundation has just been so wonderful," she said. "They've been our lifeline."

June is national Scleroderma Awareness Month, and the Picnic Basket Market is dedicating 5 percent of its deli profits this month to the Scleroderma Foundation, a move backers said is as much about raising awareness of the disease as it is about raising money.

"I was reading up on it, and I thought it would be a good cause," said owner Al Jonna, who was approached about the fundraiser by a regular customer, Laura Dyas of Plymouth Township.

Dyas also happens to be the executive director of the Scleroderma Foundation's Michigan chapter.

'He's an incredibly generous individual," Dyas said of Jonna, who said that as much as \$1,000 could be raised for the foundation through deli sales.

The foundation, Dyas said, has three major aims: to support scleroderma patients and their families, to educate them and the general public about the disease, and to further research into scleroderma. Support and education, she said, are vital to those newly diagnosed with scleroderma.

What we try to do is get businesses involved throughout the state of Michigan," she said of the fund-raiser. a recent undertaking for the chapter.

Brittney, her mother said, now gives the Scleroderma Foundation as much as she receives. She's spoken to schoolchildren in Detroit about scleroderma, has made an educational video about the disease and has participated in other fundraising and awareness-raising events, Price said.

The Picnic Basket's deli offers a selection of meats, cheeses, sandwiches, salads and more.

The Picnic Basket Market is at 49471 Ann Arbor Road at Ridge, next to CVS. The hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays. The phone number is



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Arts panel dishes out \$50K in grants

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jill Engel, the director of Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, wishes she could fund every grant request submitted by groups looking for funding assistance.

She knows the partnership can't accommodate all of the requests, but she's pretty happy with what they have been able to do. The partnership this week handed out seven grants totalling some \$50,000 to artist groups who perform at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The grants will be distrib-uted in September

Engel said the grants help satisfy the partnership's mission of encouraging the development of the arts in the Canton community by providing artists with the financial support advocacy and education needed to help them

"Arts and culture create times for people and family members of all ages to gather and share experience that will enhance our lives," said Engel, just completing her first year as the partnership's director. "They help us to understand the past, experience the pres**GRANT PROCESS**

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Here's how the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities divvied up \$50,000 in grants this year, compared to last year:

	2010	2011
Michigan Philharmonic	\$1,500	\$4,000
Canton Concert Band	\$4,000	\$5,000
Comic Opera Guild	\$2,500	0
Spotlight on Youth	0	\$5,000
Spotlight Players	\$5,000	\$5,000
BeckRidge Chorale	\$7,000	\$7,000
Forever After	\$10,000	\$12,000
Other groups	\$7,275	0
Canton	\$10,000	\$12,000
Totals	\$47 275	\$50,000

ent and explore possibilities for the future.

Grants this year went to the Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra), Canton Concert Band, Forever After

Productions, Spotlight Players, Spotlight on Youth, the BeckRidge Chorale, the Cherry Hill Singers and Canton Township.

Since 2006, the partnership has handed out nearly \$737,000 in grants, plus another \$31,500 over the last three years for the African American History Through Artists' Eyes program.

The grants are funded, Engel explained, through donations from local residents and businesses - most recently a \$10,000 donation from Republic Services — that share the partnership's vision.

All of the recipients are resident groups at the Village Theater, which Engel considers the "crown jewel" of arts in

"We are truly grateful to have a community theater that feeds our souls and creates such beauty through a variety of music, visual and performing arts," Engel said. "We are continuing to create a vibrant community that's attractive to people all over southeast Michigan and doing it with a sense of pride."

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Marching band directors Sheldon Frazier and David Armbruster were showered with confetti after the announcement that Plymouth-Canton's marching band had been chosen to march in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Band looks for help getting to Macy's parade

It's no secret that the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band has been invited to march in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day this November in New York City. Now it's up to the students, parents and boosters to fund raise 100 percent of the trip cost to make this invitation a reality.

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are dedicated to helping the 180-member band get to New York. In addition to a June 18 car wash at Rose's Restaurant in Canton, the band just learned they are in the running for a \$25,000 grant from the Pepsi Refresh program.

More than 98 projects are competing for a top 15 finish to win the grant. The boosters and band members are asking the

community to help out by visiting www.refresheverything.com/ pcep-macys2011 and voting daily for Help the PCEP Marching Band go to 2011 Macy's Day Parade. Only one vote per e-mail account is permitted per day, and voting runs through June.

Corporations, alumni, and friends can also donate directly to Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, a non-profit organization. Each year, the Boosters must raise over \$300,000 to run the marching band program, an extra curricular activity at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

In addition to transporting the band to and from New York this year, all the instructors, uniforms, band camps, etc. must be paid. Visit www.

pcmb.net for details on the sponsorship program for corporations and individuals.

"We need all of our friends, alumni, and boosters to support our fundraising efforts," said Erin Babcock, president of the 2011 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised this year will go toward the cost for the band to travel to New York City this November. Plymouth-Canton is the first Michigan band on record to be invited to Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. It's truly the Super Bowl for marching bands and we're so

honored our kids were invited." The award-winning high school band is composed of students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton.



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Library revamps 'everything' about summer program

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Public Library patrons can travel abroad, visit Canton's dog park, watch a Bollywood movie, attend a Detroit Tigers game, paint a picture or try a new restaurant - and still earn credit in a summer library program that continues to encourage reading.

It's an effort by library employees to get patrons of all ages not only to broaden their interests by reading, but also to immerse themselves in their community and the world beyond.

The summer program, dubbed Connect Your Summer, runs June 20 through Aug. 13, and it mirrors the library's mission of helping its patrons connect to their community.

"We've revamped everything," said Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager.

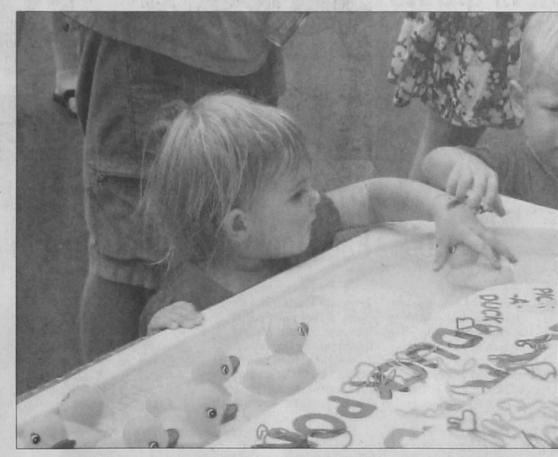
Library employees are scrapping the drudgery of forcing summer program participants to keep a meticulous paper log of what they've read, though they are certainly welcome to do that on their own.

VIRTUAL BADGES

Rather, patrons are encouraged starting June 20 to log on to www.cantonpl.org/connect-vour-summer/2011, sign up and begin earning colorful, virtual badges that can be downloaded and printed out.

Participants can perform activities and earn as many as 10 badges labeled with monikers such as traveler, sports fan, reader, foodie, adventurer,

artist and animal lover. Individuals, couples, groups or families can earn badges as the library rolls out Connect Your Summer, which marks the 30th year for a summer program that Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, adult services department head, said has grown from a few hundred participants to nearly 6,000



A newly revamped summer program at the Canton Public Library encourages children - and adults - not only to read, but to explore their interests and their community.

every year. "Until a few years ago it was mostly for kids and teens, but we decided to get adults in on the fun," Havenstein-Coughlin said, adding that the result has been "awesome."

Connect Your Summer allows the library to partner with Canton Leisure Services, the Downtown Development Authority, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, the Plymouth Whalers and the Michigan Philharmonic, among others.

"That's really a focus - working with partners and getting people out in the community," Havenstein-Coughlin said.

FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE

Tracy Visnaw and her two sons, J.D., 12, and Harry, 7, have been involved for years in the library's summer activities, and they are eager to explore the new program.

"It sounds great," said Visnaw, a stay-at-home mom. "I think it's a great idea because it does encourage people to get out and explore some of the things we have in

"I cannot wait for it to get started," she added, "and my kids said the same thing. It's a great way to be able to do the program as a family."

Golden cited a few ways participants might earn a badge:

· Attend the library's International Cook-off or review a local restaurant and claim a foodie badge.

 Visit the summer jazz concert series along Ford Road, see a Village Theater play or watch a movie and earn an entertainment badge. Attend a Plymouth

Whalers library-based reading program, visit a bookstore or read any library book and get a reader badge. • Take a family trip Up

North or as far away as India or Africa and receive a traveler

· See a dog show outside the

library, visit the new Canton Dog Park or read a book about animals and earn an animal lover badge.

"We want to make it as flexible as possible," Golden said.

Participants can use ideas listed on the library's website or come up with their own. The new program is intended to encourage patrons to use their imagination and broaden their interests. Those on a budget certainly may choose free activities and earn badges without spending any money, whether it's walking the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail or attending a

library storytime activity. "It's optional, but they can share their experiences on our website," Golden said, adding later, "We love it when people send us pictures of what they're doing as part of the

summer program.' One aspect of the summer program hasn't changed: A celebration party for participants already is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 13.

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No more books!

Plymouth Christian Academy bade farewell to its 2011 graduating class with commencement exercises Thursday night

Thursday night. The graduates: Joshua Allen Claire Barber Abigail Bartes Kelsey Carpenter Travis DeKruyter Julia Dixon Matthew Dodson Robert Fergan Matthew Hagelin Haley Halbert Bethany Hale Daniel Harold Brianna Harris Catherine Koloian Kelly Kramer

Julia Matson Catherine Molnar Kristin Nill Annie O'Neill Folake Olojo Daniel Paulson Breanne Putney Blake Ringger Jonathan Slater Sarah Slaughter **Austin Smith** Erica Smith Annette Somercik Stephanie Stacey Manabu Taketani Richard Truhn Sierra Weston Max Wilkinson Hannah Williams Rachel Yerke Caleb York

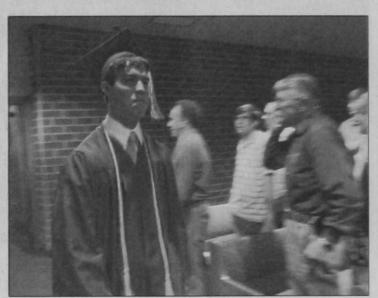


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The soon to be graduates march in to "Pomp and Circumstance."



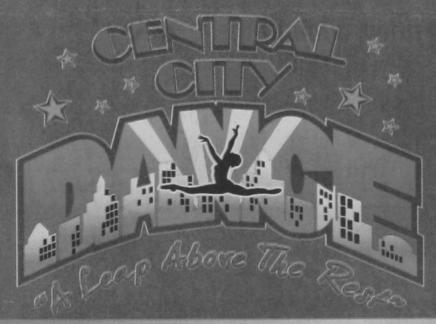
Brianna Harris and Catherine Koloian sing "None But Jesus." They are accompanied on piano by Travis DeKruyter.



Travis John DeKruyter marches in to the tune "Pomp and Circumstance."

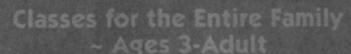


Claire Alexandra Barber shakes hands with Jim Rich, Chair of the Plymouth Christian Academy Board of Regents after accepting her diploma from Dr. David Butler, PCA principal.

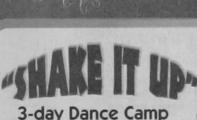


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Police honor year's top performers

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One dilapidated house on Carriage Hills, a mostly tidy street near Morton Taylor and Warren, posed a real dilemma for Mark Hook, a Canton Police Department ordinance

Neighbors complained after a wooden fence collapsed, ailing trees died, patio blocks buckled, weeds plagued the yard and debris littered the property, where a sickly woman caring for her bedridden sister felt overwhelmed by the mess.

Hook learned of the situation after he initially issued ordinance violations, but rather than inflicting more misery by forcing the woman to appear in court, he brought in volunteers from Canton-based Crosswinds Church to clean up the property.

"Officer Hook wanted to find a more compassionate solution," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek

It's just one snapshot of a broader, top-notch job performance that police officials say earned Hook the police department's Civilian of the Year Award for 2010, one of numerous honors bestowed Thursday evening as the Canton Police Department recognized its best during an annual ceremony at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"It's really nice. It's quite an honor," Hook, 48, said before

the ceremony. Hook's work ethic and compassion have remained strong as he and his family — wife Roxane and four children ages 10 to 16 — have faced their own personal misfortunes, though Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said Hook quietly handles hardships yet

keeps a sharp focus on his job. Hook has worked nearly nine years as a Canton employee, first as a site inspector and for nearly five years as an ordinance officer. He said he handles "probably thousands" of ordinance complaints each year. - a workload that has increased as the foreclosure crisis left many properties in

disarray. Hook takes it in stride: "I think the most important thing is just being able to communicate with different people."

Among other honors Thursday:



Canton Police Department ordinance officer Mark Hook was named the department's Civilian of the Year.

 The department's Life Saving Award was received by Officer Michael Steckel for rescuing a 67year-old man who had stopped breathing following cardiac arrest.

 Public Safety Director's Awards were earned by Deputy Chief Robert Kerr for leading efforts to keep the department's national accreditation, Lt. Todd Mutchler for his efforts with the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition and Officer Eric Kolke for organizing a slain U.S. Marine's funeral procession, revising the firearms policy and his involvement in the Special Enforcement Unit.

 Those receiving Commendation Awards for helping to solve cases included Officers Daniel Traylor, Adam Falk, Kevin Rize, Michael Andes, Aaron Mickey, Randy Rankin, John Wallace and Adam Shulman, and Public Safety Service Officers (PSSO) Robin Bush and Erica Crosson.

 A Department Citation Award was earned by Officer Matthew Burdt. A number of Unit Commendations

were awarded, as follows: · Officers Joseph Bialy, Eric Kolke, James Marinelli and Michael Tulip for efforts to reduce accidents along

Ford Road · Sgts. Craig Bauldry and Craig Wilsher; Officers Adam Falk, Edward Jagst, Edward Johnson, Darren Kossick, Aaron Mickey and Kenneth Robinson; Detective Timothy Wright; and PSSOs Melissa Bernhardt, Teri

Gillespie and Laura Wade · Sgt. Chad Baugh; Officers Thomas Champagne, Andrew Curry, David Eyl, Andrew Kelley, Edward Jagst, Jacob Krogmeier, Alex McNulty, Nicholas Pletzke, Kevin Rize and Daniel Woodward; and PSSOs Erica Crosson,

Stephanie Doyle and Jennifer Wiemero. Lt. Mark Schultz; Officers Thomas Champagne and Alex McNulty; and PSSOs Lisa Kish and Jennifer

 Sgts. Robert Smedley and Patrick Sullivan; Officers Matthew Burdt, Thomas Champagne, Edward Jagst Erik Kaledas, Jacob Krogmeier,

James Marinelli, Alex McNulty, Nicholas Pletzke, Kevin Rize, Kenneth Robinson, Daniel Traylor and Michael Wells, and Detective Brian Schultz.

· Officers Peter Alestra, Justin Amaimo, Matthew Burdt, Patricia Esselink, Matthew Jenkinson, Randy Rankin, Matthew Roberson and Jason Singleton; and PSSOs Robin Bush and

Kathleen Gazie · Sgt. James Harrison; Officers Justin Amaimo and Edward Lang; and PSSOs Robin Bush, Kathleen Gazie, Teri Gillespie and Lacie Gullekson.

 Lts. Debra Newsome and Mark Schultz; Sgts. Craig Bauldry and Scott Hughesdon; Officers Peter Alestra, Matthew Burdt, Matthew Jenkinson, Michael Kowalski, Edward Lang, Matthew Roberson, Michael Steckel, Derek Torolski and Bryan Szostak; and PSSOs Robin Bush, Teri Gillespie and Lacie Gullekson.

· Sgt. Steven Miller; Officers Brandon Hayford, Edward Jagst, Katlyn Kline, Jason Singleton, Bryan Szostak and John Wallace; and PSSO* Jeffrey Zajac.

· Lt. Jerry Hardesty, Sgts. Craig Wilsher and Robert Smedley; Officers Michael Andes, Gina Chura, Adam Falk, Joe Mullally, Kenneth Robinson, Daniel Traylor and Daniel Woodward; and PSSOs Timothy Bentley, Melissa Bernhardt and Laura Wade.

· From the Ann Arbor Crime Response Unit, Officers Scott Fouty, Janel Hansen, Robyn Lukas, Dawn Murphy and Brad Rougeau.

Longevity awards were earned by: · Deputy Chief Robert Kerr, Sqt. Charles Raycraft and Officer Kevin

Rize for 25 years of service or more. · Lt. Mark Schultz, Sgt. Scott Hughesdon, Officers Michael Wells and Daniel Woodward, and staff members Barbara Caruso and Monica.

Duckwitz for 20 years. Save Driving Awards went to Sgts. James Harrison and Patrick Sullivan; and Officers Michael Steckel and Daniel Traylor

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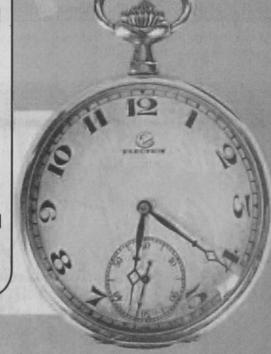
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self. Among those, he took 52 drunken drivers off the street, nabbed 24 felons and took 25 people into custody for misdemeanors.

Hayford "has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, a positive attitude and a high degree of self-initiative in all aspects of his daily duties," Nemecek said.

Hayford also counts himself as a family man dedicated to wife Suzanne and their three children, Molly, 4, Chase, 2, and Kolton, 10 weeks. Hayford cradled young Kolton in his arms in a Village Theater hallway, moments before accepting his award as proud family members watched

"He's a great, hard-working young man, and he loves his job," his mother, Teresa Hayford, said. "I'm very proud of him."

Hayford began seriously considering a career in police work when a Monroe High School liaison officer befriended him and influenced him. Hayford earned an associate's degree in applied science from Monroe Community College before graduating from the Wayne County Regional Police

Academy at Schoolcraft College. Hayford also has become a member of the Canton department's Evidence Technician Unit.

"When processing crime scenes," Nemecek said, "Officer Hayford can be count-

ed on to perform a thorough and high quality job. Many of his latent (finger)prints he has developed from crime scenes have led to the identification of suspects.'

Hayford has become a standout officer among a department of 86 sworn officers, ranging from patrol officer to the public safety director. Last year, Nemecek said, Canton police received more than 6,500 calls for service and made over 4,200 arrests.

With his 202 arrests, Hayford certainly made his share, yet he takes it in stride.

"I like to help people I guess that's the golden answer," he said. "I like to help people in a time of need."

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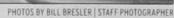
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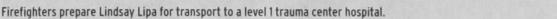
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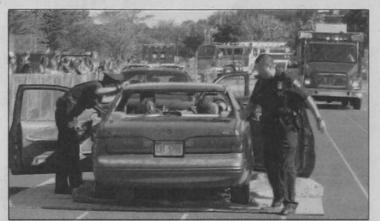


the presence of an air bag, saves his life. Bricker isn't as lucky; she's killed in the accident. Rear-seat passengers Lindsay Lipa, 17, and 18-yearold Patrick Salo are both seriously injured.

EDUCATING KIDS

Deputy Fire Chief Josh Meier of the Canton Fire Department called the simulation realistic, and said it was an important tool in the education of young people.

"We want the kids in the community to know the dangers of drinking and driving," Meier said. "If we can impact just one student, it will have



Police arrive and assess the situation. Rescue is arriving.

been worth our being out there.

Sutherland said the choice of students to participate in the exercise was intention. She wanted, she said, students whose participation in drinking and driving would be a

surprise, based on their reputations. She said the exercise is designed to defuse students' feelings that "this won't happen to me."

"Kids typically think they're invincible when they're 17 or 18," Sutherland said. "I've

known former students killed in accidents. That's why I'm adamant about making this happen."

It's the memory of working with the siblings of those former students that drives Sutherland's passion. She invited all junior- and seniorclass teachers to bring their students out to the football stadium to witness the demonstration. Judging by the huge crowd in the stands, most of them did so.

"I've worked with the younger siblings of former students who've been killed, so I know the impact (drunken driving death) has on families," Sutherland said. "If I have 10 (students) who made different decisions, I will have won."



Victim Lindsay Lipa, suffering a broken neck, is prepared to be airlifted to



Students from every junior and senior class at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were invited to watch the exercise.



Zach Yokom plays a clergyman at the 'funeral' for Jamie Bricker. Kelly Childs, Alex Armesto, Tanner Cottrell, Kelsey Anderson, Kyle Scanlon,

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Dr. Kevorkian was passionate High school students hit video jackpot about helping the suffering

BY GEOFFREY NELS FIEGER **GUEST COLUMNIST**

first met Dr. Jack Kevorkian on a sweltering Saturday afternoon in August 1990. He was about to be charged with the murder of his first patient, Janet Adkins. There, staring at me from across my desk, was a frail-looking man dressed in a powder blue Cardigan sweater.

His sister, Margo, dressed in a wig and a house coat, was with him. I believed at first that Margo was the more commanding of the two, and initially Margo carried the conversation. The only unusual characteristic about Jack seemed to be his intensity. It didn't take long to realize that this small Armenian physician was a giant man of courage and conviction. He was one of the most courageous men I have met in my lifetime. He was a rare human being - an individual who didn't seek history, but made history.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian as a human being was brilliant intellectually, opinionated and had a boundless energy for confronting social hypocrisy. I liked that. He was a perfect client for me. In another sense he was the most difficult challenge I ever faced. No one else not governors, judges, prosecutors, not the media, rabbis or cardinals - no one else presented a greater challenge to

me than Dr. Jack himself. It was not that he was selfdestructive, but he was impatient with the pace of social change and he was absolutely convinced of the correctness of his actions. In a matter of moments, he went from a disinterested participant in his own legal defense to a passionate advocate for suffering people. Before anyone even coined the phrase "assisted suicide," he sat across from me and talked about what he did as though it was a right every patient had, and a duty every physician shared.



Attorney Geoffrey Fieger with his client Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who died

Jack Kevorkian did what he believed to be right, and he had the moral conviction and the courage to stand up to constant threats of violence and imprisonment. That is a rare human being. Together, we planned a defense of human rights, and he was more than willing to sacrifice himself for that cause.

I wondered if the man sitting across from me knew what he was facing. He didn't, but that wouldn't matter. The one thing he did know was that he had a

OPINION

responsibility to relieve the suffering of his patients, and that was what he was going to do. Men like that change society - they make history

As the result of this little, Armenian doctor, patients are no longer left to suffer until they die. As a result of what Jack did, we now recognize the right of every person to self-determination based on their own conscience and without government interference. As the result of that fateful meeting, my life has been changed. For a moment in time, I was involved in changing the course of history.

Bloomfield Hills attorney Geoffrey Fleger represented Jack Kevorkian in his most celebrated trials.

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More than \$20,000 in prizes will be given away to 18 Michigan High School Students Saturday for their winning entries in the 2011 Meijer Great choices Student Film Festival.

The Van Singel Fine Arts Center, along with Celebration Cinema, hosts the "Mcijer Great Choices Student Film Festival" award presentation that begins at 10:30 a.m. at Celebration Cinema North at Knapp's Corner, 2121 Celebration Drive, NE in Grand Rapids.

Some 258 high school students from 46 Michigan high schools submitted more than 300 PSA videos to be judged. The students submitted 30-second public service announcements promoting positive choices in the areas of Character Education, Healthy Lifestyles, and/or Celebrating Diversity.

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There are two different audiences that the A/V students targeted in their PSA's: Kindergarten through sixth or 7-12th grades. The Meijer Great Choices competition was designed for Michigan high school student filmmakers to exhibit their creative talent in audio/visual communications and to share their messages with K-12 schools throughout Michigan.

Audio/Visual students and professors from Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University, Western Michigan University and Delta College were the preliminary judges and choose the finalists based on specific criteria. Sixty high school students throughout Michigan have been notified that they are finalists and are invited to participate Saturday's event. There will be 18 first-, second- and third-place

winners announced at the awards presentation. The top three winners from each category will receive prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, or \$500 in the form of a gift certificate to a merchant of their choice (Meijer, Apple, or Dell). All of the finalists will receive an award and gift bag at the awards presentation.

In August, the winning PSA's in each category will be reproduced on DVDs and distributed to schools across the state as tools for their Character Education, Health Education and Diversity programs. DVD's will also be made available to all Meijer Stores for in-store airing, and will be sent to the media



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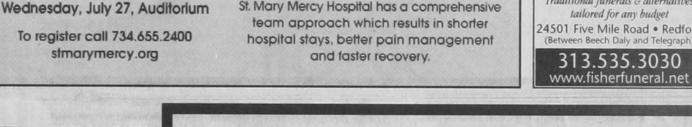
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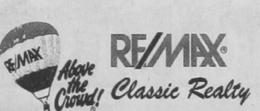
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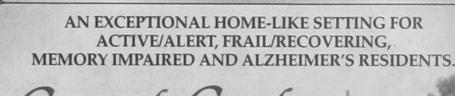
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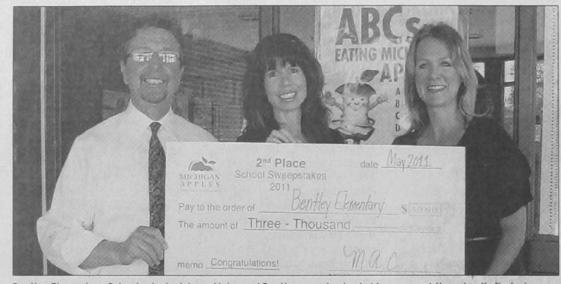
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Bentley Elementary School principal Jerry Meier and Bentley mom Louise Leblanc, accept the school's first-place check from Holly Whetstone (right), manager of marketing & communications from the Michigan Apple Committee.

Bentley nabs apple cash prize

Four Michigan schools including Bentley Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district — will receive a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes from the Michigan Apple Committee for participating in its annual Michigan Apple School Sweepstakes, an initiative to support Michigan Apple growers while encouraging healthy eating habits in children.

This year's winner's chosen in a random computerized drawing, included Bentley Elementary, which won a firstplace award of \$3,000.

Other winners included grand-prize winner (\$5,000) Sister Lakes Elementary School of Dowagiac, Mich., second-place winner Sacred Heart of Jesus of Grand Rapids, which won \$1,000, and Challenge winner (\$800) Countryside Academy of Benton Harbor.

According to MAC Executive drawings of Michigan Apples. Director Denise Donohue, the School Sweepstakes is an excellent opportunity for teachers to talk with students about Michigan agriculture and its impact on the local economy, as well as the importance of eating a balanced diet.

"As childhood obesity rates continue to rise, one of our main objectives with the School Sweepstakes is to give Michigan schools another good reason to talk to kids about healthy eating and snacking," said Donohue. "We also think it's a great way to infuse a lesson on agriculture and its importance to

Michigan." Accredited K-12 schools in Michigan are eligible to compete in the school sweepstakes by collecting either proofs of purchase from the bags of Michigan-grown apples, or by creating small cards with

This year 25 schools partici-

pated in the MAC-sponsored program, collecting more than 15,500 Michigan Apple proofs of purchase and crafting more than 11,000 hand-drawn Michigan Apple cards.

For each proof of purchase collected and/or apple card created, the name of the school is entered into the drawing. The top three prizes are chosen by a random computer selection while the 'Challenge Winner' is the school that has entered the most entries.

Schools can begin collecting for the next School Sweepstakes at the start of this er unless the seller misreprecoming school year and con-

tinue through the spring. Michigan is the third-largest apple-producing state in the United States. The industry annually contributes an esti-

New condo owner is on the hook for special fees

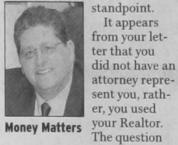
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then is does

Q: Dear Rick: I bought a condominium earlier this year. It was a relatively straight-forward deal. I paid cash. Everything has been fine and there have been no problems except a couple of weeks, ago I received a notice from the condominium association that I owed nearly \$3,000 for a special assessment. A couple of years back there was an assessment and the payments are due July 1 every year for the next three years. I contacted my real estate agent who handled the transaction and she was not helpful. I then contacted the seller's real estate broker and he said that it was my responsibility and that I have to pay it. The condo association told me that if it's not paid it becomes a lien on my property. Do I have to pay the assessment?

A: Unfortunately, after reviewing your letter, the answer is yes. The special assessment follows the property. Whoever owns the property at the time the assessment is due is liable to make the pay-

The next question is if you have any legal rights against other parties involved in the purchase. In my opinion, you have no rights against the sellsented the assessment to you. Go to the purchase agreement that defines the parties' rights and obligations. In your agreement it appears that nothing was said regarding any special assessments and, thus, there



Rick Bloom

your real estate agent have any legal obligation? In most cases you would think that your agent would know or ask if the condominium association had any special assessments. The question is did your agent inquire about a special assessment. If he/she did not, I do believe, potentially, you have a claim against the Realtor for malpractice.

What complicates the matter further is I don't know what sort of an agreement you signed. Typically, Realtors do have you execute documents that set forth the terms of representation and that would be an important document to

My advice is to discuss your situation with an attorney. If you do decide to hire an attorney, retain one who will take the case on a contingency fee. A contingency fee basically gives the attorney a percent of what is recovered. If nothing is recovered, there is no cost to you. On the other hand, if money is collected, the attorney takes up to a third of what is recovered.

There are many attorneys who potentially will take this case on a contingency fee and I recommend that you receive a referral from your family and friends. In addition, you can also receive a referral from your local bar association or

vou can e-mail me.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having an attorney represent you in a real estate transaction. Realtors are an important part of a real estate transaction, however, they are not attorneys. Attorneys are trained to represent one party in a transaction and only one party.

Special assessments are not unusual when it comes to condominiums and it would seem to me that most qualified Realtors without question would inquire about special assessments. However, the caveat is qualified real estate professionals. Like in all professions, there are some that do their jobs better than others. The key is to always make sure when retaining the services of a professional, you are dealing with someone who has experience in the issues at hand. Condominiums have unique issues and not all condominiums are the same.

One last note regarding the buying or selling of real estate, the key document that sets forth the terms between the parties is the purchase agreement. That is why it is so important whether you are the buyer or seller, before you sign, you understand all the terms, ask any questions, resolve any misunderstandings and seek professional advice. Having a purchase agreement that both parties understand can prevent squabbles from arising in the future.

Good luck!

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It was a celebration more than 30 years in the making, and a standing room only crowd was there to watch Karen Wilson Smithbauer cut the ribbon for the grand opening of a home for families fleeing domestic violence.

Flanked by First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Smithbauer's quick work with the oversized scissors made it official. First Step's Family Center and the 14,000-square-foot addition are officially the Karen Wilson Smithbauer Center.

"This is her day," said her husband, Patrick. "I'm just one of those people standing in awe of her.'

"It's my honor to have my name on this building," said Smithbauer. "This place has been a dream of Judy and all of those people who are involved in First Step. This is a safe haven where families can come and have their needs met, where they can find hope again to start over."

The agency began raising funds for the facility in 2008 when it had to leave its location in Canton due to irreparable building conditions. Smithbauer was the lead donor while Wayne County **Economic Development** Growth Engine (EDGE) was the lead grant in the capital campaign, co-chaired by Loren and David Treadwell.

"She created a legacy in southeast Michigan," said Ellis. "She is a woman with a mission to see women and children thrive. Because of her generous gift, we have this building."

HONORING DONORS

Ellis took time to recognize those people who played a part in the construction of the 14,000-square-foot residential facility like the "World Changers" of Smithbauer and Wayne



First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis speaks with Westland physician Dr. Jehangir Rao who with his late wife Zerin Rao were Peacemaker donors for the project.

County EDGE and the "Justice Protectors" of the McGregor Fund and Star Theater and Michael Norris. Also included in the

list are Canton Township (Courage builder), IKEA and the Wayne County Airport Authority (Healing Supporters), the Ford Motor Co. Fund and Oakwood Healthcare System (Peacemakers) and General Motors, the Kresge Foundation and the Stanley and Judith Frankle Family Foundation (Survivor Supporters), to name a few.

Plaques have been placed around the facility, acknowledging the donations.

Ellis praised former board member Colleen O'Mally who sketched a plan on a napkin and then hosted "parlor parties and fundraisers" to ensure that much of what she drew on that napkin came to fruition, She also acknowledged the Treadwells "who opened doors and made friends for us to last a long time," and Ficano who has



Karen Wilson Smithbauer and her husband Patrick Smithbauer stand at the entrance of First Step's new residential facility and Family Center which has been named after her.

been a supporter of First Step for at least 25 years.

"I know your ultimate goal is the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault, and this new center will achieve those goals with each survivor who walks through the doors," said Ficano. "I'm proud to be a part of this project and see

First Step go on to be so successful."

LONGTIME RELATIONSHIP

Ellis also recognized the Commercial Real Estate Women of Detroit (Inspiration Builders) which provided \$200,000 in their expertise to make the proj**DONATIONS STILL NEEDED**

On the First Step wish list are donations to purchase matching items for the facility. They include 12 chest of drawers at \$250 each, 27 night stands at \$60 each, 20 chairs at \$200 each, seven loveseats at \$300 each, 12 mattresses at \$200 each, 10 toddler beds at \$100 each, 10 small tables and chairs at \$100 per set, 20 side tables at \$10 each, kitchen cabinets with counters at \$20,000, including installation, and \$10,000 in

There's more to the list:

- A garage and resource center to store, sort and distribute donations from the community and house agency vehicles and maintenance equip-
- A pet shelter area a place where residents can bring their pets, as pets from violent homes are often targeted by abusers as an act of intimidation, \$100,000 to build and operate.
- · Commercial washers (two), \$1,200, commercial electric dryers, (four),
- · Outdoor tables (six) \$240.
- · Fencing, \$2,500.
- · Snowblower, \$1,600.
- · Sprinkler system, \$5,000.
- · Landscaping, \$5,000.

Donations can be sent to First Step, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call (734) 416-1111 or go online to www. firststep-mi.org.

ect happen, and Zonta of Farmington/Novi and its relationship with First Step that goes back 30 years.

"For 17 years, they've held an event at Parisian for us, they're a line item in our budget," Ellis

Also recognized was Canton Township which supported First Step "ever since we put our feet down on 10 acres of nowhere," Ellis said. When the former shelter was torn down, the township waived the \$40,000 in dump-

"They came together for us, we didn't have the money, we were building this place," Ellis

The new residential facility can accommodate up to 50 survivors a night. Each suite has its own private bath, a small living area and a mini-kitchen. It's also has a fully equipped SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) clinic, children's areas, counseling areas and program

Admittedly opening the facility is a huge success for the agency which started in 1978 with a few volunteers, but there's still more to be done. Some rooms have been furnished with the help of IKEA in Canton, but donations are needed for such things as furnishings, a children's playground and phone and security system. It costs \$5,170 to fully furnish one room with items from the IKEA wish list, Target items, window treatments and mattresses. The playground is \$80,000 and the technology another \$15,000.

Looking around the new facility, Smithbauer said there was never a point when she thought the center would not be completed.

"I had confidence that they would be able to get this done, with all the people working so hard on it, I knew it would happen," she said. "This is a legacy, that's for sure."

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PREP HOCKEY

Vento set to coach Wildcats

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's loss will be Plymouth High's gain when it comes to hockey coaches.

After just one season at the helm, Gerry Vento is leaving Stevenson after compiling a 16-7-3 record during the 2010-11 season to take a similar position with the Wildests

Vento, who previously served as a three-year assistant coach at Stevenson under David Mitchell, posted a.1-0-1 record against Division 1 state champion Novi, a 1-1 record against state runner-up Orchard Lake St. Mary along with a win over top-ranked and 2010 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Vento is replacing Paul Fassbender, who stepped down after last season citing conflicts with his work schedule and travel to-and-from his job at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

Vento is a Madonna University graduate and works for a family-owned concrete business. He coached previously in the Compuware Midget Major AAA and Bantam programs.

Plymouth finished 7-9-8 last year and placed third in the KLAA's South Division.

"I'm very excited and actually its a great opportunity,"

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JOHN KEMSK

Canton's Gabby Malec (No. 12, left) gives chase to Plymouth's Emily Burkman (No. 20) during Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district semifinal. In the background are Plymouth's Morgan Klabunde (No. 19) and Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 21).

Heady Chiefs reach finals

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was only one way Canton could score against Plymouth senior goalkeeper Marissa Williams during Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district semifinal.

That is, the Chiefs only solved Williams on hectic finishes of corner kicks in a 2-1 doubleovertime victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Otherwise, the Tusculum College-bound Williams was sensational — diving, sprawling and flinging herself to stymie several prime scoring chances.

"She made breakaway saves that were just incredible," said Plymouth head coach Jeff

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Neschich about the goalkeeper. "She kept us in the game."

The game winner came with 4:10 to play in the second 10-minute overtime.

Canton senior forward Liz Ferrill propelled a corner kick into the scoring area where junior teammates Megan Trapp and Robyn Mack were busy trying to get away from Plymouth defenders.

Trapp headed the ball inside the right post.

MAKING IT CHAOTIC

"Robyn always creates chaos in there," Chiefs head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "She's a distraction whether she gets it (goal) or not. She's in there, a body that moves people around and opens up space for Megan to get in there and score on the header."

According to Ferrill, who in similar fashion set up Canton's first-half marker by freshman defender Rachel Winters, there is a strategy to her corner kicks.

"We have a lot of really good players in the air," Ferrill said. "So I need to get it higher so they can get up to it above the keeper's hands.

"Marissa's a pretty good keeper so I hit it out enough so she (couldn't) grab it."

Neschich, who praised the

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BOYS GOLF DISTRICTS

Regionals next for 'Cats, Rocks

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After an unusually wet spring, conditions were virtually back to normal on Thursday for the MHSAA Division 1 boys golf district tourney held at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C.

Six teams advanced to next Thursday's regional at the University of Michigan Golf Course led by Ann Arbor Huron, which shot a four-player total of 305. Huron edged Plymouth and host Livonia Churchill by two strokes at 307 each for the team title.

The River Rats were led by individual medalist
Alex Wunderlich, a senior who fired an 18-hole total

Three other teams also advanced including Saline (314), Salem (321) and Ann Arbor Skyline (326), which won a fifth-man tiebreaker against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"It was one of our team goals for the season to qualify for regionals," Plymouth head coach Chris Moore said. "The boys have been practicing hard all year. Our final goal for the season is to finish top three at regionals to earn a trip back to the state tournament."

THEY KNOW

Moore added that Josh Heinze, Justin Bauer, Kyle Rodes, Ryan Rieckhoff and John Tatti "are all playing well. Each of them knows what it is going to take to finish in the top three."

Temperatures were ideal for the finish, reaching the upper 60s to go along with low humidity and a slight wind.

"The course was playing real nice today," said Churchill coach and Whispering Willows golf pro Paul Worley. "The last three or four days it's dried up quite a bit. Our greenskeeper, Mark Pappas, did a great job getting it back into shape. They were actually getting some roll out there today and there weren't many wet spots."

Churchill, runner-up to Plymouth in the KLAA's South Division dual meet season, got a 74 from junior Ben Proben along with a 75 from senior Chris Theile. Cory Dare and Dominic DiLisi each added 79s.

Plymouth was led by individual runner-up Bauer, a senior who carded a 73. Rodes added a 76, while

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Eagle encore: Salem baseball team captures another EMU Invitational

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the sixth time in the past 11 seasons, Salem's varsity

baseball team has the "Eagle

The Rocks once again won the Eastern Michigan University Eagle Invitational, defeating Ypsilanti Lincoln 4-2 on May 28 to earn the title

Salem's Scott Theisen was the big story in the clincher, played in a driving rain. The starting and winning pitcher threw five scoreless innings and also went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Closing out the win with two strong innings was relief pitcher Jeremy St. Laurent.

Salem got on the board in the second when Brad Trublowski singled home Drew Thompson (who also singled).

The lead grew to 2-0 in the

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MARY THEISE

Celebrating their championship in last weekend's Eagle Invitational at Eastern Michigan University is the Salem varsity baseball team. The Rocks defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln, 4-2, in the final.

Plymouth ties wins mark

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the eve of playing their first state tournament game, Plymouth's varsity baseball team accomplished something special to conclude the regular season.

The Wildcats defeated Brighton 5-2 Thursday to tie the school record for victories with 23. If Plymouth (23-10) can defeat district host Livonia Stevenson Saturday, a new record for wins will be estab-

Even making Thursday's win more eventful, junior varsity callup Brian Schmid pitched all seven innings for the victory. He allowed two runs on seven hits while fanning three.

Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said one of the hitting heroes also joined the record

Senior Mike Nadratowski
(two hits, two runs, three RBI)
hit his seventh homer of the season to break a 2-2 tie in the sixth
(following Ben Wohl's single).
Nadratowski tied the school
record held by Brad Lineberry.

On the next pitch, senior Tyler Goble clubbed his third home run of the season. He collected

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three hits and three RBI in the win.

Boyd used 10 pitchers on Wednesday against Carleton Airport "to keep everyone fresh for districts."

In the opener, the Wildcats lost 17-16, giving up the lead in the seventh. Big guns included Goble (homer, two doubles, three runs, six RBI), Nadratowski (four hits, four runs) and Justin Thompson (two-run homer).

The nightcap opened with pitcher Andrew Page throwing three innings of no-hit baseball and ended with a 6-5 Plymouth triumph.

A one-out sacrifice fly by Wohl (two runs, two RBI) proved to be the difference, but he also made a "phenomenal" diving play at shortstop in the seventh to help keep Carleton Airport from rallying.

Winning in relief was Nick Sandberg while catcher Brandon Congdon threw out all three runners trying to steal against him.

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Rieckhoff and Heinze each added 79s

Salem's top scorer was sophomore Brian Patterson, who shot 77 for eighth overall. He was followed by teammates Josh Perrin (81), Nick Panis (81) and Elic Duprey (22). Registering a round of 83 was Brandon Duprey.

Among the six regional teams that didn't qualify, Pioneer put three individually into next week's U-M regional led by Davis Randsell (76), Eric Miller (79) and Nick Margolis

They will be joined by Ypsilanti's Jacob Sewell (78) and Brian Pierson (82), along with Canton sophomore Marty

The key there is all about the greens," Worley said of the Michigan course. "There's a lot of undulations and it's a hilly golf course, but it's all about getting it on the putting surface and not three-or-four putting because they're really tough greens to putt."

According to Moore, the Wildcats will get to the U-M course a day early to get familiarized with it.

"We will be spending a day at U-M getting to know the course and continuing working on all aspects of (players')

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

MHSAA DISTRICT BOYS **GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS DIVISION 1**

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June 2 at Whispering Willows (Livonia) TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 advance to regional):

. Ann Arbor Huron, 305 strokes; 2. (tie) Plymouth and Livonia Churchill, 307 each; 4. Saline, 314; 5. Salem, 321; 6. Ann Arbor Skyline, 326 (won tiebreaker); 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 326; 8. Canton, 341; 9. Westland John Glenn, 355; 10. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 359; 11. Ypsilanti, 361; 12. Wayne

Individual medalist: Alex Wunderlich (Huron), 72. **TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING**

A.A. Huron (305): Alex Wunderlich, 72; Rob Aldrich, 76; Danny Langa, 78; Reid MacCallister, 79; Guy

Plymouth (307): Justin Bauer, 73; Kyle Rodes, 76; Josh Heinze and Ryan Rieckhoff, 79 each; John Tatti, 83. Churchill (307): Ben Proben, 74; Chris Theile, 75;

Cory Dare, 79; Dominic DiLisi, 79; Ryan Carpenter, 95. Saline (314): Caleb Wittig, 77; Jackson Lambert, 78;

Collin Strauder, 79; Keith Long, 80; Ian Martin, 82. Salem (321): Brian Patterson, 7₹; Josh Perrin and Nick Danis, 81 each; Eric Duprey, 82; Brandon Duprey, 83.

A.A. Skyline (326): Ian Marshall, 77; Connor Lang, 81; Josh Bourque, 82; Tim Huppenbauer, 86; Andrew

A.A. Ploneer (326): Davis Randsell, 76 (sq); Eric Miller, 79 (sq); Nick Margolis, 82 (sq); Brendan Schoonover, 89; Davis Argersinger, 90.

Canton (341): Marty Peck, 82 (sq); Alex Champagne, 83; Josh Maxam, 86; Frank Parzynski, 90; Justin Legel,

John Glenn (355): Josh DuPrie, 86; Mitch Dean and Nick Doupe', 89 each; Conner Monroe, 91; Brian Fawley, Ypsi Lincoln (359): Connor Smith, 84: Mike Winters.

85; Jacob Sell, 90; Matt Golowic, 100; Dylan Marzolino, Ypsilanti (361): Jacob Sewell, 78 (sq); Brian Pierson,

82 (sq); Tom Reynolds, 88; Ryan Katon, 113; Scott Hitchcock, no score, Wayne (368): Zachary Williamson, 83; Jarret

Williamson, 92; Corey Robbins, 94; Austin St. Peter, 99;

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DIVISION 1 June 2 at Huron Meadows G.C. TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 advance to regional):

1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 285 strokes; 2. North Farmington, 300; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 302; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 320; 5. Farmington, 320; 6. Birmingham Groves, 324; 7. West Bloomfield, 334; 8. Berkley, 343; 9. Farmington Hills Harrison, 348; 10. Royal Oak, 364; 11. Southfield and Southfield-Lathrup, no team

Individual medalist: Francesco Ruffino (Seaholm),

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Brother Rice (285): Nick Dennis, 70; Sean Friel and Lucas Belanger, 71 each; Jeremy Ball, 73; Kyle Gaines,

North Farmington (300): Max Kollin, 73; Blake Burnett, 74; Matt Coursen, 75; Nick Williams, 78; John Durst, 87.

Seaholm (304): Francesco Ruffino, 68; Tim Pearce, 77; Nick Vick, 78; Chris Milliken, 79; Brad White, 99.

Stevenson (320): Adam Giordano, 77; Nick Marsh, 80; Dante Cicchelli, 81; Cam Tetrault, 82; Nick Barr, 84. Farmington (320): Jimmu Patterson, 77; Matt Goldi, 78; Austin LeGault, 82; Nick Hefferon, 83; Matt LeGault,

Groves (324): Brian Hittson, 77; Graham Cenko, 79; Connor Flynn, 83; Calvin Greer and Nick Pursel, 85 each. West Bloomfield (334): Ari Siegel, 76 (sq); Michael Mitchell, 81 (sq); Akbar Husain, 87; Leo McLauglin, 90; Ryan McCarthy, 91.

Berkley (343): Jimmy Demery, 78 (sq); Kyle Flowers, 86; Danny Despard, 89; Eric Israel, 90; Drew Bartosik,

Harrison (348): Anthony Serafa, 83 (sq); Tommy Sommerville, 85; Kyle Coscarelly and Curtis Coscarelly, 90; Brett Jaksim, 92

Royal Oak (364): Mike Christie, 84 (sq); Alex Bashi, 88; Josh Gagne, 97; Evan Champion, 95; Curtis

Southfield (no score): Jordan Bahannon, 79 (sq); Mike Harden, 89.

Lathrup (no score): Andrew Manning and Rahsaan Norris, 115 each,

(sq): additional individual state qualifier.

said the 42-year-old Vento, a 1986 CC grad who played two seasons for the Shamrocks. "Obviously there will be a getting-to-know process - me getting to know the players and the players getting familiar with me."

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said Vento "resigned for personal reasons," but did not elaborate any further.

"He did a very good job and the Stevenson hockey program will miss him," Hyman said. "He really enjoyed his experience at Stevenson."

Vento said he was given the option to return as an assistant coach with the Spartans for 2011-12, but aid. "I couldn't accept that

scenario.' "I enjoyed all four years there and loved it," Vento said. "I'll miss connecting with the kids and we did some great things against the state finalists.

Hyman said the Stevenson varsity hockey position is "in the process of being posted," but the job description had not appeared (as of Friday) on the schools' website.

All signs reportedly point to Mitchell re-emerging as the top candidate to become the Spartans head coach again after a one-year hiatus. He was forced to give up the varsity hockey position after accepting an Livonia Public Schools administrative job for the 2010-11 school year and served last season as a volunteer assistant under

Mitchell who recently resigned his assistant principal position at Livonia's Holmes Middle School to return to the classroom, finished 56-14-8 during his three seasons as the Spartans' varsity coach capturing one Kensington Lakes Activities Association title (2010) and reaching two regional finals (2008 and 2010).

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Weekend warriors



Plymouth defenseman Dario Trutmann stands during the National Anthem with two youth players before a game last season. Youngsters will continue to get to stand next to their favorite Whalers before every game at Compuware Arena in 2011-12. Next year's schedule was just released.

Saturday nights dominate Whalers '11-12 home sked

When the Plymouth Whalers Division rivals (eight each start the 2011-12 regular season on Sept. 21 in Owen Sound, they'll continue a tradition of starting a new season against the current Ontario Hockey League champion.

The Whalers have played the current OHL champion to start a new season in four consecutive seasons and six different times since 2002.

Plymouth hosted 2002 champion Erie to start the 2002-03 season, played in Kitchener in 2003 and 2008, opened the season in Windsor in 2009 and 2010 and now will play in Owen Sound against the OHL champion Attack to begin the upcoming season.

Saturday night continues to be the primary home date in Plymouth, with 18 games slated for Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Plymouth plays at home on

10 Fridays at 7 p.m., will play three matinees on Sundays at 2 p.m. and hosts the annual Kid's Day game 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 against

The Whalers also will play four pre-season games in 2011-12. Although the Sept. 3 game against Windsor is tentatively set for Compuware Arena, the Whalers may move the game to a neutral site. Details will come later this summer.

Other schedule highlights include 28 games with West

against Saginaw and Windsor and six each against Sault Ste. Marie and Sarnia) and 20 are against Midwest Division opponents. The remaining 20 games are against Eastern Conference teams.

The Whalers have made the OHL playoffs for 20 consecutive seasons - a current OHL record.

After missing the playoffs as an expansion team during the team's inaugural season in 1990-91, Plymouth has qualified for the playoffs in every other season in their history.

General manager and head coach Mike Vellucci figures to have an excellent shot at 21 straight playoffs because the Whalers bring back a full roster and expect to be in the middle of the competitive Western Conference playoff

The Whalers have enjoyed a 20 percent increase in attendance over the past three seasons. Single-game seats can be purchased for \$16 for Center Ice seating and \$12 for Executive Reserved. Season tickets for the 34-game home schedule start at \$295.

In addition, the Whalers offer a host of affordable Group ticket plans, Mini and Flex Ticket Packages and Family Value Packs. More information can be found by calling (734) 453-8400.

2011-12 WHALERS HOME SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 3 Windsor (*) 7 p.m. Sat. Sept. 10 vs. London at 7 p.m. (*) Sept. 3 game may be played at neutral site.

REGULAR SEASON

SEPTEMBER Sat. Sept. 24 Erie 7 p.m. Fri. Sept. 30 Ottawa 7 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 1 London 7 p.m. Fri. Oct. 14 Niagara 7 p.m. Sat. Oct. 15 Sarnia 7 p.m. Sat. Oct. 29 Kingston 7 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 4 Barrie 7 p.m. Sat. Nov. 5 Windsor 7 p.m. Sat. Nov. 12 Sault Ste. Marie 7 p.m. Sun. Nov. 13 Erie 2 p.m. Sat. Nov. 19 Kitchener 7 p.m. Wed. Nov. 23 Saginaw 7 p.m. Fri. Nov. 25 Peterborough 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 2 Sault Ste. Marie 7 p.m. Sat. Dec. 3 Guelph 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 9 Belleville 7 p.m. Sat. Dec. 10 Sarnia 7 p.m. Wed. Dec. 28 London 2 p.m. Fri. Dec. 30 Saginaw 7 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 7 Saginaw 7 p.m. Sat. Jan. 14 Mississauga 7 p.m. Mon. Jan. 16 Windsor 2 p.m. Sat. Jan. 21 Sault Ste. Marie 7 p.m. **FEBRUARY**

Sat. Feb. 4 Windsor 7 p.m. Sat. Feb. 11 Kitchener 7 p.m. Sun. Feb. 12 Saginaw 2 p.m. Fri. Feb. 17 Owen Sound 7 p.m. Sat. Feb. 18 Guelph 7 p.m. Fri. Feb. 24 Oshawa 7 p.m. Sat. Feb. 25 Sudbury 7 p.m.

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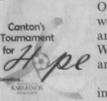


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The first annual Canton's Tournament for Hope, to raise proceeds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is slated for July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Teams are being sought to sign up for the 6-v-6 indoor tournament. There are competitive and rec divisions for



Over-30 women and Open Women (18 and older). For more informa-

tion on how to sign up, send an email to hopetourney@yahoo.com or visit the Canton's Tournament for Hope Facebook page. All money generated by the tourney will go for breast cancer research. The registration deadline is July 1.

High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Drive. Call Drew Crawford at (734) 487-7678 for any questions concerning the venue.

More Steeb results

Plymouth's varsity boys track and field team placed ninth with 35 points at Tuesday's annual Larry Steeb Memorial Meet of Champions at Ypsilanti High School.

"It was a good meet and let some of the guys that didn't qualify for states have one last meet before the end of the season," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said.

Earning first place in the 200 dash with a time of 23.06 seconds was William Askew II, who also finished seventh in the 100 dash (11.66) and was part of the 1,600-meter relay team that took fifth (3:36). Also on the relay team were Doug Deykes, Derek Gielarowski and Evan

Finishing third in the 300 hurdles was Deykes (41.70), while the 3,200-meter relay team of Stephen Balaze, Gielarowski, Max Rogowski and Joe Porcari came in fourth

Another Plymouth relay team (6,400) finished in fifth place. On that unit were Gielarowski, Brandon Dalton, Liam Cardenas and Joey Shaver.

Andy Bihn's throw of 13feet, 6-inches earned him fifth place in the pole vault.

Summer football camps

On tap this summer are three football camps being presented by Canton football.

The first one is for players going into grades 7-9 this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

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

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades 3-6 will take place from 9 a.m. to noon June 27-30. Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information.

Also, check out www.

CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Wildcats grid camp

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

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

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

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

Golf for Rocks baseball

The third annual Salem Baseball/Golf Outing is slated for Saturday, June 25, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

For \$110 per golfer (paid registration before June 1) or \$125 per (after June 1), there will be 18 holes of golf on the Classic Course, a hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and raffle.

Also, for those who do not plan on golfing, dinner will be available for \$50 per person.

All proceeds will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club. Hole sponsorships also are available.

Please call or e-mail either Jeff Vergolini (734) 612-7027; jeff_vergolini@wowway.com or Danny Devine (734) 751-4012; salemrocksbaseball@ gmail.com.

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is located at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner will take place immediately following golf.

Salem alumni game

At noon Sunday, June 26, will be the second annual Salem Baseball Alumni Game, at the varsity field.

All it costs is \$20 to play, which includes a commemorative T-shirt and lunch (hats will be available for an extra \$20).

Go to www.salemrocksbaseball@gmail.com to obtain a registration form (or for more information). Players will be asked to give favorite memories of their Salem varsity baseball careers.

CYO volleyball signups

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

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

week of August with league games starting the first week of September. To register, contact St. John

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

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. Online registration is available at www.totalsportscomplex. com.

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

cal 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@ymcameţrodetroit.org. Proceeds will support the Plymouth YMCA "Strong Kids" Scholarship Campaign.

EAGLES

fourth. Tommy Rodriguez walked, moved to second on Trublowski's sacrifice bunt and came home on a two-out single by sophomore Kyle Penn.

Two more runs scored in the fifth, and those turned out to be crucial.

Rodriguez singled with two outs to score Scott Devine and Brett Ramirez, who singled and walked, respectively.

Lincoln (19-12) rallied to score two runs in the sixth, but could not get any closer as St. Laurent slammed the door.

Earlier May 28, the Rocks pounded out 12 hits in a 7-3 win over North Farmington.

Going all seven innings for the win was Matt Rowland, who struck out seven and walked only one in his first complete game of the season.

As was the case in the final, the Rocks played great defense and came through on offense when needed.

Thompson collected three hits and an RBI while Demetrius Dunlap, Devine, Devin Price and Rowland each chipped in with two hits.

Salem followed the tourney with two wins Wednesday against Redford Union in a makeup doubleheader. Next for the Rocks (17-14) is Saturday's 10 a.m. district semifinal against Canton at Livonia Stevenson.

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Minutes after routing Lutheran High Westland 8-0 in Friday's Class D girls soccer district semifinal, Plymouth Christian Academy players talked in businesslike fashion about what they needed to do

The district host Eagles, with the mercy-rule victory over the Warriors, shifted full attention to Saturday's district final against Ann Arbor Greenhills — the only team to defeat them this season. (Results from the final will be posted this weekend at www. hometownlife.com.)

Moreover, the Gryphons (11-3-1) are the team that knocked the Eagles (14-1-1) out of the postseason each of the past two springs.

"I'm glad we have the momentum going into the finals," said PCA junior forward Rachel Zandee, who scored four goals in Friday's victory. "We want it bad. We definitely want it (to defeat Greenhills) and we're ready for a good game (Saturday).'

The Eagles got on the board early in the match, on a goal from freshman forward Katelynn Barkell.

Before the first half was 20 minutes old, PCA had a 3-0 lead with Zandee (15 goals) scoring on nice feeds from Barkell and sophomore forward Jenna Abraham.

The onslaught against Warriors sophomore goalie Angela Morrison continued, as the Eagles pretty much maintained possession throughout the first half.

With 18:44 left, Abraham and Zandee sprinted in tandem into the Lutheran Westland penalty box and the end result was another goal.

ON THE MONEY

Abraham sent the ball over to Zandee in the center of the box and she ripped it past Morrison, who was almost constantly under pressure.



Moving the ball into the Lutheran Westland end of the field Friday is Plymouth Christian's Rachel Zandee (No. 3), who scored four goals in the Class D district contest.

"All the forwards and midfielders definitely worked the ball around well," Zandee said. "There were a lot of good passes, all the passes from my teammates were just perfectly placed to my feet. It was good teamwork.

Lutheran Westland (9-4-1) didn't have many dangerous chances against PCA senior goalkeeper Brianna Harris, but her defense was ready just in case.

With just over 10 minutes to play in the first half, junior Rhianna Francis made a rush down the left flank but she was cut off by sophomore defender Lauren Paulson.

The PCA beat continued unabated after that.

At 29:39, Abraham scored on a high shot to make it 5-0. With 1:53 remaining, junior midfielder Jessica Rich's nifty setup to freshman midfielder Emily Gerulis paid off with another tally.

Gerulis drove her shot from the top of the box inside the

Warriors head coach Sara

Schafer changed goalkeepers at halftime, bringing in sophomore Claire Oppenlander.

The first goal of the second half started on a corner kick from senior defender Annette Somercik which Zandee eventually redirected into the cage.

Then came the final goal of the game, which invoked the eight-goal mercy rule with 25:24 remaining.

Another corner kick, this time by Gerulis, started the scoring play. Heading the ball in from near the left post was freshman forward Brittany

Despite the lopsided loss, Schafer was proud of her squad and said the Eagles merely were too tough to stop.

"They controlled the field and we were just having a hard time containing them," said Schafer, adding that her team had to deal with a number of injuries this season.

In Friday's earlier semifinal, Greenhills defeated Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner, 6-0.

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PCA romps in Class D district semi Seniors put Plymouth girls soccer 'on the map'

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Marissa Williams and Katelyn Quinlan consoled each other at midfield following the end of Thursday's girls soccer district game.

The senior standouts for Plymouth's Wildcats had just endured a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat in double overtime to campus rival Canton.

Goalkeeper Williams - who capped an outstanding fouryear career with a jaw-dropping finale — and Quinlan were among a superb senior group that led the Wildcats to the Division 1 state finals in

Last year had the same ending, a crushing overtime defeat, that time to Novi.

"We've been playing all four years together," said Williams about her emotional moment with Quinlan. "To build it from Plymouth having a soccer team to (being) second in the state ... and then to lose to Canton is a little upsetting.

"But the girls worked their

Other seniors who were instrumental in the program's rise to prominence included forwards Jennifer Babcock, McKenzie Hengesh, midfielder Victoria Miller and defender Katelyn Moss.

'They (seniors) put the program on the map," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "(With) the heart and pride they put into this and the way they led us last year and this year, it's just a great group of kids."

About Williams and Quinlan, the coach smiled.

They grew up together and put a lot into the high school program here," he said. "They're really neat kids. I'll miss them."

Although Neschich was saddened that there won't be a similarly long postseason run this time around, he stressed that his team played a topnotch brand of soccer in recent weeks.

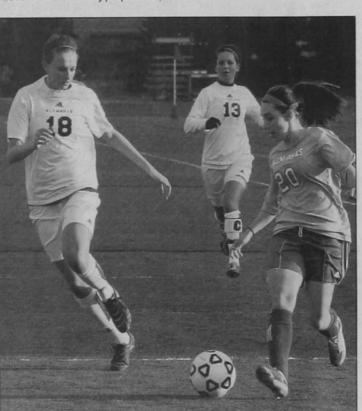
"In the second half of the season we played with the best of them," Neschich said. "We beat Canton 3-2 in a comefrom-behind game that kind of started us on a roll. We tied top-ranked Novi 0-0 out here and we beat Northville 1-0 in a league crossover.

"We went on an 11- or 12game unbeaten streak that we just played some dynamite soccer. I think we played good



JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth senior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, shown from earlier this season, was brilliant Thursday against Canton. The double overtime loss ended her outstanding prep career, however.



During a game earlier this year, Plymouth seniors Katelyn Moss (No. 18) and Jennifer Babcock (No. 13) close in on Salem's Emily Barfuss.

tonight, maybe even good enough to win. But the bounces didn't go our way."

Meanwhile, Williams, who will play soccer at Tusculum College in Tennessee, said she was getting ready to send a message to the teammates who will return in 2012.

"I'm actually working on my

banquet speech for Sunday," Williams said. "But my message (to younger girls) would be put your time in now so that you can win it when it's your

"It wasn't our time this year, last year it was."

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effort given by his team, said a better job of marking could have prevented both Canton

"To give up two corner kick goals in a big game like that is tough," he said. "But our kids played great, a lot of heart."

For most of regulation, it looked as though Winters tally with 17:48 left in the first half would hold up for Canton (11-

But the Wildcats (10-3-4), who rode Williams' stellar goalkeeping to the 2010 state finals, got the equalizer at the 15:39 mark of the second half. Senior defender Katelyn

Moss lofted an indirect kick from long range. The ball bounced over a

wall of players inside the box, and sophomore midfielder Stephanie Dillon chipped it over the outstretched arms of Canton senior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges (who also was superb). "It was a set play from

about 40 yards out where we got some people in," Neschich explained. "Stephanie Dillon got her foot to it and put it A few minutes later, the

Wildcats tried to take the lead off a corner kick from Dillon. But Canton senior defender Melanie Pickert headed the ball out of danger.

midfielder Alyssa Krause on a breakaway. Krause, who played a spec-

tacular offensive game, zig-

Williams then faced junior



Jumping to head the ball during this scrum is Canton senior midfielder Rachel Rohrbach (No. 2), while Plymouth senior goalkeeper Marissa Williams (gray jersey, partially hidden) does her best to thwart the scoring attempt. Other players in on the action include Plymouth's Megan Peplinski (21, far left), Zoe Foster (10), McKenzie Hengesh (14) and Canton's Rachel Winters (21, right) and Melanie Pickert (14, red jersey).

zagged in on the keeper, but her low shot just missed the right post. Earlier in the second half,

Krause sent a ball up the middle to Ferrill, streaking toward the top of the box.

But Williams came out and made a brilliant stop, dropping down to block the ball.

"No question of the effort we did, but hey, they're a talented team," Neschich said. "(Krause) gave us fits all night, she created so much."

Pickert's steady play in the back end also helped the Chiefs turn the tables on the team that ended their season last spring.

"It wasn't just me clearing it out," said Pickert, who will play soccer at Iowa next year. "I've got to give it to Robyn, Rachel (Winters) and Alex (Bryden) holding down the defense. It was just a hardfought win.

We really wanted it this time because we lost to them last time. It meant a lot this time.

Canton advanced to the district final, set for noon Saturday against either Northville or Livonia Churchill. The contest will be at PCEP's varsity soccer field.

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Church celebrates 100 years of growth

CORRESPONDENT

Through the last 100 years, St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth has remained a constant in the community. The Rev. Dorian McGlannan, pastor, attributes the congregation's endurance to "listening and adapting to changes in culture and the church."

What began in 1898 as a meeting of six women in the home of Mrs. Warren Mills has grown to 325 families.

The church had ups and downs along the way, including an eight-year hiatus due to dwindling attendance. It resumed services in 1911 in the Universalist Church on the corner of Dodge and Union and on Feb. 19, 1912 became a mission of the diocese. An Episcopalian congregation remains a mission until it is financially self-sustaining. Parish status was granted in 1944 and in 1955 a campaign began to build the church on Sheldon between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail. Ground was broken Sept. 6, 1959 and the first service held June 5, 1960.

Over the last century, St. John's members have attended services at four locations. In addition to its current site and the rented Universalist space, the congregation also built churches on Union, behind the Wilcox house, and at the corner of Maple and Harvey.

On June 19, a centennial worship service and picnic will kick off celebrations that will conclude on the official anniversary - Feb. 19, 2012.

"What's good about the congregation is being able to provide traditional and contemporary services with communion every week and be



The choir rehearses in St. John's Episcopal Church at its Harvey Street location in 1950.

creative within that format," said McGlannan who came to St. John's in 2005 as rector.

Between selections of the church's six resident rectors, the congregation paused to review, reflect and decide on a direction for growth. A third service was added in 1998 and the SonShine Contemporary Music Team eventually joined choir programs for adults, children, youth, and handbells under the direction of Julie Ford.

"The changes have occurred mostly with music," said McGlannan. "We've incorporated drama into services, sometimes liturgical dance. We discuss how to use given elements of our liturgy to have that speak to contemporary."

Except for three summer months, services take place on Sundays at 7:45 a.m. without music. At 9 a.m. the sounds of flute, piano, guitar and clarinet fill the church with contemporary music followed by a traditional service with choirs at 11 a.m. Starting in late May, the times change to 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. with blended music

"There's a little something

for everyone," said Carol Kapusky, church historian and co-chairwoman of the centennial celebration. "Music has always been one of the priorities of St. John's.'

Carole Maxwell became a member of the choir 64 years ago, but attended St. John's

'I first went to church at Maple and Harvey where we had to wear black beanies," said Maxwell, 78. "My grandmother got me into the church. I was going to a Lutheran church then moved closer to grandmother and have been



The congregation gathers to place the cornerstone of the church on Sheldon, Nov. 15, 1959.

here ever since. I like the people, music and the conductor. When I don't sing in services I

Maxwell especially appreciates the caring gestures from St. John's numerous service groups. Last year when she had open-heart surgery she received a quilt with every tie signifying a prayer. Prayers & Squares create quilts for the ill and shut-ins and is just one of the ministry opportunities available. Members donate their time to provide meals for new mothers, grieving families and those who are ill. Pastoral care teams visit shut-ins, offer prayers, communion, and support through a group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Mission Ministry teams cook and serve at Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit, host blood drives and travel to the Dominican Republic and Appalachia to paint and assist in Vacation Bible School.

"The congregation is a mixture of families with young children, a few young single adults to very elderly," said McGlannan. "We have a strong youth group for junior and high school students. The outreach we do is a big draw.

We have a relationship with a town and church in San Pedro (Dominican Republic). It's important for parishioners to see how other people live. They're poverty stricken. It's a transformative experience."

McGlannan found out how compassionate members are when she was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer in January 2010.

"It's an extremely caring congregation," McGlannan said. "It's really changed since I've been here, the flexibility. There's a real spiritual maturity and growth. The trust level has increased. During my illness we stayed in touch through the blog."

Carol Kapusky also noticed the change as well as a result of the arrival of McGlannan.

"It was good to experience the transition, to see the resilience of people of St. John's, the caring of people, the strength to grow through change," said Kapusky. "It does take a lot of work, moving forward and someone giving a few dollars, the Women's Guild making money with potluck dinners.

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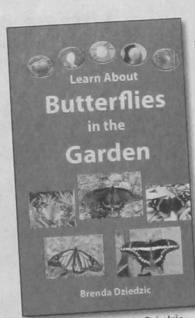
Brenda Dziedzic has learned a thing or two about transformation from the butterflies she has studied the past 10

"Electronic engineering technology - is that crazy, or what?" she said, musing about the job she held before butterflies became a full-time passion.

"Before I retired I started getting into nature. I wish I had gone into entomology. It wouldn't have paid as much, but it would have been more fun.

Since retiring, the Westland resident has studied butterflies in the Amazon rainforest and watched monarchs flutter by in Mexico. She planted butterfly-attracting plants in her backyard, has been raising and releasing the colorful insects since 2002 and last month self-published her first book on her favorite subject.

"I co-founded the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association in 2007 so I could teach more people about how to get back the butterflies that used to be here years go. Then, I thought if a wrote a book I could reach people all over the



Westland resident Branda Dziedzic wrote and self-published a guide to backyard butterfly gardening.

Two years ago she began compiling notes collected over the past decade, transforming them into a guide for the novice butterfly gardener. The result is a 304-page guide, Learn About Butterflies in the Garden, with more than 260 photos, as well as maps detailing where species live, lists and descriptions of plants that attract butterflies and information about metamorphosis - from egg to adult.

"I wanted it for the novice so if someone picked up that book and they saw a butterfly they wanted in their yard, they could go to a list of host plants, plant them and they would have that butterfly," she

PUBLISHING PROCESS

Dziedzic, who has raised 2,909 butterflies over nine years, was a novice when it came to publishing. She learned business essentials - obtaining a tax license and ISBN number - and taught herself how to use a book layout and design program.

"I had a big learning curve," she said. Sheridan Books in Ann

Arbor published her work. The book is available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, between Ford Road and Warren Road in Westland, (734) 421-5959; Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac; (248) 332-6430; Gray's Greenhouse, 8820 Lilley, Plymouth, (734) 453-1220; Master Gardener of Western Wayne County, 5454 Venoy, Wayne, (734) 727-7238; and Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Cost is \$19.95.



Brenda Dziedzic releases butterflies in her Westland garden.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

All but five of the butterflies detailed in the book live in Michigan. Most of them have likely visited Dziedzic's backvard. She posted a video clip on YouTube last year showing more than 30 species of butterflies on a "Pink Delight" butterfly bush in her garden.

"I couldn't believe it," she

said, adding "My yard is like a little island in the neighborhood, but the butterflies smell

Dziedzic said she never set out to start an organization, lecture, and write a book, although she has always wanted to own a butterfly house with native species someday.

In the meantime, her back-

yard is open to visitors for two

days every August. "I always do it in August because I have butterflies in

my yard at all times," she said. Guests this year also will get a chance to see plants with signs indicating their common and Latin names, as well as caterpillars, eggs, and chry-

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BLUES AND MOTHS

Dwayne Badgero, "The Moth Maniac," will describe the blue butterflies and native moths of Michigan at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan **Butterfly Association** (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Meeting cost is \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www. sembabutterfly .com.

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 Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any

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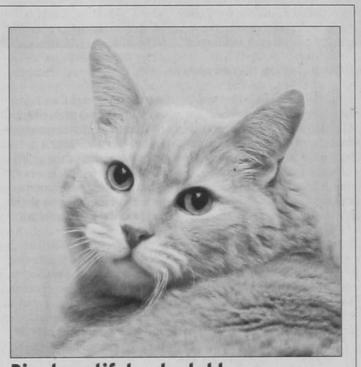
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The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra program also offers workshops and master classes with prominent guest soloists and composers and yearly side-by-side performances with the professional musicians of the Michigan Philharmonic.

To find out more about joining the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, call Jane Libbing at (734) 451-2112.

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Botsford Commons plans an information meeting called "Senior Housing and Services 101," beginning with registration at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 16. The program is designed to provide an education into the world of senior living.

The group of experts will be on hand to help seniors and soon-to-be seniors navigate all issues associated with senior living, including home health care, day care services, senior communities, hospice and other living options.

Speakers will include representatives from Sterling Home

Healthcare of Canton, Hospice of Michigan and Senior Helpers, a Michigan group that provides in-home aid to

senior citizens. Light refreshments also will be served.

Sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Living Center Dining Room, located at 21400 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile in Farmington

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ankie may show swelling and have fluid present. Other joints such as the shoulder often prove difficult to examine as the patient may need to cooperate and follow directions on how to move the joint, but the ability to cooperate is limited.

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Kapusky's documented the history since becoming church historian in 2004. She noted that in the early 1920s the Union street location was rented for Hungarian services due to the large population in the Plymouth area. Kapusky continues to learn new information including the fact her last name is the misspelled Hungarian name of Kapusy.

"It can be like a full time job, organizing, writing a monthly article in the newsletter to share the history. During those years I made contact with the (Plymouth) historical museum, started sending files so we have a decent amount of history on record. A lot of history books refer only to the Univeralists and Catholics being there on Union and never mention the Episcopalians."

History is always an incomplete draft, according to Kapusky who refuses to take all of the credit. Written documentation was carried forward through the years, she said, and parallels the history of Plymouth.

"It's always ongoing. I'm always uncovering information. People come and say this isn't quite right or there's a misspelling. I try to verify in several places," said Kapusky

"It took a lot of determination to keep going through the Depression with the big names in the community, Sidney Strong, the Saxtons, a lot of determined people. I feel like I'm surrounded by spirits. It's a labor of love.'

Jane Libbing remembers the little, white frame church on Maple. She became a member in sixth grade in 1951 after her parents, James and Doris Hardimon came to Plymouth.

When we moved here the whole family became active in the Women's Guild, vestry, the choir, bazaars. I still have a friend today from the youth group," said Libbing. "It's been a tremendous experience for me, brought us together as a family.

The memorial for her father, who died in 1960, funded the stained glass cross in front of the church. It was replaced with the current cross in 1978. James was on the vestry or governing board for the church.

"Mom took over as vestry. There were no women on vestry before," said Libbing, one of the volunteers who tend the Memorial Garden outside the church.

"Mom's and dad's ashes are both there. It's kind of a special place for me. My aunt is there. St. John's will always be home."

Kapusky feels the same way. The Northville woman joined the church 27 years ago.

"We went to a Novi Episcopalian church a couple of times. My husband was a lifelong



St. John's Episcopal Church occupied this building on Union Street from 1920-27.

Episcopalian. We signed the children up for Sunday school and never looked back," said Kapusky who has been a member of the vestry. "I became involved, took over funeral meals, felt comfortable getting involved and working with people. The more I got involved, the more people I knew. Laura Good

used to pass the Sheldon location often and one day decided to join. Her young family has been involved with the church ever since. She lives in Canton. Members come from Plymouth, Livonia, South Lyon, Novi, and Northville.

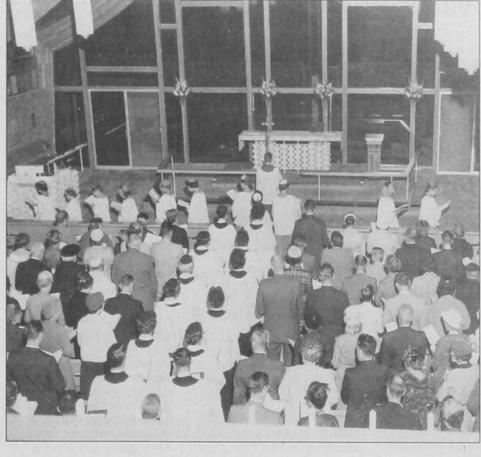
"That was 15 years ago," said Good who grew up in the Episcopalian church. "I was expecting my first child. We raised our two kids in church, Emily, 14 and Sydney, 12. For me I have no family in this state. People here have become a family. Both children love the activities in youth group, fun activities from winter sledding to rock climbing. They can talk about what they don't want to talk to their parents about. It's safe."

Today, Good co-chairs the centennial events committee. The June 19 picnic is the first of 5 events planned to celebrate the anniversary. A historical tour and barbecue follows on Sept. 18, Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner and Hymn Sing Nov. 19. The Centennial Gala Dinner and Dance Feb. 18, at Summit on the Park is the only adultonly event. The activities culminate with the Centennial Festival Eucharist Feb. 19.

"At the picnic we'll be playing turn-of-thecentury games for kids, sack race, hoop racing, three-legged race, hop scotch, and the youth will put together a time capsule," said Good. "We wanted to plan activities for all ages and invited former clergy and members. For the Feb. 19 service we want to give thanks for the first 100 years together and would like to use the service used in 1912."

A display marking the first 100 years continues through February 2012 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The Plymouth District Library hosts a display for the month of November.

St. John's Episcopal Church is at 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.



St. John's 100th anniversary events

• Centennial kick-off service and picnic

The Rev. Robert Shank Jr., the church's fourth resident rector from 1969-94, will participate in 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 19. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided at the picnic, which starts at 11:15 a.m. Bring a dish to share along with a blanket or chair. RSVP by June 10.

· St. John's historical tour and barbecue

12:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Take a two-mile walk to the church's previous locations in downtown Plymouth. Join the fun run or stroll through history. Begins at St. John's with a barbecue followed by a visit to three sites. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 512, \$30 maximum for a familv. RSVP by Sept. 7.

· Thanksgiving potluck dinner and hymn sing

5:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. hymn sing Saturday, Nov. 19. Celebrate blessings received and enjoy a potluck dinner featuring recipes from the church's centennial cookbook. Bring a dish to pass and stay for a traditional hymn sing led by Julie Ford, St. John's Minister of Music. RSVP suggested.

· Centennial gala dinner and dance

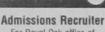
6 p.m. Saturday Feb. 18, 2012, at Summit on the Park, Canton. Enjoy the only adult-only event featuring dining, dancing and video presentation on the first 100 years. Tickets \$40. RSVP by Feb. 1, 2012.

· Centennial festival Eucharist

10 a.m. Sunday Feb. 19, with Bishop Wendell Gibbs, Jr., pastor of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. The congregation celebrates the official centennial anniversary, giving thanks for the first 100 years and praying for guidance and blessings. Reception and fellowship follows service.

All events take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, except for the gala dinner next year at Summit on the Park, Canton. To RSVP, call the church office at (734) 453-0190, or contact Centennial Events Committee co-chairs Laura Good at CLGood@comcast.net or (734) 451-9862 or Michele Jane at bravejayne@yahoo. com or (734) 414-9867.

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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

Class of 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012 E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at lindatracy100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

Rosary High School Class of 1966

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

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;

filocke@aol.com St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1971

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

Southfield High School Class of 1981

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

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1976

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

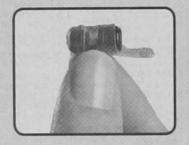
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Bain-Fortes

MAY WEDDING

Thais Araujo Fortes and D. Bruce Bain III were married May 21, 2011, at the home of the groom's parents in Plymouth. Joseph Rork offici-

The bride, daughter of Antonio Cezar Cruz Fortes and Dalva Veras da Cunha Araújo of Teresina, Piauí, Brasil, is a graduate of Universidade Federal do Piauí, Brazil. She holds a Doctor of Medicine degree, and is trained in obstetrics-gynecology, as well as breast cancer surgery. She previously was employed by several hospitals in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The groom, son of Donald and Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township, is a 1993 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. He graduated in 1999 from Eastern Michigan University and earned an M.B.A. in 2009 from Michigan State University. He is employed as a sales engineer by Quest Communications International.

The bride's attendants were Staci Thompson and Emily

The groom's attendants were J. Bradley Hosler and Brandon K. Thompson.

A reception was held at the groom's parents' house.

The newlyweds reside in Plymouth.



Dubay-Alexander

JULY 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 in 1993. He is an engineer with Navistar Defense

A July 2011 wedding is planned at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden





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BENNETT, BETTY E.

Age 86, 12-16-24 to 5-19-11. Survived by sister Muriel and brother Gerald, and children David, Vendla, and Lawrence; as well as 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, also many other family members. Memorial and luncheon on June 4th 12-2pm at Light and Life Church Methodist Church in Westland on Warren Rd.

BISHOP, ALICE G.

Passed away May 28, 2011 at 85. Resident of Livonia, MI. Loving sister of Patricia St. Louis, Barbara (William) Ellsworth and Hopkins. Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews, 32 grand nieces and nephews and 13 great grand nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan). Wednesday 3-9pm Funeral Service were held Thursday at Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. Instate 10am Service 11am. Memorial Contributions may be made to: Endowment Fund CWCC Central Woodward Christian Church



CURIEL,

DOLORES NACHMAN Age 68, of Farmington Hills, MI, ended her 11-year battle with lymphoma on May 30, 2011. Survived by children, David (Amberly Polidor) Curiel and Nora Curiel, and siblings Allan (Joy) Nachman and Linda Goodman. Daughter of the late Nachman. Harry and Shirley Graduate of Mumford High (1960) and University of Michigan (B.A. 1964, M.A. 1965). Spanish teacher at Farmington High School for 16 years, life member of Hadassah, active member of Adat Shalom Synagogue, active in American Association of University Women, volunteer at Detroit Institute of Arts, and children's advocate for Oakland County Court System. Donations may be made in Dolores' honor to Yad Ezra (yadezra.org) or Alliance for Jewish Education (thisisfederation.org).



DETTER, ELIZABETH J.

Born to Walter H. and Bessie D. Nacker on May 11, 1922. She lived on the family farm on 6 Mile in Redford Twp. until 1927 when the family moved to a newly built home in the Strawberry Acres subdivision on Salem Ave. just south of Grand River in Detroit. The family farm then became Glenhurst Golf Course built by her father Walter and his brother Clayton Nacker in 1932. Elizabeth graduated Magna Cum Laud from Redford High on June 10, 1940. She attended Michigan State College later Michigan State University from 1940-1944 graduating with a B.A. degree in Radio, Speech and Dramatics. She taught second grade at Clarenceville Elementary School while taking M.A. classes in education at Wayne State from 1944-1949. Elizabeth married Harvey R. Detter of Detroit June 26, 1946 and the couple had one child David A. Detter born February 1951. Harvey died in 1967. She became a Christian under Billy Graham in the mid - 1950's and was an organist and choir director at First Baptist Church of Livonia for 10 years until 1967. She joined Ward Church in 1968 and was elected the first female ruling elder in 1974. Elizabeth was very active doing sermon research for Dr Hess, Ward's senior pastor from 1969-1991. She played piano for Dr. Hess's Wednesday night bible class and Dr. Bill Greenman's Sunday school class where her son David accompanied her on guitar. She has been a member of Meadowbrook Country Club since 1989. She was a chaplain for the Daughter's of the American Revolution and a member of the Pie Sigma Delta Society. She is survived by her son David, his wife Kelly K, grandson Jack A and step-grandson's Rourick and Bryce David. Wednesday 2-9pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia and Thursday 10am until time of Service at 11am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 West 6 Mile Rd. Northville. Memorials to Lupus Foundation of America or the Americans Helping Americans organization. Share memory at: www.rggrharris.com.



ESCH, BEN O.

Age 84, was called home to the Lord May 30, 2011. Loving husband of Judith. Loving father of Katrina Esch and Elizibeth (Paul) Brown. Grandfather of Duncan Brown. Visitation Sunday 3-8 pm at the Harry Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford. In state Monday 10 am until his funeral service at 11 am at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford. Burial at Glen Eden. Memorials may be made to the National Parks in Ben's honor. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



FLEMING, PAMELA JANE

Age 57, died at home on June 1, in Northville, Michigan after a 21/2 year battle with pancreatic cancer. A 1976 graduate of the Indiana University School of Journalism, Pam was an accomplished writer and reporter for 35 years with positions in Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Michigan. During the past eight years, she was a reporter for the Novi News, the Northville Record and the Insider Business Journal. Though Pam's professional life was spent writing, her true love was golf. To say that Pam was an avid golfer is an understatement. Pam won the Evansville Country Club Women's City Tournament in both 1979 and 1980 and made three holes-in-one over the years. Pam is survived by sisters, Joan Burkert (Gunther) of Burlington, Iowa, Sally Tresselt (Thomas) of West Hartford, CT and sister-in-law Anne Fleming Tannehill (Joseph) of Panama City, FL. In the addition to her family, Pam will be deeply missed by her many friends and colleagues whose lives she has touched. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. A memorial service was held at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, downtown Farmington, on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 am. A private memorial service will be held in Evansville, IN at a later date.



GICZEWSKI, JAMES

Age 23, May 30, 2011. Loving son of Norbert Giczewski and Cathy Judge (Marc Champ). Brother of Andrea and grandson of James & Betty Judge and Norb & Sylvia Giczewski. Godson of Ruth Schettenhelm and Mike Giczewski. He is the nephew of Barney (Kathy) Judge, Tom (Tracey) Judge, Mike (Barbara) Giczewski and Jo (Ron) Marisi. Visitation was Thursday and Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Mass was Saturday at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia. Burial at Glen Eden. Memorials may be made in James's honor to the Children's Defense Fund.

http://www.childrensdefense.org/ support-our-work/ Please visit

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



GOSDZINSKI, JEAN H. (Schumacher)

Age: 78, of Westland, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Providence Hospital in Novi. Jean was born on June 20, 1932 in Delaware Twp, Sanilac Cty, to the late Joseph and Emma Schumacher. She married Alfred Gosdzinski, on November 21, 1953 in Palms, MI. He preceded her in March of 1991. She lived in the Westland area for 48 yrs, where she raised her seven children. Jean truly enjoyed traveling, visiting many places like England, Bahamas Mexico, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Las Vegas to name a few. She is survived by her loving children: Elizabeth Trupiano (Ray), Audrey Piper (Jeffery), Doris Chiles (Loren), Linda Patterson (David), Edward Gosdzinski (Melinda), Thomas Gosdzinski and Julie Eckles; her loving grandchildren: Brian Chisholm (Jennifer), Patrick Chisholm, Brandy Piper, Katherine Chiles, Aaron Chiles (Heidi), Eric Chiles (Christina), Kimberly Beach (Kevin), Jason Patterson (Trina), Kenneth Patterson (Shanell), Joshua Gosdzinski (Kayla); and loving greatgrandchildren: Garrett Beach, Karissa Beach, Logan Patterson and Samantha Chiles. She is also survived by two brothers: Jack Schumacher (Delores) and Laverne Schumacher (Beverly); four sisters: Jenella Cox, June Moy, Lois Peyerk (Clarence) and Shirley Ginther (Norman). Visitation was from 1-9pm Friday, June 3, 2011 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI. Mass was celebrated Saturday, June 4, 2011 at St. Bernardine of Siena Church, Westland. Burial will take place on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at St. John's Cemetery in Ubly, MI.



KURTYKA, JULIA C., Age 67, died peacefully June 2 after a brave battle with cancer. She will be lovingly remembered by her siblings; Marion (Sonia), Carl (Sandra), Mary Reece (Jim) and many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her parents; Joseph and Mary and brother; Joseph Jr. Julia received a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music from U of M. She was an accomplished violinist and played with the Birmingham Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe, Redford, Plymouth, Dearborn and Livonia Symphonies, the Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra and was co-founder of the Lexington Bach Festival. She also taught private lessons and dedicated 23 years to the Livonia Youth Orchestra. Julia was recently honored by the City of Livonia and State of Michigan for her years of teaching the youth of Michigan; she will be remembered for her wonderful spirit; contagious laughter, love of music and dedication to sharing that passion with her students. Visitation 6-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-9 p.m. Sunday with a Parastas service at 7:00 p.m. at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 8809 Wayne Road (at Joy Rd) in Livonia. Instate 9:30 A.M. Monday at St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church, 26355 W Chicago, Redford, MI (between Beech Daly & Inkster Rds.) until the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Michael's Orthodox Church or the Lexington Bach Festival would be appreciated. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Professional Mortuary Services, (313) 894-1334.



LECLAIRE, NANCY BAILEY BARNARD

Age 59, lost her hard fought battle with cancer on May 28, 2011. She was born on October 10, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Kenneth W. and Iva (Murdock) Bailey. Nancy graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School in Birmingham, MI and earned a Bachelor Degree in Education from Michigan State University in 1973 She taught education at Gaylord Public Schools for 36 years all at South Maple Elementary School. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents. Survived by her husband Mitchell, sister Kathy (Jim) Nowak, son Jeffrey Barnard and friend Amanda, daughter Leanne (Jeffrey) Mazur, stepdaughter Amy LeClaire (Kenny) Berent, Stepson Adam LeClaire and fiance Amy Zyck and two lovely granddaughters Sophié and Maisy. Nancy loved her job and her South Maple family. Her optimism and strong faith were extraordinary and her family was first and foremost in her life. She enjoyed reading, walking, golfing and her home on the lake. According to her wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

MOROCH, MARIE L.

Age 85, of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Peter. Loving mother of Cheryl (David) Kaszuba, Susan Moroch and Cindy Nimety. Proud grandma of Joel (Kate), Corey and Alexendra and great-grandma of Kaya and Cedar. receded in death by daughter Leigh Marie. Dearest sister of Jane Regan and Nancy Quintero. Also survived by many other loving family and friends Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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NIEDERMEYER, JEANNE R.

Hubert, NC; formarilly of Plymouth. Age 85, died Mon., May 30, 2011 after a long illness. www.jonesfh.org



FLANEGIN, PATRICIA

DECEMBER 20, 1925 - MAY 21, 2011. PITTSBORO, NC. Patricia Nixon Flanegin of Pittsboro, NC, died at 8:30p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2011 University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC. Born Patricia Josephine Quinn in Chicago, IL on December 20, 1925, she was the daughter of Vincent Quinn and Jeannette Birren Quinn and the sister of Carol Quinn Fiske. Patricia attended Rosemont College in Bryn Mawr, PA where she graduated with majors in Art and English in 1947. She worked in Peoria, IL as a graphic designer and later in Chicago as a proofreader for Field Enterprise's World Book Encyclopedia. Patricia married Robert K. Nixon, MD in 1953. She lived for over three decades in Birmingham, MI, and had two daughters, Carrie and Eve. In 1986 Patricia and Robert moved to Pittsboro, NC. Patricia Nixon Flanegin was a woman of rare internal and external beauty, tireless intellect, and an intense devotion to her family and friends. Motivated by her deep Catholic faith and life-long commitment to helping the poor and unwanted, Patricia volunteered in leadership roles in the Junior League, the open housing/civil rights movement, Head Start, the right-to-life movement, and other causes. As one friend said, "She had an open heart for the whole world." Patricia remained vital, involved, and elegant until the end, and expressed interest in each person whom she met. From a family of artists, Patricia excelled at sculpture and served as a Docent at the Ackland Art Museum in Chapel Hill. She loved classical music as well as literature from authors across the globe. Patricia devoted herself to caring for her first husband, Robert K. Nixon, MD, who died in 1997, and has been likewise dedicated to her current husband Robert L. Flanegin. Patricia's grieving survivors include her husband, Robert L. Flanegin; her daughters, Eve Nixon Shaffer of Lincolnton, NC and Carrie Nixon of Worcester, MA; four grandchildren, Sarah Shaffer, Matthew Michael Lincolnton, NC and Rebecca Wood, of Cincinnati, OH; two nephews, Quinn Fiske and Anthony Fiske; and two stepsons, James and Scott Flanegin. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 26 at St. Thomas More Church, 940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or Project HOPE, 255 Carter Hall Lane, Millwood, VA 22646.



REID, LORENE HARRIS

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI; passed away peacefully at home on May 20, 2011 Lorene was born December 2, 1931 in Norman, Oklahoma, to Loyd Erwin and Maurine Dill Harris. She was the devoted wife of Glenn; loving mother of James Reid (Alexis), David Reid (Diane), Douglas Reid (Beth) and Sheri Reid Grant; proud grandmother of Erin Reid Barbossa, Emily, Mary, Rachel, Caitlin, and Andrew Reid, Megan and Nathan Grant; loving sister of Ronald Harris. She graduated from Ohio State in 1953 and began a successful teaching career. Lorene retired in 1995 from Avondale School District after 32 years of service. She developed and directed the district's Gifted and Talented Program, which included outstanding work with autistic students. In retirement she used her passion, to research her family's history. Her enthusiasm and dedication to genealogy took her many places not only around the US, abroad, including England, Scotland and Germany. Lorene's favorite things in the world were her genealogy research, teaching, coffee, bridge playing bridge and of course...SHOES! A Memorial will be

held in her honor at The Radisson Kingsley, in Bloomfield Hills, MI from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 12, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Family History Center, 5574 Castleton Drive. Bloomfield, MI 48322. Share condolence and memories at:

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RAYBURN, JOHN BOYD "JACK"

Age78, May 30, 2011. Beloved husband of Louise. Loving father of Lisa (Steve) Rief, Andrea (Chuck) Karbon, Diane (Scott) Campbell and Tracy (David) Miller. Dear grandfather of Jack was a Korean War veteran. Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday and Friday 3-8 PM. Funeral Service at the Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Saturday at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory of Jack in his guest-

book at: www.rggrharris.com



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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE St. Mary Mercy Hospital

- "Taking Control," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, features Alan Kott. a member of the sanofi-aventis AIC Champions Program, which is a patientled approach to diabetes education. Admission is free. No pre-registration required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8947 for more information. · Baby Basics runs 10 a.m. to 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."

· Senior Health Day Fair will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Includes health screenings, speakers, exercise demonstrations, a cooking demonstration, and free prizes and giveaways. Free boxed lunches available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration for the event is preferred. Call (734) 655-2929. 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. to 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

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Kidney treatment

Individuals facing kidney failure can learn about the treatment options that best suit their health and lifestyle needs at a Treatment Options Program (TOPs) session, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14 at Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners 6064 N. Sheldon, Canton. Healthcare professionals will talk about managing chronic kidney disease, dialysis treatment options, kidney transplants, patient support services and more. The session is free and open to the public. For more information, call Christine Hilmer at (586) 431-5084.

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)

Men's Health: Knowing **Some Warning Signs Can Save Lives** (And Relationships)

Evidence that links heart disease mounting during the past several years. In one study, 65% of men who experienced a heart attack had erectile dysfunction (E.D.) and no history of heart disease Additionally, it has been documente that some men experience their first heart attack about 3 years after their first signs of E.D.! Because the penile arteries are much smaller than arteries of the heart, evidence of cardiovascular disease can manifest first as Erectile Dysfunction symptoms, long

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oven otherwise. Erectile Dysfunction (ED) is a conproblem that affects millions of men. It is a barometer of overall Men's Health that can be an indicator of mor serious life-threatening conditions such as her disease, diabetes, and prostate cancer. It can also contribute to self-esteem issues, anxiety, depressive mood, and tension within a

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Summer camp

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

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.

Be careful! Use caution to avoid false morel mushrooms

Every spring Michigan mushroom hunters take to the forest to hunt morels. But the pleasant pastime can turn dangerous if false morels are mistaken for true morel mushrooms and are consumed.

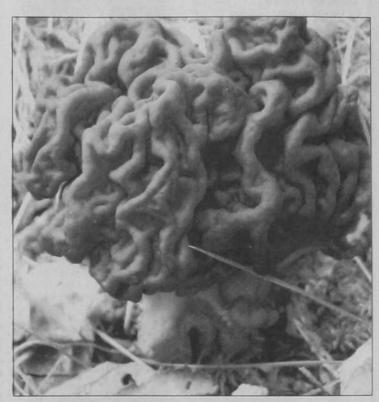
Over the past few weeks, Children's Hospital of Michigan Poison Control Center (PCC) has seen an unusually high number of patients with severe toxicity - resulting in hospitalization - after eating mushrooms that look like morels.

False morel mushrooms contain the toxin gyromitrin which is toxic to the liver and can lead to abdominal pain, hepatitis and jaundice within 48 hours. Bruising and bleeding, resulting from the loss of blood-clotting factors, also can occur in serious cases.

Illness usually begins six to 48 hours after consuming false morels. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dizziness, headache, muscle cramps, bloating, and fatigue. Individuals may develop confusion, delirium, seizures and coma, if they aren't treated.

False morels include the Beefsteak (Gyromitra esculenta) and Early Morel (Verpa bohemica) mushrooms.

Beefsteaks (Gyromitra esculenta) have wrinkled caps that look like brains when the mushroom is mature. When immature, they may be smooth or saddle-shaped. The stem may be narrow, pith-filled or one or two vertical chambers or hollow. The stem may also



Eating a false morel, such as this 'Beefsteak' mushroom, can cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dizziness, headache, muscle cramps, bloating, and fatigue. Untreated, individuals may develop confusion, delirium, seizures and coma. False morels contain gyromitrin, which is toxic

be thick with many chambers as if the flesh were folded vertically.

The early morel (Verpa bohemica) looks like the true morel, but its cap hangs around the stem. The cap and stem are joined at the top of the cap. The entire mushroom body is a single hollow cavity.

True morels (Morchella species) are pitted and ridged not wrinkled or brain-like. The cap and stem are joined at the base of the stem or no more

than halfway into the cap.

EATING TOO MANY

True morels are known for their incredible flavor, but they also can cause illness if large amounts are eaten, they are undercooked or eaten raw, or if they are consumed with alcoholic beverages. For true morels, toxicity begins within a few hours and consists of nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain lasting less than 24

Wild, edible mushrooms picked from contaminated habitats, such as chemicallytreated lawns, ornamental trees, and areas near landfills and crop fields, also can cause illness.

When eating wild mushrooms, reserve a few in the refrigerator in case illness develops. If symptoms develop, see a physician immediately. Take the reserved specimens along in a paper bag to the doctor's office or emergency room.

The Poison Control Center also can accept e-mailed photos for identification. Individuals with questions or concerns regarding wild mushrooms can call the center at (800) 222-1222.

A fact sheet about morels also is available on the Department of Community Health Web site at www. michigan.gov/mdch-toxics.

The Michigan Mushroom Hunters also offers information at michiganmushroomhunters.org. Membership in the organization is \$15 annually for Michigan households and includes a quarterly newsletter, members-only mushroom hunts and discounts on North American Mycology Association dues.

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Passed Over For The Job? How To Ask Why ... And How To Take It

Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

Let's face it: Getting rejected is an unpleasant experience. But job seekers who can muster the courage to ask the people they interviewed with why they didn't get the offer may reap benefits that can bolster their job search. Here, a few tips to make the exchange more comfortable for all involved.

Act quickly

Don't give the appearance that you've been sitting around brooding. Talk to the appropriate interviewer, recruiter or human resources www.careerbuilder.com representative while your candidacy is still fresh in the person's mind.

"If you decide to ask why you weren't selected, you should do it as soon as you are notified that you were not the winning candidate," says John Scanlan, assistant director www.careerbuilder.com of the career services center at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio www.careerbuilder.com, "If you do not receive notification, you can call. the company a day or so after the date they said they would have a

Terry Henley, director of compensation www.careerbuilder.com services at Employers Resource Association (a nonprofit www.careerbuilder.com serving small and medium businesses in Ohio www.careerbuilder.com, Kentucky

www.careerbuilder.com and Indiana www.careerbuilder.com, notes that promptly requesting feedback can have advantages. "It signals that there was genuine interest in the position/ company, and should the initial hire back out or fail some type of screening, there might be an immediate opportunity for reconsideration of employment." Even if that doesn't happen, the interviewer might be impressed enough by your action to keep your résumé at his

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Puzzled by what to say? Henley suggests this "nonthreatening, minimally awkward" approach: "While I am disappointed in not being chosen for this position because of (pick one)

- (a) the reputation of your company,
- (b) the obvious challenges and opportunities of the position,
- (c) how well this position fits into my desired career path,
- (d) the opportunity to learn (fill in blank) from a person with the experience of (fill in blank),

I really would appreciate any feedback regarding why I was not selected because that might give me valuable insight into what I need to do to prepare myself better for such an opportunity in the future."

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organization's merits. Then, you can say something like, "I want to be ready for the next opportunity that comes up, whether at your company or somewhere else, so I was wondering if you could tell me why I was not selected?" or "Can you tell me about your decision to hire a different candidate? Did you see something that I might be able to work on for the next opportunity?"

Some interviewers are uncomfortable talking about hiring decisions for fear of litigation. If you sense trepidation, another route to try is asking what you did well, such as what the person liked about your interview, your style or your answers. "It will be easier for the

interviewer to talk about these things since they are positive aspects of your presentation. From the responses, you'll learn what behaviors to repeat during other interviews moving forward," Scanlan says.

Dealing with feedback

While asking may seem hard enough, dealing with what comes next can be even more challenging.

"You must prepare yourself to hear some unflattering or difficult things, Scanlan says. "It's important to be open to what the employer has to say and avoid a defensive mindset. Never argue a point with the person. The decision has already been made, so you're not going to change anyone's mind. Also, if you try to dispute what

is said, you may convince the company not to consider you for another opportunity down the road."

According to Henley, those who keep an open mind can receive valuable information. "If the applicants truly want to learn about how they can better themselves, there might be some real 'nuggets' in the feedback. This might help them refocus their training, education www.careerbuilder.com and/or their interviewing skills."

Some things the interviewer might point out include:

- · Lack of experience in an area the employer deems crucial
- · Insufficient education
- · Not showing enough enthusiasm or assertiveness in the interview
- Not asking enough questions about the job or company
- Lack of thorough preparation for the interview

It takes thick skin to handle criticism, and you might feel a little deflated. A successful job seeker. however, doesn't treat the comments as a personal affront. Instead, he considers how to strengthen his candidacy in the future based on these observations and may even reevaluate the types of positions for which he applies. In the end, when a great new job is yours, you'll be glad you had the courage to ask.

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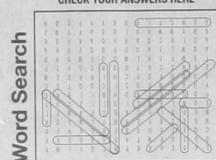
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50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 49-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 27962317 LET'S GO! I am a SWF, 5'2", In my 60s, brown eyes, brunette, who loves movies, casinos, arts, etc. ISO tall, 60-75, gentleman, for a possible relationship. Call and leave a ssage. 17982305

SUNRISES AND SUNSETS Let's be happy together! SWPF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, professional, caring, beautiful

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I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no I,Q, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1982! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a SJPF, 47, 58", blonde, shapety, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. \$\textit{T324039}\$ gan soon. 17324039

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SEEKING A BLACK MAN SBF, 44, no children, lives alone, look-ing for a non-smoking, non-drinking, drug-free man who enjoys travel, play-ing cards, getting together and just hav-ing a good time. TF332295 COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 49, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter.

SEEKING A BLACK MAN

T230694 VERY CUTE SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone spe-

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only, 17230791

SEKING COMPANIONSHIP
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like to have good male companionship
with a WM, 50-65. TC330750 I'LL BE WAITING

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DWF, 65, 5'2", 107lbs, two grown sons and one granddaughter, looking for SWM, 58-66, WS, who is family-oriented, easy to communicate with, and fun to be with. I love concerts, dining out, taking walks, \$T_{334842}\$

walks. 27334842 SNOW WHITE WIWF, 69, 125lbs, looking for prince charming, to enjoy life together you will be glad when we meet. \$\mathbf{T}\$323678

LET'S GO CAMPING SWF, 52, 55°, plus size, beautiful eyes, pretty smile, NS, seeks WM, 50-62, NS, for long walks, swimming, outdoors, possible LTR. TP338080

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It seems like no matter how high gas prices go, no matter how expensive they get and no matter how impractical they might be, the muscle car never seems to go away. Not that I'm complaining; I'm just making an observation.

The hold the American muscle car has on our collective automotive psyche is strong.

It survived the Arab oil embargo of the 1970s, the import invasion that followed and even the graying of the Baby Boom generation that made it popular. Nothing, it seems, can kill off the muscle car. And while they don't make sense for everyone (what one vehicle does?), it's cool to see they're still

The 2011 Dodge Challenger R/T is a worthy entry in the muscle-car market. With a style that evokes the classic Challengers from the early 1970s, it fits right in with this wave of retro muscle cars we're seeing, including the Ford Mustang and the Chevrolet Camaro.

If you've seen the classic 1970-74 Challenger, you'll have no trouble spotting the new Challenger in a lineup.

The Challenger R/T features a restyled trapezoidal front air dam with a larger opening to cool down the HEMI V8 under the hood.

There's a larger "duck bill" front spoiler to provide additional downforce. The R/T comes with chrome exhaust tips, 18-inch aluminum wheels, a body-colored rear spoiler, and fog lamps.

Spring for another \$1,350 and you can get 20-inch aluminum chrome-clad wheels with performance tires. It's a hot look and one

that will get you noticed when you drive it. Inside, the cabin is retro cool.

The instrument panel features ice-blue backlighting and includes the expected tachometer and temperature gauge (an oilpressure gauge would have been a nice

The leather-wrapped steering wheel features controls for the audio system and for the Electronic Vehicle Information Center.

There's plenty of chrome accents, as well, and the shift knob is wrapped in leather.

There's no problem with leg room up front. I'm not sure anyone would buy any muscle car based on rear seating room, but if it is something that you're looking at, the Challenger does have more rear head room (37.4 inches), and leg room than other cars in its segment (32.6 inches).

The cloth seats (leather is optional) themselves are comfortable and provide good

The power driver's seat features a power lumbar adjustment, and the passenger seat is also power-adjustable.

The R/T comes with automatic climate control, power windows and locks, keyless entry and cruise control.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/ CD system that includes satellite radio and six speakers and Uconnect with Bluetooth, a voice-activated system that allows you to control your audio system with voice command

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The Challenger R/T is powered by V8 HEMI that generates 376 horsepower.

Acoustics speakers with a subwoofer. Hey, a muscle car needs muscle sound,

right? A navigation system with integrated real-time traffic is also available. Of course, all that is nice enough, but the

real test of a muscle car is under the hood and on the road.

The Challenger R/T does not disappoint. Under the hood on the R/T is 5.7-liter V8 HEMI with Variable Valve Timing.

This engine is rated at 376 horsepower and 410 lb.-ft. of torque for plenty of power off the line (0-60 in less than six seconds). The engine is mated with a Tremec

TR6060 6-speed manual transmission (there is an optional automatic, but you lose 4 horses and 10 lb.-ft. of torque). There's a throaty growl to this powertrain -

- you're not sneaking up on anybody driving

Even with the fuel-saving Variable Valve Timing, this is not a gas-sipper. EPA rates this combo at 15 mpg on city driving and 24 mpg on the highway. But you knew performance comes at a price, right?

For comparison, the 3.6-liter V6 that comes with the SE version of the Challenger is rated at 18 mpg in the city and 27 on the highway, but your horses drop from 372 to 305 and your torque from 400 lb.-ft. to 268

Mid-grade fuel is recommended for the HEMI, but Chrysler says regular unleaded is "acceptable."

The R/T's suspension features redesigned front- and rear-suspension geometries. The new design features lightweight front- and rear-suspension cradles that create a rigid



The power-assisted steering makes it easy to maneuver and the 4-wheel anti-lock brakes are excellent. Stability control and all-

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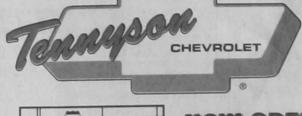
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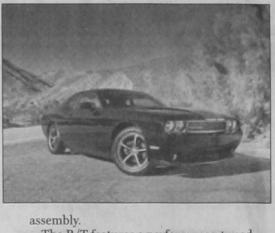
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