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Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe visited **Tonda Elementary School** Wednesday.

Gordie visits

Hockey legend Gordie Howe was simply on extended grandpa duty when he stopped into **Tonda Elementary School** Wednesday, with his son and daughter-in-law to visit their nephew, Connor Moore, who played Beethoven in the school's Wax Museum project.

Howe was met by several staff and parents who recognized him, but was also met by a miniature version of himself. Joey Travian, also a third-grader, chose to portray Mr. Hockey in the Wax Museum project.

"Connor came home from school on Tuesday and said 'Mom did you know that Gordie Howe is a person?' said Jennifer Moore, Connor's mom. "I said, 'Of course Gordie's a real person!" To which Connor responded,

BEATING THE HEAT



Five-year-old Madison Chirillo enjoys the splash pad on a 95-degree day

BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officials hope 'third time's a charm' for I-275 grant

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Stung twice after federal officials last year snubbed two separate grant proposals to reshape the traffic-clogged I-275/Ford Road interchange, Canton officials are poised for a third try following reports of yet another potential round of economic-stimulus transportation dollars.

"We're hoping that we can make something happen," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

LaJoy and Municipal Services Director Tim Faas traveled Wednesday to Lansing to meet with Kirk Steudle, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Carmine Palumbo, transportation director for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, amid hopes of mounting a united campaign by local, regional and state official "We thought the outcome of the meeting was good," LaJoy said. The talks came as reports out of Washington, D.C., indicate that a third round of TIGER dollars - Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery - could come from the latest federal budget. "It's in the federal budget," LaJoy said. "The feeling is that there will be (another round)." As early as April, the Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board had reported there would be a third round of TIGER grant dollars. The popular yet highly competitive grants can be used for almost any road project, if officials competing for the money can win over federal authorities. Reports from the nation's capital have indicated that as much as \$528 million could become available for the latest installment of TIGER dollars, with a likely late-summer application deadline and a decision in winter of chosen projects. Canton's proposed project has twice lost out on more than \$20 million to reshape the 1-275 interchange in hopes of easing traffic along Ford Road, which has some of the state's highest-crash intersections such as Haggerty and Ford. Years ago, even before the IKEA store opened, traffic counts had indicated that as many as 50,000 vehicles a day traveled the Ford-Haggerty area, Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden said. Moreover, officials say traffic has likely increased as Canton witnessed an 18-percent spike in population during the last decade, according to the latest U.S. Census figures that put the township's population at 90,173 residents. When asked if he believes the new population statistics could bolster Canton's argument for TIGER dollars, LaJoy said "absolutely."

Yeah, but Mom, other people who don't know my Uncle Murray know about him!"

The third-grade students each selected a famous person to research, report on, and portray in the wax museum. The children showed creativity and hard work.

Party plans

The Senior Party Committee for the Class of 2011 members are inviting adults and sponsors (no students) to Salem High School 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

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Splash pad a popular choice

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Besieged by a heat index that flirted with 100 degrees and a home air-conditioner that had quit working, Canton mom Lori Chirillo and daughters Madison, 5, and Chloe, 3, found refuge Wednesday afternoon by visiting their neighborhood splash playground at Flodin Park.

"It's cool. I like the water," Madison said, drenching herself as a scorching sun baked the park near Saltz and

Morton Taylor roads.

Chloe found relief by standing under a red bucket that tipped over and dumped water on her after it filled to capacity.

"I like it when it falls over," she said, giggling.

Canton's second splash playground the other is at Summit on the Park - garnered little attention last year due to glitches that forced a late-season grand opening.

This year, it appears certain to draw more visitors to Flodin Park, already a popular destination, as children beat the summer heat.

"I think it's great," Chirillo said. "It's very convenient for us because we can walk to it or ride our bikes."

Flodin Park's splash pad cost \$180,000 - money that Wayne **County Commissioner Kevin** McNamara helped bring home from Wayne County parks tax dollars that local residents pay out.

"It's especially important to bring

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Hope for Hunter: Fundraiser to help family struggling with cancer



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Hunter Donegan, 10, faces amputation of her left leg after a tumor was detected following a playground fall.

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When Dale and Pat Bennett took their 10year-old granddaughter, Hunter Donegan, to urgent care that March Sunday morning, they were sure Hunter's left leg was still bothering her because of a playground fall she'd suffered two

"We've set you up with an appointment at Mott Children's Hospital," they knew they were wrong.

When doctors X-raved Hunter's leg, they found a large cancerous tumor that was eating away at the bone and urged the family to get to Mott straight away.

"(The doctor) didn't do anything (medically) except an X-ray," Pat Bennett said. "We couldn't believe it."

Pat Bennett made the drive to Ann Arbor that afternoon, and Hunter

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Grief workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Room A-105 at Ward Church in Northville

Details: Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of Grieving Forward: Death Happened. Now What? Contact: Call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays through November Location: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton

Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education. Contact: For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety. org or call (734) 397-0088.

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Alexandria Amolsch and son Akeem enjoy the splash pad.

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some of those tax dollars to Canton because Canton does not have any county parks," McNamara said. "It's important that Canton residents get some of the tax dollars they send to Wayne County.'

Unlike communities such as Livonia, which benefits from the county's Hines Park, Canton has local parks, though projects such as the Flodin Park splash pad and Canton's new dog park have received Wayne County parks millage dollars.

Residents outside of Canton also use the amenities. On Wednesday, Alexandria Amolsch, 18, stopped by Flodin Park's splash pad with 18month-old son Akeem and Amolsch's longtime friend, 19-year-old Cheyenne Manning.

"We were riding by and saw it," Amolsch said. "We wanted to go swimming but we don't have a pool of our own, so this is great.'

Amolsch and Manning had cooled off, too. "The water is super cold," Manning said, "and it's so hot outside, so it feels great."

The splash pad has a yellow pagoda to shield a toddler play area during peak-temperature hours. Brad Sharp, Canton parks manager, has said the splash playground pumps 50 gallons a minute from a 67-foot-deep groundwater well.

There's no water bill," he said when the splash pad opened, "and it's fresh, clean water."



Madison Chirillo, 5, and sister Chloe, 3, run through the water.

And it's a hit with children such as Akeem, who voiced his favorable opinion with a loud shriek that his mother translated. "He's loving it," she said.

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A story in Thursday's Observer about the BLAST cancer fundraiser at Mettetal Airport should have said Chef John Cortez cooks for a group called "Chefs for Cancer."



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Canton grub crawl provides bargain dining experience

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Imagine paying \$35 to dine at 13 Canton restaurants.

That's a \$2.70 tab for each eatery - not bad even for the most budget-conscious food connoisseur who's ready to ditch the kitchen, round up friends and splurge for one night when calorie-counting gets a mouth-watering reprieve.

It's almost time for the 10th annual Grub Crawl - one delectable evening each year when local restaurants team up with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Township and the Downtown Development Authority to let food lovers thrown down.

It happens 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, and it works like this:

Grub crawlers age 21 and older pay \$35 for a T-shirt that serves as their admission to local restaurants that set aside special sections where they plan to serve items such as house-smoked ribs, palate-pleasing pizza, lip-smacking pasta and fresh-baked bread.

Patrons are assigned a starting point and, from there, they can make their rounds by boarding shuttle buses that travel the Grub Crawl route - or they can drive themselves.

The event sold out last year - more than 500 tickets - as it continues to grow. This year will be the first Grub Crawl since Tracey Rettig became the Canton chamber's new president, but she's been schooled.

'It sells out every year," she said. Grub crawlers this year will make their rounds to Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carraba's Italian Grill, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, the

Crow's Nest, the new Olga's, Rose's Restaurant, Super Bowl of Canton, T.G.I. Friday's, Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats and T.C. Gators Sports Page

Hayden's Grill and Bar will host a post-Grub Crawl party starting at 9:30 p.m.

Janice and Doug Hartleib, owners of Tim & Sally's, located southeast of Geddes and Canton Center, plan to participate for the first time.

"We are in a slightly hidden location, and we see this as an opportunity to introduce everyone who doesn't know we're here to our restaurant," Janice Hartleib said. "We're really looking forward to it. We're going to showcase our housesmoked meats that night."

That means ribs, pork and chicken. Any questions? Thought not.

As a sour economy still lingers for many people, Rettig said Grub Crawl offers an affordable night out and also allows businesses a chance to flaunt their food amid hopes of luring customers back

A word to Grub Crawl newcomers: Pace yourselves. It's a long night. Don't fill up in one stop. And loosen your belts.

This year's Grub Crawl T-shirts are red. They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, just west of Canton Center. Or, go to www.cantonchamber. com, click on the forms/flyers link, print a ticket order form and take it to the chamber office.

For more information, call (734) 453-4040. Major sponsors this year are Atchinson Ford Sales Inc., PNC Bank, Schoolcraft College, Showroom of Elegance, TDS Metrocom and Yazaki North America, Inc.

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Canton officers get MADD honors for drunken driving arrests

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Police Officers Michael Andes and Brandon Hayford have one word of advice for drivers who consider getting behind the wheel after drinking too much alcohol. Don't.

Andes arrested 57 drunken drivers last year - more than any other Canton police officer. Hayford ranked a close second with 52 arrests.

Their efforts earned them LifeSaver Awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Michigan, which honored officers from more than 50 law enforcement agencies during a ceremony and luncheon Thursday at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Livonia.

Canton Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr commended Andes and Hayford for their combined 109 drunken driving arrests last year, saving their efforts made local roads



Hayford

safer for law-abiding motorists

"It shows the community that we are out there putting a priority on making the roads safer," Kerr said. "These officers made it one of their priorities to arrest drunk drivers.'

It marked the third year in a row Andes has earned a LifeSaver Award.

Hayford's honor came just one week after his overall law-enforcement efforts earned him the title of 2010 Canton Police Officer of the Year during an awards ceremony at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Andes has been a Canton

officer since 2007; Hayford, since 2006.

Their efforts provide an incentive for all officers to make drunk driving enforcement a priority," Kerr said. Holiday Inn sponsored Thursday's program along with Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith.

Janette Kolodge, MADD's state executive director, said 299 people died last year in Michigan in alcohol-related crashes. They were among 11,000 drunken driving fatalities across the nation.

Another 500,000 people were injured last year in alcohol-related crashes.

Kolodge said MADD and law enforcement agencies work together every year on numerous projects, such as efforts to get motorists to tie red ribbons to their vehicles during the year-end holiday season to draw attention to efforts to combat drunken driving.

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Retirement beckons for PCA chief

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

This time, it's for good.

David Butler, the head of school at Plymouth Christian Academy, announced he'll retire with the close of the school year, the second time Butler, who served a total of 13 years at the school, has left.

Butler and his wife, Gail, who has taught at the school for 23 years (most of it as a fourth-grade teacher), decided the time has come.

"You know when it's time," said Butler, who taught for more than 30 years in the Southfield district before coming to PCA. "It has run its course."

Butler had been the secondary principal at PCA for nine years before leaving seven years ago when the school's board decided to "go in a different direction." That decision didn't work out as well as officials had hoped and, three years later, Butler came back.

Butler said he left because the "philosophy of the school" had shifted and changes were made. He said the intervening years before his return weren't easy.

"It was a hard three years ... we weren't ready for retirement at that point," he said. "Gail and I came back to help stabilize the school, and we did that. Now (the school) is at a point where they can bring someone in, and they have."

The last 13 years of his career have been different from the first 30. In one graduating class at Southfield, some 1,100 students graduated. PCA, meanwhile, has a total enrollment of some 620 students

The pupil-student ratio at PCA is a very cozy 14:1. "(Southfield) was very impersonal, more dispens-

ing knowledge than actual learning because there were just too many kids," Butler said. "There's a lot more personal interest in the kids here. It's a different world.

Some of the challenges, though, are the same. PCA has had tough budgetary times, like most schools, In Michigan's tough economy, many students who wish to go to PCA simply can't afford it. And PCA teachers, like many public school teachers, end up reaching into their own pockets to help with things like supplies.

There are a lot of people who want to come here, but they can't because they've lost their job or whatever," Butler said. "This is a place where their kids are safe.

It's also a place where their kids excel. According to Butler, 75 percent of the entire student body is



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy Head of School Dr. David Butler, here congratulating graduate Caleb Michael York during last week's commencement, has announced his retirement after a total of 13 years in two stints at the school.

on the honor roll, and a whopping 88 percent of the junior class is on the honor roll.

"We have a great, very loving staff, and they want to take these high-quality kids and have an impact for eternity," Butler said. "And the kids themselves have high expectations."

With all that, the couple looks forward to retirement this time.

"I love the kids, and I love the staff, but it has to stop sometime, and it's time," Gail Butler said. "We're a team. When my husband said he was retiring, I said, 'So am I."

The Butlers aren't sure what they'll do with their new retirement.

"We're people of faith, and we trust in God," Butler said. "We see how God has worked things out in our lives, so we know it'll be OK. He'll have something for us."

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Students face court after park pranks

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The last day of school for seniors at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park could end up being a costly one, though apparently not for any seniors.

As many as 10 or more students according to district administrators all of them underclassmen - face potential disciplinary actions, which could include a trip to 35th District Court, after a series of incidents that included a food fight in the Salem High School cafeteria Wednesday.

The pranks started with students getting into the library and rearranging all the furniture, then escalated into what appeared to be an organized food fight in the cafeteria, before spilling out onto park grounds, where a variety of items including what appeared to be full plastic bottles of drinking water - started flying across the sky.

Ironically, although it was the last day of school for the seniors, park Principal Bill Zolkowski said none were involved in any part of the fracas.

"We've identified some of (students) involved, and they've been dealt with," Zolkowski said. "No seniors were involved at all. They were exemplary in every way."

Many of the others weren't, and Canton Police who were on hand, as they are every year near the end of school, said the ones who weren't face stiff penalties. Lt. Scott Hilden, the Canton Police lieutenant charged with overseeing the operation at the park as school nears its end, said there's an ordinance that specifically prohibits behavior that disrupts the school environment.

Students whose behavior rises to the level of violating that ordinance, once they're identified by district officials, could face issuance of an appearance ticket that will require them to report to court. Hilden said parents should take note.

"We've had some incidents the last few days of food fights, water-bottle throwing, fire alarm activation, etc.," Hilden said. "We are taking a zero-tolerance approach, and parents need to understand if their child is involved in any way ... he or she not only faces significant suspension from the administration, but could also be charged criminally."

Videos of the food fight and the bottlethrowing turned up quickly on YouTube. In the videos, hundreds of students can be seen milling around outside the school, with the bottles flying through the air. Some students can be heard screaming, others laughing.

Zolkowski said the trouble can be traced to newer students who haven't yet found their place in the park community.

"We'll deal with the egregious behavior swiftly and severely," he said. "We've got students who are new to our community. We've got to make them feel that this is their home."

Hilden, who has organized the police supervision at the park the last few years, said the vast majority of the park's 6,400 students are well-behaved. However, he said, there is a "group of kids who have no respect for authority, for the administration and staff." The problem, Hilden said, is with that number of children, things can get out of hand.

"The kids seem to think it's fun and games," Hilden said. "When you have thousands of people moving around that campus, it becomes dangerous to have this irresponsible behavior.

"We're dealing with it with the administration, and it'll come to an end," Hilden added. "Unfortunately, a lot of kids are going to get in a lot of trouble if parents don't get them to behave properly. You have a handful of kids making it difficult for the rest of the people up there. Those kids are going to eventually end up with some pretty heavy consequences."

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Resignation leaves W-W board looking for new member

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

For the second time in four months, the Wavne-Westland school board will meet in special session to appoint a new school board member, following the resignation of Trustee William Gabriel. Gabriel, controller for the city of

Westland, resigned his position, effective May 26, "due to circumstances beyond my control."

"When I elected to the board in 2008, I was proud to serve alongside each board member at that time that sincerely had the best interests of the district's students as a guideline for every decision that was made," Gabriel said in his resignation letter. "With the board's support, the administration and staff led by Dr. (Greg) Baracy always focused on our students first, and evidence has shown that student achievement has been the driving force of the district. However, the dynamics of the board have changed; and my job responsibilities have increased at City Hall which would limit my commitment to the board."

"I'm kind of shocked," said school board President Skip

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Monit. "It's kind of unfortunate. Bill brought a very fresh outlook to the board. When he spoke, he was very frank and to the point. The school district is losing a very valuable voice.

Gabriel, a Westland resident. was completing the third year of his four-year term that was punctuated with a four-day strike by teachers in October 2008 and the closing of six elementary schools and the reconfiguration of the

district's elementary program in 2010. In submitting his resignation, Gabriel said he has been "honored to serve the community and district, and I have done so with great attention and energy."

"I simply wish the district and its students all the best, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served on the board during my term," he said.

The school board has 30 days in which to fill the vacancy. It is accepting letters of interest, resumes and/or any other information until 4 p.m. Monday, June 13, from district residents who are interested in being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term that expires on June 30, 2012.

Candidates must be a registered voter in the Wayne-Westland school district, at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Michigan and the school district. The board also is looking for individuals who are a trusted member of the community and who have experience in responsible decision making, a desire to work as a team member, a commitment to educational excellence and to representing the

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community, as well as a record of fiscal responsibility.

The candidate selected to fill the vacancy will need to file an acceptance of office and affidavit of eligibility, and take the oath of office.

Applications are being received in the Office of the Superintendent in the district's Administration Building at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, Westland.

The school board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, June 20, to screen applications and conduct interviews.

Monit, who will leave the board at the end of the month, agrees with Gabriel that the dynamics of the school board are changing and hopes that the candidates "will be somewhat independent."

"I'm a great believer in people doing the right things for students," he said, adding that he hopes some of the candidates in the May school election will be interested in the appointment.

More information about the process is available by calling the superintendent's office at (734) 417-2010.

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Grief support

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly, 6-7.30 p.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, (888) 983-9050.

Farmers market will feature new activities

Canton Farmers Market, at Preservation Park off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill, will feature some new activities today (Sunday), according to its manager, Tina Lloyd. Market hours at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• The Canton Public Library will be hosting story time and crafts under the big tree in front of the pole barn. The recreation station bouncer will be available, weather permitting, for children.

 Dietician Lisa Soper will be making healthy snacks with kids from 10:30-12:00. She will whip up fruit smoothies & yogurt fruit popsicles using berries from Kapnick Orchards. Look for her near the back porch of the Bartlett-Travis House.

• Learn about gardening soil 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; join master gardener Rona Wheeler on the center strip of the gravel drive.

· Mark Reitenga will be singing on the Bartlett-Travis porch.

· Pick up the new recipe for June, balsamic strawberries with whipped mascarpone cheese, at the Canton Leisure Services information gazebo.

• Get a workout in before the Market; join a free "boot camp" 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Preservation Park, or meet at the back porch of the Bartlett-Travis house for a walk or run from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

 Strawberries will make their debut this week and, as Lloyd puts it, "the early bird gets the berries."

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The twice-denied road project called for adding extra ramps, or slips, to allow drivers exiting southbound I-275 to access northbound and southbound Haggerty without actually traveling on Ford Road. It also sought a northbound service drive east of I-275 to accommodate traffic from Cherry Hill Road, allowing motorists to travel north past Ford Road and merge onto the

interstate. Though it's far too early to say whether Canton will have a shot at a new round of TIGER dollars, local officials remain hopeful.

Township Trustee Todd Caccamo has said that perhaps "the third time's the charm."

Said LaJoy: "We're going to do everything we can. We'll just have to wait and see.'

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OS get Wildcats, Rocks ; Chiefs into college

Michigan rains bring leaky basements. But what if this unwelcome harbinger of spring easily could be repaired, without breaking the bank? Mr. Sponge Waterproofing in Novi, an owner- operated company whose roots go back to a family business founded in 1969, offers that alternative.

While many waterproofing efforts are geared toward installing drain tiles, most leaks can be fixed using the high-pressure injection waterproofing method that Mr. Sponge specializes in, according to Dean Teaster, one of three company owneroperators who provide all basement repair services.

Things To Know

Mr. Sponge Waterproofing, based in Novi, is an owner-operated company that serves all of southeastern Michigan.

The Company offers a patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug for do-it-yourselfers with rod-hole Leaks. The product and tutorial videos are available at www.trxplug.com.

For more information, visit www.mrsponge.com or call 800-491-4686.

"This makes us unique because we don't try to offer every type of repair," Teaster says. "We offer repairs for the most common leak situations in poured foundation walls." The company developed SP-3, its own unique wateractivated polyurethane, in 1996.

"Our specialty is stopping all types of poured wall leaks from cracks, rod holes [holes left after the concrete-forming mechanism is removed by the foundation contractor] and honeycombs [formed pockets of excessive aggregate]. This is where 90 percent of basement leaks occur," he says. Most leaks can be fixed in a matter of hours. For do-ityourselfers, Mr. Sponge now is offering its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug, which is



Mr. Sponge Waterproofing specializes in high-injection waterproofing to fix basement leaks - a method that repairs 90% of leaks quickly and more cost-efficiently than the drain tile methods many companies offer, say the owners.

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available online.

Though they easily could have expanded, Teaster says remaining an owner-operated business with no additional employees - he and business partner Keith Potts do all on-site jobs while Shelley Kunz handles office and administrative duties - is a means of having complete control over the quality of services delivered. "When we do a repair for a private home-owner, we have to warranty it for a 20-year period,' Teaster says. "Doing it ourselves gives us self-assurance that everything is done correctly."

Because many customers begin with phone or online consultations, Teaster says it's important to use experience and care to develop rapport with them.

"It takes many years of education in the business to know how to explain things,' he says. "You need to be warm, friendly, have expertise, and take the time to explain the problem properly."

Staying Vital

Teaster says the company has stayed vital by developing new products and embracing the latest technology in an effort to make life easy for the customer. Some of

Teaster's insights on good customer service include:

 If a solution doesn't exist, invent it. Mr. Sponge offers its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug to homewoners who want to fix rod-hole leaks themselves. "The new TRX delivers a quick, userfriendly, cost-effective solution and gives the homeowner the best state-of-the art waterproof product available for this rodhole leak problem," Teaster says.

• Make it easy. Mr. Sponge operators offer over-the-phone consultations and online inspections, requiring the customer to do nothing more than submit photos to its website. If a customer has further questions, Kunz, who handles these inquiries, can call the other owners out in the field.

· Sell solutions in addition to services. "You have to go above and beyond the norm of today's service industry in order to set yourself apart," Teaster says. "You have to provide a solution. It's outside the scope of your company, then refer them to the appropriate contractor. Be honest, and give the customer not only value for their dollar, but save them money where possible."

LOCAL NEWS

HUNTER

was diagnosed with bone cancer in her left tibia. A 10-week course of chemotherapy didn't do much to stem the tide, and left the Bennetts, retirees living on a fixed income, and their 10-year-old granddaughter with a horrible decision: They could insert a tube into the bone and stabilize the leg, or they could amputate from the knee down and fit Hunter for a prosthetic.

The Bennetts, who became legal guardians for Hunter and her 12-year-old brother, Dominic, gave the facts to their bright, active granddaughter.

AWFUL CHOICE

For the little girl who loves to play soccer, ride her bike and swim, the decision was easy after doctors told her soccer wouldn't be possible with the tube. She decided to let them amputate.

"I really like soccer ... if I had chosen (the tube), I couldn't do it," said Hunter, an effervescent Hulsing Elementary School student. "It was a really easy decision."

Not everything about it has been easy. Hunter sat with her Hulsing classmates and talked about the decision, answering as many questions as classmates needed to ask. And then there was the little girl who bumped into Hunter, causing the fall that eventually led to the diagnosis.

On a card written by her classmates, that little girl wrote, "Hunter, I'm sorry I made you fall and gave you cancer."

The inscription drove a knife into Pat Bennett's heart.

"Can you imagine the guilt that poor little girl was feeling, and (the fall) actually probably saved Hunter's life," Pat Bennett said. "We made sure to talk to that little girl right

away."

It hasn't been easy for the Bennetts, retirees with medical problems of their own — Pat Bennett has a bad



PREM MUKHERJEE Dominic Donegan, 12, gives his sister, 10-year-old Hunter, a little help on the swings.

back problem, among other things — living on a fixed income. Their Canton home will need extensive remodeling to accommodate Hunter's new life. They'll need a new car, because the one they've got isn't conducive to transporting a wheelchair.

ANGEL AMONG US

The Bennetts have already sunk pretty much all of their life's savings into their grandchildren, and money has become a concern.

Lisa Misenko saw that, and decided to help. Misenko's daughter, Devon, is a classmate of Hunter's and the youngsters are good friends. Devon Misenko even went so far as to cut off her long red hair to donate to charity to be made into wigs for children with cancer, in honor of Hunter.

Misenko, meanwhile, has organized a fundraiser Thursday at The Crow's Nest in Canton. The Crow's Nest will donate 10 percent of their profits from food and drink that night. There will be T-

HELPING HUNTER

What: Fundraiser to help the family of Hunter Donegan Where: The Crow's Nest, 6166 N. Canton Center, Canton When: 6-10 p.m. Thursday, June 16

How: The Crow's Nest will donate 10 percent of food and drink proceeds; T-shirts and wrist bands, 50-50 raffle and silent auction will be available

Why: To benefit the family of 10-year-old Hunter Donegan, who has to have her left leg amputated because of bone cancer Other fundraisers: July 14, 6-8 p.m. at Skatin' Station, entire \$6 admission goes to Hunter; September (date to be determined) at Jungle Java; Nov. 5, Super Bowl, adults only, 9 p.m. To help: Send checks to Lisa Misenko, made out to either "Hunter Donegan" or "Help for Hunter," at 7631 Kingsbridge, Canton, MI 48187

shirts and wrist-bands - in Hunter's favorite lime-green and adorned with Hunter's name - for sale.

A silent auction will also include autographed Red Wing and Detroit Tiger paraphernalia, and a variety of baskets with goodies from places like Zap Zone, Emagine Theater and other local businesses. A 50-50 raffle will also be held.

"They need it, and it's something I can do," Misenko said. "Patty and Dale took Hunter and Dominic in seven years ago, and they provided a warm, loving environment. They have a lot on their plate. You have to give back to those in need. It's what you do."

Misenko's fundraiser is expecting to be a godsend to the family, and Dale Bennett thinks that's exactly where Misenko came from.

"Every once in awhile, God dumps an angel in your lap," Dale Bennett said. "That's what God did for us with Lisa."

Daddy plays doctor in son's delivery drama

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Yale Yee is not a doctor.

But after Thursday's early morning trip to the University of Michigan Hospital with his pregnant wife, Michelle Friend, which was interrupted long enough for Yee to deliver the Canton couple's baby, he just may be able to play one on television.

By Thursday afternoon Mom, Dad and baby Rylan were all resting comfortably. But the day didn't start that way.

The adventure began when Friend woke Yee around 3:30 a.m. with the words every expectant couple longs to hear: "It's time."

Yee woke Friend's 10-year-old son, Matthew, to let him know his grandmother would be there to take care of him and his 2-year-old sister, Evangeline.

"(Michelle) called the hospital, I called my mom, and woke my son up," said Yee, a computer technician at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Then Yee and Friend got into the car and headed for the hospital. Yee heard his wife listening to music, trying to stay calm, counting down from 100.

"I heard her get to 97, and then I heard, 'Uhoh," Yee said. "She said, 'Pull over now.' I was like, 'Where?"

But pull over he did. When he checked his wife's progress, he could see the baby's head. After ascertaining the umbilical cord was not wrapped around Rylan's neck, Yee finished the delivery.

"We had some towels and blankets in the car, thank God," Yee said. "We wrapped the baby up and put him in his mother's arms, then drove to the hospital."

Friend, pregnant with her third child, knew quickly the couple wasn't going to make it to the hospital — "You just know," she said — and said her husband was "great" when it came to the delivery.

"Evangeline came fast, in about three hours, so we knew this one would be faster, but I didn't know it was going to be that fast," Friend said. "We had run through the (daddy delivery) scenario just in case, and (Yee) was great."

They made it to the hospital — eventually — but not before the 8-pound, 10-ounce Rylan, who checked in at 20 inches in length, was safely in his mother's arms.

Did the experience unnerve the new father?

"It happened so fast, there wasn't time to be scared," Yee said. "It was an adrenaline rush ... fear didn't enter my head."

He paused, then added, "I did notice I was shaking a little bit afterward."

By Thursday afternoon, the couple was just happy it all turned out well.

"He's here, and he's healthy," Yee said of Rylan. "It's amazing."

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McCotter, weighing presidential bid, pre-empts Romney visit

ships, appeared

at automotive

supplier E&E

Co., flanked

by Wes Smith,

the company's

chief executive

officer, and Dr.

David Janda,

Manufacturing

BY MATT JACHMAN , OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, whose recent complaint about the Republican presidential field sparked talk about his own possible White House bid, appeared at a Plymouth factory Wednesday with criticisms of GOP frontrunner Mitt Romney.

The remarks came just ahead of Thursday's campaign appearance by Romney, a Michigan native and the former governor of Massachusetts, at the Senate Coney Island in Livonia.

McCotter told reporters he sees little difference, in some areas, between Romney and President Barack Obama, a Democrat whom Romney hopes to oppose in the fall 2012 presidential campaign. Romney is one of more than a half-dozen contenders and possible contenders for the Republican presidential nomination.

"President Obama and Mr. Romney are less rivals than running mates," McCotter quipped.

quipped. Particularly in the areas of



McCotter

an orthopedic surgeon and health care policy analyst.

Smith, whose company makes parts for General Motors Corp. said the domestic automakers' troubles in 2008 and 2009 "would've taken down the whole industry," because of the its interconnectedness, had the government not intervened.

"Wall Street businesses and their attitude toward manufacturing have destroyed the middle class," said Smith. If GM and Chrysler Corp. had shut down, Smith said, an estimated 1.4 million jobs would have been lost, on top of the six million manufacturing jobs lost since the year 2000.

Romney, a businessman before entering politics and a son of the late George Romney once the a response. Two e-mails were not answered, and the voice mailbox for the phone number of a campaign spokesman said it was full and not accepting messages.

Janda said he advocates a free-market approach to fixing the health-care system, and complimented McCotter by saying he's the only member of Congress he knows of who consults people who work on the "front lines" of the industry.

He blasted Romney for the Massachusetts health-care reform law he signed while governor, comparing it to the national health-care reform approved last year. "Whether it's Obamacare or Romneycare, they're both cancer," Janda said.

McCotter, 45, was first elected to the U.S. House in 2002. He is a former member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and a former state senator.

TURNAROUND 'FRAGILE'

After the event, Smith elaborated on the struggles in recent years of automakers and their suppliers. While 2008 and 2009 were awful" years for the business, he said, last year was a turnaround year, and he's optimistic. However, "The industry is still very fragile," he warned. The decline has been dramatic since the year 2000, Smith said. To illustrate, Smith said that between 1962, when E&E was founded, and 2000, just one of its customer businesses went bankrupt. Since 2000, however, 32 customer businesses have gone bankrupt. "You've seen too many people just close up," he said. E&E employs about 250 in Plymouth, where it is headquartered, and also has a factory in Athens, Tenn. Smith said manufacturers need a bigger voice in Washington, and that McCotter is a politician who "understands the importance



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health care reform and support for so-called cap-and-trade legislation to combat global warming, McCotter said, the president and Romney have similar views.

But he was coy about his own presidential ambitions when a reporter asked directly about them.

"I'm not here as a potential or current politician, I'm here as a resident of the United States," McCotter said.

NO 2012 DECISION

Later, speaking about a possible presidential run, he added: "I don't worry about what I will or will not do until I decide to do it." After a brief press conference, McCotter said he expects to reach a decision about a presidential run "relatively soon." "There's still time but the win-

dow is closing," he said. McCotter, a Livonia

Republican whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton town-

As the calendar moves

Canton Township officials

earth-friendly landscaping

toward the summer months,

are urging residents to choose

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late George Romney, once the chairman of American Motors Corp. and a former Michigan governor, had advocated for no government intervention as GM and Chrysler Corp. faced bankruptcy.

INTRA-PARTY RIVALRY

McCotter took issue with recent statements by Romney that suggested that the letthem-go-bankrupt approach was vindicated with the turnaround of GM and Chrysler.

"What you see is a rewriting of history," McCotter said. Romney didn't favor the type of structured bankruptcy that GM and Chrysler went through, he said.

When a reporter asked if McCotter would attend Romney's Thursday event with the same message, McCotter said he wouldn't, but added: "I suspect that some time we will have a little face time, and I will say the same thing."

Representatives of the Romney campaign could not be reached Thursday or Friday for

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are more disease resistant.Variety is the spice of life:

Use a wide variety of plants to help control pests and minimize the need for pesticides.

• Water wisely: Lawns need about one inch of water per week. Use a rain gauge and water only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.

• Use mulch: Place a thick layer of mulch around trees and plants. This will help retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.

• Mow high: Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high; three inches is the rule. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clipping fall back on the lawn. Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil reducing fertilizer needs by 25 percent or more.

• Rake it or leave it: Follow your community's leaf pick-up guidelines. Avoid raking leaves mjachman@hometownlife.com (313) 222-2405

of manufacturing."

into storm drains or roadside ditches. Try mowing leaves into your lawn; they can make a good fertilizer.

• Use less for pests: Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly. Limit application of these chemicals to problem areas only.

Urging residents to choose earth-friendly landscaping is just one step in protecting water resources, officials said. Additional steps include; keeping pollution out of storm drains, carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals and oil, cleaning up after your pet, practicing good car care, using fertilizer sparingly and caringly, and saving water.

For more information one what you can do to protect water resources visit www.canton-mi.org/municipalservices/ publications.aspx.

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Protesters, supporters greet Romney in Livonia

BY PAT MURPHY OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Mitt Romneys barnstormed in Livonia today, according to the estimated 200 vocal partisans who turned out for the early front-runner in the Republican presidential primary race.

One Mitt Romney was the savvy businessman whose policies could get set the country on the right economic path, according to Chris Thompson of Farmington Hills. "I hope he makes it," said the selfdescribed fiscal conservative. "We need him."

The other Mitt Romney was the man who wanted the auto industry "to die" when Chrysler and General Motors turned to the government for help avoiding insolvency, said Richard Eberhart, of Westland. "Now he comes here looking for votes and cash," the Ford Motor Co. retiree said.

Michigan Democrats helped organize the protest, state party Chair Mark Brewer said: "We won't let voters forget he wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt."

Romney didn't seem to mind the protesters when his entourage arrived at about 8:15 a.m. in a Chrysler 300. "It's good to be back in Michigan,' he shouted, plunging into the crowd to sign autographs and shake hands.

"Livonia's a great Republican city," he said. "It helped carry my dad into the governor's office." Some protesters carried

signs proclaiming, "Mitt's



Six year old Nash McDaniel and his sister Abigail McDaniel, 8 years old, are pretty excited about Mitt Romney's appearance at Senate Coney Island. They were there with their mom, Ronna McDaniel. They live in Northville.

not for the middle class" or "He wanted to let the Big Three go bankrupt." But an equal number of supporters countered with signs reading, "Michigan loves Romney" and "Michigan needs Romney."

Romney seemed upbeat, as if buoyed by recent polls showing him seemingly leading his GOP rivals. At least one poll showed him in a statistical tie with President Barack Obama, whose approval ratings recently dropped. But the son of one-time Michigan Gov. George Romney continues to draw criticism — from Republicans as well as Democrats. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, for example, recently criticized Romney for the health care law he



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Waiting for Mitt. Brian Szmytke, of Plymouth, Dillon Breen of Livonia, and John Dalton of Livonia, wait for Mitt Romney's arrival at Senate Coney Island in Livonia.

helped pass when governor of Massachusetts.

Some other Republicans say they have misgivings because of Romney's

Mormon religion. But that criticism hasn't registered with people like Helen Hall of Livonia.

"You parked my car when I attended a tea your mother held in Livonia," she said, proudly showing the 1962 invitation sent and signed by Lenore Romney. "I liked you then, but I didn't realize you'd be so successful."

Her brother-in-law Neal Hall expressed confidence about Romney's future. "The next time we see him," the Livonia resident said, "he will be President Romney."

But Romney needs to get a little tougher on the campaign trail, said Hall's wife Mary. "He needs to be like Donald Trump and go after Obama," she said.

Not everyone at the Senate Coney Island had a strong opinion of Romney. One patron sat back, drank coffee and observed. "If he's any good, he'll win," said Bob Mills of Livonia. "But I'm pessimistic. I don't trust any politician."





Antonio's celebrates feast day with fundraiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

The children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen especially touched Anthony Rugiero Jr. as they waited in line. He had volunteered to serve meals at one of two locations in Detroit after last year's fundraiser at Antonio's Cucina Italiana restaurants in Canton, Farmington and Dearborn Heights. Proceeds from the event went to feed the men, women and families.

Anthony, or Antonio as he's known around his family's restaurants, has four "little ones" of his own.

"It was heart wrenching to see the kids come through. They're so innocent. I don't

'We even added soup in recognition of the good work the Capuchins do at the kitchen. We will have items like pizza, a variety of pastas like mostaccioli and covatelli and gnocchi with Rita, my mom's sauce, stuffed shells, meatballs, mini cannolis, salad and bread, and also vegetarian." ANTHONY RUGIERO JR

think they understand," Rugiero said. "The Capuchins provide 2,000 meals a day. When I saw that, I got more involved."

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This year, more than ever, the Rugiero family is determined to make the June 13 fundraiser a success. For the last 18 years, they have celebrated the Feast Day of St. Anthony de Padua by donating proceeds from their restaurants to various charities.

This Monday, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is the sole recipient.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., supporters choose from a lunch buffet of pastas, pizza and authentic Italian dishes for a donation, or order from the regular menu (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.) knowing that a portion of the proceeds help feed the hungry.

"We even added soup in recognition of the good work the Capuchins do at the kitchen," Rugiero said. "We will have items like pizza, a variety of pastas like mostaccioli and covatelli and gnocchi with Rita, my mom's sauce, stuffed shells, meatballs, mini cannolis, salad and bread, and also vegetarian."

FULL HOUSE

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Last year's celebration drew a full house to the restaurant named after his father and St. Antonio. Anthony Sr. and Rita grew up in Italy hearing about the saint as Catholics. They later passed their strong faith and beliefs on to their children.

Today, Rita and sons Anthony Jr., Patrick, Mark and Robert not only continue to serve authentic Italian food, but support the community. The family has a long history of giving back. In the last 18 years, they have donated money to PIME Missionaries (Pontifical Institute for



Rita Rugiero and her son, Anthony, Jr., with a statue of St. Antonio.

Foreign Missions), diabetes research at the University of Michigan, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, leukemia and lymphoma and shelters.

"We had a lot of people calling and say we love the Capuchins," Rugiero said. "St. Antonio is my favorite saint and a Franciscan and known for feeding the poor. Capuchins are Franciscans. It only makes sense we support them.'

Brother Jerry Smith, executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, will once again be on hand to thank patrons for their support. He spent the entire day at the Canton location last year.

The money goes to support programs of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, including two soup kitchens, food pantry and programs that treat substance abuse, provide work opportunities for adults, tutoring for children and fresh produce for families through the Earthworks Urban Farm.

"We're best known for feeding people, but do so much more," Smith said. "We're trying to move people beyond the need for the kitchen, training people in urban farming and at the bakery to become more self-sufficient."

Last year, Smith said he felt a special bond with the celebration to honor St. Anthony.

"St. Anthony is a Franciscan saint, keeping in line with our Franciscan tradition which has always been to work with poor people, hungry people," Smith said. "We have a history of walking with common ordinary people."

Smith is grateful for the generosity of the Rugiero family and their patrons.

"We were very pleased last year. We have very faithful supporters, the people who live in the areas of Antonio's restaurants," Smith said. "We're proud of the fact our budget is \$7.5 million every year and none comes from government. We're extremely grateful to benefactors who make that

possible."

To encourage the success of the fundraiser, Rugiero has decided to add dates for organizations that shared the proceeds with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen last year. On Oct. 6, the restaurant will donate \$2 for every pizza sold to Shades of Pink, a nonprofit to help survivors of breast cancer. On Nov. 5, the family holds Rugiero Casino Royale to benefit diabetes research at the University of Michigan. Anthony Sr. died of the disease in October 2008. In his memory, his sons established the Antonio Rugiero Sr. Diabetes Research Fund.

"We want to help find a cure," the younger Rugiero said. "It's going to be a very lively and elegant night with strolling food stations at the Italian American Club in Livonia with different restaurants and businesses coming like Cantoro's Italian Market."

A July 1-3 weekend Salutes Our Heroes and was Robert's idea. Members of the U.S. armed forces receive 50 percent off entrees when they present military ID. The Gelato Festival July 5-10 rewards all patrons with free gelato. The family brought machines from Italy to make the authentic ice cream.

"In these times, people need to know there's good and hope," Rugiero said.

The St. Antonio fundraiser runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 13. The restaurant offers three locations: 2220 N. Canton Center Road, (734) 981-9800; 37646 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 994-4000; and 26356 Ford, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-6000.

Board of Education

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools inviteds all interested and qualified companies to submit a sealed proposal to establish a contract through negotiations for bus driver and bus aide services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Specifications for this Request for Proposal are available by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. The district will have a meeting at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. to answer questions for any interested Offerors. All proposals or other submissions in response to this RFP must be received by the District at E.J. McClendon Education Center, ATTN: Jim Larson-Shidler, Assistant Superintendent for Business, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Thursday, June 23, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district. The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, the County of Wayne, Michigan, has determined that it was in the best interest of the public to absolutely abandoned and discontinued that portion of the following described road right-of-way, subject to a reservation of a easement for public utilities, county storm water conveyance and county drain purposes, situated in the Townships of Canton and Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, by Wayne County Commission Resolution Number 2011-205 passed on May 5, 2011.

All that portion of Yost Road, Northerly and Southerly halves astride the Township Line between the S.E. 1/4 of Section 34 and the S.W. 1/4 of Section 35, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Township and the N.W. 1/4 and N. E. 1/4 of Section T.3S., R.8E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, said portion lying between a point distant 268.92 feet. Easterly from the Northwest Corner of said Section 2, and a point distant Westerly, 43.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; said point being on the prolongation of the Westerly right-of-way line of Lilley Road, over and across Yost Road.

True copies of this notice are served and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES Engineering Division, Real Estate, 3rd Floor Attention: Sandra M. Martin **400 Monroe Street** Detroit, Michigan 48226

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NOTICE OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2011. The bid Opening will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2011 for the following:

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attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Farmington Idol opens stage to all metro area singers

BY STACY JENKINS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling all karaoke gurus and all of you singing-inthe-shower wanna-be's - it's Farmington Idol, coming to you live, from the Family Stage at this summer's Downtown Farmington Founders Festival.

Auditions are open this year to anyone in Metro Detroit who is at least 14 years of age and they'll be taking place starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 at Zap Zone Fun Factory on Grand River at Orchard Lake in Farmington. Those who make it to the final round will perform on the Family Stage at the Founders Festival, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 15.

Those who audition will receive a T-shirt and will sing a 90-second acapella piece in front of a panel of judges. The top 10 will move on to Friday's final round. All contestants must be amateurs. Finalists must submit a prerecorded tape or CD, no longer than three minutes in length, to the sound crew one hour prior to Friday's competition.

A new panel of judges will be on hand for the final round to pick the 2011 Farmington Idol winner, who will walk away with a basket of goodies from the downtown merchants, along with a hotel stay and dinner for two, plus other gifts. The audience will select the People's Choice winner

IDOL INFO

Auditions

When: 5 p.m., Thursday July 14 Where: Zap Zone Banquet Room, 31506 Grand River Avenue, Farmington MI 48336 Finals

When: 6 p.m., Friday July 15 Where: Farmington Founders Festival, Family Stage, Farmington Center Parking lot (Grand River, east of Farmington Road)

by casting their \$1 votes in the container of their favorite singer. The People's Choice gets to keep the cash that's in his or her container and all other proceeds will go to the festival.

To apply, stop by Zap Zone, 31506 Grand River, to pick up an application or visit www. zap-zone.com to download one, then return it to Zap Zone. The deadline to apply is July 10.

Community event Mary Johnston, group events coordinator at Zap Zone, said they're happy to be involved in Farmington Idol again this year.

"It's a community event," she said. "I like to be able to foster the musical talent in the community. It's a perfect fit to be a host of an event like this." Jenny Fernandez, 18, a 2011 graduate of Harrison High School, won the 2010

Farmington Idol competition with her rendition of Beautiful Disaster by Kelly Clarkson.

Fernandez, who will major in vocal performance at Baldwin-Wallace College, near Cleveland, said she likes that the Farmington Idol competition is held during the Founders Festival.

"It's a hometown thing," she said. "And, it's a really great chance to showcase the talent here in Farmington."

Fernandez will not compete this year. She'll be staying busy with projects such as recording with a Christian techno dance group called God's DJs.

Angelica Payne, 17, of Farmington Hills, who won last year's People's Choice, will enter Idol for the third time.

"I just love to perform," she said. "That rush that you feel

From left, Farmington Idol coordinator Michelle Vennix, 2010 Farmington Idol Jenny Fernandez, 2010 Farmington Idol People's Choice winner Angelica Payne and Zap Zone group events coordinator Mary Johnston. when you're up on stage. You're

singing a story for everybody." Payne, a 2011 Farmington

High School graduate, sang in her school's choir and she competed in Miss Oakland County Outstanding Teen and the

Miss Farmington pageants. Michelle Vennix, who grew up in Farmington and now

lives in Wixom, will run this year's Farmington Idol. She's learning from the best - Ginny Morris, who brought the event to Farmington and has run the show each year. "Ginny's always helping people, so I thought I'd help her out," said Vennix.

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SPORTS

SECTION B

SUNDAY, June 12, 2011

Early goal ousts Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Wednesday's Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal between Canton and Grosse Pointe South essentially was a tale of two corner kicks.

Both went against the Chiefs, as the Blue Devils won 1-0 at Dearborn Edsel Ford to advance to Saturday's D1 regional final against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton had a glorious scoring chance just six minutes into the contest. Senior forward Liz Ferrill sent a corner kick from the right corner across the Blue Devils' goal box where junior midfielder-defender Robyn Mack was ready.

Mack's header clearly had Grosse Pointe South goalkeeper Joanna Manos beat, but the ball clanked off the left post.

Just three minutes later, with about 31:30 to go in the first half, Blue Devils senior Sarah Ventimiglia chipped in the rebound of Claire Deboer's corner kick and that goal stood up the rest of the night.

"We always struggle with defending corner kicks, free kicks, anything," Mack said. "We need to communicate better on those. She kicked it in, we got it out, but we didn't stay on our marks the second time and the girl was just wide open and hit it in.

"We kind of waited for it and didn't go to the ball and didn't get the clear."

According to Ventimiglia, she was able to get into an open area behind Canton defenders to volley home her shot past

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Canton junior Megan Trapp (No. 19) dribbles past

a Grosse Pointe South defender.



Meet some of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletes whose names are or will be up on the new Park men's and women's track and field leader boards. In the front row (from left) are Canton's Nick Alaniva and Salem's Dan Martin, both seniors. Standing behind them (from left) are Plymouth sophomore Madi Lewis, Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich and Plymouth junior Reagan Engstrom.

Fast-tracking

New leader board giving athletes unique Park 'place'

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The three high schools at the Park have enjoyed top-level rivalries in track and field ever since Plymouth joined the campus nearly a decade ago.

And now, they're upping the ante thanks to spiffy new Plymouth-Canton Educational Park leader boards for the six boys and girls track and field programs.

The separate boards for boys and girls adorn the back side of the varsity football scoreboard.

Posted in red (Canton), blue (Salem)

blue off there, that's for sure," joked Plymouth junior Reagan Engstrom, on the leader board for her 10-foot, 9inch mark in the pole vault set in 2010. "There's a little bit too much up there, I think we (Wildcats) can do it.

Salem senior Dan Martin, whose time of 48.3 seconds in the 400 dash just eclipsed the Park record held by Canton junior Kevin Buford (48.6), likes having all schools represented on the new boards.

"Each school still has their own record boards in their school," Martin said. "I was up on that one four times, I was happy about that, too. "But this is the real board, here at the Park, so everyone knows what's going on.

THE PLACE TO BE

The leader boards, which were funded by all six Park track programs and their corresponding booster clubs, definitely are located in a high-traffic area. All spectators going to high school football games this fall will walk right past the roll call of excellence.

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"It really gives the community a visual thing," said Canton veteran boys track and field coach Bob Richardson, "so kids can look at it and say 'I want my name on there before I get out of here."

"All three schools ... red lettering if a



'Cats back in D1 finals

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

At the beginning of this season, Plymouth's varsity boys golf team began taking aim at one goal - to again compete at the state finals.

The Wildcats hit the target beautifully, finishing second at Thursday's Division 1 regional at University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Plymouth tied for the second spot with 330 pins, trailing regional champion Ann Arbor Huron's 316 cumulative card. Also fin-

ishing with **BOYS GOLF** 330 strokes

were Saline and Livonia Churchill, but the Wildcats won the tie-breaker, said head coach Chris

'I stressed to Moore. According each one of to Moore, it the kids how was a total team effort important each and he knew it would have shot is and the to be for the likelihood that Wildcats to it will probably make it to their second come down to straight state our fifth man." finals.

CHRIS MOORE, "In our Plymouth coach team meeting prior to

teeing off," Moore recalled, "I stressed to each one of the kids how important each shot is and the likelihood that it will probably come down to our fifth man."

That really was the case because of how the afternoon went.

"The course played very tough today," Moore noted. "It was windy, tough pin positions, fast greens and it was long."

Leading Plymouth with an 18-hole score of 80 strokes was junior Josh Heinze, followed by senior Justin Bauer (82), sophomore Ryan Rieckhoff (83), sophomore Kyle Rodes (85) and

JOHN KEMSKI

and silver (Plymouth) are names and their corresponding record-setting times and distances.

"I would like to get some of the

Canton record, blue lettering if a Salem record and silver lettering if a Plymouth record ...

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Canton Cup 'team' deserves medal for mettle

arryl Noel's first year as director of the huge undertaking known as the Canton Cup soccer tournament seemingly had enough mud-covered pitfalls to last



the next decade. But the Canton resident takes great solace in knowing he and his devoted tournament staff survived the Great Endless Rain of 2011 relatively unscathed and

ready to get right

back to work on the

Tim Smith

2012 event.

"I feel like I've been tempered through all the tough decisions," said Noel.

In essence, navigating through this spring's choppy waters can only ensure smooth sailing next time around.

A soccer-loving community certainly hopes so.

Noel's first crack at the Canton



For anybody scoring at home, the May 27-29 tournament was hindered by bad weather even before the opening games started all across the township.

On the eve of the Canton Soccer Club's 29th annual tournament. Noel's team of volunteers found out 13 of the 68 fields were unplayable.

Add to that mess the loss of major chunks of parking and the fact about 781 teams from the Midwest and Canada were coming to Canton expecting to get their money's worth (namely three games each).

The Canton Cup team completely

revamped the schedule, allowing for the loss of viable fields. Shuttle buses were brought in to help move people to and from Independence Park.

And finals originally set for Sunday were pushed back to Memorial Day.

"We've had a really good opportunity for our team to come together and honestly, to a person, they've amazed me," said Noel before the first day of games began, about the new-look schedule.

NO CHOICE

But then the rain kept falling and well-manicured grass fields morphed into slippery mud.

By Sunday evening, May 29, there were reports of fast-approaching thunderstorms and even tornados.

Knowing how far some teams had traveled to compete in the largest club-based soccer tournament in Michigan (Noel later said he found

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Alums enjoy big **SUCCESS**

Two years after graduating from their respective high schools at **Plymouth-Canton** Educational Park, former PCS Lady Warriors teammates (from left) Chelsea **Olson and Nicole** Rottell are achieving plenty of success at Indiana Tech University. Olson (Canton) and Rottell (Plymouth) were key contributors to Indiana Tech winning the National Women's Lacrosse League championship. Both were named to the All-Tournament Team for their strong play.



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Hunter Olson and Nick Freda (No. 3) celebrate Freda's goal for the Canton Celtics U13 Black squad during the recent Canton Cup.



out this year's Canton Cup was the biggest in the U.S.), the director wanted to keep the games going.

Noel huddled with his staff about halting remaining Sunday evening games and resuming play on Monday, May 30 (the tourney rain date)

Unfortunately, a player slipped and broke his hip right around the time those weather reports were getting nastier.

At that point, it was time to pull the plug and cancel the rest of the tournament. It was the only call to make.

"It comes down to the experience," Noel emphasized. "We didn't want to have people coming away injured from the Canton Cup.'

He said most folks did leave happy, to a certain degree considering finals were wiped out.

"We got in 1,050 games played to completion," Noel stressed. "Another 140 games were halted and were not completed or not played Sunday.

"... It was amazing that we were able to play all those



cheers and shoots during daughter Natalia's game. Despite bad weather that led to a shortened tournament, there still were plenty of smiles from soccer families.

2012 tourney.

• All Canton Leisure Services fields damaged during the tournament (such as those at Heritage, Freedom and Independence) have been repaired and rolled.

 Common grounds within neighborhoods near Independence have had landscaping done with all costs picked up by the Canton Cup tournament.

Canton Cup trophies for bracket winners and finalists are available for pickup at the **Canton Soccer Club office in** High Velocity at 46245 Michigan Ave. Trophies not picked up will be shipped to teams.

the fray.

And why wouldn't they? Anybody connected with the 2011 Canton Cup anticipate the 2012 tourney being bigger, better and much drier.

That would mean championships would be decided on the field instead of the way winners and finalists were decided this year - from a statistical breakdown of head-to-head action, pool play and other tiebreakers

But first- and second-place finishers were indeed decided. There is hardware.

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CANTON CUP WINNERS, FINALISTS 2011 CANTON CUP FINAL RESULTS

BRACKET WINNER Boys Under 8 BLACK VanBuren Wildcats FC 03 Black Boys Under 8 WHITE **BUFC KCKR-GREEN Boys Under 8 GREEN BASC Hurricanes I** Boys Under 8 BLUE Dexter Sc U8 Gold Boys Under 8 YELLOW Boys Under 9 BLACK CSC Fire Vardar South 02 Black **Boys Under 9 WHITE** Michigan Tigers 02 Gold **Boys Under 9 GREEN Kingdom Rangers** Boys Under 9 BLUE Vardar West U09 **Boys Under 9 ORANGE** Dexter Sc U9 Maroon Boys Under 9 GRAY Pinckney Blues 02 Blue Boys Under 9 TAN Waza FC East 02 Kelly **Boys Under 9 YELLOW** WWSL Giants Boys Under 10 BLACK Michigan Tigers 01 Gold Michigan Tigers OI A Saline Sting OI Boys Black **Boys Under 10 WHITE** Boys Under 10 GREEN Dearborn Drive 01 Black Chill Sbc 01 Boys Blue Boys Under 10 BLUE Boys Under 10 RED Boys Under 10 ORANGE Boys Under 10 GRAY Michigan Tigers 01 C Michigan Tigers 01 B **Boys Under 10 YELLOW** Rush Crushers Vardar U11 Black Force FC U11 Black **Boys Under 11 BLACK** Boys Under 11 WHITE Boys Under 11 GREEN Rangers SC Blue - Hughes SCOR - Hull U11B Boys Under 11 BLUE Boys Under 11 RED Boys Under 11 ORANGE **TSC Phantom** Waza FC East 00 Royal Boys Under 11 GRAY Plymouth Reign 00 White Boys Under 11 TAN AA United Ull Gold Boys Under 11 AMBER Michigan Legacy 00 Silver **Boys Under 11 TEAL ROYSA Renegades 00 White** Boys Under 11 YELLOW **CSC Wolves** Boys Under 12 BLACK Plymouth Reign 99 Green Dexter Sc 99 Maroon **Boys Under 12 WHITE Boys Under 12 GREEN** Dearborn Drive 99 **Boys Under 12 BLUE** Hamburg Rush United 99 Boys Under 12 RED BUFC 99 **MI Revolution 99 Warriors Boys Under 12 ORANGE** Boys Under 12 YELLOW CSC Wolverines Boys Under 13 BLACK AA United Royal Strikeforce CSC Celtic 98 White **Boys Under 13 WHITE Boys Under 13 GREEN** Force Fc U13y Black Boys Under 13 BLUE VanBuren Wildcats FC 98 Black Boys Under 13 RED SCOR - Oosse CSC Eagles CSC Celtic 97 Black **Boys Under 13 YELLOW** Boys Under 14 BLACK Boys Under 14 WHITE Boys Under 14 GREEN Michigan Tigers 97 Gold MI Revolution 97 United La Forza Lightning SCOR - Vandermey U14B **Boys Under 14 BLUE Boys Under 14 RED** Boys Under 14/15 YELLOW Scs Stampede Plymouth Reign 96 Green Boys Under 15 BLACK **Boys Under 15 WHITE** Socs Force 96 Boys Under 15 GREEN Boys Under 15 BLUE Michigan Legacy 96 Tsl Attack 96 CSC Celtic 95 Gold Waza FC West 95 Green Boys Under 16 BLACK **Boys Under 16 WHITE** Boys Under 16 GREEN Hartland Storm Michigan Alliance 16 Blue **Boys Under 16 BLUE** Boys Under 17 BLACK Michigan Jaguars 94 White Boys Under 17 WHITE Waza Fc East 94 Kelly Huron Valley Storm 94/95 Boys Under 17 GREEN Boys Under 18/19 BLACK CSC Celtic 92 Black **Boys Under 18 WHITE** CW3 Extreme 93 Boys Under 18 GREEN CSC Celtic 93 White **Girls Under 8 BLACK** Waza FC 03 Blue **Girls Under 8 WHITE** Lobos 03 Red Girls Under 8 GREEN Girls Under 8 YELLOW Michigan Legacy 03 White CSC Thunder Girls Under 9 BLACK Greater Toledo Futbol Club Michigan Tigers 02 Gold Waza FC Genesee 02 Royal **Girls Under 9 WHITE** Girls Under 9 GREEN **Girls Under 9 BLUE BASC Flames Red** Romeo FC Reign Michigan Burn 02 White RYSL The Fire Girls Under 9 RED Girls Under 9 ORANGE Girls Under 9 YELLOW Girls Under 10 BLACK **GPSA** Breakers Howell Revolution 01 Red **Girls Under 10 WHITE** Girls Under 10 BLUE Dearborn Drive Black Force SC Mustangs Romeo FC Vortex **Girls Under 10 RED** Girls Under 10 ORANGE Girls Under 10 YELLOW Sunshines Midland Fusion 00 Green Girls Under 11 BLACK Girls Under 11 WHITE Chill Sbc 00 Girls Blue Michigan Alliance **Girls Under 11 GREEN** Girls Under 11 BLUE Vardar West Girls Under 11 RED BUFC Hartland Hurricanes Michigan Express 00 Red Girls Under 11 ORANGE Girls Under 11 GRAY Girls Under 11 TAN **Howell Revolution** Girls Under 11 YELLOW AA Big Cats Gaylord Ambush Saline Swarm 99 Black Girls Under 11 PURPLE Girls Under 12 BLACK Girls Under 12 WHITE Girls Under 12 GREEN Plymouth Reign 99 Green MSL Blue Angels Shock 99 Green VanBuren Wildcats FC 99 Black Girls Under 12 BLUE Girls Under 12 RED Girls Under 12 ORANGE Shock 99 White Michigan Rush Jackson Girls Under 12 GRAY Girls Under 12 YELLOW

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SPORTS ROUNDUP Salem Rockettes golf

outing

Circle this date on your calendar: Sunday, Aug. 7. That's when the Fox Hills Golf Club will host the 11th annual golf outing for the Salem Rockette's Pom and Dance Team.

The outing will take place on the Golden Fox Course at Fox Hills, located at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The registration deadline is July 29 with the fee of \$100 per golfer.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 7 with a noon shotgun start.

There also will be a performance by the Salem Rockettes.

Enjoy 18 holes of golf followed by a Buffet Dinner with two-hour open bar and silent auction as well as a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and other contests.

Hole sponsors are available for \$125. Contact Coreen at (248) 207-1597 for more information.

Tourney for Hope

The first 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 information 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 Ave. near Canton Center Drive. Call Drew Crawford at (734) 487-7678 for any guestions concerning the venue.

Salem hockey tryouts

It's hotter than the Tigers' hitters right now, but it's still time to think about the 2011-12 Salem boys hockey season.

The Salem Rocks are holding summer hockey tryouts from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the Arctic Pond located on Plymouth Road. For additional information, contact head coach Ryan Ossenmacher at rockshockey@gmail.com.

games, with a 100-year rain and it being the largest tournament in the nation."

Over the past couple weeks, Noel and his crew have been busy tying up any loose ends:

• There have been \$25 refunds sent to 166 teams that did not get the full, threegame experience promised at the time of registration - as, well as a \$50 discount for the

"The feedback has been 98 percent positive about how we've handled the tournament," Noel said.

CLEAN SLATE

As tough as things got, because of what one coach called "an act of God," Noel and his team undoubtedly now want to jump right back into

picked up.

Meanwhile, there should be a leftover trophy somewhere for Noel and his team.

They showed that nothing can really scuff up a true community gem.

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NOTE: Because finals had to be canceled due to weather and field conditions, winners and finalists were determined by pool play points and tie breakers.

BOYS GOLF REGIONALS

MHSAA REGIONAL BOYS GOLF RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGION 5 June 9 at U-M Golf Course TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Huron, 316 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 330 (won tiebreaker); 3. Saline, 330 (won tiebreaker); 4. Livonia Churchill, 330;

Temperance Bedford, 332; 6. Salem, 33; 7 Dearborn, 351; 8. Ann Arbor Skyline, 352-9 Southgate, 360; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 366; 11. Monroe, 369; 12. Brownstown Woodhaven, no team sco

Individual tri-medalists: Alex Wunderlich (Huron), Evan Bowser (Dearborn) and Davis Randsdell (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 73 each.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Huron (316): 1. Alex Wunderlich, 73; 4. Rob Aldrich, 77; 10. Danny Langa, 82; 23. Reid McCallister, 84; 50. Guy Frydenlund, 92.

Plymouth (330): 8. Josh Heinze, 80; 10. Justin Bauer, 82; 16. Ryan Rieckhoff, 83; 28. Kyle Rodes, 85; 33. John Tatti, 86. Saline (330): 9. Collin Strauder, 81; 10. Ian

Martin, 82; 16. Keith Long, 83; 23. Caleb Wittig, 84; 36. Jackson Lambert, 87.

Churchill (330): 6. Nick Proben, 79; 16. (tie) Ben Proben and Dominic DiLisi, 83 each; 28. Chris Theile, 85; 43. Cory Dare, 90.

Bedford (332): 5. Luke Berger, 78; 16. Austin Engfer, 83; 28 Tim Combs, 85; 33. Spencer Shoun, 86; 69. Joey Dier, 104. Salem (333); 6. Josh Perrin, 79; 10. Eric

Duprey, 82; 23. Brian Patterson, 84; 39. Brandon Duprey, 88; 50. Nick Danis, 92. Dearborn (351): 1. Evan Bowser, 73; 10. Alex

Hamm, 82; 59. (tie) John Marcon and Omar Mullan, 98 each; 62. Matt Januszkowski, 99.

Skyline (352): 28. Connor Lang, 85; 36. Josh Bourque, 87; 41. Andrew Wayrynen, 89; 47 Ian Marshall, 91; 62. Tim Huppenbauer, 99.

Southgate (360): 41. Andrew Popp, 41: 43 (tie) Jeff Burnette and Jacob Lamay, 90 each; 47. Robert Campau, 91; 68. Clayton Batko, 101. Edsel Ford (366); 16. Thomas Prato, 83; 39.

Robert Neff, 88; 56. Vincent Mercado, 97; 59. Nicholas Boileau, 98; 62. Gregory Barbour, 99 Monroe (369): 16. Tyler Kellems, 83; 53. Tyler Gilbert, 93; 55. Nate Miller, 94; 62. Tyler Berry and Todd Jones, 99 each.

Woodhaven (no team scored): 23. Jeremy Klotz, 84; 56. Andrew Michel, 95; 57. Michael Williams, 90

Individual qualifiers (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Evan Bowser (Dearborn) and Davis Ransdell (Pioneer), 73 each; 5. Luke Berger (Bedford), 78; 10. Nick Margolis (Pioneer), 82; 23. Brian Pierson (Ypsilanti), 84; 28. Jacob Sewell (Ypsilanti), 85; 33. Drake Hermann (Livonia Franklin), 86; 36. Eric Miller (Pioneer), 87; 43. Christopher Rembisz (Taylo Truman), 90; 47. Allen Eizember (Garden City), 91: 50. Jalen Wimberly (Taylor Kennedy), 92: 53 Jacob Dzbanski (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) 93; 62. Marty Peck (Canton), 99; John Holmes (Franklin), no card.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Josh Heinze, shown from earlier this season, led the Wildcats to a spot in the Division 1 state finals with his team-leading 80 at University of Michigan Golf Course.

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freshman John Tatti (86).

Their efforts enabled

Plymouth to play in the state

finals, on Friday, June 17 and

Saturday, June 18 at Oakland

University's Katke-Cousins.

Churchill, meanwhile, was

score, with juniors Ben Proben

led by junior Nick Proben's 79

tering 83s for the day. Rounding out the Chargers'

card were senior Chris Theile (85) and junior Cory Dare (90). In sixth place with 333

and Dominic Dilis each regis-

strokes was Salem, featuring a 79 score posted by senior Josh Perrin.

Rocks junior Eric Duprey and sophomore Brian Patterson chimed in with scores of 82 and 84 strokes, respectively. Junior Brandon Duprey shot an 88 while freshman Nick Danis finished with a 92.

Canton individual regional qualifier Marty Peck, a sophomore, tallied a 90.

Other individual performers at U-M included Garden City senior Allen Eizember (91) and Franklin seniors Drake Hermann (86) and John Holmes.

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Salem mat camp on tap

Fundamentals will be the focus of the Salem **High School Wrestling** Camp, slated to run 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21.

Besides the importance of solid fundamental techniques, instructors will help youngsters with the reinforcement of basic athletic skills essential for success at any level.

Each session will include live wrestling as well as a mixture of technique demonstration and special training exercises, designed to improve basic skill sets critical to wrestling.

Present and past Salem coaches, led by current assistant coach and 2006 state champion Jeremy Henderson, as well as former Salem state qualifiers and current prep and college wrestlers will participate.

The cost is \$80 and includes a camp T-shirt for every wrestler.

For more information, call coach Henderson at (734) 812-9588 or e-mail him at jhendy189@hotmail.com.

SuperJess Classic

The big day is just around the corner, but there is still time to gear up - literally - for the first "SuperJess Baseball Classic," which will take place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The Michigan Blue Javs (with nine players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and Plymouth Grizzlies will square off, with all profits to benefit the family of Jesse Lindlbauer. He is the Canton High School student who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture and needs physical and speech therapy.

Folks can "gear up," by purchasing wristbands for \$6, which will be used for admission purposes. Ticket (wristband) sales will be held at Canton Sports, 45668 Ford Road, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The wristbands also are available at Tonda Elementary, Pioneer Middle School and Central Middle School.

For more information, call Joel Thompson at (734) 634-4963 or e-mail him at jethome@comcast.net. Thompson coached Jesse when the youngster played second base for the Canton Vipers 13U and 14U teams.

Plymouth United tryouts

The Plymouth United F.C. is holding Select Soccer tryouts for the 2011-12 season on June 18, 20 and 21 at Visteon Fields, 14492 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Tryouts are for boys and girls ages 8-14. Please go to www.plymouthunited.com for age-specific tryout times and to pre-register for tryouts.

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Cherry title on top

The Plymouth Reign-White U11 girl's soccer team won their division at the Cherry Capital Cup Tournament, sponsored by Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer and held May 21-22. Members of the team include: Tori Aquilino, Raquel Church, Allison Crecilius, McKensey Elliott, Anne Faybrick, Emma Fitzgerald, Kelly Heitzman, Kara Hug, Shyla Johnson, Rhona Nicol, Morgan Osaer, Olivia Ramirez and coach Miki Djensilo.

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Chiefs senior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges. "She (Bridges) got a hand on it, but it went in," Ventimiglia said. "It was good positioning on all our parts."

Ventimiglia added that it was the first time during her four seasons with the Blue Devils that the team got past the regional opener.

"We've been this far but we've never won this game in my four years," she said. "So this is exciting."

UNABLE TO FINISH

It wasn't so much for the Chiefs (12-6-2), who could not sustain the strong play shown during district victories over Salem, Plymouth and Northville.

The Chiefs did play better in the final 40 minutes, to no avail.

With about 20 minutes left in the second half, junior Alexandra Bryden moved the ball up the middle and sent a pass over to Ferrill along the right side of the 18-yard box.

Ferrill then delivered a perfect crossing pass over to junior forward Gabby Malec who headed the ball at the left post. But Malec's attempt barely missed the goal, bouncing wide of the



MARTY SCHENDE

Celebrates their district soccer win over Salem on May 31 are Canton sophomore Natalie Schmidt (No. 18), seniors Melanie Pickert (No. 14), goalkeeper Kayla Bridges (orange jersey), Rachel Rohrbach (No. 2, right) and junior Kalyn Berinti (No. 11) after Berinti scored the game-winning goal. The Chiefs season ended Wednesday night in the regionals.



Jeannine Reddy estimated that Pickert played all 80 minutes on a hot, humid evening despite only being about 75 percent physically.

FAST-TRACK

"All I know is we're happy that we have recognition for all athletes on campus."

The unique boards were up for public perusal last month, when Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hosted the Division 1 regionals.

Among those spearheading the project was Plymouth girls track and field coach Ricky Styes, who said he posted photos of all three individual school's leader boards in 2010 on his team's website. Those boards are located in gymnasiums.

"Then we (coaches) started talking about how we have a unique situation here," Styes explained. "That we have three schools that compete and practice on the same facilities.

"And while we are three different schools we kind of function as one, and it's kind of unique that we can have all three schools represented on one record board."

On Tuesday, a handful of PCEP athletes — who either already are on the board or soon will be — gathered to talk about having such a special place, literally, in the district's track and field heritage.

MEASURE OF EXCELLENCE

"It's nice to know that you're going to be remembered," said Canton senior All-Stater Nick Alaniva, "because your name's going to be up there and people are going to be walking by it and they can look up and see 'Oh, Nick Alaniva has the pole vault record."

Alaniva's mark of 15-feet, 1inch broke the record held since 1979 by Salem alum Dennis Ogden (14-10).

"It's been there for a while and it's a great record," said Alaniva, who graduates Sunday. "But it feels good to kind of have your school record and then have kind of a community record because the whole community recognizes you then."

Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich will be going up on the board for establishing a new standard in the 1,600-meter run (5:08.6).

That time eclipsed the 1993 record of 5:13.8 set by Canton's Lana Boroditsch.

With three more seasons to go, the 14-year-old Kavulich realizes she cannot rest on her laurels.

"I love that it's more to build on as I continue throughout the rest of my three years in high school," Kavulich emphasized. "That I

have something to go for." Kavulich also spoke like a of 12.0 in the 100 dash, shattered the former mark of 12.1 set in 2002 by Canton's Christina Redd.

"It's pretty cool that you see other people's names and some of the records are like from 1993 and I wasn't even born yet," Lewis said. "So it's kind of crazy to think that I broke a record that had been there for that long."

What's not so crazy is how accomplished a two-sport athlete she is.

Her best sport, in her own estimation, is soccer. But she chose to do track this year while still playing for the Livoniabased Michigan Hawks club soccer team.

"It means a lot because my first sport isn't even track, it's soccer," Lewis said. "So to be able to show I can be this strong in two sports is a big thing for me."

ROOM AT THE TOP

Her Plymouth teammate, Engstrom, said it means more for athletes from the newest school on campus to share top billing with those from Canton and Salem — both schools around since the 1970s.

"I think it's a really big accomplishment because Salem and Canton have both been around for a really long time," Engstrom said. "There's records up there from the '80s so I think it's a really big accomplishment to break a record from that long ago."

She laughed about making sure her name stays up for at least as long.

"I would love to get into the 11s next year and that's definitely my goal," Engstrom said. "I think that would be pretty hard to break."

That kind of brashness and school pride is what coach Styes likes to hear.

"For us, being a younger school, our discus record just got broken this year and it's 45-feet shorter than the Park record," Styes said. "So for Madi and Reagan and even Kelly Hahn (2007 record, 3,200 run) to be up there it gives a little bit of legitimacy to their records.

"Reagan can say it's not eight years of history that I represent, it's 45 years of history that I represent."

BUILT-IN MOTIVATOR

Having a high-profile barometer also could raise the bar when athletes set personal goals.

"It's a great motivator," Styes said. "We can come out here during practice and say 'Let's forget about the school records, we want to go for the Park records.""

"Other than that, everything was over or wide or right to her." Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "The first half we didn't possess the ball, they did.

"Second half we did possess the ball, we just did not shoot. You can't score if you don't shoot."

Injuries might have played a role in the defeat, with senior standout defender Melanie Pickert playing despite a badly sprained left ankle.

Also, junior forward and offensive sparkplug Allyson Krause missed about eight minutes of the second half after being felled by leg cramps.

But when Krause was on the field, the Blue Devils repeatedly impeded her path in their zone.

"(Deboer) got her every single time," Reddy said. "They knew to mark her, and every single team's the same way.

"But it frustrated her and we never really challenged their goalie."

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Melanie Pickert sat in a golf cart next to the soccer field following Wednesday's 1-0 loss to Grosse Pointe South in the Division 1 district semifinals.

Pickert peeled off layers of tape from her injured ankles and sometime this week will hand over her red and white uniform, signalling the close of her four-year varsity career at Canton High School.

"I want to say thanks to all the girls," said Pickert, who will play soccer at Iowa next season. "I feel like I should be playing tomorrow (Thursday). Now I have to turn this stuff in for the last time."

Pickert, also an outstanding player for Canton's varsity girls basketball program — which reached the state semifinals in 2010 and 2011 — again showed why Iowa recruited her.

She is an obvious gamer, playing at what appeared to be close to full speed despite the sprained left ankle she suffered in Saturday's district championship win over Northville. Canton first-year head coach The coach added that it will be tough to say so long to a group of accomplished senior athletes, including goalkeeper Kayla Bridges, Rachel Rohrbach, Madelyn McLean, Liz Ferrill, Janine Kozlowski and Jennifer Learst.

"I coached most of them at the JV level and I got them back as seniors," Reddy said. "And they're a great group of kids. I really wanted them to go further, for them. They deserved it, Mel and Kayla and all of them."

One key player who will be back in 2012, junior defender Robyn Mack, talked quietly about the end of an era.

"They made this team what it is," Mack said. "Next year we're going to struggle without them. Hopefully, we'll be just as good. But Melanie, Maddie, Rachel, Kayla ... all of them have been some part of this team and it's going to (stink) not having them on the team next year."

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senior when discussing what the leader board represents.

"It means so much more, it's between three schools, it's 6,000 kids," she said. "And it's more than that because of all the years that have gone on here.

"Basically, it shows that you beat this record that so many kids have had the opportunity to get and you finally got it."

VERIFICATION

Plymouth sophomore Madi Lewis already had a spot on the board for setting a record in the 200 dash in 2010, with a time of 25.7 seconds. She re-broke her own record this spring with a 25.6 finish.

Meanwhile, Lewis shares cobilling in the 100 hurdles, with her 2010 time of 15.1 seconds equaling the original record set in 1990 by Salem's Jennifer Harris.

And Lewis, with a recent time

Board or no board, bragging rights always have been part of the equation at PCEP, however.

Salem's Martin already was on the Park board in the 800 run and 1,600 relay. Now, his name will replace Buford's for the No. 1 spot in the 400 dash.

"Yeah, I have (talked to Buford about it)," Martin said. "We're friends off the track. He knows but he respects me. We were cool with each other off the track. "He knows me, and we're both fast guys. The fastest guy wins."

Indeed, Martin is soaking in his latest accomplishment. But he knows full well that his Canton friend has one more year to grab the top spot back from him. Keeping tabs on that kind of jockeying for position could become the latest spectator sport at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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Victory's in the Cards

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team won the championship trophy for the second year in a row at the Cass River Showcase in Frankenmuth, going 4-0. The team has had great success this year by earning first place both in the 12U BPA Spring Classic in Livonia and the Fourth Annual StoneCo Tournament in Monroe; as well as runner-ups at the USSSA 12 "AA" Spring Kickoff in Canton and the 12U Total Baseball Spring Bash in Novi. Pictured are the Cardinals with their championship trophies from the Cass River Showcase. They are as follows: (front row, from left) Evan Voyles, Jimmy Walkinshaw, Luke Hirshman, Jacob MacBrien; (middle row, from left) Cody Zidzik, Justin Dolney, Phil Lessnau, Jason Arnold; (back row, from left) coach Alan Zidzik, coach Greg Voyles, Brandon Knorr, Brennan Brooks, Noah Spencer, coach Rob Hirshman and coach Doug Spencer.



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State champion hurdler Sims sets All-Observer pace

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL Trisha Jordan, Jr., N Farmington, (shot put): Jordan won the OAA White Division crown with an area-best throw of 36-7, which puts her fourth on the North Farmington list of all-time bests. She is the OAA White champion in the discus and was fourth at the regional. She ranks ninth all-time in the discus (107-5). Jordan is the city champion in both events.

"With some hard work, conditioning and weight training, Trisha should have another big year next year," coach Bill Pinnell said. "Next year, she will not fall short of her goal of qualifying for the state meet."

Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr., Liv. Ladywood (discus): The senior uncorked the area's top throw (118-7) at the Stevenson Invitational, breaking a 14year-old school record.

Wojnarowski was also Catholic League A-B Division champion, runner-up at the Division 2 regional and placed 11th at the state finals.

She also went the state finals as a junior in the 4 x 400 relay, which placed runner-up and earned first-team All-Observer honors.

"Teresa could really compete in any of the track events,' Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said of the team MVP. "She is an excellent overall athlete. She is most valuable because of her leadership skills, work ethic, not to mention the points she contributes to the team. She has been an absolute pleasure to coach for the past three years and I will miss her.

Aaron Howell, Soph., Farmington (high jump): In her first year of track and field, Howell placed third in the high jump (5-6) at the state meet and was first-team, all-state. She also qualified in both hurdle events and placed seventh in the 100 hurdles. At the regional, Howell won the high jump and was second in both hurdles. Some have already compared her potential to that of former Farmington all-stater and University of Michigan heptathlete Bettie Wade.

"Aaron enjoyed one of the best sophomore seasons in FHS track and field history," coach Charles Bridges said. She was a key team member, competing in four events in almost every meet. Aaron had a great day at the state meet. For a first-year hurdler to advance all the way to the finals, that was awesome." Lindsay Lipa, Sr., Canton (long jump): The senior capped a stellar high school career with a fourth-place finish in the long jump at the Division 1 state meet at Rockford High School, with a mark of 17-feet, 4.25inches. What made the accomplishment even more stunning was Lipa never competing in the long jump until late during this season. Her debut in that event was at the KLAA meet, where she placed second with a 17-2 mark "She was able to pick up long jump so quickly because she is a tremendous athlete and a fast learner," said Canton cocoach Brad Waidmann. "She is one of the rare athletes that you can teach any event and she instantly does it exactly how you taught her.' The co-captain, who will run at Cornerstone University next year, also was an outstanding performer in the high jump at 400-meter relay this season. Alex Kitz, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (pole vault): The junior earned eighth-place honors at the Division 1 state finals and achieved the area's top mark at 10-9 Kitz, the team leader in points and MVP, also was Kensington Conference, regional, West Bloomfield and Spartan Invitational champion. "Alex is a special person," Stevenson assistant coach Mike Brubaker said. "It is not very often that an athlete comes along with the drive and determination she displays. Her ability to master the small things has led her to some great achievements. It was a lot of fun to watch her compete this year and I am anxious to see just how good she is going to be in her senior season.

2011 All-OBSERVER **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAM**

Shot put: 1. Trisha Jordan, Jr., North Farmington; 2. Mahogony Miller, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Hailey Hurt, Soph. Farmington

Discus: 1. Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr Livonia Ladywood; Abbey Lovat, Sr. Farmington Hills Mercy; 3. Emily Norscia, Soph., Livonia Churchill.

High jump: 1. Aaron Howell, Soph. Farmington; 2. Senclair McDonnell, Jr. Churchill; 3. Micah Ernst, Sr., Mercy. Long jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa, Sr.,

Canton; 2. Aubrie Scott, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Becka Knox, Jr., Plymouth

Pole vault: 1. Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Nancy Krutty, Soph. Salem; 3. Meghan Lark, Sr., Livonia Franklin

100-meter hurdles: 1. Laticia Sims, Jr., Farmington Harrison; 2. Whitney Fields, Soph., Harrison; 3. Kelly O'Brien, Soph., Franklin.

300 hurdles: 1. Pia Klein, Sr., Franklin; 2. Kirsten Smith, Soph., John Glenn; 3. Molly Jarvis, Soph., Churchill. 100 dash: 1. Madi Lewis, Soph

Plymouth: 2. Lauren Roberts, Sr., Mercy, 3. Delisha Williams, Jr., Redford Union.

200: 1. Tiera Parker, Jr., Harrison; 2. Domonique Smith, Jr., Redford Thurston; 3. Sydney Sterling, Soph., Farmington.

400: 1. Cherie Gaines, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem; 3. Sydney Anderson, Soph. Churchill

800: 1. Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington; 2. Megan Vitale, Sr. Ladywood; 3. Nicole Traitses, Jr. Plymouth

1,600: 1. Megan McPherson, Sr., Franklin; 2. Bethany Pilat, Jr., Churchill; 3. Heather Smith, Jr., Mercy.

3,200: 1. Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem; 2. Bianac Kubicki, Sr., Canton; 3. Amanda Harris, Sr., Farmington.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Soph.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.: Molly Jarvis, Soph.: Latisha Smalls Sr.); 2. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Jamie Coleman, Soph Tiera Parker, Jr.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Soph.; Rheana Allen, Soph.; Aubrie Scott, Sr.).

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Whitney Fields, Soph.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Jr.); 2. Plymouth (Becka Knox, Jr.; Reagan Engstrom, Jr.; Lindsey Russell, Sr.; Madi Lewis, Soph.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Soph.; Stephany Brown, Jr.; Aubrie Scott, Sr.).

1,600 relay: 1. Farmington (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Soph.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.); 2. Plymouth (Rachael Hille, Jr.: Carissa Buttermore, Sr.; Becka Knox, Jr.; Madi Lewis, Soph.) 3. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.; Khyli Ray, Soph.; Katie Binsfield, Fr.).

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Sr.; Kathryn Binsfeld, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.); 2. Farmington (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Olivia Salinas, Jr.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.); 3. Plymouth (Nicole Traitses, Jr.; Brianna Lax, Fr.; Jada Woody, Fr.; Rachael Hille, Jr.). COACH OF THE YEAR Mark Babcock, Farmington Harrison



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Josephine Zolynsky Farmington



Adrianna Beltran

Salem



Aaron Howell Farmington



Pia Klein Franklin



Cherie Gaines N. Farmington



Kayla Kavulich Salem



Jacquelyne Zolynsky Farmington



Cherie Gaines, Sr., N.

Farmington (400): Gaines finished eighth at the D-1 state meet for the second year in a row. She ran faster (57.20) and broke the school record she set last year (57.92). Officially, her adjusted FAT at state drops to 56.8. She was second in the OAA White and regional, and she was third in Oakland County. Gaines, who also excelled in the 200 dash and relays, has a full ride to Indiana Tech.

"Cherie was hampered with different physical ailments throughout the season," coach Pinnell said. "It was great to see her finally drop under 60 and qualify for the state meet.

"Our goal this year was to move up to the top places. Looking back at all she has overcome this season, it was quite an accomplishment to finish eighth and run a career best time.

Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington (800): DeFlorio was a state qualifier in the 800, running her best time and a school record in that meet (2:17). The junior was a regional champion in the 1,600 and 800 runs, and she also helped the second-place Falcons win the 3,200 and 1,600 relays.

"Gabby had another remarkable season, garnering school records in five events - the 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay, 3,200, 1,600 and 800," coach Bridges said. "Gabby has the two qualities that all great runners share - speed and work ethic. In this year's state meet, she competed in three events, all of which broke school records."

Megan McPherson, Sr., Liv. Franklin (1,600): The most decorated distance runner in school history posted the area's top time in the 1,600 (5:04.91) at the Ypsilanti Invitational and placed 14th in the state finals.

McPherson, headed to Adrian College, also clocked a 11:30.2 in the 3,200.

She was regional champion in both the 1,600 and 3,200, along with Kensington Conference champion in the 3,200. She was also Public Schools of Livonia champ in the 1,600 and 3,200

McPherson competed for Team Michigan in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions held in Fort Wavne, Ind.

100 and 200. Molly is our best 300 hurdler. And Smalls, who is new to the team this year as a senior, did a great job finishing both sprint relays. At the end of the year both Molly and Leah were on the 400, 800 and 1600 relay teams.'

Farmington Harrison, 800 (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Whitney Fields, Soph.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Jr.): The Hawks set a school record and ran an areabest time of 1:43.9 to win the West Bloomfield regional. Harrison was second in the OAA White and fourth in Oakland County.

"We kept those four girls together for a reason," Babcock said. "We thought they were good enough to go to state and they did. All of those girls are high-caliber track athletes and good kids. They grew together, learned to trust each other more and the times started coming down until it was a school record. They did a great job all year."

Farmington, 1,600 (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Soph.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.): The Falcons set a school record and just missed scoring (ninth place) when they ran 3:58.75 at the state meet.

"These four young ladies began the season with two goals in mind, breaking four minutes and scoring at the state meet," coach Bridges said. "They became the fastest Division 1 team in MHSAA finals history not to score in 4 x 400 relay. The girls had a tremendous season individually and as a relay. The Zolynskys have had wonderful careers at Farmington, and we look forward to their continued success at U-D Mercy."

Salem, 3,200 (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Sr.; Kathryn Binsfeld, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.): This team came out firing on all cylinders from the beginning of the season and were consistent performers throughout.

They placed first at several key meets and earned a trip to the D1 state finals at Rockford.

The quartet won the KLAA meet with a mark of 9:48.68 and topped that a week later at the PCEP-hosted regionals, with a time of 9:33.80.

At the state meet during



Gabby DeFlorio



Talia Shuford

Laticia Sims, Jr., Farm. Harrison

(100 hurdles): Sims is the Division 1 state champion in the 100-meter hurdles with a 14.1 time, and she also placed seventh in the 300 hurdles. She is the OAA White and regional champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Sims was first and third in Oakland County, respectively.

"Laticia and Tiera (Parker) are two of the best Harrison has to offer," coach Mark Babcock said. "They're humble and hard working. They represent what everybody would want to look up to. They're two of Harrison's finest. It's a privilege to have kids like that. They showed this year you can build a team around kids like that.'

Pla Klein, Sr., Liv. Franklin (300 hurdles): The senior exchange student from Neunkirchen Germany did it all this season for Patriots as she finished eight in Division 1 state meet in the long jump and earned the area's top jump (schoolrecord 17-6.5).

"She was a big point scorer on a team that really needed another impact person to step up this season," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Whenever the team needed her, she always came through. She set a goal of being all-state this season and accomplished that goal.'

Klein also had the area's second best time in the 300 hurdles (school-record 46.02) and was a state qualifier in the high jump (5-4).

Klein was the regional champ in the 300 hurdles and high jump, along with conference and PSL champion in the high jump and long jump.

'Pia is a terrific young lady,' Bjorklund added. "I had the good fortune of having her in my AP Calculus class, on the regional champion cross country team and on the track team.

Sydney Sterling Farmington



Lindsav Lipa Canton

"She is one of the fiercest competitor's I have ever encountered, and really knows how to 'bring it' to a field or running event.

Madi Lewis, Soph., Plymouth (100 dash): It hasn't taken Lewis long to make a big impact at Plymouth.

The sophomore already owns the PCEP mark in the 100 dash with a time of 12.0 seconds and school records in the 200 (25.6), 400 (57.5), and 800 relay (1:54.4).

Determined to surpass her personal bests each time out, Lewis also was stellar all season as anchor of the Wildcats' 1,600-meter relay team -which finished first at the KLAA and regional meets.

Lewis earned a conference championship in the mile run as well as regional championships in the 400, 800 relay and 1,600 relay.

"Her most impressive attribute as a runner is that she 'hawks' down other runners like no athlete that I have ever seen, boy or girl," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes. " In the 4 x 400 at the conference, regional, and state meets, Madi got the baton anywhere from 20 to 70 meters behind

Victoria Tripp Salem



Mark Babcock Harrison coach

the leaders of the race, and in every occasion she ran down the team in first place to win the race.

That is something that cannot be coached, it is simply her desire to compete that allows her to do that.

The 1,600 relay team placed 14th at the state meet with a 4:03.28 finish.

Tiera Parker, Jr., Farm. Harrison (200): Parker scored at the Division 1 state meet for the second straight year, finishing sixth in the 200. She placed in the 100 last year and qualified again this year. Parker was the OAA White and regional runner-up in the 200, and she was fourth in Oakland County. She owns the school record of 24.3.

Including sprint relays, Parker is accustomed to running multiple races and 'prepares herself for it," Babcock said. "To be honest, she wouldn't have it any other way. If you ask Tiera: 'Do you want to run all of them?' 'Yep. There's no question about it, whether she can or wants to; she just does. She's a great track athlete and a great team athlete as well. Both she and Laticia are."

"I am glad she was selected as I think she really deserves it after the career she has had at Franklin," Bjorklund said. "She has every distance record (4 x 800, 800, 1,600, 3,200 and 5K), qualified for the state finals in both sports three years in a row, and has been all-state in both track (2010) and cross country (2010).

"For four years, she was our hardest worker and was always someone her teammates could count on. She puts others before herself and wants only the best for her team. One of the best things I can say about her is she has outstanding character.'

Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem (3,200): All you need to know about Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich is she ran on the treadmill during a cruise with her family during spring break.

That penchant for selfmotivation already is lifting Kavulich to the top of the charts at Salem, where she set a new school record early in the season (5:15.8) only to break it again at the conference meet (5:13.17) and D1 regionals (5:07.8).

The conference and regional times were good for firsts while the latter stands as the best ever among athletes at all three PCEP schools

"She's the best we've seen here, the best we've had here in a long time," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said. "As freshmen, or any runners period.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS Livonia Churchill, 400

(Demi Crossman, Soph.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Molly Jarvis, Soph.; Latisha Smalls, Soph): This quartet earned a berth in the Division 1 state finals and placed 17th overall (school record 49.5).

The Chargers also captured the regional and was runnerup in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet.

"Great group of girls," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "Demi and Leah are our two best sprinters in both the

prelims, the Rocks came in 27th with a time of 9:49.78. .

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Babcock, Farm. Harrison: Babcock's 31st year was one of the most successful and enjoyable during his long tenure as the Harrison girls coach.

The Hawks were undefeated in dual meets and won the OAA White Division crown. They also won their first Division 1 regional at West Bloomfield after having won four in D-2. Harrison got on a late-season roll after winning the Muskrat Relays in Algonac, outscoring the defending state champion, Rochester.

"For me, that solidified things in my mind," Babcock said. "There were some good teams there. We felt it legitimized who we were and formed a better opinion of who we are. We sort of found our identity.

"It was a good thing to happen a week before the division meet. It gave us confidence going into the league championships and the regional from there.

Harrison also finished third in the Oakland County meet behind Novi and Division 2 state champion Country Day.

"These sort of seasons energize you," Babcock said. "It's a big boost for myself. Some years are more work and less fun. This year was the other way around. It was a lot of fun, watching our team grow, develop and believe in themselves. That never gets old."

Babcock, who also teaches at Harrison, knew he wanted to be a track coach when he started out, but he hadn't considered the possibility of coaching girls.

"The job opened up and someone said: 'Hey, there's an opening for a girls track coach.' I definitely was up for the challenge," he said. "That was 31 years ago. I've had chances to go elsewhere and do other things, but I think we have a good thing going at Harrison and our kids have benefitted."

Kathryn Binsfeld Salem

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Livonia woman bikes, golfs to support breast cancer research

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Mary Huyck plans to party after her Mary's Pink Fight Golf Outing on June 25.

"I have a DJ that's coming and we're going to celebrate. We're going to have some dancing, everyone's going to dance," said Huyck, 54, of Livonia.

The celebration will mark the end of her chemotherapy and the start of training for a 27-mile "Ride for the Cure," bike ride on Aug. 6 in Ann Arbor. She hopes to pedal a tandem bike with her husband, Gary, alongside friends and family members on her cycling team. The golf outing this month will raise money to pay for entry fees and donations to the August ride, which is organized by the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Next month, sandwiched between the two big events, she'll also undergo surgery for the aggressive breast cancer that was diagnosed last December.

But right now, she's just happy to kick up her heels.

"I've always been of the deep philosophy to keep moving, not to sit around. I always tell people to get out in the sunshine and fresh air. That can be a natural healer for you. What I tell my patients I pracMARY'S PINK FIGHT GOLF OUTING

What: The golf outing helps Mary Huyck of Livonia and her cycling team raise money for the "Ride for the Cure," a bike ride set for August in Ann Arbor. It's organized by the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

When: Registration at noon, 1:30 p.m. tee time, Saturday, June 25 Where: Salem Hills Golf Course, 8810 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: 18 holes with cart; golf pro providing tips; use of range before the event; hot dogs, chips and pop at the turn; competition holes; dinner and dessert after golfing; two hours of free beer and soft drinks after the event; raffles and 50/50; DJ and music; dancing

Cost: \$100 per golfer for golf and dinner package; \$25 for dinner without golf. Both dinner-only guests and golfers are eligible for raffle prizes

Registration: Send checks, made payable to Mary Huyck Golf Outing, along with team member names, phone number and e-mail to Gary and Mary Huyck, 37596 Northland Street, Livonia, MI 48152-1036 **Questions**: Call Shon Murphy, event coordinator, at (734) 658-0250 or e-mail to him at suited_84@yahoo.com

take vitamins and eat well. I had a mammogram in late August last year and it was clear. Then after one of my exercise classes I developed a swelling under my arm."

Huyck worked for an oncologist before she began practicing medicine in Pontiac for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where she sees everything from diabetes to psychiatric cases at the clinic in the Oakland County jail.

She knew what to ask her doctor when the swelling

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

According to the Triple Negative Breast Care Foundation, breast cancers are diagnosed based on the



Mary Huyck and her team will ride 27 miles in the 'Ride for the Cure' on Aug. 6.

presence or lack of three cell "receptors" that fuel most cancerous breast tumors. The most successful treatments for breast cancer

target estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2. But none of those receptors are found in women with triple negative breast cancer. Their form of breast cancer can be aggressive and more likely to recur and metastasize than other kinds, although it does respond to chemotherapy.

Huyck is thankful she and her doctors discovered the disease in its early stage. She said it underscores the importance of getting an annual physical exam, including a mammogram, and making healthy lifestyle choices.

"It was a complete shock for me because I did everything in life to avoid this. At least I caught it early enough."

Huyck suspects her personal experience with breast cancer may lead her back into oncology work in the future. She also recently formed Pink Fight X3, an organization designed to help triple negative breast cancer patients shoulder drug deductible costs, copays and other expenses.

"I am blessed with great health care insurance, but that's not the same for everyone. I can't imagine what it would be like to be diagnosed with breast cancer and not have available funds. My goal in the future is to help cover those expenses."

A life-long Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Loretto in Redford, Huyck also plans to form a Christian support group for breast cancer patients.

"My faith gives guidance and it always has. I believe God opened this door for me for a reason — and he has carried me through."

Huyck's Web site is www.pinkfightX3. org. E-mail her at Mary@pinkfightX3. org.



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tice myself."

ATTENTION TO HEALTH

Huyck, a physician's assistant, has always taken a proactive approach to good health. When she was a single mom, raising two daughters and a son 30 years ago, she became a vegetarian and began eating organic foods. Exercise has always been a priority and over the past five years has included cycling in long-distance bike tours, some which have raised funds for diabetes and obesity research.

"I always get my exams. I

failed to respond to hot showers and over-the-counter antiinflammatory medicine.

"I called the Ob-Gyn and said 'I think I need an ultrasound."

A biopsy and ultrasound confirmed what seemed impossible.

"Dec. 17 is the day they called me and told me I had breast cancer. It was wild. I had no family history of breast cancer. It was a fluke." She started six months of

chemotherapy, administered every other week, to combat the "triple negative breast cancer."

Mary Huyck plans to ride a tandem bike with husband Gary Huyck during the 'Ride for the Cure' in August. Her cycling team includes John Carey and Amy Van Eck (background). Other team members (not shown) are Alanea Van Eck, Murray Muscat and Krystle Price.



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Canton Girl Scouts earn top awards

Three girls from Canton received the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony held last month at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, in Ypsilanti. The girls were honored by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan for their leadership and dedication to community service.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, awarded by Girl Scouts of the USA, is earned by only three percent of Girl Scouts, ages 14-18, across the country. The highest achievement in Girl Scouting, it calls upon each girl to put her leadership skills into action and develop a service learning project. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouting.

Elizabeth Ann Otto, of Troop 40870, with help from friends, family and fellow Girl Scouts, built and painted a bookcase with Disney characters on it for the Wayne Family Center, in Wayne. She also organized a book drive, collecting 670 donated books for children. She also created three colorful paintings to decorate the walls of the center's day care. She is the daughter of Marlene McCrate and Michael Otto.

Ishani Shah, a Girl Scout Juliette, started a social group for young children with disabilities in the Infant/Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) at Tanger Elementary School, in Plymouth. She made weekly visits to the school with friends, playing with students to improve their social skills. She also obtained training to work with the children on their sensory and motor skills. Her parents are Yaksha and Mayur Shah.

Maria Wellman, of Troop 40870, organized a blood drive for the American Red Cross Donor Center that resulted in the collection of 32 units of blood. She recruited donors by setting up booths at St. John Neumann Church and Bob Evan's Restaurant, distributing fliers to neighbors, creating a Facebook event, posting ads at local businesses and extending personal invitations. She



Otto



Shah



Wellman

also made a video promoting blood donation showing the process, benefits and personal stories about giving blood. The video will be used for blood drive recruitment at St. John Neumann Parish. Maria is the daughter of Kathryn and Mark Wellman.

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience,



Walkers make their way to the finish line during the 2010 St. Mary Mercy 5K run/walk for Cancer.

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

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 nonmembers. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

RAIN GARDENS

Tour five rain gardens for free 9 a.m.noon, Saturday, July 16, in Lathrup Village. The tour, which is self-guided, will feature rain gardens with native wildflowers in bloom. Rain garden owners will be at their gardens to share tips with visitors. Rain gardens trap runoff from roads, driveways, sidewalks and rooftops, reducing the volume of runoff flushed into

Sign up for St. Mary Mercy hospital's annual walk/run to fight cancer

Registration is open for the 5th Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer planned for 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

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Registration through Sept. 2 is \$22; afterward it's \$27. The USATF-certified course will begin on the hospital grounds and follow residential streets

through Livonia.

Runners and walkers who register before Sept. 2 are guaranteed a race T-shirt.

Register at www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer. For more information call (734) 655-1590.

GARDEN & NATURE

storm drains and waterways, such as the Rouge River. When planted with native wildflowers selected for their height and bloom time, streetside rain gardens add to neighborhood pride and community identity, typically attracting butterflies. The tour originates at the Lathrup Village Municipal Park, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. Tour orientation is scheduled for every 15 minutes at the registration desk. Native wildflowers suitable for rain gardens will be available for purchase. Advance registration is required (no charge). Telephone the SOCWA office weekdays at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

The Plymouth Library Garden Group will include a perennial plant exchange and discussion on container gardening and weeds at its next meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Gardeners from neighboring communities welcome. Questions? E-mail to cindywicz@comcast.net.

REUNION CALENDAR

ENGLISH GARDENS

· Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.

· Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.

· Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.

· Learn about the four main categories of hydrangeas at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.

• What kinds of plants do best in the shade? Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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Belleville High School Class of 1971

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

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971

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

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

Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167. 50s and 60s

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

Class of 1971

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

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or email to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961

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

Class of 1962

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

com. **Detroit Northwestern** Class of 1971

Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday. Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnshs40th71@yahoo.com

Farmington High School Class of 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduckl@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

Ferndale High School Class of 1961

4:10-4:25 p.m., gathering time and tour of the high school, followed by 6 p.m. dinner at Rosie O'Grady's on Friday, Sept. 10. Reunion celebration runs 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at Somerset Inn, Troy and includes a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Final farewells and a quick bite from 12:30-1 p.m. at Duggan's in Royal

Oak. Cost of the banquet at Somerset Inn is \$73 per person. To reserve a place, make checks payable to Class of 1961 Reunion, and send along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail to Bill Stenback. P.O. Box 242, Central Lake, MI 49622-0242. Indicate if you plan to attend the high school tour and dinner at Rosie O'Grady's. Questions? Contact Stenback at signaturefleet@charter.net or (231) 544-6522 Garden City East & West

Classes of 1966-67

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

Class of 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook. Inkster Cherry Hill

All classes

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

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VIRUSES AND ARTHRITIS

Viruses can cause arthritis; the arthritis associated with a virus usually looks like rheumatoid arthritis. The joints involved are in the hands and feet, the fingers are swollen, the arthritis is symmetrical, that is, on both the right and left side of the body. In addition, the individual with viral arthritis notes stiffness in the morning and

undue fatigue during the day. Clues that the person does not have rheumatoid arthritis include that the arthritis came on after a fever or sore throat, or that someone in the family, usually a child, had a viral influenza shortly before the adult's arthritis appeared.

The best studied viral arthritis is caused by Parovirus B19. The virus, in children is called the "Slapped Cheek Syndrome." The slapped cheeks refer to the bright red appearance of the child's face when the virus begins. The child's illness is accompanied by a fever, and lasts 1-3 days.

An adult, usually a grandparent babysitting for a young child, is the usual target for the virus. Instead of a fever or sore throat, the person presents with a sudden arthritis of the hands and feet that mimics rheumatoid arthritis. The doctor can confirm his suspicion of Parovirus B19 by a blood test that

shows evidence of a recent B19 infection.

Treatment consists of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication such as aspirin or ibuprofen. The arthritis may last up to 6 months, but starts improving when the patient begins therapy. A repeat episode is rare.

BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Service Learning Academy located at 21605 W. 7 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219, will hold a proposed budget hearing for the 2011-2012 school year, Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., in the Malmborg Media Center. The Budget will be available for public inspection at the Academy in the Main Office

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Brunch takes a bite out of jazz fest costs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

The Father's Day Jazz Brunch is a good way to support America's gift of this music to the world, according to Midge Ellis. At nearly 88, she's been promoting jazz with the hope it continues to thrive for generations to come.

On Sunday, June 19, the Livonia woman along with the Michigan Jazz Festival Committee will hold the brunch benefit to raise funds for the annual showcase of southeast Michigan jazz musicians at Schoolcraft College in July. The daylong festival is free to the public, but a costly production at \$40,000 a year.

The Father's Day brunch will include a concert featuring the Pete Siers Quartet, with Siers on drums, Brian McMillen, organ, and Keith Kaminski and Ben Jansson on saxophones.

"It's always exciting because the food is so wonderful. Schoolcraft has a reputation for its food. There's something for everybody. If you happen to be a vegetarian you can eat until you're stuffed," said Ellis.

Seating at tables of eight stimulates conversation. Last year 300 people were talking music.

"It's good for meeting other jazz lovers," said

Ellis. "People love it and meet other people and wouldn't be there if they didn't love jazz."

Ellis promises audience members will have a lot to talk about when the quartet takes to the stage with their straight-ahead jazz. Siers has toured Europe several times and played with musicians such as Russell Malone, Marian McPartland, the late David "Fathead" Newman, and Mulgrew Miller, to name a few. His orchestral pops show ventures include Marcus Belgrave's Louis Armstrong Tribute and Dave Bennett's Salute to Benny Goodman.

Siers is an educator as well. He has taught at University of Michigan, Purdue University and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and served as Artist-in-Residence at Interlochen School of the Arts.

"Pete is such a good musician, a very good drummer," said Ellis. "This is a unique group. There's no bass. The organ plays the bass and there's two saxophones."

The Father's Day Jazz Brunch runs noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$27.50, and include a brunch and concert. Call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720 or send a check with self-addressed stamped envelope to 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022. Be sure to include last four digits of zip code to speed delivery.



The Pete Siers Quartet will perform at a Father's Day Brunch benefit for the annual Michigan Jazz Festival.



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ABAZI, REDI

Age 32. Quietly entered the rest of his Savior on Monday, June 6, 2011. Beloved husband of Lindsay. Proud and loving father of Tommy, Sarah and Matthew. Cherished son of Xhemil and Vera and dear son-in-law of Steve and Julie Vanker. He will be remembered fondly for his joyful spirit, principled life, and affection for Christ and his family. He worked diligently as a math teacher at Derby Middle School in Birmingham and faithfully taught the Standing Stones Adult Bible Fellowship Class at church. He will be missed by many. The family received visitors on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Highland Park Baptist Church, 23600 Lahser Rd., Southfield from 9:30am until the Memorial Service at 11:00am. Donations may be made to "The Abazi Living Trust" with the memo "Childrens' College Fund" and mailed to 5250 Kellen Ln., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

BADGLEY, HENRIETTA M.

Age 70. Beloved wife of the late Scott

for 35 years. Dear Mother of Teresa,

Jeff and the late Elizabeth. Grandmother of Cheyenne. Sister of



CHAPIN, LOIS M.

Age 80, June 8, 2011. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Gary (Mona), Bruce (Jennifer) and Kirk (Julie) Chapin, and Sally (Douglas) Freed. Dear grandmother of David, Scott and Mackenzie, Alyssa and Matthew, Thomas, Amy, James and Kimberly. Dear great grandmother of Maiya. Sister of Eleanor Fisher, James Colter and Carolyn Wicker. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday from 3 – 8 PM. Instate at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church (at St. Andrew Episcopal Church), 16360 Hubbard Rd., Livonia, Monday from 10:30 until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.



SAWICKI, CECILIA MARY

Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Patricia (Gary) Seleski, Robert (Syndi) Loussia, and Richard (Geralyn). Proud grandmother of Michae (Jessica) Mistak, Christopher Mistak Dana (Tim) Balogh, and Douglas Sawicki. Great-grandmother of John Michael Mistak II. Cecilia and the late Walter were among the "Original" residents of Newburgh Village. She was a hard working employee for the 7 Mile and Farmington Kmart for over two decades. Mrs. Sawicki enjoyed exercising at the Livonia Senior Center. A memorial gathering will was held Saturday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hydrocephalu Association, 870 Market St, Suite

5, San Francisco, CA, 94102. Please share your memories at www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com

SHARPE JR., C. GRANVILLE,

Age 91, of Novi, MI, died 6/4/11. Services were held 6/11. Arrangements by O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home,

SULLIVAN, **MONICA SUSAN**

Of Brighton passed away peacefully in the care of her loving family or Sunday, June 5, 2011. She was 52 years old. She is survived by her beloved husband, John; loving sons Ryan (Callie) and Sean (Ruth); father Paul Clement; grandson, Jack; sisters Mary Clement and Kathy (Kevin) Carroll; brother, Brian (Stacey Clement; nephews, Zachary, Dylan Wyatt, Samuel and Aaron (Miriam) nieces, Amanda, Lou (Tyler); many loving extended family members and dear friends. Monica was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Clement and brother, Paul Clement. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton Friday, June 10 at 10:30AM. Fr. Mark J. Rutherford to officiate. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 East Main Street, Brighton Thursday 3-9PM. Memorials may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank. For further information please

MILESTONES

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Leon and Mary (Jasmund) Frank of Redford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, May 26. They were married in 1951 at St. Cecilia Church in Detroit.

The couple has three married children, Robert, James and Marie Masterson. Their five grandchildren are Jason, Michael, Amanda, Nicholas - who is in the U.S. Army - and Jennifer, in Alaska. The family celebrated at a local restaurant.



Leon and Mary Frank of Redford



Leon and Mary Frank of Redford on their wedding day in 1951

RELIGION CALENDAR

Women. Atmosphere is prayerful, but relaxed. Cost is \$60. Scholarships are available

Contact: Register at (303) 715-3224 or at www.endowonline.org

Movie night

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free screening of "Toy Story 3" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested Contact: (734) 425-5950



BANKS, STEPHEN G.

Of Salem, OR, and former resident of Farmington, MI,

age 62 on March 30, 2011 in Modesto, CA. Steve was born in Detroit and moved to Farmington where he attended Farmington Junior and Senior High School from which he graduated in 1967. While there, he was a member of a rock band, The Czars, which won many local competitions in the '60s. He was the son of the late Lorne and Cecile Banks, long-time Farmington residents, and was the brother of Don Banks of San Diego, John Banks of Jacksonville, FL, and Ken Banks of Seminole, FL. He is survived by his ex-wife Linda Banks of Modesto, CA, and life partner, Joanne Welch of Salem, OR, as well as his three children: Christopher Banks, Chico, CA, Stephanie Luepke of Modesto, CA, and Matthew Banks, of Modesto, CA. He also was beloved grandfather of six granddaughters in California. A celebration of life was held by his family in Modesto on April 16 and another by friends in Salem on May 13. Condolences may be sent to the family at 2800 Braden, Apt 156, Modesto, CA, 95356. Steve shared his final thoughts at



HORDE, SHELLEY RENEE Age 36 June 5, 2011 of Garden City.

Beloved daughter of Troy & Rose Loving sister of Dennis (Kelly) Barker and Eric (Annette) Horde. Cherished granddaughter of Edward Horde. Dear aunt of Hope Grondy, Tyler and Ian Horde. Special friend of Danielle Beaudrie, Scott and Scotty White. For information regarding pancreatic cancer awareness visit www.pancan.org. Visitation and Service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland. To share a memory,

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Novi, MI

call Lynch & Sons, Brighton at: 810-229-2905 or visit

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

JUNE 12-15 Concert

Redford

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12 Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly,

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 8 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9 Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: Gently-used items Contact: (734) 427-2290

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caringbridge.org/visit/stephenbanks.



BLAHUNKA, CHARLES S.

Age 72, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in Rockford, IL. He is survived by his sons, Ronald Blahunka, of Rockford, Dennis (Marcie) Blahunka of Loves Park, IL, grandchildren Luke, Logan, and Taylor Blahunka, and sister Mary (late Peter) Lazar. Chuck was preceded in death by a son Donald (1981), parents Charles and Frances (nee Cabay) Blahunka, brother Joseph (Ethel) Blahunka, sister Frances (Frank) Gabrys, and numerous nieces and nephews. Chuck graduated from Joliet Township High School, then IIT where he studied electrical engineering. He retired in 2003 as Supervisor of the Electromagnetic Testing Laboratory at Yazaki Corporation. His hobbies included golf, enjoying classical music, cigars, viewing nature, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active member of IEEE EMC Society and a certified EMC Engineer for iNARTE, both professional organizations for electrical engineers. For those wishing to leave memorial donations in Chuck's name, they may be sent to: International Essential Tremor Foundation, attn: Research, 11111 West 95th Street, Suite 260, Overland Park, KS 66214. A Celebration of Chuck's Life will be held on Tuesday, June 14 with a memorial visitation from 2 - 7 PM, followed by a memorial service beginning at 7 pm in the funeral home chapel. Private family inumment will take place at a later date. Tezak's Home to Celebrate Life, 1211 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL. 815-722-0520

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KOROL, PAUL C.

Age 76. Beloved husband of the late Raissa. Dear father of Andrew, William (Cindy), George, and Katherine (Andrew) Schornick. Proud grandfather of Kayla and Nicholas. Loving brother of George and the late Lydia Kytasty. Visitation was at Fred Wood Funeral Home- Rice Chapel, in Livonia on Wednesday. Funeral 10 AM Thursday at St. Mary Ukrainian orthodox Church, 21931 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, MI 48075. Interment will take place at Parkview Cemetery. Please visit online guest book at

fredwoodfuneralhome.com



LAROQUE, ELIZA JANE

Passed away on June 4, 2011 at the age of 95. She was born on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Onigum Minnesota on February 2,1916. Eliza was the loving wife of the late Henry LaRoque and is survived by her sister Dorthy McMickens and her 3 children Sharon Hoyt, Gary LaRoque and Lesley Dale LaRoque, her grandchildren Mark Hoyt, Lauren Hoyt Willams, Brandon LaRoque, Derek LaRoque, Meghan LaRoque and Alicia LaRoque and her great grandchildren Justin, Zoe, Jake, Isabella and Haidyn. She showed her care and love through her actions and all who knew her felt blessed to be touched by this amazing woman. Elizabeth will be missed by all. www.uhtfh.com



ROCKWELL, SUSANNA P.

86, June 3, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Francis W. II (d. 2006); devoted mother of Francis W. III (Diane), Thomas R. (Elizabeth) and Edward C. (Tanya); and cherished grandmother of 12. A memorial Service was held Saturday, June 11th, 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Memorial tributes suggested to Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills or the Salvation Army. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200)

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ZIMMER COMMANDER DAVID W.

US Navy, (ret). June 4, 2011 Age 93 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired Naval Aviator and Pearl Harbor survivor. Proud graduate of Northwestern University and longtime Ford Motor executive. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Ely) for 63 years. Dear father of David R. (Donna), Stephen E. (Susan), Dr. John W. (Naywon) and Thomas A. (Patrice). Grandfather of Amy, Kristen, Julie McCann (Casey). Jennifer, Andrew, Matthew, Scott, Michael, Zachary and Trevor. Great grandfather of Alexander. Brother of the late Julian and Rodney. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday, June 17th 5-8p.m. Funeral service Saturday, June 18th lp.m. at First Presbyterian Church 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Sports Unlimited, Quad Rugby, 6781 Rattalee Lake Rd.,

Clarkston, MI 48348 iew obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



Details: Pentecost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church Contact: (313) 937-3170

Pomegranate Guild

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, June 12

Location: The Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework, will have a dairy potluck luncheon and complete selections for next year's officers

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

JUNE 16-22 Day camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$60 per child.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuellivonia.org

Book of Faith

Time/Date: 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning June

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: The Rev. Joan Christoffers leads a study on "The Book of Faith." Join the group for any or all classes Contact: (734) 427-3660

JUNE 23-29

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25 Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or)734) 404-2480

JUNE 30-JULY 13 ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31 Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Michele Schmidt facilitates this women's study group, which is designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching. Sessions explore Pope John Paul II's Letter To

JULY 14-27

Concert

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford Details: Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Includes arts and crafts fair, carnivalstyle games and food concessions Contact: (313) 937-2424

Movie Night

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free screening of "The King's Speech" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested

Contact: (734) 425-5950

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergartenfifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8 Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits Contact: (734) 464-7990



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Rehab clients exercise while beautifying therapy center

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Theresa Fischer knelt on the concrete sidewalk Tuesday and planted impatiens in the landscape bed surrounding Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford.

While she gardened in the record high temperature, the Farmington Hills woman who has Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) - barely seemed to break a sweat.

After three years in pulmonary rehab, Fischer is better equipped to climb stairs, swing a golf club and plant flowers during Valley Hill's annual "Gardening Dav" event

"On a whole I would not be as active without it," she said, referring to the physical therapy she receives at the Center, home to Botsford Hospital's outpatient pulmonary rehab program. "I look forward to coming here. I feel it has helped me.

"I tell you a big plus. It improved my golf game. It was amazing to me because I didn't expect it. But I kept thinking, gosh that ball is going farther."

Gardening, like golf, gives Fischer an opportunity to apply breathing and energy conservation techniques learned at the Center to everyday activities.

During Gardening Day, patients plant flowers around the facility as a part of their supervised exercise treatment. Valley Hill offers a multidisciplinary treatment plan under medical direction. Therapy is designed to improve quality of life for individuals with chronic asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung conditions. Respiratory therapists work with patients on controlling symptoms, slowing their disease's progression, increasing their ability to live independently and building endurance. Physical therapists help patients improve strength, balance, and muscle function.



Dorothy Lehner of Farmington Hills plants flowers as a part of the fifth annual Gardening Day at Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford.



Bernard Smith of Detroit, his oxygen tank at his side, digs holes for flowers during Valley Hill's annual gar

yard and garden any more.

that yes, you can. You just

So we try to teach them

use while tackling everyday activities such as gardening. Therapy patients learn to breathe in for a few second and then purse their lips to lengthen the time it takes to exhale.

"When they take longer, it keeps their lower airways open long enough for them to exhale carbon dioxide. We teach them to take their breath in before they exert themselves," Bailo said.

Working on treadmills and stationery bikes at the Center helps strengthen muscles. Bailo teaches patients that a "stronger muscle uses less oxygen then a weak muscle." 'When you become short of breath by doing simple things, you avoid doing those simple things and then your muscles tend to atrophy more. So we work their heart, legs, dia-

would like to



Cindy Bailo, coordinator Respiratory Services at Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford, talks with a client during the fifth annual Gardening Day

phragm."

Georgia Cherry of Farmington Hills has pulmonary fibrosis and has attended therapy sessions for five years. In that time she has lessened her reliance on an oxygen tank and now uses one only at night. Techniques such as purse lip breathing come naturally.

"One of the reasons I've stuck with this exercise program is that they take your vitals when you come in," Cherry said. "They take your blood pressure, listen to your lungs, measure your oxygen levels. You don't get that in just any exercise setting.

She likes the camaraderie that has developed during sessions. Patients have become friends with each other and with the therapists.

DIFFERENT APPROACH

"We teach them to cope with their lung disease. Instead of stopping activities, we teach them to do it differently," said Cindy Bailo, therapist. "When we

interview them, that's one have to do it differently. of their major complaints -You have to learn to that they can't work in the breathe when you do it and

> do it slowly. Purse lip breathing is among the techniques they

"There is a social aspect to it. That's what is unique about this."

JUNE 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 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at www. henryford.com/cmeevents.

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and occupational therapist, pharmacist and physicians will provide vision, balance, medication, blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734) 953-1745

Summer camp

The American Cancer Society offers a camp for children being treated for cancer or for those who are in remission. Cancer survivors, 4-15 may participate in one of two camps offered by the Society's Great Lakes Division. Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered to children 4-6 on Sunday, June 19, Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a weeklong summer camping experience, held June 19-24, for children 7-15. Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps

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

urinary incontinence is a treatable problem. Although pads to collect urine are an option, some medications or a minimally-invasive procedure can provide a permanent resolution most individual's problems Now's the time to seek the answers and treatment you need. Believe it or not, an active summer is right around the corner Call And Schedule Your Free Consultation John F. Harb, MD Marian Professional Bldg. 14555 Levan • Suite 308 Livonia

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How To Triple Your Chances Of Getting A Job

Paul G. Stoltz, Ph.D., co-author of "Put Your Mindset to Work"

As a job seeker or someone trying to flourish at work, ever wonder, out of the hundreds of "expert" tips, which ones are actually proven to work? Here's what 98 percent of top employers worldwide say and groundbreaking research studies prove makes all the difference.

Mindset trumps skill set

Give employers what they want. When forced to choose, "Who would hire, A) the person with the perfect skills and qualifications, but lacking the desired mindset, or B) the person with the desired mindset, but lacking the right skills, 98 percent picked mindset over skill set.

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When forced to choose, 91 percent of employers say they will grant a pay raise, as well as a promotion, to the person with the right mindset over the person with the right skill set. And, an independent study shows, those who score the strongest on mindset make the most money.

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Good mindset - good guys finish first!

Turns out integrity and kindness -doing what's right and being good to others -- pays off, big time. Good is the bedrock of a winning mindset. When the news is packed with mounting immorality and ethical implosions, employees with a good mindset are gold.

the worst weather. Good news is, in most jobs, there's plenty of it. Your capacity to not merely survive or cope, but grow with and harness the tough stuff really sets you apart. Grit fuels pay, promotion, retention, performance, engagement, energy and more.

Tap the top hits -mindset matters more

Open, curious, bigpicture, connecting, considerate, agile, adaptable, resilient, growing, focused, tenacious, moral, honest, trustworthy, authentic, kind,

compassionate, generous, otherminded, contributing, tenacious, improving, fair, courageous, creative and determined is a short list of winning mindset qualities. Embed them in all you say, think and do.

The 3X factor - give your résumé the mindset boost

Which résumés win and which ones lose? Mindset gives you the edge. An independent study of 30,000 résumés shows A) the conventional wisdom (standard tips) do nothing. In some cases they backfire! But, the "Mindset-in-action" formula does.

Mindset quality>>>put into action>>>>to achieve a specific outcome.

Example (tenacity): Pioneered, piloted and proved a new customer response system and cut complaints by 87 percent. Example (generosity): Volunteered to mentor new hires before and after work hours and cut first 90day turnover by 72 percent.

Triple (or better) your chances with 3G mindset

Here's the breakthrough finding: Résumés with one "Mindset-inaction" statement are three times (3X) more likely to win the job. Those with two or more are 7X more likely to get the offer! The proof is in. Mindset helps you stand out from crowd, get paid more, be promoted sooner, be retained when others are cut and win the best jobs, even over people with better qualifications. Remember: skills matter, mindset rules!

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Use a winning mindset

Mindset is not about attitude. It's deeper. It's the lens through which you see and navigate life. It therefore affects all that you think, believe, say and do. Breakthrough

Grit mindset - take on the tough stuff!

This is the fuel cell of a winning mindset. It powers all the rest. See, it's all about adversity. Employers want people who flourish even in

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