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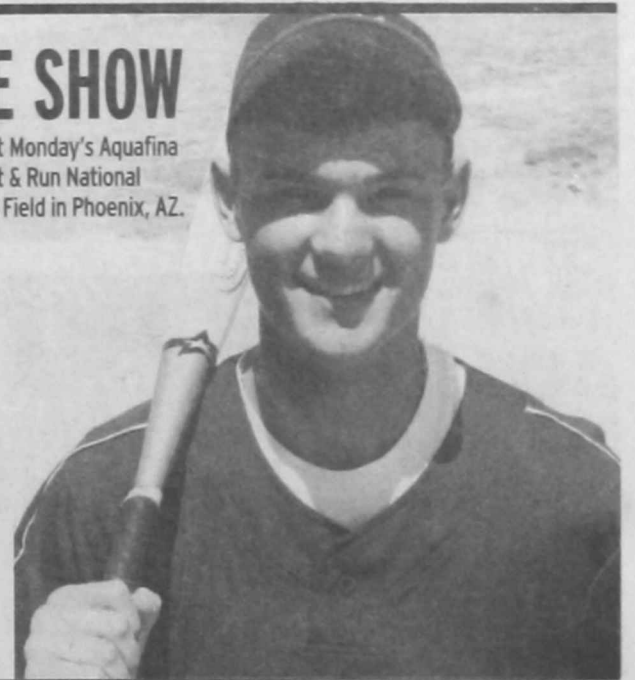
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## OFF TO THE SHOW

Tyler Brooks, 14, will compete at Monday's Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run National Finals that will be held at Chase Field in Phoenix, AZ. SPORTS, B1



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## CONNECTION

### Math whizzes

The Michigan All-Star team of 40 high school mathematics students fielded three teams in the American Regions Mathematics League Competition.

The Michigan B1 Naturals placed 1st nationally out of a field of 69 in the B division! Members were Bryant Chen of Canton High School and Natasha Consul of Salem High School. Both are residents of Canton.

ARML is the World Series of high school mathematics competitions. The competition consists of several events, which include a team round, a power question (in which a team solves proof-oriented questions), an individual round, two relay rounds (in which a contestant solves a problem and passes his/her answer to another team member, who uses this answer to solve another problem), and a super relay.

Members of the Michigan team were selected from the top 100 students out of about 10,000 who participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition last fall, an activity of the Mathematical Association of America-Michigan Section.

### Summer social

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle hosts "Happy Hour" on the back porch at Courthouse Grille in Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.

The event will feature a prize for most guests brought, and a "Pass the Purse" donation that will go to the Miracle League of Plymouth. Admission is \$10 at the door, which includes appetizers. The Courthouse Grille is located at 41661 Plymouth Road. RSVP by Monday, July 11, to givinghopewgc@gmail.com or call the Canton Community Foundation, (734) 495-1200.



### Christmas in July

Look inside this month's edition of Hometown Life Inspire for a chance to win a holiday shopping spree.

Three lucky winners will win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Find this holiday beach ball (above) on the pages of Inspire and enter to win.

See more details in the July Inspire in print and online at hometownlife.com.



Rick Cigile of Canton clowns with his sons — Ricky, Ryan and Jeremy — the day before the swimming accident that left Rick paralyzed.

## 'Then he was gone'

### Fundraiser helps paralyzed Canton man

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patty Cigile was wandering around the beach on the first full day of her family's vacation in Destin Beach, Fla., when she heard some noise, turned and saw people dragging a man out of the water onto the beach.

It took a second for the understanding to reach her before she noticed the shorts the man was wearing. They were familiar.

"I thought, 'Oh, my God, that's my husband,'" Patty Cigile remembered. "I didn't even notice it was my sons carrying him. He just had that vacant stare. It was terrifying."

Rick Cigile, Patty's husband of 29 years, was swimming in the waves with his 18-year-old son Ryan (who has since had his 19th birthday) and 17-year-old Jeremy.

### HELPING RICK

**What:** A fundraiser for Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Cigile of Canton

**When:** 3-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

**Where:** Boomer's Roadhouse, 6650 Highland Road in Waterford.

**Why:** Cigile was seriously injured in an accident while vacationing in Florida June 21. Proceeds will help the family with medical costs.

**Cost:** Tickets are \$20 per person and include a buffet, pop and coffee.

**Other help:** A "Rick Cigile Benefit Fund" has been set up through TCF Bank and donations can be made at any branch.

### 'HE WAS GONE'

Nobody really saw it, but this is what the family now knows happened: Rick took a wave in, and the wave

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## Group plans to help remodel Cigile's home

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Cisek spends a good deal of his time helping people around the community who can't help themselves.

So when Cisek, president of the group Christmas in Action, heard about the swimming accident that left Rick Cigile paralyzed last month, his direction was clear: Help.

"He's my neighbor," Cisek said simply of Cigile, who lives a few doors down from Cisek. "How can we not try to help?"

Christmas in Action has already started planning how to help Cigile, his wife and their three sons. The group

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## Township goes after unpaid taxes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's elected leaders have hired a tax-collection company to pursue unpaid taxes local businesses owe for personal property — equipment, furniture, tools and taxable items other than actual buildings and land.

The taxes, if collected, would amount to \$366,000 for 2010 alone — a significant amount for taxing entities, such as Canton Township, the public library, Wayne County and local schools, that are reeling from a sharp decline in property tax revenues spurred by housing market woes.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said the unpaid taxes would benefit school districts, the county and other taxing jurisdictions that have depleted cash reserves as they struggle to maintain services.

"They're counting every penny twice," she said.

Amid hopes of collecting unpaid taxes, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has hired Canton-based Metro Collections, which already has shown tax-collection successes in communities such as Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Inkster.

### RESULTS DRIVEN

The program doesn't dip into Canton's general fund cash reserves — \$5.3 million as of the most recent audit.

Moreover, Metro Collections doesn't keep any of the actual personal property taxes it collects. Rather, the company's payment comes from certain late penalties and interest that

have accumulated on past-due taxes.

"If they don't collect the tax, they don't get paid anything," McLaughlin said.

Unlike taxes on real property such as buildings and land, taxes on personal property do not get turned over to the county to pursue unpaid taxes, which is why Canton stepped in.

The amount of unpaid personal property taxes for 2010 alone amounts to \$35,829 for Canton Township, \$23,376 for the library, \$78,167 for Wayne County and \$14,316 for school operating funds.

"That's a significant amount for us," library Director Eva Davis said, "and we appreciate the township taking the lead on this program."

A \$23,376 windfall for the library, if collected, would equal what the facility spends for an entire year on its programming, she said.

"It would be great if we could have that money," Davis said, adding that the unpaid taxes amount to nearly 10 percent of what the library should get each year from personal property taxes.

### SIGNIFICANT SLICE

Under the larger umbrella of personal property taxes, the \$366,000 total not collected for the various government entities in 2010 amounted to a significant slice of the \$6.5 million levied, according to township officials.

Last year, McLaughlin said her office successfully sought some of the unpaid taxes, though the effort proved

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## Vintage game raises money for ALS research

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Spectators will see a vintage baseball game using no gloves, foul lines or fences. Players, or "ballists," wear period-reproduced uniforms and recreate the game based on 1862 rules.

For a third summer, Canton plans to step up to the plate to host a vintage baseball game using rules dating back to the 1860s — all to raise money to fight the disease that killed New York Yankees legend Lou Gehrig.

Local resident Bob Mosher has organized the event each year since he read a magazine article about ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, after he and wife Natalie boarded a plane to return home from an overseas trip.

"It's very uplifting to do this," he said. "I feel that ALS

is sort of one of our forgotten, horrible diseases. I love baseball, and I love people who are active. This disease can strike anybody. It's the democratic nature of the disease. You can live a perfect life and get struck with this thing."

To raise money for the ALS-Therapy Development Institute, Mosher has organized the latest vintage baseball game between the Northville Eclipse and the Detroit Early Riser Base Ball Club, set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, in picturesque Heritage Park, off Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

Admission is free, though anyone attending is strongly urged to bring donations to help fight ALS, a disease of the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement. Mosher said a silent auction also will occur to raise money. Businesses and individuals who would like to donate items for the auction may contact Mosher by calling (734) 502-7477 or by sending an e-mail to bwphoto1@comcast.net.

Canton's latest vintage game comes 72 years after

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# New barbecue spot gets 'Real'

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Real BBQ, a new and growing metro Detroit company, has chosen Canton for its third restaurant after successful start-ups in Lincoln Park and Detroit's Harbortown area.

Rob Dehko, operating manager, said the newest Real BBQ is expected to open in September in a small shopping center on the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads, ushering in another restaurant along Canton's bustling Ford Road commercial corridor.

"We're shooting for the week after Labor Day," Dehko said. Real BBQ rolled out its first eatery in January in Lincoln Park, followed by its Harbortown restaurant in May. Dehko said barbecue places have gained momentum amid interest in Slows, a popular Detroit spot, and following numerous segments on the Food Network and other television shows.

"We wanted to be in Canton," Dehko, 35, said. "We love the area. We love the community. We will be in an area near IKEA and other businesses. Canton has got to be the hottest community in southeast Michigan."

Kristen Thomas, Canton economic development and marketing analyst, said Real BBQ will complement a vast array of restaurants in a community that has gained a reputation for its diverse eateries.

"I think we have a lot of real foodies here in Canton," she said. "With the popularity of



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Real BBQ should open after Labor Day.

places like Slows, I think people are excited to have a barbecue place here on Ford Road. I think it's going to be a great complement to the restaurants we already have. I personally can't wait."

In starting Real BBQ, Dehko said owners Dave Ebner and Joe Barbat made a commitment to slow-cooked, low-heat barbecue — whether a customer's preference is pork, chicken or beef brisket. The company's website indicates that meats are cooked up to 20 hours over locally grown wood, including

Michigan cherry trees. Real BBQ also offers side dishes and a variety of sauces from sweet to hot.

Already, Real BBQ windows signs can be seen at the Ford-Lilley location as workers continue to labor inside the business, getting it ready for a post-Labor Day opening. Dehko said the restaurant will have 70 seats and, unlike the Lincoln Park and Detroit locations, have a liquor license.

Real BBQ's business typically is equally divided into three areas, with a third of customers dining in, a third

preferring carry-out and a third calling for home delivery within a several-mile radius.

"We'll deliver barbecue straight to your house," Dehko said.

Barbecue fans might want to stay tuned for a large outdoor picnic of sorts, too. Dehko said Real BBQ hopes to initiate talks with Canton officials about a barbecue competition — a festival or sorts — in Heritage Park.

"We'd like to do that next summer," he said.

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## AROUND CANTON

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

### Heise hours

**Date/Time:** Monday, July 11, 3-4 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours. There will be no district hours in August; however, Heise is always available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Call toll free (855) REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

### 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.



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### Correction

The original caption for this photo should have said, "The expression on 7-month-old Jack Hartke, held by mom Mandy Hartke, can only mean one thing. He's listening to Steve King and the Dittlies for the very first time, at the Plymouth Township picnic."

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# TRAGEDY

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slammed him into the ocean floor, snapping his neck and causing a C4-C5 fracture. Apparently understanding he'd just broken his neck, Rick gulped in one last gasp of air, which didn't hold.

Before Ryan and Jeremy could get to him, Rick had drowned. The boys got some help getting their dad to the beach — "There was another boogie-boarder who helped," Patty said — where a lifeguard and another woman, an ER nurse who happened to be at the beach that day, worked feverishly to try to bring Rick back.

"They just kept going and going," Patty said of the revival effort. "Then he turned that ashen gray and he was gone."

Six rounds of CPR, though, brought Rick back. At first, it was thought he'd suffered a heart attack. When EMTs kept asking him in the ambulance, "Can you feel that?" and Rick kept saying, "no," Patty thought, "Oh, God, he's broken his neck." They turned the ambulance toward Fort Walton Beach Hospital. The family tried to find an airlift to Pompano Beach Hospital, a much larger trauma center, but none was available.

Rick spent a week at Fort Walton Beach until a room and a doctor at the University of Michigan Hospital could be arranged, and an airlift



Patty and Rick Cigile in happier times, celebrating Christmas with sons Ricky, Ryan and Jeremy.

financed. The Cigiles' health insurance doesn't cover the \$14,200 cost, which left Patty scrambling.

"You start pulling out your credit cards," Patty said. "Put some on this one, and put some on this one."

### DAUNTING CHALLENGE

Now back at U-M, Rick faces a daunting rehab schedule that will have him working at it eight hours a day. Patty said doctors aren't saying anything in terms of a prognosis, but they're "treating it like a quad(riplegic) injury."

Friends say Rick Cigile, a hockey coach whose three sons (they also have 21-year-old Ricky about to play hockey at Bethel College in Minnesota), is suited by temperament and outlook to adjust to the challenge.

Jeff Powers, who has known Rick for 15 years and whose sons have played hockey with the Cigile boys, said Rick has always had a "positive outlook" that should help him now.

"He was always very positive not only about his kids, but about all the kids," said Powers, who watched Cigile as

a coach. "He was always positive and tried to bring out the best in them. Once he gets over the reality of what's going on, which I can't even comprehend personally, I think his positive outlook and his mindset on life will help him adjust."

While Patty, currently on stress-related leave from her job with Delta Airlines, learns the ins and outs of Rick's rehab, his friends at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where Rick has been a deputy for more than 23 years, are focusing on the financial aspect. The group

is sponsoring a fundraiser to help with Rick's medical bills 3-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Boomer's Roadhouse in Waterford.

### HELPING OUT

Tickets are \$20 per person and include a buffet, pop and coffee. A "Rick Cigile Benefit Fund" has been set up through TCF Bank and donations can be made at any branch.

"I think that's a wonderful thing ... He's got a great, great group of friends who love and support him and care about him," Patty said. "They're finding ways to help the family. The support we got and the people helping us ... doing anything they could to help us, has been amazing."

Now, though, comes perhaps the biggest challenge of all: Getting Rick home. Ricky is already out of the home on his way to college, likely to be followed soon by Ryan. That leaves Patty alone with Jeremy to help with Rick's rehab, and Jeremy starts his senior year at Plymouth High School in September.

"I'm holding up pretty well ... right now I have to learn all the work and the rehab I'm going to need to know to help him," Patty said. "The scary part will be when he comes home and we see all that (rehab) includes. We have to wait and see, and get prepared. It's uncharted territory."

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# TAXES

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time-consuming in an era when all township departments, including hers, are trying to operate leaner and more efficiently.

"We tried last year and we nearly drove ourselves crazy," McLaughlin said.

With the summer tax season already proving a busy time for the treasurer's office, the decision by township trustees to hire Metro Collections came as officials hope to collect unpaid taxes in an efficient way.

Officials realize not all of the taxes will be collected. Some companies, for instance, have gone out of business.

However, Metro Collections has the expertise to seek out unpaid personal property taxes from those who have simply refused to pay.

Businesses can be taken to court and, in dire situations, the township can seize property and auction it off to collect taxes.

"That's not something I want to do at all," McLaughlin said. "I would much rather not have it happen like that."

The goal, she said, is to work with local businesses to collect the money. She said past efforts have included setting up a payment plan.

Canton has prided itself on being a business-friendly community. It has even offered tax abatements and other measures to attract local businesses.

However, local officials, keenly aware of the township's own budget challenges, also feel a duty to try to collect those taxes that are due to Canton and other taxing entities.

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# HELP

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plans to take on the task of remodeling the Cigiles' Canton home — widening doorways, adding first-floor bedroom and shower, building a handicap-accessible ramp.

"There are a lot of things to be done to the house," Cisek said.

Cigile is well-known in the community, particularly for his efforts coaching his own three sons, and countless other kids, in hockey. In fact, Cigile was the first hockey coach for Cisek's own son.

It's Cigile's service to community, combined with the medical situation in which he now finds himself, that makes the Cigile family a prime candidate for Christmas in Action's help.

"He's a father and he's someone who's been trying to help the community out," Cisek said. "This is our way of helping him out now."

Cisek hopes to get to work around Aug. 12, and he's looking for skilled trades people to help. He figures to need carpenters, plumbers, electricians and flooring pros. The group is also looking for help with the cost, which Cisek estimates will be between

\$15,000 and \$20,000.

"We're looking at turning this around as fast as we can," Cisek said.

To donate money, send a check/money order made out to Christmas in Action (with "Rick Cigile fund" on the memo line) to Christmas in Action, 1150 Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. To volunteer to help or for more information, visit Christmas in Action's website at [www.christmasinactionwayne.com](http://www.christmasinactionwayne.com)

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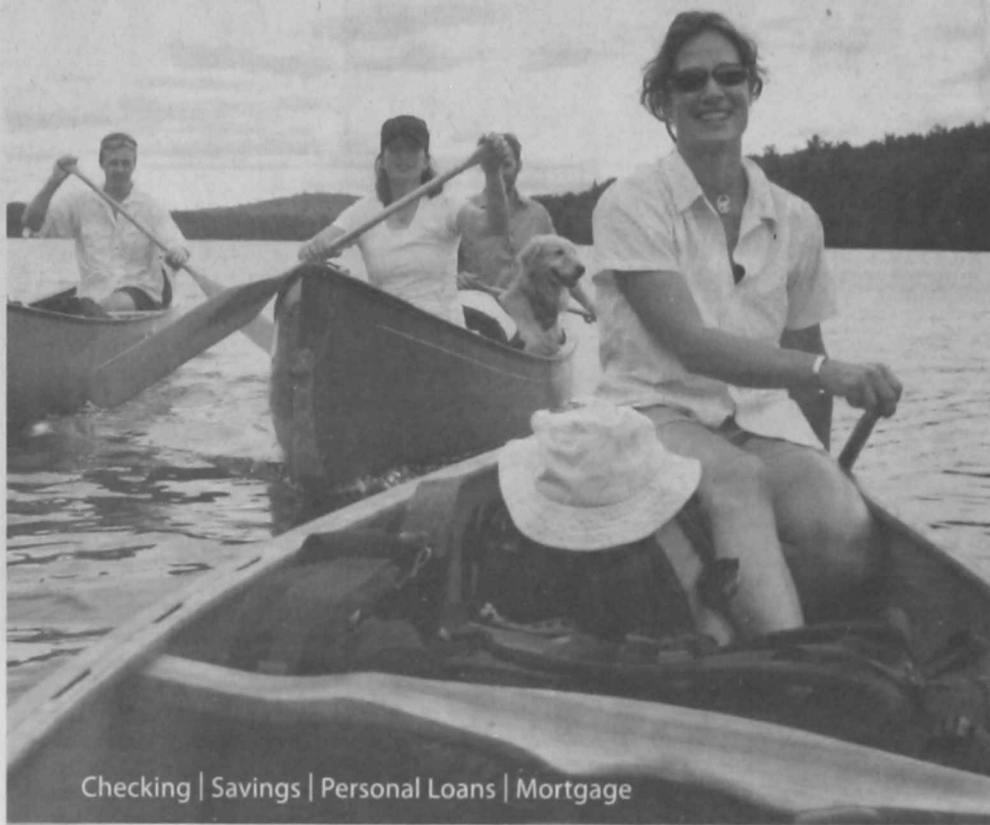
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# White House trip honors Dodson nutrition program

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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The last time Joanne Randolph was at the White House, Ronald Reagan sat in the Oval Office.

Decades later, it's time for another trip, and not for the usual visitors' tour that tourists get.

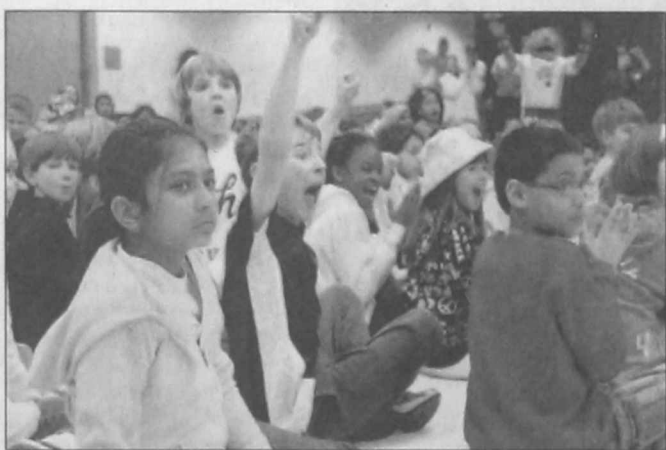
Randolph, the nutrition coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will join Board of Education President John Jackson on the White House's south lawn Friday, July 29, to receive an honor from First Lady Michelle Obama. The district is being recognized for its work to make school lunches and breakfast programs healthier.

The award is attributed to the effort at Dodson Elementary School, which this year earned the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award. Dodson became one of what USDA officials said is a "small but growing number of Michigan schools" to achieve the challenge, a national initiative to promote healthier school meals, physical activity and fitness opportunities and nutrition education. Dodson is the third elementary school in the state to achieve Bronze level status.

"We're honored to be asked to go," said Randolph, credited with enhancing the district's nutritional standards. "I've never been to the White House, except for the little tour everyone takes. I'm looking forward to going back."

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service presented the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award to Dodson back in March. It's a national initiative to promote healthier school meals, physical activity, fitness opportunities and nutrition education for students.

Improving child nutrition is the focal point of the Healthy,



MARY HOLAY

Dodson Elementary students had fun with Rory, the Detroit Lions' mascot, at an all-school assembly announcing the school's Bronze Award.

Hunger-Free Kids Act signed by President Barack Obama in December 2010. The legislation authorizes USDA's child nutrition programs and allows the USDA, for the first time in more than 30 years, the chance to make real reforms to the school lunch and breakfast programs. The goal is to help a new generation win the future with healthier lives.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act is the legislative centerpiece of the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative.

"This is a really big deal," said Kristen Hennessey, Plymouth-Canton's director of food & nutrition services. "It recognizes the fact students are balancing nutrition and fitness, which we all know fosters a better learning environment. The folks at Dodson worked really hard on this."

According to USDA statistics, childhood obesity rates have tripled in the last 30 years, and now nearly 1-in-3 children is overweight and obese. The HealthierUS School Challenge is a key component of the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative to combat the childhood obesity epidemic through a comprehensive approach with

schools, families and communities that helps children become more active, eat better, and get healthier.

"Dodson's Bronze Award reflects the school's commitment to student nutrition and physical fitness, cornerstones of Let's Move!" said Julie Mikkelsen, USDA Food and Nutrition Service Regional Director for Special Nutrition Programs.

The school celebrated the milestone with an all-school assembly Wednesday that featured Chef Paul Penney, Plymouth High School head football coach Mike Sawchuk and player Brennen Byer, and Zumba instructor Veronica Torres.

Randolph said now that Dodson has achieved Bronze status in the program, the district's other 15 elementaries are ready to step up to the same challenge.

"We've changed the menus for the other 15, and we've applied for all 15 of them," Randolph said. "We're hopeful they can all earn the same recognition."

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# Local students honored by Phi Beta Kappa

Top graduating seniors of 109 area high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area — including Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools — are being honored this month by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

More than 3,600 graduating seniors in the public, private, and parochial high schools in southeastern Michigan who attained a 3.75 grade point or higher in their academic classes are receiving a certificate of recognition from the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa, which is

comprised of members of the national scholastic honor society residing in the Detroit area.

"These students have earned recognition as future leaders and scholars by doing what it takes to rank at the head of their classes, and they deserve all the praise and recognition we can give them," said Dr. Seymour J. Wolfson, president of the organization.

Honorees from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools include:

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# Plymouth's Art in the Park off to sunny start

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Under sunny skies and a fair-weather forecast for the weekend, the 32nd annual Art in the Park got under way Friday in downtown Plymouth.

Billed as the second-largest art festival in the state after Ann Arbor's, Art in the Park brings together more than 400 artists from around the country: painters, photographers, jewelers, furniture-makers, clothing designers and crafters of all kinds. In addition, the event offers food vendors, live entertainment and hands-on activities, such as the Lego Spinjitzu display at Kellogg Park.

Art in the Park continues through 5 p.m. Sunday in the park and several surrounding streets.

"I love the festival. I love the people it brings to town," said Stella Delap, the owner of Basket Kreations, a gift shop on Forest Avenue, in Kellogg Park during a break from browsing. The customers Art in the Park brings to downtown businesses outweigh inconveniences such as heavy traffic and closed streets, Delap said. It's also good for her, she added, as a way to find



Mary Beth Lawler and Tonia Laughlin, both of Plymouth, shop for jewelry at Florida artist Maria Marchese's booth. Behind them, Lori Burke of Saline.

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vendors for products, especially from Michigan, her store might carry.

Delap likes to shop Art in the Park, too. "There're just things you don't normally see in a store. Very unique," she said.

That's what Leslie Hawkins, of Las Vegas, Nev., is hoping brings people to her booth on Main Street. Hawkins sells women's clothing that's hand-painted with her own designs, including many flowers and abstracts, and says Art in the

Park is a good fit for her.

"It's a good market. It's our clientele," said Hawkins, who guessed it was her fifth trip to Plymouth for the show. She's been embellishing clothing for 24 years; her mother, Jeanette Nacht, helps with

dyeing, sewing and keeping inventory.

Hawkins said things got off to a quick start for them Friday. "We've been constantly busy. Nonstop," she said.

Photographer Shawn Malone of Marquette, also on Main Street, is back for a second year after her Art in the Park debut in 2010.

Malone's prints are mostly landscapes and roadside scenes — the Mackinac Bridge, a weathered country grocery store, the Pictured Rocks — and her work was featured in *National Geographic* earlier this year. She's been pursuing the work seriously for six or seven years, she said.

Malone, wearing a T-shirt advertising another art festival, noted the day's heat, but said it was better than the alternative.

"We've had a couple total rainouts, so I'm not complaining about heat or sun," she said.

Sunday hours for Art in the Park art 10 a.m. through 5 p.m.; for more information, visit [www.artinthepark.com](http://www.artinthepark.com). The modern jazz band Zamar will be performing throughout the day at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. Visitors are encouraged to park at the ACH plant (formerly Visteon) at 14425 Sheldon Road, just off of M-14, and use the free shuttle service between the plant parking lot and Plymouth City Hall.

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## PLAY BALL

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Gehrig quit his beloved sport and made his famous "Lucky Man" speech in Yankee Stadium, telling the crowd, "I may have had a tough break, but I have an awful lot to live for."

He died two years later at age 37.

Mosher said Canton's vintage baseball game has raised an estimated \$2,000 in the first two years. He conceded raising money has become tough amid an economic downturn — though every dollar helps with much-needed research.

Mosher hasn't been personally affected by ALS, but he felt compelled to help fight

it after he read the magazine article in *Newsweek*.

"It's a very important event," said Mosher, a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer.

Mosher estimated that 75 people attended last year's game, "and I hope to get around 100 or more this year."

Spectators will see a vintage baseball game using no gloves, foul lines or fences. Players, or "ballists," wear period-reproduced uniforms and recreate the game based on 1862 rules.

That means no spitting, no swearing and certainly no team brawls — reflective of a time when baseball was perhaps more of a gentleman's game.

ALS-TDI officials have said 5,000 to

8,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with ALS, while as many as 30,000 people are living with the disease at any given time.

Mosher, who in high school played summers for the Royal Oak-area Babe Ruth League, has called it fitting that a baseball game — the perennial American pastime, just as sure as summer arrives — should be organized to fight a disease that killed Gehrig.

All donations collected during the July 21 game will benefit the ALS-TDI, based in Cambridge, Mass. It is the world's largest nonprofit research center focused on fighting Lou Gehrig's disease.

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# Signal Seekers help model aviators take flight

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Pasting remembers well flying model planes in the parking lot of Madison Elementary on Harrison north of Five Mile in Livonia. His father, who built and flew his own control-line planes, got him interested in the hobby. Now he's hoping to get others involved in it.

The president of the Michigan Signal Seekers Radio Club of Westland, a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Paschen is hoping events like a recent two-day Take Off and Grow open house at the club's airfield will help increase membership, which now hovers around 60 flyers, ranging in age from 6 to 80.

"We wrote the AMA and asked them for a grant and they gave us \$1,000 to promote model aviation," said Paschen. "We had 35 kids who flew planes on buddy boxes those two days."

Club members fly everything from remote-controlled and engine to electric, glider and control-line airplanes as well as helicopters. They come in all sizes from small scale to giant scale where the aircraft can have wing spans of 85 to 130 inches.

Their airfield is on the grounds of former Wayne County Eloise on property owned by the Ford Motor Co. They have a 400-foot landing strip and a half-mile of clear airspace in all directions, according to Paschen. Club members, including instructors are usually at the field around 5-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through September. They had met on the fourth Monday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, but the club needed to find a new meeting spot after the center was closed last week due to the city's budget



The Signal Seekers had plenty of different types of aircraft on display at the club's recent open house.



Justin Anger of Wayne gets his plane ready for flight with the help of Scott Paschen of Livonia, president of the Signal Seekers Radio Control Club Of Westland.

problems.

The club was founded in the 1960s and at one time had some 160 members. Its ranks have dwindled to 60 members who hail from Farmington Hills, Canton, Downriver and

the east side of Detroit. There's even one member who comes occasionally from Howell.

Admittedly, building the airplane is the fun part, according to Paschen, but flying it requires training. He

encourages people to get in touch with the club when it comes to flying them. The club has instructors to help aviation newbies learn how to fly their aircraft without crashing them. Considering planes can



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Nine-year-old Ryan Chico of Livonia works the Buddy Box with Jim Esper of Dearborn. Esper has 20 years of flying experience and loves helping kids learn to fly.



The flight controls are attached to a harness on the pilot so hands are free to operate plane.

range from \$100 to \$1,000, depending on the size, crashing isn't a good thing, Paschen said.

"Planes can cost from \$100 to tens of thousands of dollars," he said. "Giant scales can cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 when you're done building them. It used to be model kits included the balsa wood and you followed plans, now they're built in China and most airplanes come almost ready to fly. You have to do some assembly."

Nankin Hardware and Hobby in Westland and the Prop Shop in Warren helped

sponsor the open house. Nankin Hardware even gave the club a plane to use for training and to keep.

Recently retired from the Livonia Police Department, Paschen decided to become president in hopes of "getting the club going again and trying to promote the sport." He first got involved in flying with the Livonia Ribcrackers Model Airplane Club, then joined the Signal Seekers in 1981 when he was 14 years old.

He builds airplanes in the winter and flies them in the summer. He owns both electric and gas-powered airplanes and currently does sport flying. He also plans to go to Wisconsin in August to study aerobatics.

And he has a gift for seeing his future.

"I see a giant scale in my future," he said.

People can stop by the gated airfield on Wednesdays. The entrance is off Henry Ruff, just south of Michigan Avenue. Paschen recommends people looking to work with an instructor call the club at (313) 563-5143 or visit the club's website at [www.michigansignalseekers.org](http://www.michigansignalseekers.org).

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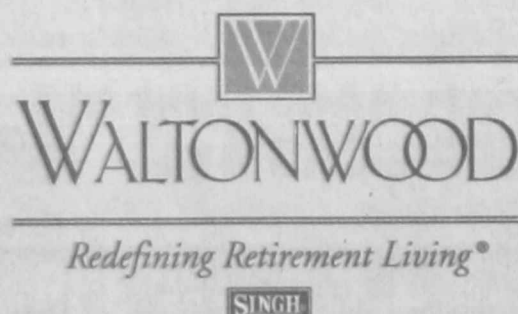
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# Stabenow: Extend advanced battery grants

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow has written and will introduce legislation Monday she hopes will add jobs to the advanced battery industry.

Using the A123 Systems facility in Livonia as a site for her press conference Friday, Stabenow announced the Battery Innovation Act will help spur research and development, develop raw materials for production, boost domestic manufacturing and create alternative and secondary use in the advanced battery industry.

A123 Systems is a developer and manufacturer of advanced Nanophosphate® lithium ion batteries and systems.

Stabenow points to A123's 1,000 jobs added in Michigan at the Livonia and Romulus plants as a success story of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. That \$2 billion in investment created billions more in investment from the private sector and created jobs nationwide.

## ADVANCING ADVANCED BATTERIES

Stabenow called her proposal the first coordinated plan that incorporates raw materials, research and development, and manufacturing into advanced battery production.

"We need to have a comprehensive plan if we are to win the race (in advanced battery technology)," Stabenow said.

Stabenow's bill would create grants to entities working on advanced batteries, create an Energy Innovation Hub in Michigan for advanced science and engineering related to advanced batteries, and create a competition for research in battery durability and energy storage with a goal of building a car battery that can travel 500 miles on a charge.

It would create partnerships with businesses and universities that manufacture advanced



A123 Vice President and General Manager Jason Forcier and Electrical Engineering Manager Jim Fenton lead Senator Debbie Stabenow on a brief walk through part of the plant.

batteries and their components, including software and system design and vehicle integration.

The legislation also would require the Secretary of the Interior to assess international and domestic supplies of these materials, and trade opportunities and barriers to advanced battery development.

Jason Forcier, vice president and general manager of A123's Automotive Solutions Group, said the act helps companies compete internationally.

Asian battery manufacturers pay a 3-percent duty on their finished batteries, while American companies pay more in tariffs just for the raw materials, 6.5 percent, imported from China to manufacture the same product. "So we really need a level playing field," Forcier said.

## GRANTS BROUGHT GROWTH

Forcier said the ARRA's \$2 billion helped companies like A123. "Half of the employees we hired were unemployed," Forcier said. "For those people who think that ARRA doesn't work, we hired 500 unemployed people out of our 1,000 employees."

Forcier said the company paid for 50 percent of investments in the new facility to match the federal grant money received two years ago to total \$200 million from the two sources invested in the Livonia facility and another \$100 million in Romulus.

Forcier said A123 took over a building that had been vacant for about 10 years. Located in a building that once housed Technicolor Videocassettes at 39000 W. Seven Mile, the plant manufactures prismatic cells and systems. The factory includes research and development, manufacturing of high-value components, cell fabrication, module fabrication and the final assembly of complete battery packs ready for vehicle integration.

Stabenow said her initiative would cost \$2 billion. "It will not impact the deficit because we intend to stop the subsidies of the oil companies," she said.

Stabenow believes her legislation will pass, but it will take time. She expected hearings will take place in the fall on her initiative.

When asked how her Republican counterparts would react to it, Stabenow said: "There were 1,000 jobs created at A123. I would see it as a great investment. I think the public would want us to focus on jobs and they should talk to the people who represent them."

## BATTERIES ARE 'BUILDING BLOCKS'

Sam Trinch, vice president of sales of automotive for A123, said the company has created batteries for 10 different vehicle models and is in development for 40 to 50 others. The Big Three has signed onto Stabenow's initiative, along with A123 Systems, Johnson Controls and others.

A123 creates battery cells, which are set inside modules. The modules are stacked up into packs, Trinch said.

"We call it building blocks," Trinch said. "It gives us flexibility in manufacturing." Larger packs are used in high-performance vehicles and trucks.

## ON CAMPUS

### Gonzaga Prep

Luke Peterson, former Plymouth resident and student at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2011 at Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Wash.

### University of Vermont

Jessica L. Murray of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at the University of Vermont. Murray is a junior Global Studies major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the dean's lists, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

### Grand Valley State

Ashley Fallon of Canton was named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Grand Valley State University.

Fallon is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Russian studies at Grand Valley.

The primary objective of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship and character in all academic disciplines. Undergraduate students are eligible for consideration who have senior status and are scholastically in the upper 10 percent of their class, or who have reached the final period of their junior year and are scholastically in the upper 5 percent of their class.

### Boston University

Boston (Mass.) University awarded academic degrees to 5,824 students in May, including two Plymouth students.

Christine Demarti received a Doctor of Dental Medicine in Dentistry, Magna Cum Laude. Ryan D. Noe received a Master of Music in Brass Performance.

Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges.

### Samford University

David Schulze of Canton graduated from Samford University during spring commencement in May. Schulze earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.

Founded in 1841, Samford University is the largest private university in Alabama with more than 4,700 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled annually.

### Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of nearly 1,000 graduates at Spring Commencement, including the following two students from the local area.

Richard Lane of Canton earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Network and System Administration. Andrew Dorton of Canton earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

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Comments received at this public hearing will contribute to shaping aging programs, targeting federal and state resources, and ensuring the public has a voice in how the interests of older Michigan citizens are best served. Topics for public testimony may include - but are not limited to - health and long-term supports and services, housing, nutrition, elder rights, caregiver needs, older volunteers and other programs that promote ways for older people to remain in their community with independence and dignity.

Both oral and written testimony will be accepted at this hearing. For those unable to attend, written testimony is welcomed, and may be forwarded to the Office of Services to the Aging via mail at P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI, 48909-8176; Attn: Carol Dye; via e-mail to dyecar@michigan.gov; or faxed to (517) 373-4092.

The bi-partisan, 15-member Commission on Services to the Aging serves at the pleasure of the governor, advising policy makers on all matters relating to aging policies and programs. The Commission, which meets monthly, also approves how federal and state funds are distributed throughout Michigan.

This meeting is open to the public. Anyone needing accommodations to attend this meeting should contact Carol Dye at (517) 373-7876 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is the state resource for information on aging. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/misenoors](http://www.michigan.gov/misenoors).

# Lawrence Tech research key in remaking bridges

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

The oohs and ahhs were reserved for the collapse of a half-scale bridge during an Ultimate Load Test, but there was plenty to cheer for as Lawrence Tech engineering students tested the corrosion-free material that state and federal highway officials plan to use on bridges in future road projects.

The bridge split in two, once 254,000 pounds of force were applied to its center in an experiment Wednesday inside the university's Center for Innovative Material Research building. The experiment was by the National Science Federation and the Michigan Department Of Transportation-Center of Excellence. The project was funded with a \$300,000 federal grant, according to Nabil F. Grace, dean of the university's College of Engineering.

Conducting the experiment were eight graduate students, two post-doctorate students and two professors, Grace said.

No one was happier when the bridge collapsed than 14-year-old Daniel Kagan, who won a contest and a Lawrence Tech sweat shirt for making the closest prediction of when the bridge would fail. Kagan predicted the breaking point at 254,000 pounds.

"I had clues (from experts), between 240,000 and 260,000, and I chose the middle one," Daniel Kagan said, adding the break was "awesome, pretty cool."

Daniel, the son of Luba Kagan, an accountant at Lawrence Tech, will be a freshman in the fall at Farmington Hills Harrison. Daniel said he wants "to be a professional soccer player," and his mother is glad he had the chance to see engineering and science working together.

"It's good exposure for kids who have got no idea what they want to be when they grow up," she said.

Charles Elder, manager for graduate research projects, narrated the Ultimate Load Test for the crowd of guests, describing the weight and inches of deflection being applied to the bridge up until the collapse, which took the better part of an



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Dr. Nabil Grace, dean and director of the Center for Innovative Materials Research and the college of engineering at Lawrence Tech, explains the results of a bridge experiment.

hour. Elder was encouraged by the length of time the half-scale bridge remained in one piece before collapsing. Its weight capacity, and costs, are its biggest concerns, compared to bridges reinforced by "traditional steel," he said.

Bridges made of composite materials have several advantages, however, according to Elder.

Among them are:  
• The avoidance of a traditional deck slab that usually requires frequent overlay or replacement every 20 years.

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"We'd like to achieve bridges that can sustain 90 to 120 years (of

use) with minimum maintenance," Elder said after the experiment. "The goal here is to have a bridge not affected by salt or de-icing of roads."

Kirk T. Steudle, MDOT director, gave an introduction to the experiment and the type of materials contained in the composite half-scale bridge. When first experimented with years ago, a composite bridge cost 10 times more than the "traditional steel" model, he said. An increase in the use of the new materials has reduced the cost of a composite bridge to about twice the amount of a conventional bridge, according to Steudle.

Subtract from that the savings expected in bridge maintenance and price comparisons are inching closer to equal, Steudle said.

"It still costs more than conventional steel, but as (road projects) use more (composite materials) the cost is eventually going to equal," he told guests. "It's a longer lasting product and you pay for quality."

Interviewed after his address, Steudle said a composite bridge will be put in place at Pembroke Street over the Southfield Freeway in

Detroit, which is currently undergoing an \$80 million complete reconstruction from I-96 north past Eight Mile and into Southfield where the expressway becomes a road. Pembroke was chosen because it is more lightly traveled than the other bridges at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads along the Southfield Freeway stretch, he said.

Steudle said a majority of bridges across the country are up to 50 years old, dating to 1955 with the passage of the U.S. Highway Act, which began the Interstate system.

"A lot of the bridges are 55 years old, have lasted 50 years, and if you look at them you see the corrosion that's happening," Steudle said.

Mark Brucki, executive director of economic development and government relations for university advancement, said Lawrence Tech is a leading researcher for corrosion-free long-lasting bridge design.

"The key is to make sure (the composite bridge) performs and exceeds the performance of steel," Brucki said.

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# Studio puts ageless Whalers continue to connect with community exhibit on display

Artistic talent can bloom at any age, and 24 artists from 5 years old to retirement age are getting the chance to display the fruits of their labor from various art workshops held over the past year at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio.

In the exhibition titled "The Ages of Art," each developing artist will display at least one artwork created under the direction of the studio's teaching artist-in-residence, Shaqe Kalaj. The exhibition runs through Aug. 7.

This "intergenerational" show exhibits work that varies greatly in style and medium: from painting and printmaking to drawing, mixed-media, and more.

"The subject matter varies according to the purpose of the class or workshop they took, or from their own choosing," said Kalaj. "I'm really excited about showing the work of the artists that have participated in my classes and workshops," she added. "When we were coming up with the idea of the show, I really wanted to have

one that represents all the ages of people creating art."

Exhibiting artists, mainly from the metro Detroit area, include Ann Birchmeier, Audrey Birchmeier, Emma Birchmeier, Kate Blair, Ruth Carter, Cate Costew, Hanna Dong, Sara Dzirnis, Lori Edwards, Kathleen Erngren, Took Gallagher, Mary Grannan, Ananya Hariharan, Sophia Hewitt, Keely Kaleski, Lee McKenzie, Alexandra Milosz, Carla Morabito, Monica Prince, Sharyn Schlarman, Pamela Shelby, Claire Wan, Rachel Wira, and Carol Zeiss.

Regular summer gallery hours are Thursdays, 1-6:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., or by appointment. Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio is located at 15095 Northville Road (in the Provincetown commercial complex), one mile north of Plymouth's Old Village and two miles south of Northville. For detailed directions or a map, see [www.artandideasgallery.com](http://www.artandideasgallery.com) or call 734-420-0775.

Meet Whalers forward Alex Aleardi and you'll usually see a smile on his face.

Aleardi was smiling recently when he strolled into the Canton Public Library to read to children as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

As Aleardi met some 20 children and their parents, they started smiling, too. It's not always easy to hold the attention of a group of children from the ages of 3-10, but Aleardi did as he read "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Joffe Numeroff and then switched to Dr. Seuss.

After reading, Aleardi suggested a group photo, and the children moved around him quickly, except for one little girl.

Although she was as quiet and reserved as a 3-year-old can be, Lilli Hallanen of Canton did not want to participate in a group photo. To her credit, Lilli did not cry or whine. She finally joined the group photo, but with a great deal of reluctance.

Lilli came to the library hoping to see her friend, Tom Wilson, who is back home Toronto during the off-season. Nothing against Aleardi, but Lilli was hoping to re-connect with Wilson.

Lilli is part of the Whalers Extended Family.



Plymouth's Alex Aleardi and children meet for a group photo at the Canton Public Library. Lilli Hallanen (sitting) is in the foreground.

During the season, Wilson lives in Canton with land-parcels Phil and Leslie McLees. Lilli lives with her parents three houses away and stays with the McLees during the day.

Lilli doesn't care that Wilson is a power forward for the Whalers, an up-and-coming player who is capable of delivering heavy body checks, dropping the gloves or scoring goals.

She sees another side of the

second-year forward.

"Tom's like a big brother to Lilli," said Leslie McLees. "When Tom moved into our house after Christmas, he was hurt. It's hard to for us to picture Tom as a big, tough guy who fights. He's one of the kindest people I've ever met. Tom and Lilli play together all the time. I explained to Lilli that we were going to meet Alex at the library, but she had her heart set on seeing Tom again."

Meanwhile, the Whalers will be reading again at the Canton Public Library on Thursday, July 14, at 11 a.m. and Friday, July 29, at 2 p.m.

And Lilli and Tom will renew play time later this summer at the start of Whalers Training Camp.

Form more on the Canton Public Library's "Connect Your Summer" Program, please go online to <http://www.cantonpl.org/connect-your-summer/2011>.

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# Bachrouche headed to 2012 Olympic Games



Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills, following an outstanding career at the University of Virginia, plans to swim for Lebanon in the 2012 Olympic Games.

## Farmington Hills swimmer will compete for Lebanon

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the world of sports, as in life itself, you go where the opportunity exists. For Katya Bachrouche, that will mean a chance to compete in the next Olympics.

Her ability as a swimmer has taken her from North Farmington High School to the University of Virginia and now to Lebanon.

It seems all but a formality the 22-year-old Bachrouche will represent her other country at the 2012 Games in London.

Bachrouche, a four-time state champion and an All-America honorable mention at Virginia, holds dual citizenship.

Her father, Nassif, is a native of Lebanon. Though she was born in Southfield and raised in Farmington Hills, Katya was able to be registered at birth as a Lebanese citizen through her father.

"I wasn't ready for my career to end, and I wanted to take it to the next level," said Bachrouche, who



Katya Bachrouche

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## SIDELINES

### Bucks derailed

Substitute Adam Mena came off the bench to score a goal during stoppage time Wednesday night as the host Indiana Invaders knocked off the first-place Michigan Bucks, 2-1, in Premier Development League men's soccer action in South Bend.

Alhaj Musa Kamara added the other goal for the Invaders, who also got an assist from Gregory Klazura.

Indiana goalkeeper Nicholas Steinlage made seven saves.

The PDL's all-time leading scorer, Kenny Uzoigwe, scored the lone goal for the Bucks, who slipped to 8-2-1 (26 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) made two saves.

The Invaders improved to 4-6-3 (15 points).

### Motor City milers

Eight swimmers from the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club swam in the Motor City Mile, a fundraiser for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Wednesday at Belle Isle.

Steven Neill (16) swam the 5K event; Kate Capozzoli (15) and Emma Sutherland (16) swam the mile event; Charlie Jones (11), Trevor Jones (8), McKenna Greaves (10), Madeline Greaves (8), Abby Inch (9) and Emma Inch (9) swam the half-mile event.

Charlie Jones placed second in his age group, and McKenna Greaves placed third in her age group.

### Combs invited

Livonia Ladywood Division 2 all-state and three-time all-Observer pitcher Briana Combs has been selected to play in the Adidas Futures National Softball Tournament July 20-24 in St. George, Utah.

There will be approximately 750 athletes (ages 14-18) on 48 teams competing for the national title.

"The tournament was created to better the recruiting process and open up additional scholarship opportunities for softball players," said Michelle Dellosa, marketing consultant and event founder.

Combs led the Blazers to a 38-4 record her junior year and a berth in the MHSAA Division 2 state semifinals. She went 33-2 on the mound and batted .528.

### Tech signs Jury

Schoolcraft College center Sarah Jury (Livonia Ladywood) recently signed an NIAA letter-of-intent to play basketball at Indiana Tech, a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The 6-foot-4 Jury, a native of Plymouth, was a key contributor off the bench and helped the Lady Ocelots to a two-year record of 61-6, including a pair of MCCA Eastern Conference and MCCA State championships, along with a trip to the 2010 NJCAA Division II National Tournament (en route to a third-place finish).

# Postcards from Belgium

## Ex-Michigan cager Young thrives overseas as pro



Former Michigan center Chris Young (left) dunks during a Belgium Division I game. The Plymouth native has played 10 years overseas.

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fresh out of the University of Michigan in 2002, basketball player Chris Young remembers flying into Brussels, Belgium and feeling all alone.

"I stood around in the airport by myself for two hours, I had no phone or Internet," the Plymouth native recalled. "Somebody finally picked me up and took me to see a house the team arranged. They dropped me off and said, 'See you at practice tomorrow.' It was a difficult first month or two, but I finally said to myself, 'This is my life, get used to it.' It was a nice set-up once I got going."

And 10 years later, the 6-foot-9, 255-pound Young is coming off his best professional season, along with making himself a home away from home.

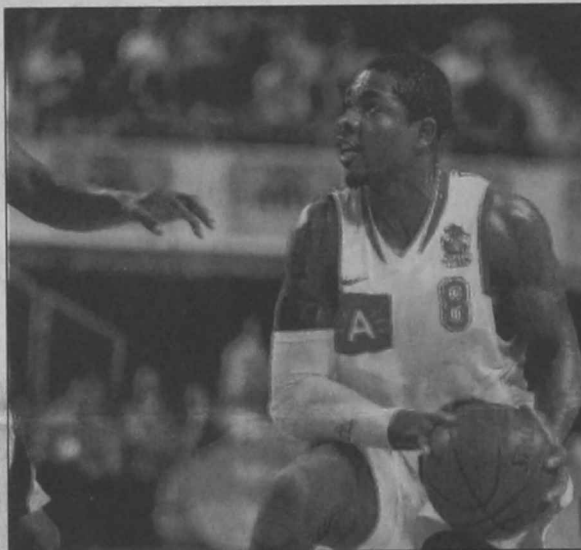
He is currently under contract in Aalst, playing for General Okapi Aalstar in the Belgium Division I League.

The 1998 Detroit Catholic Central High grad averaged 13 points and 6.5 rebounds per game for second-place Allstar, which finished 22-10 and lost to first-place Charleroi in the finals of the league playoffs, 3-0, thus ending Young's season on June 4.

Young, who averaged 34 minutes per game, shot 58 percent from the field, while earning first-team All-League and Center of the Year honors.

In a 95-91 loss to Belgacom Liege Basket, Young scored 30 points, going a perfect 11-of-11 from the floor and 8-of-8 from the free throw line.

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Westland John Glenn High grad Darnell Wilson has enjoyed a productive basketball career overseas.

# Wilson's hoop path provides good living

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The nickname of inhabitants of Antwerp, Belgium is *Sinjoen*, after the Spanish word *señor*, which means "mister" or "gent."

And in the seaport city of nearly 500,000, former Westland John Glenn High basketball standout Darnell Wilson certainly epitomizes reference to the leading Spanish noblemen who ruled the city during the 17th century.

The 6-foot-6, 215-pound import, who played four seasons at Canisius University (N.Y.), just completed his fourth professional season overseas.

The affable and mild-mannered Wilson averaged 13 points and six rebounds last season for the 17-15 Antwerp Giants of the Belgium Division I League.

"I always wanted to play basketball and my dream was to play in the NBA," Wilson said. "As long as I can play and make a living, I'll be happy as long as I'm allowed to do it."

After averaging 11.2 points and 5.9 rebounds per game at Canisius, the 26-year-old Wilson launched his pro career in the Netherlands playing the 2007-08

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# 'Voice of the Zebras' remembered fondly

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Bill Brooks taught English and was the voice of the Wayne Memorial Zebras football and basketball for almost 40 years.

Mich. where Bill stood out as a high school football, basketball and baseball player.

Brooks played football both at Adrian College and in the army (where he served in Germany during the Korean Conflict from 1951-53). He also played semi-pro baseball and raced stock cars before graduating from Eastern Michigan University.

Brooks began his teaching career in 1967 at Marshall Junior High in Wayne-Westland before moving over to Wayne Memorial High in 1973.

And that's where Brooks, who was later enshrined in the Wayne-Westland Sports Hall of Fame at Jake's Again Lounge, launched his P.A. career.

"Sometimes his play-by-play made the (visiting) coaches mad," Orr said. "I don't believe he ever missed a Wayne football or boys and girls basketball game since then. He showed up at every single game."

Brooks retired from teaching in 1995, but returned to the classroom at Wayne as a sub where he worked regularly until April when he was diagnosed with cancer.

"He was a soft guy even though it may have seemed he had a rough exterior," said longtime friend Bill Sexton. "He tried to bamboozle them with that grumpy attitude, but he put that on to keep them at bay."

Brooks, Hays, Sexton and the late Don Graham were regulars at Wayne-Westland prep sports events, whether it involved Glenn or Wayne



Bill Brooks took the microphone for almost 40 years as voice of the Wayne Memorial High Zebras football and basketball.

highs.

"He loved attending basketball games," Sexton said. "He was a U-M (Michigan) fan. He also loved going south for vacations, places like Louisiana and Mississippi, and enjoyed the southern food."

Brooks, preceded in death by his wife Diana (1983), is survived by his three daughters - Shannon Clarke, Megan Brooks and Laurie Cole - along with a sister Nancy Runta, of Sanibel Island, Fla., companion and friend Gerry Rowden, and three grandchildren.

"He was an icon at Wayne Memorial, he had an uncanny ability to engage all students, and at the same time, hold them accountable in his own Bill Brooks way to inspire kids," Wayne High counselor Bill Gray said. "He's not replaceable."

On Thursday night, Wayne High students held a candlelight vigil in honor of Brooks.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne. The Wayne Memorial High band will play the Zebra fight song beginning at 1 p.m.

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The members of the Mud Hens baseball team are (seated, left to right) Blake Bean and Shane Saxton, (kneeling) Mitchell Knedgen, Victor Mencotti, Harsh Purani, Jack Budde, Dom Lanni, Will McLellan, Dylan Parsons, Kevin Korte, (standing) coach Dan Osowski, manager Roger Parsons, coach Doug Knedgen and coach Joe Mencotti. Not pictured are assistant coach John Watson and player Max Watson.

## Mud Hens finish 2nd in Sylvania

The 11-and-under Farmington Hills Mud Hens were finalists in the Sylvania (Ohio) Fourth of July Tournament, winning five straight games before losing to Highland Heights (Ohio) in the championship game.

The Mud Hens scored a total of 91 runs in the six games while only giving up 39. The team's batting average during tournament play was .494.

The Mud Hens trounced the Sylvania Mavericks Blue in their first game, 15-3, but pitcher Kevin Korte was rushed to a hospital after being hit with a line drive.

Korte, who was checked out and released that day, returned in time to play several innings of the next game against Royville (Ind.).

At the time of Korte's return, Royville had runners at first and second with one out. Korte made a spectacular line-drive grab over third base and turned a double play, tagging third base and throwing to first.

The play inspired the Mud Hens as they mercied Royville by a score of 21-8 and their next two opponents, too. The Novi Heat Black and Milan (Ohio) Road Warriors went down to 15-4 and 17-6 defeats.

The four victories made the Mud Hens the No. 1 seed for the playoffs. They defeated the

Next Level Copperheads in a semifinal game, but their 20-11 victory took a lot out of the Mud Hens.

Playing back-to-back games, Farmington Hills had little time to rest before taking on a strong Highland Heights team in the championship game. The Ohioans won, 7-3.

"The Hens played excellent baseball this weekend and were prepared for a tough battle against some very solid teams," Mud Hens manager Roger Parsons said. "All of our players did extremely well and made key plays, which contributed to our team's success, when we needed them."

Great hitting was another key factor as the Mud Hens racked up 93 hits in the tournament. Five players batted over .500 for the series.

Jack "The Ripper" Budde led the team in hits and batting average as he went 12-for-17 for a .706 batting average. Dylan "Bam-Bam" Parsons went 11-for-19 (.578), Mitchell "Big Poppy" Knedgen 11-for-20 (.550), Dom "The Bomb" Lanni 9-for-18 (.500) and Will "The Thrill" McLellan 10-for-20 (.500).

Blake Bean, Shane Saxton, Vic Mencotti, Kevin Korte and Harsh Purani contributed 40 hits to the effort, and all the boys made key defensive plays at critical points in the tournament.

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### Crush Groove 1st

Crush Groove recently captured the Livonia YMCA Adult Competitive League basketball title with a victory over Rusty's. Team members include (from left): Brandon Cassise, Tom Bender, Carl Sumpter, Derrick Nelson, Mike Soukup, Nick Gout, Tim Franklin and Jovan Wilson.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### All-state girls soccer

Salem High School has the second-highest GPA among the 63 girls varsity soccer teams receiving academic all-state recognition from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

The Rocks have a collective GPA of 3.78, second only to Petoskey's 3.82. Farmington Harrison (3.68) and Farmington (3.51) also are all-state teams.

Area girls receiving an individual academic all-state honor are, by school:

**Salem:** Lauren Aschermann, Lily Burnstein, Kristina Klusek, Jenna Loon, Lauren Jones, Victoria Kaye, Mackenzie Rogers and Madeleine Vala.

**Harrison:** Andrea Phillips, Julia Kovtsun, Kelly Dzmelyk, Olivia Jones and Lisa McFarland.

**Farmington:** Ashleigh Finn, Meghan Diehl, Melanie Guyette, Laurer Kohler and Corinne Greer.

**North Farmington:** Emily Andrews, Bridget Elezovic, Halle Kansman, Darby Lychuk, Amanda Morrison and Anna Salomonsson.

**Livonia Stevenson:** Michelle Krawczyk.

SANDLOT BASEBALL

Rams steal win vs. Chief Pontiac

It's been an up-and-down summer for the Michigan Rams in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League. On Wednesday, the 20-and-under squad pulled out a 4-3 walk-off victory over Chief Pontiac with three runs in the bottom of the seventh at Bicentennial Park.

(10-11) in an LCBL clash at Ford Field. Logan Curtis and Garrett Green also knocked in runs for the Pride, who were out-hit 6-4 in the make-up game (rainout from June 10).

BACHROUCHE

FROM PAGE B1 graduated this year from Virginia. "I'd heard of other swimmers who were dual citizens representing their other countries. "In the U.S., it's very, very competitive to make the Olympic team. Not to say I'm a bad swimmer, but you have to be a top-notch, world-class, record holder of some sort to make the American team.

will return in September to officially earn her spot on the Olympic team at the national meet. For someone with her ability, there seems little doubt she will make the team. "Lebanon is still a developing country in swimming, which means the competition is a lot less intense than it is in the U.S.," Bachrouche said.

the rest of the world — maybe not medal but definitely beat a lot of people." Bachrouche is excited and pleased to be on the verge of realizing her long-time ambition to be in the Olympics. "For my family in Lebanon, I'm proud to represent the country and city where my family is from," she said.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Canton wrestling camp Canton High School's wrestling program will conduct a four-day camp July 11-14 at the school gym. Offering the camp is the Advantage Wrestling Club, run through Eastern Michigan University.

technique, drilling, intense practices and end of the day competitions. Another plus will be one counselor per 10 wrestlers for plenty of individual attention. The cost to sign up is \$200. Contact Canton head wrestling coach Cory Mancuso (cory.mancuso@gmail.com) or EMU head wrestling coach Derek Delporto (Derek.delporto@emich.edu) or call (734) 487-6429 for more information.

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## Nursing career opens pathways to opportunities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

As a college student, Caroline Trapp never dreamed nursing would lead her down so many different paths even though a speaker talked about the possibilities. Convinced it was the career for her, Trapp earned bachelor and master's of science degrees in nursing at the universities of Michigan and Pennsylvania before returning to Ann Arbor to complete a certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner in 1998. After more than 25 years in the field, she's done everything from producing a video on nutrition to developing curriculum for a plant-based diet.

"I never thought I'd have the chance to travel to China, the South Pacific, to lecture in Hawaii," Trapp said.

Many of Trapp's opportunities arose as director of diabetes education and care for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine based in Washington, D.C. in 2007. The position requires Trapp to present educational programs in foreign locations as well as closer to her Farmington Hills home.

The nonprofit PCRM promotes a plant-based diet to prevent and reverse diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

"Part of the fun is meeting people from all over," said Trapp. "These health care professionals have become a support group. They're like-minded people enthusiastic about their work. They see people get well."

At home, she encourages patients of Premier Internists, a division of Millennium



Caroline Trapp

Medical Group, not to eat meat or dairy products. A diabetes educator and nurse practitioner, she practices what she preaches. For the last six years, she has not eaten meat, fish or dairy products.

Trapp's travels only confirm her beliefs about the health benefits of not eating meat or dairy products. In the Marshall Islands, 2,000 miles west of Hawaii, she met a man who had been in a wheelchair due to neuropathy. He was dancing and walking after taking part in a diabetes intervention project that taught participants to eat and cook without meat and dairy products.

"I was teaching in nursing schools and hospitals the importance of the plant-based diet," said Trapp. "I met a man who had nightly chest pain and it was gone."

Trapp suffered with chronic joint pain that vanished after about a month of eating a plant-based diet. In her practice, Trapp has seen diabetics reduce or eliminate a patients' need for medication. She's also



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Caroline Trapp teaches medical students in the Marshall Islands how to monitor blood glucose.

seen two cases of mercury poisoning caused by eating large amounts of tuna.

"I've noticed how much more energy I have," said Trapp, 49. "Even patients with osteoarthritis have been helped."

### PLANT-BASED DIET

Trapp is so convinced that consuming a plant-based diet can reverse type 2 diabetes she has developed curriculum for nutrition and cooking intervention programs around the country. It all began in 2006 when she took part in a PCRM pilot project to introduce healthy eating to people with diabetes seen by

physicians of the Millennium Medical Group in Southfield. A class Trapp developed is now offered by more than 30 Food for Life instructors, with plans to expand to a multiweek program in fall.

Most recently, Trapp coordinated the Food for Life Cooking and Eating to Beat Diabetes program sponsored by PCRM, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, and the Institute for Indian Arts. The collaborative effort includes classes on nutrition and cooking demonstrations for Native Americans with diabetes in New Mexico and Arizona.

Trapp was stunned to find

the Marshallese and Native Americans ate a similar meat-centered, highly processed diet that's linked to diabetes and cancer.

"You see the same growing rate of diabetes and heart disease," said Trapp. "Native Americans are like the canary in the coal mine, demonstrating the disease risk all Americans face. Removed from their traditional diet, they have the highest rates of diabetes in the country."

Nearly one out of every five Native Americans has diabetes, according to PCRM. Over the years, white flour, sugar, canned meat, and fast foods

replaced their traditional diet of beans, squash and corn. The "Three Sisters" were the main agriculture crops for Native Americans who interplant maize, squash and climbing beans.

"I saw in New Mexico and Arizona people were at the point they were receptive to something new," said Trapp.

### APPRECIATION

The horse blanket on the back of the living room couch attests to the appreciation of Native Americans. Trapp is equally grateful for the gift that began with a nutritionist from the Navajo Natives Special Diabetes Project shearing a sheep then weaving the wool. She received the handiwork as a thank you for being keynote speaker last March at the 10th annual Native Women & Men's Wellness Conference presented by the American Indian Institute in Albuquerque in March. More than 100 tribes were present. It was the first time Trapp was preceded by dancers in colorful regalia.

"It's so special to me," said Trapp, who plans to hang the black and white work of art on a wall. Trapp's curio cabinet in the living room is filled with memorabilia from her trips to China and the Marshall Islands.

In the U.S., Trapp has spoken from coast to coast about diabetes and vegan/vegetarianism nutrition, most recently in April at the Maine Dietetic Conference. Locally, she gives guest lectures at Wayne State University College of Nursing and as adjunct faculty at the University of Michigan School

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**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
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**Guest speaker**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., Sunday, July 10  
**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** Ben Gabel takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Island of Misfit Toys" during Sunday service  
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**Lecture**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, 13, 20 and 27  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
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**Lecture**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13  
**Location:** Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth  
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from the perspective of a NASA scientist and recent graduate with a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University. No cost, but a free will donation will be accepted. Register by phone  
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**Movie night**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13  
**Location:** In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
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**JULY 14-20**

**Concert**  
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**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., Sunday, July 17  
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**JULY 21-27**

**Guest speaker**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., Sunday, July 24  
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**Details:** Morris Goodman takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Why I go to Northwest Church" during Sunday service  
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**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
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**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** Dessert at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, July 28  
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## Six things young adults should know about managing health

Despite perceptions that young adults consider themselves young and invincible, the majority of Americans, ages 18-26 are taking an active role in maintaining their health.

Two out of three young adults have a usual source of health care, and most are seeing a physician at least once a year for wellness exams and other preventive services, according to a nationwide poll conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

"Young adults seem to understand the correlation between having an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician and creating a healthy future," says Dr. Roland Goertz, president of the AAFP. "But unfortunately, when it comes to managing their health, they, like many others, often lack the experience or desire to navigate the complex health care system."

The health care reform law now enables young adults, up to age 26, to be covered under their parent or guardian's insurance plan.

"As more provisions of health care reform become effective, such as when restrictions related to pre-existing conditions are lifted, even more young adults will have access to health care," Goertz says. "Family physicians stand ready to provide the care they need, when and where they need it."

As more young people take advantage of this benefit, the AAFP offers the following tips to help them make the most of their health care interactions.

- Establish a relationship with a family physician who will know you and your health history. Family physicians provide comprehensive care to people of all ages — ranging from preventive services to the diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and chronic conditions. They also treat depression and other mental health conditions. Most importantly, family physicians make it convenient for patients to get the care they need. Seventy-three percent offer same-day appointments, nearly half offer early morning and evening appointments, and 27 percent communicate with patients via e-mail.

These services are all parts of the patient-centered medical home model of care. Under this model, family physicians coordinate care across all settings, including doctors' offices, hospitals and many other services that make up our complex and confusing health care system. Key medi-

cal home technologies, such as electronic health records, enable health care professionals to communicate with one another and stay updated on mutual patients' medical conditions and courses of treatment. This eliminates duplication, lowers costs and improves quality and patient satisfaction.

- Be open and honest with your doctor. Taking an active role in your health care can help you get the best care possible. Be sure to disclose any current and past health care issues or concerns. It's important to share any information you have, even if you're embarrassed.

- Ask questions. Don't be afraid to speak up if you have questions or concerns. It's important to let your doctor know if you don't understand something. If you have questions before your appointment, write them down and ask them during the exam. Be sure to write down the most important questions first to make sure they get answered, and tell your doctor when you need more time to talk.

- Play an active role in your medical decision making. Research shows that patients who are more involved with their care tend to get better results. You have a say in your medical treatment. If you aren't comfortable with a prescribed course of treatment — like taking medicine,

scheduling a test or scheduling an appointment with a specialist — let your doctor know. Patients and doctors who share decision making are more likely to identify treatment plans they can both agree on.

- Make sure your personal doctor is in charge of your care. This is especially important if you have many health problems or are in a hospital. Make sure that all members of your health care team know about all prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines you are taking, including dietary supplements such as vitamins and herbs. Also, make sure your doctor knows about any allergies and adverse reactions you've had.

- Understand your medical bills and keep medical paperwork organized. Learn to read and understand medical bills and explanations of benefits to know what's covered, what not covered, and why. Consolidate your medical care, health history and medical records, and organize your medical paperwork so you can review it easily if questions arise. Keep your medical receipts if you have a health savings account; you may need to show them for tax purposes.

For more information about family physicians and tips for managing your health care, visit [www.familydoctor.org/smartpatientguide](http://www.familydoctor.org/smartpatientguide).

— Courtesy ARA

## Health officials urge measles protection

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is advising Michigan residents to get the measles vaccine because there are more cases of the highly contagious disease reported in the country this year than any time since 1996.

"This is especially important for persons planning international travel, because the current U.S. situation is largely the result of measles outbreaks occurring elsewhere in the world," stated Dr. Dean Sienko, acting chief medical executive, MDCH. "But it's also important that non-travelers be protected. We have to keep our guard up against measles by having as many of our citizens protected as possible. This is an easily preventable disease."

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been more than 150 cases reported so far. In a typical year, there are about 50 cases. Cases have appeared in more than 20 states, and in some instances outbreaks have resulted. So far, there has been one case in Michigan.

Measles is very eas-

ily transmitted. The virus spreads to others when an infected person sneezes or coughs. A person is contagious before the characteristic rash appears. It can spread through casual and brief contact.

Health officials have been tracking large outbreaks of measles in several European countries as well as parts of Africa and Asia. Most of the cases in the U.S. have been traced to travel or other connections in those areas.

Since summer is a traditional travel season, officials say there are more opportunities for measles virus to be brought into the U.S.

Symptoms include a high fever, eye inflammation, a cough, and a runny nose, followed by an extensive

rash. It takes about two weeks for symptoms to develop, and the ill person can spread the measles virus to others from four days before the rash appears to four days after. Some people can get much sicker from measles and may be hospitalized with pneumonia or, rarely, encephalitis.

All children routinely are vaccinated against the disease. They receive two doses by the time they start kindergarten. However, some may miss or delay measles vaccination. Adults also must be sure they are vaccinated.

Additional information on measles is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/notices/in-the-news/measles.htm>





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**WHEN LESS IS NOT MORE**

A favorite expression to show the benefits of economy is the saying: Less means more. Such words do not hold for a person with bad knees. More often in the case of joint pain less means much less. Not only does the person with painful knees not walk, but by not walking, the individual loses strength and stamina. The result is that stopping activity increases fatigue. Doctors often hear people who have bad knees complain that their arthritis is spreading. These patients note that stiffness is debilitating in the morning, being present not only in the knees, but in the shoulders, hips and legs. The doctor usually has a difficult time explaining to patients that the arthritis is not worsening; rather the body from lack of exercise is getting more and more out of shape. Treatment is not more pills, but increased activity. Patients protest, saying how is it possible to move more, when they can hardly walk at all. That response creates a challenge for the doctor. He finds it difficult to tell the patient that despite the pain, the person should keep walking; the effort will reward the person with steps that are easier to take. That result does not always happen on the initial attempt leaving the patient with the feeling of being deceived. However, the doctor's advice is correct; the person must persist. If he or she is to prevail. The best treatment for bad knees is knee replacement, but poor health or a deep skepticism about such an intervention makes exercise the best alternative. If the knee isn't advanced for operation, then exercise is a necessity.













# FORD ADDS TO LEADERSHIP IN INFOTAINMENT, SAFETY

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## CAReport



By Dale Buss

Ford is attempting to build on its early lead in on-board connectivity and also add to its safety chops as it continues to navigate the increasingly strategic and high-profile world of automotive infotainment. Innovations such as Sync have gained Ford some leadership in this area in the eyes of American consumers, and recently Ford announced incremental advances, such as expansion of its Sync voice-control software to more vehicles.

"Being 'green' and 'smart' are Ford's most important differentiators in the marketplace," Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas, told journalists assembled at the company's design center in Dearborn, Mich., for a safety and technology show-and-tell last month. Consumer appreciation of the "smart pillar" of Ford's long-term positioning - which also includes "safe" and "quality" values as well as "green" - rose 62 percent by the end of the first quarter compared with 2008 when the concepts were embodied formally, Fields said.

Doug VanDagens, director of Ford Connected Services Solutions, asserted that when it comes to infotainment, the company is "thinking like and innovating at the pace of a consumer-electronics company."

Specifically, Ford said that it plans to make Sync AppLink available on an

additional nine vehicles for 2012 beyond the previously announced 2012 Ford Mustang, expanding customer access to AppLink's "intuitive" voice control and to smart-phone apps on the go. Ford plans to add more than 100 jobs over the next four years in this expanding area and announced that 2,500 independent developers have signaled their interest in creating more apps for Ford by signing onto a web site. The company also disclosed a new partnership with Nuance Communications, based in Burlington, Mass., which develops voice-control technologies.

As competitors scurry to catch up to Ford in infotainment, executives want to keep their feet on the gas. More than 84 percent of Ford Fusions now are sold equipped with Sync as well as more than 76 percent of F-150s. A total of three million Ford-built vehicles now include Sync, and Fields said that more than 50 percent of customers say that the system was a key factor in their purchase considerations.

About 55 percent of smart-phone users prefer voice commands over other types of interfaces in the car, VanDagens said, and more than 25 percent admit to using apps in the vehicle. Small wonder: Smart-phone owners spend an average of 7.4 hours a week in their vehicles, he said.



Sync AppLink will be available on the 2012 Mustang



The 2012 Ford Mustang GT.

Ford's reputation in the infotainment area slipped a bit recently after Consumer Reports identified difficulties in operating both Sync and MyFord Touch, a complementary infotainment platform. But Fields said that Ford is "fixing issues" with MyFord Touch, not only with the software per se but also in helping customers understand the systems.

"Early this year, dealers began offering personalized sessions just like at the Apple store, and even going to customers' homes" to conduct the training, Fields said. Ford also has added an owner-supported web site for Sync. Partly as a result, 73 percent of customers surveyed by Ford indicated satisfaction with the first generation of MyFord Touch versus 65 percent who had given the thumb's up to the first generation of Sync a few years ago, he said.

Because vehicles now have become so digitally integrated internally as well as with the outside world, safety improvements - as well as entertainment and communication functions in the vehicle - increasingly run through computer interfaces. The

most crucial frontier in that regard is how to help drivers safely use smart-phone apps in the car that they're simply insisting they want to use.

Sue Cischke, Ford's vice president of environmental and safety engineering, said that the most important determinant of safety is for drivers to keep their eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. This remains the case, she insisted, even in the wake of conflicting research that suggests distressing cell-phone conversations, for example, can significantly promote the possibility of an accident even if the driver is watching the road and has both hands in place.

Ford is researching more ways for the vehicle to automatically suggest accident-avoidance action-avoidance actions by the driver and maybe even curb them. "We're looking at disrupting communications, for instance, when you're coming around a curve," Cischke said. And Sync already offers a "Do Not Disturb" feature that drivers can activate if they don't want incoming cell-phone calls to interrupt their driving.

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