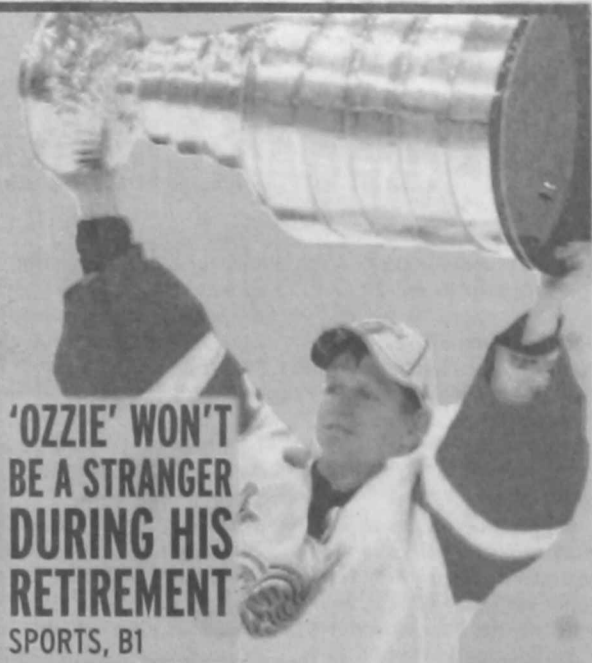




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Janet and Kevin Brady of Canton at the Special Olympics in Houston, Texas.

Special Olympian

Janet and Kevin Brady of Canton attended the 2011 Senior Olympic games in Houston, Texas, earlier this month. Janet participated in track and field. She finished in eighth place in javelin and ninth place in shot put.

'Pippi' pops up

"Pippi Longstocking" is coming to Canton, courtesy of 8th Wonder Productions. The show is rated G, fun for the whole family, and runs approximately one hour, 40 minutes with an intermission.

Performance dates Aug. 5-7 and Aug. 9-13 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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For more information, contact 8th Wonder at (734) 945-5316, e-mail info@8thWonderLLC.com or visit www.8thWonderLLC.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a variety of blood drives in the Plymouth-Canton area during August.

As part of a national appeal for blood donors, the American Red Cross welcomes appointments and walk-ins. Drives are scheduled:

- Monday, Aug. 1, Salem High School (on Joy between Canton Center and Beck), Canton's Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway) and the Plymouth Community Arts Council (774 N. Sheldon), 1-6:45 p.m.

- Wednesday, Aug. 3, Salem High School, 1-6:45 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 5, Busch's Market (Five Mile and Sheldon) in Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.

Potential donors can call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or e-mail riskod@usa.red-cross.org for an appointment or information.



Five-year-old Evan Baum of Westland shakes hands with Blue Angels Lt. C.J. Simonsen. Father Jason Baum in background.

On Angels' wings

Aviation students get pep talk from Navy fliers

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Canton-based aviation technology students got a rare first-day-of-school pep talk Friday morning when a U.S. Navy Blue Angels precision-flying team pilot and jet engine mechanic visited their campus.

"I've always loved watching the Blue Angels," said 19-year-old Bernie Israel, an aircraft maintenance student at the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, on Haggerty north of Michigan Avenue. "They're amazing."

A crowd of 600 students and other fans jammed a MIAT hangar as Lt. C.J. Simonsen, pilot of the Blue Angels' famed blue-and-yellow Super Hornet jet, and elite mechanic Isaac



Mario Vittorio of Canton questions Lt. C.J. Simonsen on his first day of class at MIAT.

Dominguez touted aviation jobs and the military as a way to serve country, see the world and lock into a fulfilling career.

As some onlookers snapped pictures, Simonsen and Dominguez visited MIAT on the eve of the weekend

Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport.

Simonsen, a high school football, track and skiing athlete, told students how he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School and worked his way to becoming a pilot.

"I got my wings in April 2005" before joining the Blue Angels in September 2009, accumulating more than 1,700 hours and 379 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include two Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals and other personal and unit awards.

SMALL SPACES

Yet he recalled times early on when he looked from the air to a sea-based

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Canton woman killed in accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a tragic accident that Canton police Sgt. Patrick Sullivan called "sad for everyone involved," a 26-year-old Canton woman died after she was struck Thursday evening by a Jeep while she was walking her bike across Haggerty Road north of Michigan Avenue.

The accident was believed to be Canton's first fatality of the year involving a pedestrian who was hit by a vehicle. It happened just before 8:20 p.m. The victim was legally crossing

the road when a 49-year-old Canton woman driving the Jeep apparently didn't see her while turning west onto Michigan Avenue from southbound Haggerty.

The victim "was in a crosswalk, and she had the right of way," Sullivan said.

A preliminary investigation indicated that the driver had stopped for a red light before she made the right turn, and the victim "apparently was not seen" by her, Sullivan said.

Authorities hadn't released the names of the women. Canton paramedics rushed the

pedestrian to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where she later died from her injuries.

Sullivan confirmed that there is no indication of alcohol or drugs involved with either the pedestrian or the driver.

"We're still investigating" the incident, Sullivan said.

A statement from the Canton Police Department said the accident was being investigated by both the department's accident investigation team and by the detective bureau.

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Japan ties spur Canton family's urge to help

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton family's strong ties to Japan have inspired their ongoing disaster-relief efforts, long after the media spotlight has waned following a March 11 earthquake and tsunami that killed thousands and left many people still living in wretched conditions.

Canton couple Anthony and Miyako Foley and daughters Kyoko, 16, and Hikaru, 10, have returned from Miyako's native country, where they worked with a Tokyo-based Oyumino Church group to feed impoverished tsunami victims and distribute toiletries, bicycles, fruit, vegetables, rice, fish and other items the people desperately need.

"We saw people living in houses they probably shouldn't be living in," Anthony Foley said. "Four months later, a lot of them wish they had died. The farmers' land is gone, their farming equipment is gone, their fish processing facility is gone. They've lost family members and houses. Their need is what is driving all of us."

The Foley family spent early July helping tsunami victims after Northridge Church of Plymouth helped connect them with relief efforts. They visited Miyako's parents and other family members, who live on Japan's west coast and survived the disaster. Her sister, Nanako Inoue, drove them across the country to the devastated area of Ishinomaki.

"When I first saw it, it was a lot worse than I ever thought," Kyoko, the Foleys' oldest daughter, said. "I felt anger that some people in America and around the world think everything is OK now. This was really a great opportunity that my family had to go and do this. I want to help for as long as I can."

GETTING HELP

Since their return from Japan, Kyoko and younger sister Hikaru enlisted help from their friends to raise disaster-relief funds in their subdivision, Huntington Place II near Beck and Geddes, and in adjoining neighborhoods. They have sponsored car washes, had a lemonade stand, collected returnable bottles and cans and sold T-shirts - bought in Japan - that sport copies of signatures of celebrities such as singers Lady Gaga and Cindy Lauper, movie stars Nicole Kidman and Gwyneth Paltrow and others.

"We came up with the fundraising idea because it hurt us so much because all these people were suffering," Hikaru said. "I'm really happy we're doing this. We couldn't just come back home and forget about it and not do anything."

Hikaru said some areas of Japan she

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Hikaru, left, and Kyoko, sisters who live in Canton, have continued to raise money for Japanese earthquake victims since they returned this month from a trip to their mother's homeland.



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Dragging victim recovering from injuries

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An 18-year-old Westland man continues to recover after he was struck by a car and dragged during an incident Canton police say happened early July 2 near Beck Road and Woodlong Drive.

The victim remains in a hospital intensive care unit after he underwent surgeries, and police say he is facing numerous other medical procedures.

Authorities had feared early on that his condition could

worsen, but he has continued to recover although he was dragged for what Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has called "a considerable distance."

The alleged driver of the car that hit him hasn't yet faced any criminal charges. Authorities are continuing their investigation.

The victim was struck by a car driven by a 20-year-old Westland man, Schreiner has said.

Neither man's identity has been released by authorities.

The victim was caught

under the vehicle and dragged from the scene toward Beck and Saltz roads during what Schreiner has described only as "a large social gathering of young adults and teens."

The driver got out of the vehicle, left the scene and later turned himself over to authorities. He was released from custody as the investigation continues.

Canton police began investigating the incident after receiving a call shortly after 3 p.m. Saturday, July 2.

Authorities have said it

appears the driver and the victim were acquaintances, though no details have been released about what may have led to the incident.

The victim was standing in a grassy area off Beck Road when the car allegedly left the roadway, struck him and dragged him.

Police have indicated that no other information about the incident is expected to be released while the investigation is ongoing.

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AROUND CANTON



Pom prominence

At the 2011 Mid-American Summer Pompon Camp held at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, the Canton Junior Varsity Chieftettes received a second place in Original, first place in Kick line and second place in Speed Learning.

"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

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.

Rockettes golf

Date/Time: Aug. 7
Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth

Details: The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes.

Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a two-hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

Contact: To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

Cars and bikes

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: 39375 Amrhein Road (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles, Livonia)

Details: P.L.A.V. Post #166 hosts the fourth annual Car and Bike Show.

Whereas an unknown number of motorcycles will be on display it is anticipated that upwards of 400 "muscle cars" will be present. Both motorcycles and automobiles can be viewed and photographed for free. There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be available, for a donation, with all proceeds going to those who serve and protect our freedoms.

Northville grub

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 26, 6-10 p.m.

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: The Northville Chamber presents the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl, where 10 restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Free shuttle transportation, grand prize drawing for barbecue gas grill. Tickets are \$30.

Contact: The Northville Chamber of Commerce at www.northville.org.

CORRECTION

A story regarding the success of Triple Threat Dance & Theater Co. in the July 21 *Observer* ("Studio finishes successful debut year") should have said Lyndsay Jones finished as second runner-up for Junior Miss Starbound at the national competition in Orlando, Fla. Hanna Titus was first runner-up for Petite Miss Starbound.

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'Fighting for the fight'

Ball players brave heat to raise money for ALS

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Leonard "Dutch" Baron knew it was scorching hot on the Heritage Park field Thursday night.

He just didn't care.

And neither did the other couple dozen or so players from two teams — the Northville Eclipse and the Detroit Early Risers Base Ball Club — gathered to raise money to benefit research for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's disease," in a charity baseball game.

The third annual vintage baseball game used rules dating back to the 1860s, right down to the lack of air conditioning. While the searing heat kept the crowd down, it didn't keep the players' spirits down. Baron, who's been playing in these games for "five or six years," said he'd played in worse.

"It's fun," Baron said. "It brings back good memories. It's more of a gentleman's game, played with a great group of guys."

Spectators saw a 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 and no swearing.

Proceeds from the game, and the corresponding silent auction, benefit the ALS-Therapy Development Institute, a Cambridge, Mass., based research center dedicated to developing treatments for the disease, which ALSTDI officials say is diagnosed in between 5,000 to 8,000 people a year.

Amy Whipple, ALSTDI's Midwest regional director based in Rochester Hills, said some 150 events such as the



Former state Rep. John Stewart belted out the national anthem to kick off Thursday's charity baseball game.



Julian 'Frisco' Zendejas updates the scoreboard after the Early Risers scored two first-inning runs in the charity game at Canton's Heritage Park Thursday.

vintage baseball game — along with events such as golf outings, galas and "anything you can do to raise money" — help ALSTDI move therapies from idea to reality.

She said some 50 projects are currently in the works.

"We're focused on develop-

ing therapies for this disease," Whipple said. "We're not focused on publishing, profit or acclaim. We're just interested in working in the best interests of the ALS community to move therapies to clinical trial. We're focused on the fight."

Thursday's game raised some \$500, and organizer Bob Mosher of Canton, who has put together all three ALS events, said some \$2,000 was raised in the first two years. Additional donations would be appreciated, Whipple said, and can be made at www.ALS.net.

Mosher has organized the event each year even though he has no connection to the disease. He doesn't have it, nor does his family — he doesn't even know anyone who has it.

But he was intrigued by a magazine article he read on a plane a few years ago, and decided he had to help.

"Lou Gehrig is one of my favorites, and this horrible disease is so democratic, it will strike anyone," Mosher said. "We're all potential patients. When I turned 70 (in 2009), it really resonated with me."

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Parolee back to jail in fondling case

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A prison parolee who fondled a 13-year-old girl who rode her bike to a woods-shrouded pond area near Ford and Morton Taylor roads has again found himself behind bars.

Joseph Michael Johnston, 43, was recently sentenced to six months to two years in prison after he pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Johnston, who told police he was homeless and passing through Canton, could potentially serve a maximum two-year prison term, though it's also possible he could be released as early as December.

The incident happened on Saturday afternoon, April 23, near a pond where ducks gather behind a Ford Road business. The girl stopped while riding her bike, and the suspect "engaged her in conversation," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said after the fondling occurred.

"He appeared to be friendly," Schreiner said, "but he inappropriately

touched the girl to the point that she eventually broke away, went home and reported the incident to her parents."

Schreiner commended the girl for her actions, which prompted her family to contact Canton police. Officers quickly scoured the area and located a man who matched the description the girl had provided.

The victim gave authorities a detailed account of what happened.

Johnston, described in prison documents as a 5-foot-9, 165-pound man, had been paroled after serving part of a one- to 15-year sentence for assault with intent to rob while unarmed — an incident that happened in 2007.

He also has a criminal history for attempted larceny over \$100, attempted breaking and entering a building, and attempted receiving stolen property.

Johnston's fondling of the girl prompted Schreiner to issue a warning to children to beware of strangers, report suspicious activity and, when possible, be accompanied outdoors by friends of family.

"There's strength in numbers," he has said.

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Band provides birthday boost

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Darlean Francis used to tell daughters Melissa and Kimberly, both members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, that when she got older she wanted a big ol' band to come and play for her birthday.

Francis turned 60 last week and, although that's not old, she got her wish anyway when the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band showed up at her Forest Trail home in Canton to play "Happy Birthday" and other music to celebrate.

"I've never been so excited in my whole life," said Francis. "Ever since they were in band, I would say, 'When I'm old as dirt I want a big brass band to come and play.' At one point they started playing happy birthday, and I leaned over to my 83-year-old mother and said, 'Now I really feel old.'"

The tribute was arranged by Francis' daughter, Melissa, now 35. She and sister Kimberly, 33, both of played in the band when they were in school. Melissa graduated in 1994, Kimberly two years later.

Melissa said her mothers "big band" wishes echoed in her mind and, after talking it over with Kimberly and their



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band stretches around the corner to perform for Darlean Francis' 60th birthday.

dad, Gary, they decided "it would be unique if she really got one."

Melissa got in touch with director of bands David Armbruster. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is preparing for a trip to New York to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving parade, but made the time to march on Darlean's house, play "Happy birthday" and do a little march.

And Darlean had no idea it was coming. She said she

"heard the noise" and didn't know what it was. She looked around the corner, then looked at her husband, who said simply, "Happy birthday."

"I go a little verklempt thinking about it now," Darlean said. "I didn't stop crying until they were gone."

Actually, she was still crying days later, when she talked about it. The emotional reaction helped put Melissa one up on her father.

"I was pretty sure she would cry, my dad was pretty sure

she wouldn't," Melissa said.

Having been a band parent, Darlean said she knows the work band members put in, particularly with something as important as the Macy's parade looming. But she wasn't surprised they were willing to do it, nor was she surprised it was a "beautiful performance."

"You can't beat those kids, they were fantastic," Darlean said. "It was one of the most exciting birthdays I've ever had. It was unbelievable they would do that. I was blown away."



New members of Plymouth-Canton's leadership team include (from left) Denise Lilly (Field Elementary principal), Catherine Williams (Bird Elementary principal), Kurt Tyszkiewicz (director of Staffing and Student Services), Maureen Molloy (Allen Elementary principal), Aimee Bell (Miller Elementary principal) and Dana Jones (director of Academic and Assessment Services).

District adds to leadership team

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have dived right into the process of replacing the large portion of its leadership team decimated by retirement at the end of the school year.

The district's Board of Education Tuesday approved the hiring of several administrators, including four elementary school principals, in preparation for the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

Among those hired:
• Dana Jones — Formerly the principal at Farrand Elementary Jones, who owns a master's degree in elementary education from Wayne State University, is the district's new Director for Academic and Assessment Services. A position was eliminated in the Human Resources Department to make room for this position, district officials said.

• Kurt Tyszkiewicz — Having been moved from Tonda Elementary to the board office to replace Bob Hayes as director of student services, Tyszkiewicz was formally installed as Director of Staffing, Student Services and

Policy. In a related move, the board approved his professional growth leave of absence for the upcoming school year.

• Denise Lilly — The new principal at Field Elementary School, Lilly spent the previous three years as the assistant principal at Central Middle School.

• Aimee Bell — An educator in the district since 2002, Bell was named principal at Miller Elementary School. She had been serving as that school's assistant principal.

• Maureen Molloy — One of two hires from outside the district, Molloy was named principal at Allen Elementary School. She had been the principal at Thorn Primary Elementary School in the Westwood school district.

• Catherine Williams — Named principal at Bird Elementary School. She had most recently been principal at Bedford Elementary in Dearborn Heights.

Plymouth-Canton officials received 91 applications for the principal openings, and interviewed 19 applicants. Officials still have to fill the principal position at Tonda Elementary.

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BLUE ANGELS

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aircraft carrier and wondered — did he really have to land on what seemed a small space? Simonsen accomplished that and became a Blue Angels precision pilot who has wowed audiences around the world.

He also has had deployments aboard the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS George Washington, and he has participated in international exercises with Canadian, South Korean, Thai, Singapore, Japanese and Australian forces.

"It has been an unbelievable ride for me," he said. Simonsen urged MIAT students to "always have a goal" and to "always strive to be the best you can be."

Dominguez estimated that for every hour a Blue Angels jet flies, he and other mechanics work 25-30 hours to perform maintenance and ensure aircraft safety. It's a huge responsibility that is critical as pilots fly in close formation across skies, impressing audiences on the ground.

"It's a lifelong dream for me," he said, just before he and Simonsen took a stage inside the MIAT hangar. "It's all about team-building and life skills. Without teamwork, you can't accomplish anything."

MOTIVATING FACTOR

Timothy Kissel, MIAT director of training, said he



The U.S. Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team is performing this weekend at Willow Run Airport.

hoped the Blue Angels visit can help motivate the 750-800 students enrolled in the school's three programs: aircraft maintenance; power technician, including careers ranging from wind farm technology to nuclear power plant operations; and global logistics, including technicians and dispatchers.

Kissel also welcomed Friday's visit because "we are a military-friendly school."

MIAT President Charles Hawes said Friday's visit helped the campus reach out to the community and students in an effort to bring them face-to-face with the famed Blue Angels organization.

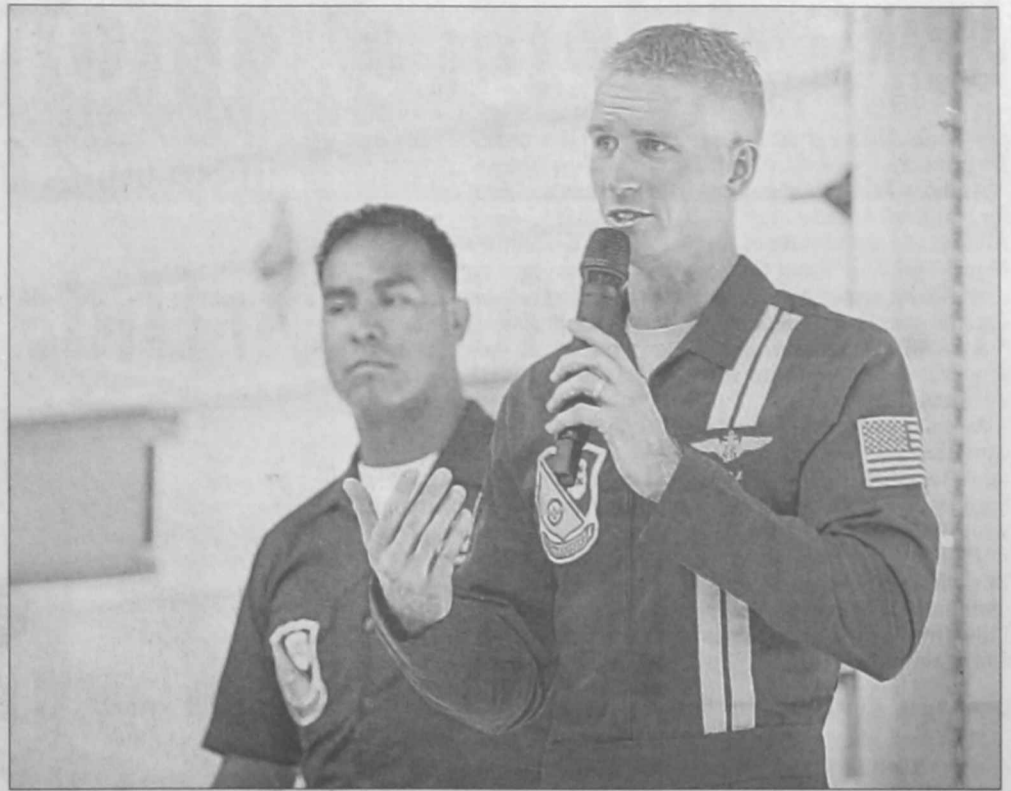
"It shows the opportunities in the Navy and Marines and allows us to show support for the Blue Angels," Hawes said.

Hawes commended Simonsen and Dominguez for sharing their personal experiences and fielding questions from students. He said Simonsen, by revealing how he went from high school athlete to becoming an elite pilot, proves that dreams can be achieved.

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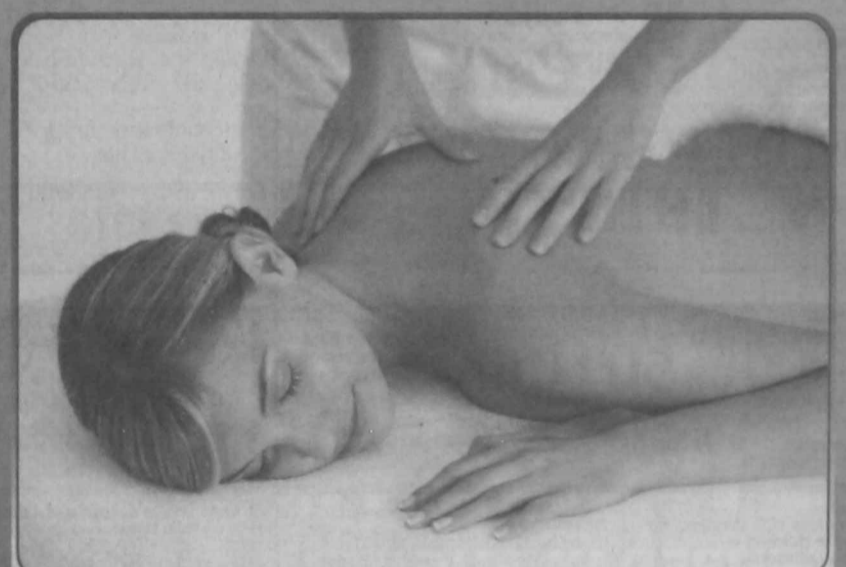
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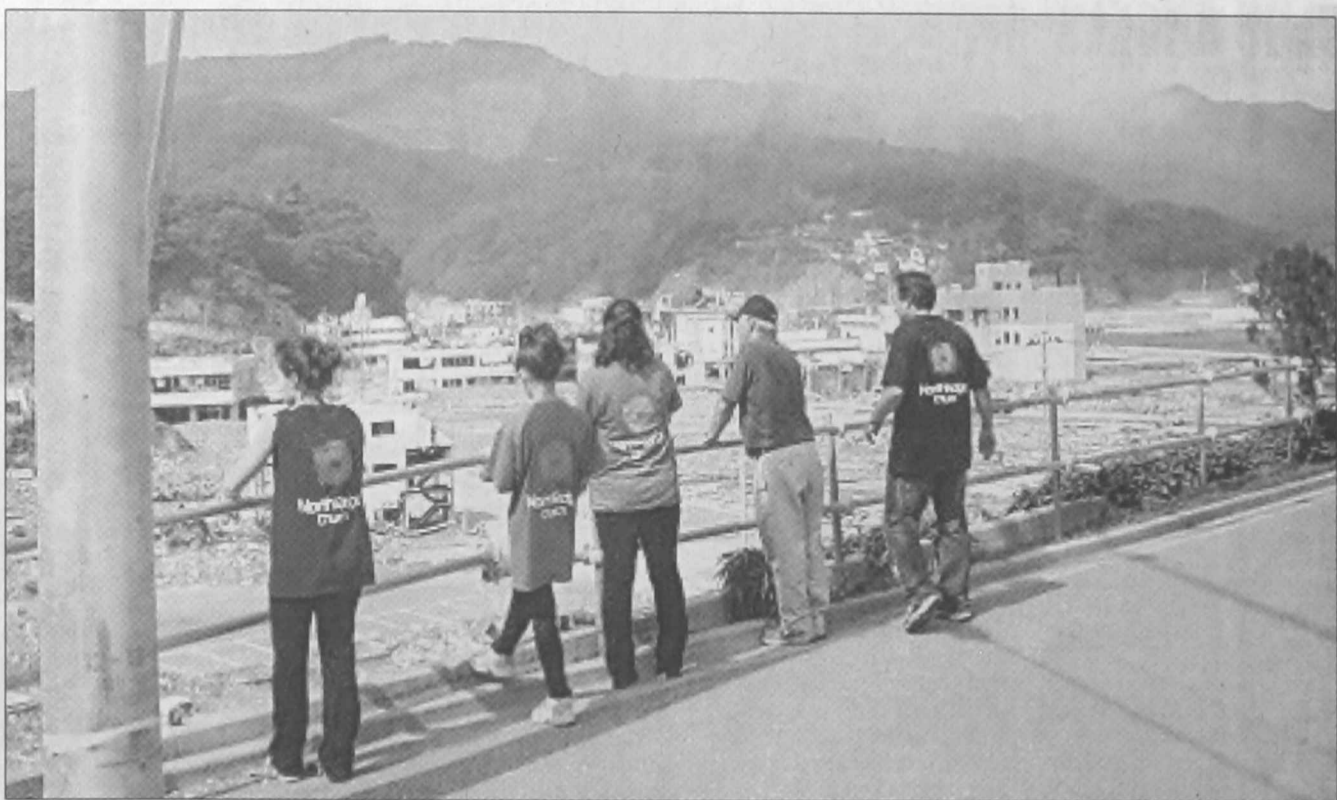
JAPAN
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saw "looked like a ghost town. It's just very, very sad."
Anthony Foley, an engineer for Flat Rock-based Auto Alliance, a joint venture of Mazda and Ford Motor Co., met wife Miyako in 1987 during a business trip to Japan. She was a sales associate in a shop where he was looking for a kimono for his mother.
Anthony Foley took Miyako's card, they had their picture taken together, and they began writing letters — he wrote to her as best he could in Japanese, she answered in English. They met a couple more times and married in 1989, first in the United States and again in Japan.

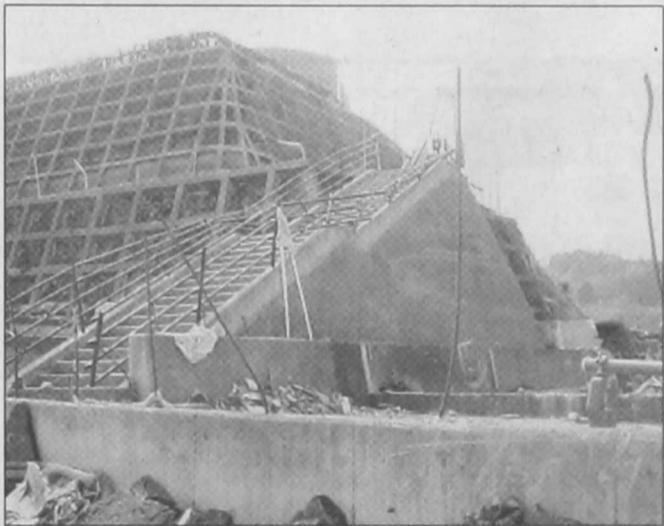
MORE THAN A VISIT
— Most years they return — now with their daughters — to visit Miyako's family. This year was no different,

except they became involved in disaster-relief efforts. Miyako's family operates a Buddhist temple, while the Foleys attend a Christian church.
"So it was like a mixing of cultures and religions," Anthony Foley said.
When the family went to tsunami-ravaged areas, they had to take their own water, food, gasoline and find their own place to sleep, including a hotel catering to relief efforts.
"We couldn't be a burden on the area," Anthony Foley said. "We drove through areas that were completely demolished. There was a hospital that had flooded even though it sat on top of a hill."
Now, even though the U.S. media attention to Japan's situation has eased, the Foleys say they plan to continue to raise relief-effort funds. For more information or to help, contact Anthony Foley by e-mail at afoley57@gmail.com.

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While in Japan, the Foley family was among those who surveyed the destruction in a country with which they have strong ties.



This hill and the hospital on top of it were covered by water after the Japan earthquake triggered a tsunami.



With the tsunami devastation as a backdrop, Canton father Anthony Foley (left) stands with daughters Hikaru and Kyoko, Japanese relief coordinator Masahiro Takada and Foley's wife, Miyako. The Foleys recently returned from helping with relief efforts.



Rounding up their friends, Canton sisters Kyoko and Hikaru Foley continue to raise money by sponsoring car washes and other activities to help those suffering from the Japan earthquake and tsunami.

W-W board won't make recommendation

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER
The Wayne-Westland school board will not make a recommendation to the Wayne RESA school board related to the appointment of new trustee.
Trustee Thomas Buckalew's hope of getting a motion approved backing former board member Jeffrey Hayton was dashed when school board President Carol Middel ruled his request out of order.
"This brings into question a gray area, it can be construed as a candidate for office," said Middel in referencing board

policy 5204, which prohibits advertising or supporting the candidacy of any person running for a public office. "The policy book is large and this is one of those gray areas that can be interpreted many different ways. I would rather err on the side of caution."
Residents had until 4 p.m. Friday to submit letters of interest to Lynda Jackson, RESA board secretary. The RESA board will consider the appointment at a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Wayne RESA Education Center, 33500 Van Born Road at Howe in Wayne. The appointee will serve until June 30, 2012.
Hayton was appointed to the Wayne-Westland board in February to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Pitsenbarger, but failed to win election to the board in the May.

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Taxes and fairness don't belong in same sentence

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I read something that I can't believe is true. The article stated the person who caught the ball from Derek Jeter's 3,000th hit had to pay income tax (because he gave the ball back). Is it true? Is that fair?

A: Before I answer your question, let me dispel a myth. Income taxes have nothing to do with fairness. The purpose of income taxes is to raise revenue. When I went to the University of Michigan Law School, the first thing that my tax professor taught us was never equate fairness and taxes. Therefore, the only issue is the income tax consequence of returning the baseball to Derek Jeter.

I've read a number of articles that have discussed the income tax consequences of returning the baseball to Jeter. Unfortunately, most of these articles are incorrect. The articles seem to suggest that the act of returning the baseball created a taxable event, but that is not the case.

The act of returning the ball did not create any income tax for the individual returning the ball. However, what did create a taxable event

was what the Yankees did in return. The Yankees gave the man season tickets for the rest of the year along with a variety of other team memorabilia. It was that event that created the tax consequences.

The situation is similar to if you went on a game show and won a variety of prizes. If you win prizes such as TVs, refrigerators, etc., you must pay taxes on the fair market value of the item received. That is exactly what the individual who caught Jeter's ball must pay, the taxes on the fair market value of the items received.

There could be another tax consequence, but this one is more of a gray area. Receiving tickets and memorabilia is clearly taxable. What is unclear is whether there was a gift tax incurred in returning the ball. According to our tax laws, when you give a gift to someone, the person who gives the gift is responsible for any gift taxes.

When we give gifts, most of us don't have to worry about gift taxes because the amounts

are generally under the exemption. However, in this case, the question is what was the value of the ball returned to Jeter? I have heard some say the ball will be worth \$300,000 on the open market. Certainly, if someone gives a gift of \$300,000 there will be gift tax consequences. That doesn't mean you have to pay the tax; rather, there are gift tax consequences. In addition to yearly exemptions, we all have lifetime exemptions that can be used to avoid paying these taxes. However, to take advantage of these lifetime exemptions a gift tax return must be filed.

In reviewing the gift tax law, you can make an argument both ways, that there are no gift tax consequences or that there are gift tax implications. My belief is since this is a gray area, the IRS will not pursue the gift tax angle. However, I have no doubt that it will enforce the rules that require the individual to pay income taxes on the items (tickets and various memorabilia) received.

Many people will be scratching their heads wondering why if the guy did the right thing, he should be required to pay taxes. I agree he did the right thing. However, it doesn't change the fact that he received items in

exchange and that does create a taxable event.

Unfortunately for the taxpayer, the tax on the items received is considered ordinary income, therefore, it does not qualify for the favorable capital gain rate. For most people the capital gain rate would only be 15 percent, while their ordinary income bracket will be 28 percent.

Tax laws are not meant to be fair, and as taxpayers we are fooling ourselves if we think they are. Tax laws are meant to generate revenue and to achieve certain social goals. Unfortunately, fairness just doesn't enter into the equation. Good luck!

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Free support group for new moms, babies opens at Madonna

The Psychological Services Clinic on campus at Madonna University now offers an infant mental health program for parents and their babies, up to 3 years old, through its FamilyCARE program.

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"When parents feel confident in their ability to comfort and care for their baby, they are able to respond in a positive and consistent manner. This creates a sense of predictability and stabil-

ity for the baby, and the baby learns that he or she can depend on the parent to meet their needs," said Amy Halstead, director of the FamilyCARE program.

The moms and babies group meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesday each month starting July 27. There is no charge, and the group is open to parents in the five-county area, including foster parents and adoptive parents.

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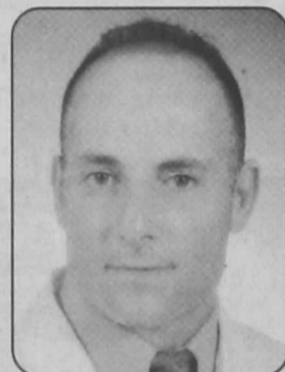
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BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

George Illingworth laughs at the fact that he's older "by a little" than the federal law that created the library he likes so much.

Blind since birth, the Livonia resident was among more than 100 people who gathered Tuesday to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Westland.

"I've been using talking books since I was 11 years old," said Illingworth, now 83. "I used to go to listen to books at the library. Now I get my choice, I take what I want because I volunteer here."

Hot weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the staff, patrons and volunteers who gathered for a ceremony and picnic on the lawn of the library on Michigan Avenue east of Merriman. The gathering listened to the poetry of Ava Johnson of Detroit and the reading of a proclamation from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and applauded as volunteers were honored for their work at the library.

"There are millions and millions of books that can be read, there are millions and millions of people in the United States and abroad who can read because of talking books," Johnson told the gathering. "This library enables us, the disabled, to be able to help us read, and for this it deserves a big cheer."

POPULAR PLACE

The Wayne County library was established by the federal Pratt-Smoot Act of 1931 which created a network of regional libraries around the country for the dissemination of recorded books for the blind. The Westland facility has 3,000 patrons while the subregional library at the Frederick Douglas branch of the Detroit Public Library has 300 patrons like Johnson.

"Our mission is to provide library service for the physical-disabled population equal to



Ava Johnson, the 'poet laureate' of the Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, gets the anniversary party started with a poem.

services provided to those who are non-disabled," said library director Vanessa Morris. "The federal government funds the talking book program, it provides the free books and players. Wayne County provides the staff."

"This library serves as a model for other communities and states that want to join the Talking Book Program," she added.

"It's a great day for an 80th birthday celebration," said Edith Killins, director of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, who read a proclamation from Ficano recognizing July 19, 2011, as Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Day in Wayne County. "On behalf of Mr. Ficano, I want to thank you for using the services of this library."

The library is managed by Maria McCarville, the executive director, Morris and librarian Sue Steiger who also is the volunteer coordinator.



Jerry Holowka of Garden City says a few words about his own 80th birthday at Tuesday's picnic.

It also employs four student interns and receives "invaluable help from the community volunteers."

"The volunteers are simple fantastic," said Steiger. "They come from as far away as Plymouth and Belleville and as close as Wayne and Westland. We're very, very grateful for their support. We simply couldn't do the job without them."

GETTING WORD OUT

Among those attending the celebration was Ellen Stross, the adult services librarian who coordinates the low-vision program at the Plymouth District Library. While she

brings in experts in the area of low vision for patrons, she also helps get the word out about the Wayne County regional library.

"Sue Steiger comes once a year to explain the library and encourage subscriptions," Stross said. "We have a small low-vision center with an Internet terminal with a magnification overlay and lots of informative handouts that explain low vision, but I also promote the services for this library, too."

Art Michalek of Plymouth discovered the regional library after hearing about it at the public library. Blind for 35 years, he said the librarians

"have always been very helpful." Michalek had his entire family, including his children Zack, Sofia and Mary Cecilia, at the party, thanks to his wife Cathy having a day off from work.

"It's a very wonderful service, I get books and magazines for recreational reading and education," he said. "The Plymouth library has an outreach program with selected books and they can get them to you. That's another resource for me. This is great for anyone who doesn't have the ability to read on their own."

"I've seen my dad's books, they send books on tape to the house," Zack added.

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"He had a bass voice, it was very clear," said Holowka, a retired postal employee who delivered mail in Livonia, Redford and Detroit during his almost 50-year career. "Nobody I know can read like him. He had a great voice."

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Golf outing benefits youth in recovery

A golf outing to raise money to pay for substance abuse treatment for young people in Western Wayne County who can't afford it will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

The Fifth Annual Brian Montes Memorial Golf Outing benefits a non-profit foundation established in memory of 22-

year-old Livonia resident Brian Montes by his family. Montes died five years ago of an accidental heroin/fentanyl overdose.

The foundation also offers scholarships to young people in recovery to pay for college or trade school tuition. So far the foundation has been able to get eight young men into treatment and assist four young

adults in recovery with tuition.

Cost of \$75 includes Best Ball Scramble, 18 holes of golf and lunch at the turn; dinner only is \$25.

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The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours 5th Annual Family Golf Outing will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

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Colbeck offers district office hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck's (R-Canton) office will now be holding regular in-district office hours to assist residents with any problems related to their interactions with state government.

The Woodhaven Community Center and the Plymouth Library have agreed to provide space for the monthly meetings.

"In order to serve the needs of those in our community more effectively, my office will now be offering regular district hours where residents can come and talk with my staff about any problems they are encountering in their interactions with state government,"



Colbeck

when requesting help. These in-district office hours will help make state government more accessible for district residents and are in addition to my coffee hours.

"State budget cuts have made it impossible to maintain a full-time district office and I am grateful to the Woodhaven Community Center and the Plymouth Library for graciously offer-

ing space for these meetings. Colbeck said his in-district manager, Jennifer Trussell, will be available to meet with residents individually in order to help assist them with any issues they may be experiencing in obtaining permits, licenses or government aid.

"I encourage people to make an appointment to sit down with Jennifer and talk about how our office might be able to help them find the resources they need."

Trussell will be available at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street in Plymouth, from 6-7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Trussell at (734) 672-6415.

District needs merit-based pay scale

BY DON ZAKSEK
GUEST COLUMNIST

As a long-time Plymouth resident, I have followed the reporting of the budget difficulties facing the Plymouth-Canton School District.

In March, school officials announced a new contract agreement for the 2010-2011 school year had been reached with the teachers' union after 20 negotiating sessions spanning a period of 11 months. At the same time, it was announced that the school district faced a projected \$17 million deficit in the 2011-2012 budget.

On March 23, the P-CCS administrators invited the public to attend a community forum to offer input and to summarize options presented to the School Board to address the budget shortfall. Of the approximately three dozen options presented and discussed in the forum, none included a discussion of teacher or staff salary and benefits which represent 90 percent of the projected 2011-2012 Budget.

I have been told that any public discussion of salary and benefits is considered "an unfair labor practice." If this is true, then when can the average tax-paying citizen broach this subject? The purpose of this letter is to bring the following facts to the public's attention.

BUDGET STATISTICS

There has been much political rhetoric regarding the "funding crisis" and little discussion of the specifics of the 2011-2012 Budget. According to information provided by the School District, the 2011-2012 budget breakdown is as follows:

- Wages (\$91,273) and benefits (55,310) make up 90 percent of expenditures; "Other" makes up 10 percent. Total:



Don Zaksek

\$163 million
• 2009-2010 actual benefit costs: \$44.5 million; 2010-2011 projected benefit costs: \$49.8 million; 2011-2012 projected benefit costs: \$55.3 million. Amount (%) increase in benefit costs in this 3-year period: \$10.8 Mils. or (24%).

- Average Annual Teacher Salary and Benefits: \$107,274
- Average total compensation per contractual hour: \$78 per hour
- Average annual health care costs per teacher: \$17,107
- Percentage of Premium paid by Teacher: 0
- Average private sector health care premium in Michigan: \$10,341

Benefit costs are projected to have increased by \$10.8 million or 24 percent for the three-year period beginning 2009-2010 through 2011-2012. Three years of STEP Program raises have cost \$7.1 million. These numbers show that we have a spending problem and not a funding problem. These kinds of increases are not sustainable, and the school board, the administration, and the MEA cannot expect the citizens of this community to subsidize this fiscal deficit.

The school board must stand strong and address this issue in negotiations. We are not short-changing our teachers. According to the Mackinac Center For Public Policy, Michigan has the eighth-highest average public school teacher salary in the nation. From 2003 to 2009, Michigan teaching salaries were the highest in the nation relative to the average state per capita personal income, in excess of \$107,000.

It is imperative that the school district implement some cost reductions. Following are several items

OPINION

that would achieve a significant impact:

- A 20-percent health care premium co-pay for all employees which would result in a \$5 million savings (estimate provided by school administration). This is more in line with what a private sector employee pays in health care premiums.

- Eliminating the STEP Program of "automatic seniority salary increases" included in the 2011-2012 Budget. The resulting savings would be \$2.3 million.

- An across-the-board salary and benefit reduction of 5 percent for all teachers and administrative staff would save an additional \$7 million.

It has been known that this fiscal crisis was coming and yet there has been little progress toward its resolution over the past several years. It is not a question of valuing teachers but rather a question of this community's ability to pay our teachers a salary and benefit package of \$107,000 for a 180-day school year. It just is not fair to expect this tax-paying community to continue to provide an unaffordable high-level of benefits to public employees.

Based upon my many years of experience as a parent and as a mentor, I have had the privilege of working with outstanding teachers. It is vexing to me that these teachers have not been recognized and rewarded for their skill and dedication while inferior teachers receive the same compensation increases. I believe that high-performing teachers would welcome a merit-based compensation system in which they would be rewarded for their efforts and not just seniority.

Donald M. Zaksek is a resident of Plymouth.

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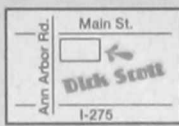
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Vietnam's dead remembered in Moving Wall's visit

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tracy Ancheta braved the torrid weather to attend to the opening ceremony for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall's visit to Westland Thursday evening.

"My son is currently serving in Afghanistan. I'm part of the Michigan Military Moms and the American Legion," said Ancheta, a Trenton resident. "I wanted to honor their (Vietnam veteran) service. I've never seen the wall. This will be my first time. It's massive and overwhelming."

Asked how she was coping with the extreme heat and humidity, Ancheta said she isn't allowed to complain — that's according to her son, Travis, a 19-year-old soldier. "My son says it's nothing (compared to temperatures in Afghanistan). He's home on leave right now," said Ancheta, who was waiting for the wall to open to the general public — families of those listed on the wall were allowed the first viewing.

Now living in Louisville, Ky., Taylor native James Cooper came to the ceremony with his brother, Charles. It's the third time Cooper has visited the Moving Wall — previously he has seen displays in Louisville and Nashville.

"My brother heard it was going to be here and wanted to come see it. He had three good friends who are on the wall, so he likes to visit it," said Cooper.

Along with the Moving Wall, the Michigan Wall listing residents from the state who were killed in Vietnam will also be display through early Monday morning.

"It's great that the Michigan Wall is here, that's really nice. I like that Michigan was hurt hard with more casualties than other states," said Cooper.



Robert Wagner comforts wife Tieng after they found the name of Ed Vova on the Moving Wall during its stop in Westland.

"There were 2,654 (troops) from Michigan alone killed. That's about 4 percent of the names on the wall. This will be the first time I've seen the Michigan Wall. I didn't know it existed until today. I'm glad someone did it."

Westland Mayor William Wild recalled the political divisiveness and unpopularity of the war, adding he was pleased that the Moving Wall could make a second visit to the city.

"I think about those who served in Vietnam — they were mostly young men. And I think about their families," said Wild. "I am reminded of the words of Benjamin Franklin: 'There is no such thing as good war or a bad peace.'"

There are 832 people listed on the Moving Wall who called Wayne County home, said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. He

agreed with the comment from the late Gen. William Westmoreland that those who served during Vietnam haven't received the credit due them.

The Westland Veterans Association organized and hosted the visit by the Moving Wall, fundraising over many months to cover the expenses for the visit.

"For me, it was an honor and a privilege to be chosen to have the Moving Wall again in Westland and represent the community," said Ken Mehl, Westland Veterans Association president and Moving Wall Committee chairman. "We are here to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to live in the greatest country in the world, the United States of America."

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VFW District 4 Commander Phil Merrow and District 4 Ladies Auxiliary President Sharon Lewinski place wreath at the Moving Wall.

the Moving Wall requires volunteers to be on hand for security and to assist visitors in finding an individual listed or making a rubbing. Mehl noted volunteers for the event are coming from Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw,



Westland resident, Larry Fenner, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, attends the opening ceremony for the Moving Wall's visit to Westland.

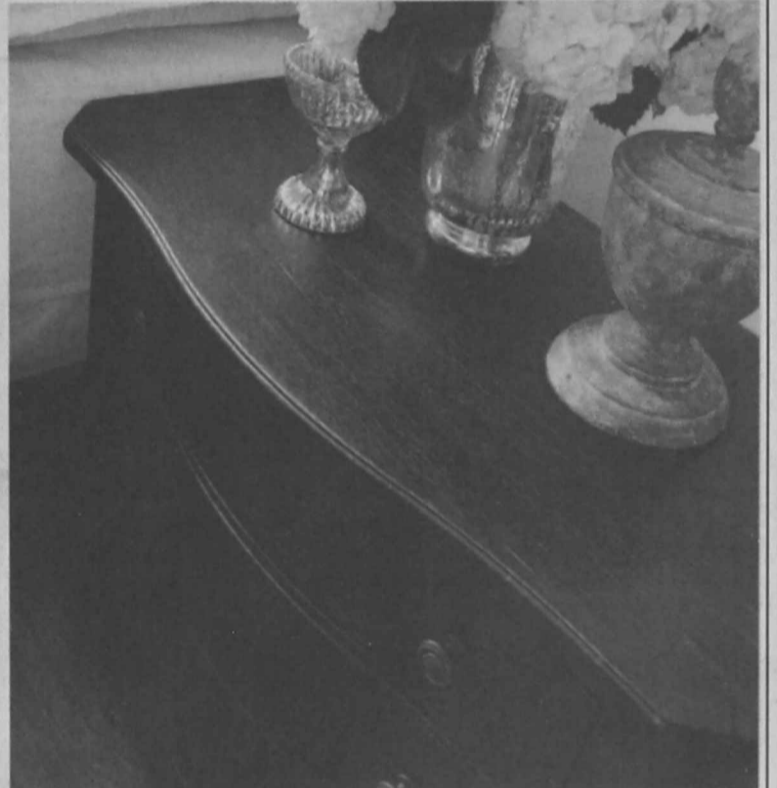
Livingston and Macomb counties. Recognizing Mehl's efforts, one of the wreaths presented during the opening ceremony came from the Westland Veterans Association. The wreath was placed at panel 35 west line 32 honoring Sgt. Edward J. Boggess from Lewiston, Idaho. Mehl's best friend, Boggess was a member of Company A, First Battalion, 6th Infantry, 198th

Brigade, American Division. Boggess was killed in action Dec. 29, 1968.

The official closing ceremony is set for 6 p.m. Sunday although the wall will remain open to visitors through early Monday morning. There will be live music each evening and a beer tent nearby — the proceeds will help raise money for the event.

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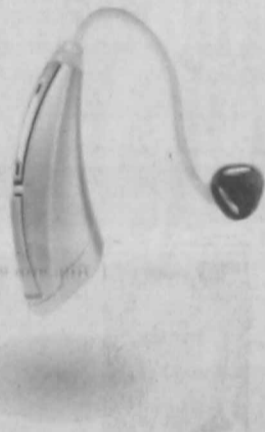


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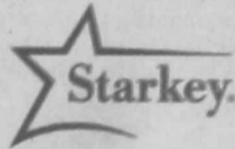
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BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

By now, most sports fans in metro Detroit know that longtime Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood announced Wednesday that he is retiring following a stellar career. Injuries halted his playing career after 17 seasons, 14 with the Red Wings. But Osgood, 38, isn't leaving the Red Wings (he will stay on as a goaltending consultant) or pulling up stakes from his residence in Plymouth — where he received the key to the city in 2008, following Detroit's latest Stanley Cup. "I wrestled with it for a lot of months," Osgood said during a telephone interview Friday from western Canada. "And after the season, I just thought it was the right decision to make at the time. "It was a culmination of health reasons and family reasons. I just felt like everything happened last year, good and bad, for a reason. I felt like it was the perfect time to call it a career." Chris, wife Jenna and their three young children will still

call Plymouth home, too. **THIS IS HOME** "I'll be sticking around there for a long time," Osgood said. "Still living there in the winters and coming back home to Canada (British Columbia) for about a month in the summer. "It's a family-oriented community. It reminds me a lot of where I grew up in Canada, kind of the same atmosphere. The people are always nice. It's that laid-back, tight-knit community that I like so much about it." Jenna Osgood concurred that Plymouth is a great place to raise a young family and lead a normal life — the latter an important point considering her husband's high profile in Hockeytown. "Chris has never been treated any differently there, he's been treated like a regular person, which we really like," Jenna said. "It's very good for our kids to have a normal lifestyle. We still are allotted privacy and there's just tons to do in the town of Plymouth. "We can walk downtown any-

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The likeable Chris Osgood takes a breather during a Detroit Red Wings practice last season. The Plymouth resident will remain with the team as a goaltending consultant.

SIDELINES

Area cagers commit

A pair of Farmington Hills incoming seniors have made summer commitments to play college basketball at NCAA Division I schools. North Farmington's Jasmine Harris has accepted a scholarship offer from the University of Massachusetts, while Harrison's Eman Hubbard has a full ride to the University of Detroit Mercy. A 5-foot-10 guard, Harris averaged 19.1 points and eight rebounds while competing against top competition in the OAA Red Division last season. She also averaged 2.2 steals and one block. The four-year varsity player has 840 career points. Hubbard, a 6-foot center, averaged 12 points, eight rebounds, three blocks and two steals for the Hawks as a junior. Hubbard, also entering her fourth varsity season, set a school record for single-season blocked shots and is among the Harrison career leaders for blocks and rebounds.

Haeger released

Knuckleball pitcher Charlie Haeger, a Livonia native, was released July 15 by the Tacoma Rainiers of the AAA Pacific Coast League. The right-hander, a Detroit Catholic Central High grad, went 2-2 with a 7.74 earned run average. He struck out 35, walked 42 and hit six batters in 47 1/3 innings. During his last start (July 7), Haeger allowed just four hits and one earned run in seven innings with six strikeouts and six walks. Haeger, who resides in Plymouth, had signed a minor league contract with the Seattle Mariners affiliate last November. He spent parts of five seasons in the major leagues (2006-10), including stints with the Chicago White Sox, San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers. In 34 major league games, Haeger is 2-7 with a 6.40 ERA in 83 innings.

MU's Rizzo saluted

Madonna University's Brian Rizzo has been selected by his peers as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Athletic Director of the Year for 2010-11. Rizzo, who just completed his ninth year as MU's A.D., also won the award in 2003-04 and 2007-08. "Brian is a strong link in the Madonna community," university president Sister Rose Marie Kujawa said. "He possesses all the qualities of a great leader — he is approachable, trustworthy and a man of integrity." **Hole-in-one club** Livonia resident William Minito, 17, aced the 125-yard No. 13 hole July 20 at Redford's Glenhurst Golf Course. Minito, who has been playing golf for five years, used a 9-iron and shot 82 to register his first ace.

Sechler feels right at home with Quake on the Lake win

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Sechler managed to keep his focus on the racing and avoided all the distractions that come with the annual Quake on the Lake. The hydroplane event on Pontiac Lake in Waterford is like having a home game for Sechler, a Farmington Hills resident. A lot of family and friends turn out to support the team. Sechler, who owns and maintains the Fast Eddie II, and driver Dan Kanfoush won three heats and the final race for their ninth victory of the season July 16-17. "Sometimes, these races are hard because you're trying to race and entertain at the same time," Sechler said. "Luckily, my wife (Jewel) is good about making sure, when things get busy for



Sechler

me, she shields me from the family and friends, and I get down what needs to get done. It worked out just fine." Sechler and his crew moved closer to winning a seventh straight American Power Boat Association national championship in the one-litre modified inboard class. The Fast Eddie II team has a 130-point lead. The best 15 races count toward the final overall points total. "We feel like we're starting to smell blood a little bit, and we decided to go this weekend to Cambridge, Maryland," Sechler said. "Initially, we weren't planning to go to that race."

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The Jim Sechler-owned Fast Eddie II, driven by Dan Kanfoush, was the fastest boat in the modified inboard class at the Quake on the Lake.



Redford Township residents (from left) Mary Meernik, Paul Meernik, Tom Beaudoin and Ted Kozlowski will participate in the Make-A-Wish Wish-A-Mile 300 fund-raiser set for July 28-31.

Make-A-Wish Cycle

Redford riders serve as 'spokes'-persons

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They've conquered monstrously steep hills, pedaled through driving rain storms and even endured the passing of an agonizingly painful kidney stone. Yes, Mary Meernik, Paul Meernik, Tom Beaudoin and Ted Kozlowski will do just about anything to help out a good cause. The Redford Township residents are primed and ready to participate in this week's Make-A-Wish Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, an equally grueling and satisfying biking trip that cuts a

300-mile path through the mid-section of Michigan. The event is the largest annual fundraiser for Make-A-Wish's Michigan chapter, which has set its sites on raising \$1.7 million from the three-day ride July 28-31 that stretches from Traverse City to Chelsea. Each rider is required to pay a \$90 entry fee and raise a minimum of \$900 to participate — a worthwhile amount, the participants say, considering the raised funds help pay for wishes Make-A-Wish grants to seriously ill children.

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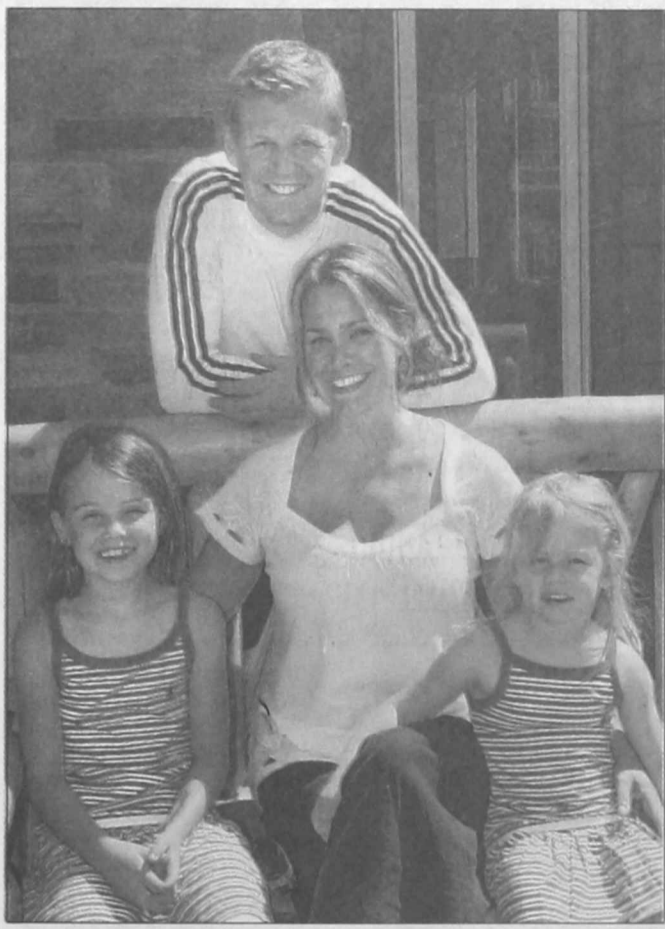
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Chris Osgood, shown in this 2008 file photo, said living in Plymouth is just like his British Columbia hometown — Medicine Hat. Pictured with Osgood, who this week announced his retirement from the Detroit Red Wings, are wife Jenna and daughters Mackenzie and Sydney. The family has grown since '08 as son Max was born this March.

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time we want to. It's just an awesome place to raise your kids." Daughters Mackenzie and Sydney attend school in the area and son Max was born in March. Osgood joked that maybe his backyard hockey rink will eventually start to get more use now that Max is around. "The girls don't play enough there," he said. "So hopefully (Max) will get a lot of work out there when he gets old enough to be out there." Another plus for staying in Plymouth is Jenna's co-ownership of The Yoga Room in downtown Plymouth. "I'd never give up my yoga or give up on the people that we created the business for," she said.

BEST STUDENT

On Wednesday, Osgood's own personal goalie coach (since the 2004-05 NHL lockout) said he expected the affable netminder with the Hall of Fame resume to stay in Plymouth. Stan Matwijiw, director of Bandits Goalie School and netminding coach for the Plymouth Whalers, also said it was a wonderful give-and-take experience working with the veteran Red Wing. Osgood wanted to become less reliant on his reflexes and more proficient at angles and positioning to have better success in the evolving, post-lockout NHL. "I worked with him individually during the whole lockout," said Matwijiw, a Novi resident. "That was the first year I worked with him. And I worked with him for months (during the off-season) through August until he left for training camp with the Wings ever since then. "He's the best student I've ever had. Extremely, extremely open-minded. Would try anything. He was easy to work with, never fought you with anything." Matwijiw said it was surprising that a major league star would be so cooperative and willing to learn from him. "He's just a very easy-going, down-to-earth, I mean he's so well-liked," he said. "I don't know a person that doesn't like Chris Osgood. "And just the way he approached the whole, 'I need to revamp my game' was quite incredible to me."

WORTHY OF THE HALL

Matwijiw also tipped his cap to Osgood's incredible playing career. "I'm extremely honored that I was part of his career, at least a little bit," he said. "And I am extremely happy for him that he accomplished his goals. To get 401 wins and win three Stanley Cups, there's not a whole lot of guys who can say that." As far as Matwijiw is concerned, Osgood deserves one more big accomplishment — to be elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. "I hate to hear people say, 'Well, he had such great teams in front of him.' You know what? Every goalie that's won Cups has had a great team in front of him," he said. "Yes, the Red Wings have done an incredible job since the early '90s of having excellent hockey teams. "But some of that credit has to go to Chris himself." Osgood, meanwhile, said he isn't going to worry about whether or not Toronto comes calling. "That (legacy) is still to be decided," Osgood said. "People will debate about that for a while. "Hopefully, it'll be that I was a good goalie, that I was the right goalie for the right team at the right time."

WINNING WAYS

Matwijiw said he couldn't take any credit for helping shore up Osgood's mental toughness. That attribute was a key factor in how Osgood succeeded in a big-league city historically hostile to goalies. "That was all Chris, he just has a way about him," he said. "Things just kind of roll off him." And now, Osgood is set to roll into the next phase of his life and hockey career. More success is predicted. "I think he's going to do terrific (as a consultant) because he's so well-liked," Matwijiw said. "Current Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard really respects him a lot. I know Jimmy respected what Chris had to say and he's going to be able to teach these guys a lot more than technical aspects out on the ice. "I think that's going to go a long way, with all the experience he has in dealing with all the different things he had to deal with as a player here in Detroit, the good, bad and the ugly, I think he's going to be very successful."

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Free travel baseball survival guide for first-time parents

The author is the father of a 21-year-old former travel baseball player and a 10-year-old who currently participates in travel baseball — and he has the empty wallet to prove it.

To all the parents who are about to take the dive into travel baseball for the first time, know this about the sport: It is exciting, fun, exhilarating and a months-long adrenaline rush. And from what I understand, the players actually get a lot out of it, too. I love rec baseball for all of its fundamentals-enhancing qualities, but in terms of action and pace, it is decaffeinated Mountain Dew compared to travel baseball's Red Bull.

Given that I have spent a good number of my summer weekends the past 10 years sitting on the edge of my retractable fishing chair at travel baseball tournaments, I feel I am qualified — not to mention morally obligated — to offer first-time travel parents a few useful tips.

TIP 1: GRAB YOUR CHECKBOOK

Compared to rec ball, travel baseball can get costly. Depending on the number of games your son's team plays and how far it decides to travel, you can expect to fork out upward of several hundred dollars a season. When it comes to finances,



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however, it is very important to always remember one important fact: it could be worse. Your son could be playing travel hockey.

The expenditures start the minute you walk into Dick's in search of your son's first travel-caliber bat. Back in the day, you could get a nice, dependable aluminum bat for less than \$30.

The bats they use today are so high-tech that I'm certain they were designed by NASA — and, believe me, you pay for what you get. Today's bats weigh about as much as my old Wiffle Ball bat, but are capable of hitting the ball to the moon, which is all good as long as your son isn't a soft-throwing pitcher. Also mandatory for every travel baseball player is a pair of batting gloves. Honestly, I don't think they improve performance one ounce, but they look really good and they'll give your son something to hang out of his back pocket, just like Austin Jackson.

TIP 2: LEARN TO USE MAPQUEST

Did you know that Mapquest was developed sev-

eral years ago for the sole purpose of helping travel baseball parents get to faraway games and tournaments?

OK, I'm just kidding, but it wouldn't surprise me if that were true.

In the past couple of months, Mapquest has guided me to hard-to-find baseball fields in Whitmore Lake, Milan and beyond.

Without it over the years, I have no doubt that I would have gotten lost in Hell (Mich.) on the way to those tournaments in Pinckney.

Mapquest will quickly become one of your best friends ... unless, of course, you have a GPS, which means you can disregard this entire section.

TIP 3: HUG AN UMPIRE

After watching hundreds — who knows, maybe hundreds of thousands — of travel baseball games the past decade, I have come to this conclusion: The umpires really don't care who wins. I know, this is difficult to believe, especially when your son has taken a called third strike that appeared to have been closer to the concession stand than the corner of the plate; or when your son's team gets the short end of three straight bang-bang plays at first base, but it's true.

Along with being fair and

honest, these guys hardly ever complain when they have to wear those tight gray umpire pants when it's 98 degrees outside.

So the best thing to do is make it a habit to track down an umpire after the game, and offer a smile and a "Nice job, blue" — even if your son took a called third strike on a way-outside fastball and you have to do it through gritted teeth.

TIP 4: ENJOY IT

The most important thing I learned from watching my oldest son's travel baseball career — and the thing that has helped me appreciate my youngest son's games — is this: time flies.

One minute your son is 10 and learning about the importance of a secondary lead; then, it's like someone snaps their fingers, and he's 18, and you're putting his once shiny new travel baseball bat in the garage sale.

So my most valuable piece of advice is to relax and enjoy the ride.

Yes, it is expensive, time-consuming and, at times, nerve-racking, but travel baseball is worth every penny and every minute you put into it. Have a great summer.

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'Miracle' HR derby on deck

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once again, they'll be knocking it out of the park for the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The second annual Dale Rumberger Home Run Derby is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at Salem High School's varsity baseball field.

High school players from KLAAs teams who competed in 2011 have been invited to participate, along with players from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and other schools in the area.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Miracle League of Plymouth to benefit ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field.

The field (357 Theodore St.) is expected to open in late August to accommodate the

first MLP games played by children with special need.

CONFERENCE CALL

"We have reached out to the KLAAs making this a conference wide event," said derby chairman Ted Barker. "With the talent in our area, we are looking to see some great competition in this year's event.

"While the derby was very quick last year, we are looking to add some fan interaction this year which will make for a more enjoyable experience for both the players and the fans."

Chris Kordick, a 2010 Salem graduate and member of the derby committee, said the 2010 derby raised about \$5,000 for the Miracle League of Plymouth and he is confident this year's event will at least equal that amount.

"The whole purpose of this event is really for awareness," Kordick stressed. "It's to get

the kids out there with the community, to kind of have a community day and celebrate what we've done. And just enjoy our abilities and in giving back."

There probably will be a silent auction and fans might get to bid on a "golden ball" (the ninth out per player) with winnings to be donated to the cause.

The derby itself will be comprised of three rounds, with each player getting eight outs per at bat. An out is registered when a player swings but does not hit a home run in fair territory.

Whoever is champion will win a trophy and have his name engraved on the Home Run Derby plaque to be displayed at Bilkie Field.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

"We really encourage people to come down," Kordick

added. "The concession stand is going to be open, there's going to be some fun events."

"The kids are going to be out on the field and we're going to be hitting and that kind of stuff. Just come celebrate the miracle league and what we've done."

Kordick said Bilkie Field is really taking shape. "It looks amazing," he said. "To think that last year this was a dream and now it's a reality is amazing."

The Miracle League of Plymouth was established in 2010 by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

For more information about the derby, e-mail Barker at tcbarber114@yahoo.com.

To learn more about Miracle League of Plymouth, go to www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

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Playoff-bound Bucks seize division crown

When the Premier Development League (PDL) schedule was released early this year everyone pointed to the end of the season showdown in Chicago where perennial powerhouses, the Michigan Bucks and Chicago Fire Premier would meet; a game that has historically held playoff implications for both squads.

Once again Wednesday night's match at the University of Illinois-Chicago Field was for all the Great Lakes division marbles, and then some.

In the 74th minute, third-year Bucks striker Stefan St. Louis of Trinidad took a pass down the left sideline from Simon Omekanda and found a defender on his back and two more center backs lurking to keep the lone striker in check.

St. Louis beat the first defender and streaked past former Bucks teammate Kevin

Cope (Salem/Michigan State) at the top of the 18-yard mark where he released a rocket that left Godsey no chance and put the Bucks ahead for keeps, 1-0.

The game-winner was St. Louis' fourth goal of the season and the shutout registered by Livonia Stevenson High grad Mitch Hildebrandt (Oakland University) was his PDL leading 11th clean sheet.

Both teams came into the match tied for first place with identical 10-2-2 records and have one game remaining on the season's upcoming final weekend.

With the Bucks holding the tiebreaker compliments of their 2-0 Memorial Day victory, the Fire came into the game knowing it had win to overtake the Great Lakes Division champs and avoid a Tuesday night playoff game with FC London.

Earlier in the match,

the Bucks' Stewart Givens stepped up to take his third penalty kick of the year and was denied for the first time by Fire goalkeeper, Jordan Godsey.

"I think I just took it too quick," Givens said.

Godsey's save would prove to be the only meaningful save of the first half. Hildebrandt was only forced to make one save in the half and did get some help from the goalpost in the 37th minute.

The Bucks chances in the second half were sparse.

Tom Catalano took an aggressive strike from 35 yards out that dipped down in time to hit the crossbar but not the netting. The PDL's all-time leading scorer Kenny Uzoigwe would be forced to leave the game with a thigh injury in the 58th minute and was relieved ironically by St. Louis. The win gives the Bucks a

season-series sweep of the Fire and their ninth Great Lakes division title.

With the loss the Fire will finish in second place and host FC London next Tuesday in a play-in game to see which team will join the Bucks in representing the Great Lakes division in the Central Conference Final Four to be held the weekend of July 29-30.

With a win in their last regular season game on Saturday against the Toronto Lynx, coupled with a few results in the Heartland division going the Bucks way, there is still a possibility Michigan will host the Central Conference playoffs should the team secure the best record in the conference.

The Bucks are battling with Real Colorado and Thunder Bay (Ontario) for that honor. The United Soccer Leagues announced the playoff hosts on Saturday night.

Rams can't get by Advanced, 4-3

The Michigan Rams suffered a 4-3 setback Wednesday to Advanced Baseball evening in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. The loss dropped the 20-and-under Rams to 16-15-1, while 22-and-under Advanced improved to 13-19.

Advanced scored single runs in the third and fourth innings to seize a 2-0 lead, however, the Rams grabbed a short-lived 3-2 advantage when they pushed across one run in the sixth and two in the top of the seventh. Advanced earned the victory

when it rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh on a pair of hits.

Dan Kilger notched the pitching win for Advanced, tossing six innings of four-hit ball. He struck out three and walked three.

Rams starting pitcher Alex Pierce scattered four hits and five walks during his six-inning stint. Pierce whiffed seven batters.

Lonnell Bush led the winners with two hits, an RBI and a run.

Miles Sorise paced the Rams' seven-hit attack with a pair of singles and two ribbies.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Steelheaders meet

Lance Hinatsu and Mark Tanski will be the featured speakers at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Hinatsu is a longtime steelhead and salmon fisherman who is two-time International Game Fishing Association

and Fishing Hall of Fame world record holder for chinook salmon for the 6-kilogram, 12-pound line class.

The holder of four world records, Hinatsu will speak on the techniques and gear used for river steelhead fishing from novice to advance back trolling combat plug fishermen.

Tanski, represent Quick Fillet Products, will talk on how to steady your catch while cutting and skinning the perfect filets with the patent pending Knolt tool.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790; or visit www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

Churchill Team Night

Livonia Churchill High athletes and parents from all sports seasons are urged to attend Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Carli Auditorium.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

O&E Golf tourneys on tap

Women's event Aug. 6; Men's Labor Day weekend

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nobody was happier to see the skies finally opened up last Monday than Whispering Willows Golf Course pro Paul Worley.

"We got about seven-10ths of an inch, which helped a lot," Worley said. "Even though it's been dry, the course is holding up quite well. We're pumping a lot of water."

Whispering Willows will be a busy place during the next two months as Worley and his staff will be hosting three different tourneys including the Motor City 2011 Junior Golf Championship on Wednesday, July 27; the Observer & Eccentric Women's Open on Saturday, Aug. 6; and the O&E Men's Open, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4-5.

Worley expects a field of 70-to-80 for the Motor City Junior, which tees off at 8 a.m. Entries are due by Friday for the 18-hole tournament, sponsored by Caddy Shack.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is a practice round (prior

to the event), driving range balls (day of the event) and gift pack.

Entries for the O&E Women's Open close at 6 p.m. Friday, July 30.

Included in the \$50 tournament fee is a warm-up basket. The 18-hole medal play event begins at 8 a.m. You must have a current U.S. Golf Association (handicap) index to participate. (There will be an additional \$14 fee for a power cart.)

Last year's champion was Jennifer Pattison of Farmington Hills who shot a 75.

"We had 32 (players), which is the most we've had in a long time," Worley said of last year's field.

The O&E Men's Open will feature 36 holes of medal play over Labor Day weekend.

The first round will be held at adjacent Fox Creek Golf Course, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The final 18 holes will be held at Whispering Willows, located at 20500 Newburgh Road (just south of eight mile).

Men's entries close at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27 and will be limited to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95. You must have a USGA index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be a total of \$2,500 guaranteed in prizes available for both gross and net scores.

The event includes a championship and first flight, along with a 55-and-over senior division which was launched last season.

Jim Omietanski, the outgoing Livonia Stevenson boys and girls golf coach, earned his third O&E championship flight title a year ago when he defeated Churchill High grad Chris Kiehler in playoff after the two were deadlocked in a two-day total of 147.

"We almost doubled our field and entries are up from the year before," Worley said.

For more information on any of the three tournaments, visit www.golflivonia.com; or call Whispering Willows at (248) 476-4493.

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Remarkable Raptors

The Redford Raptors under-16 boys soccer team finished in first place in the seven-team Superior Division (Great Lakes Soccer League's Division 1) with an 11-0-1 record while outscoring opponents 53-12. Pictured are (standing from left) coach Brian Schwartz, Nate Longman, Briar Schwartz, Ryan Ruffner, Brady Hooker, Kirk Nicola, Joe Griffin, Joey Otte, Jordan Harrell, Pat Maher, Justin Ruffner, coach Chris Jackett, (kneeling from left) Josh Rodrigues, Kyle Ray, Garrett Schwartz, Lewis Ellis, Tommy Brady and Colin Haggerty. Not pictured is Nate Norkooli.

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"We feel we can get two more days of racing in there, which gets us that much closer, that much quicker (to winning the points title). We're hoping to have another good weekend."

Sechler won't travel with the team this week, however. His niece is getting married, so he's staying home. Kanfoush and crew chief Tim Collins will be in charge.

When he planned the original schedule of races, Sechler front-loaded it with early races and back-loaded it with others in September and early October.

"Every weekend there seems to be a race you can go to," he said. "Because this is a hobby and a part-time deal, you have to pick and choose the ones you go to."

"I wanted to leave a lot of weeks open, so we can enjoy the summer and not always be working on the boat. We started looking at the remaining schedule; there's a race here

and a race there. At this point, we think we should probably go ahead and do it (this week)."

Sechler and the Fast Eddie II team have been so successful in the sport, one has to wonder if they're seen as being the New York Yankees of APBA racing.

"The guys I race with, all the people I race with, I consider good friends," Sechler said. "Some of them are my best friends. I don't think jealous or envious are words I would choose, but sometimes I wonder if some of them wouldn't mind if I retired."

"I would say, for our class anyway, I'm the guy they strive to beat. That's to be expected when you're out front."

Sechler said there's a lot of camaraderie among the racers each weekend. He even builds engines for many of them.

"I spent the whole weekend building an engine for (fourth-place Becky Wilson of Waterford at the Quake)," he said. "One of the highlights of the weekend was watching her. You would have thought she won by how excited she was."

Sechler said the Fast Eddie II was running well, probably better than expected. That was a nice improvement over last year, when an engine blew up at the Quake.

"The engines don't make a lot of power when it's real hot out," Sechler said in reference to the 90-degree heat. "That's the nature of a two-stroke motor; so we were a little nervous. Fortunately, we all share the same disadvantage, because all the boats are running two-stroke motors."

"We made sure we used the proper gear combination and selected the correct propeller. We made a few hull changes to loosen the boat up a bit. We knew there wouldn't be a lot of air out there, and we wouldn't be going the same kind of speeds we had been going."

"It's everything working together that makes you successful. The boat setup was good and Dan drove an excellent race. The wind wasn't bad, we were fortunate to get a good lane, Dan made a good start and that was all we needed."

Stevenson's 6-9 center goes prep school route

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Xavier looked over everything and did not think it would work out in terms of qualifying (academically)," said Allie, who was coaching in an AAU tournament in Las Vegas. "It's definitely a positive and there are no negatives. He won't lose his (four years) of college eligibility. He was very close to qualifying, and with the extra year, he'll improve his ACT (test score) and obtain a few more of his core curriculum credits."

Livonia Stevenson High coach Mike Allie said Friday that 6-foot-9 center Jalen Reynolds will spend next season at Brewster Academy, a high-powered New England prep school basketball program.

Reynolds, considered one of the top big men in the state, averaged 19 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks for the Spartans, who finished 19-4 and lost to Detroit Southeastern in the Class A regional semifinals.

Stevenson also captured the KLAA Central Division and district crowns last season. Reynolds played only one season at Stevenson after sitting out his junior year following a December 2009 transfer move from Livonia Clarenceville High.

Reynolds signed an NCAA letter-of-intent with Xavier University, but will not be attending the Atlantic 10 Conference school next year after his academic transcript did not meet the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements. "It's my understanding

boys basketball team went 31-3 and was runner-up last season in the National Prep Championship after capturing the national title in 2009-10.

The Bobcats play in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference and listed 35 alumni on NCAA Division 1 men's basketball rosters during the 2009-10 academic year.

Last year's team featured 5-11 guard Naadir Tharpe (headed to Kansas); 6-9 center Markus Kennedy (Villanova); 6-2 guard Elijah Carter (Rutgers); 6-6 forward Durand Johnson (Pittsburgh); 6-5 guard Khalid McCaskill (UCLA); 6-8 forward JaKarr Sampson (St. John's).

Meanwhile, 6-10 returnee Mitch McGary, a Chesterton, Ind. native, will play Aug. 27 in the Boost Mobile Elite 24 game to be televised on ESPN.

"It's all really good for Jalen," Allie said. "It's an excellent opportunity to play against good competition day-in and day-out, obviously something he didn't get a lot of last year at Stevenson."

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MAKE-A-WISH

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"Make-A-Wish is a great organization that does really good things for kids who are on a rough course," said Paul Meernik, a nine-time WAM participant. "By getting their 'wish,' the kids get a chance — at least for a little while — to take control of their life again."

"Personally, the WAM event provides great motivation to stay in reasonably good shape throughout the course of the year."

Some participants train harder than others, the members of the St. Valentine's Holy Rollers joked.

"On the bus ride up to Traverse City, you hear people asking, 'So how many miles did you ride this year?'" Beaudoin said, smiling.

"Someone will say, 'Oh, I rode 1,500' and someone else will say, 'Oh, I rode 1,000.' Then they'll say, 'So, Tom, how many miles did you ride?' And I'll say, '15.'"

The foursome shared a hearty laugh.

The first day of the event, which takes riders from Traverse City to Big Rapids, is probably the toughest, the riders agreed.

"It's really hilly coming out of Traverse City," Mary Meernik said. "The second day we ride about 110 miles, but it's a pretty flat course."

"It's a challenge to ride 100 miles a day, and we're doing it three straight days," Paul Meernik said. "But it's all worth it."

The second leg of the trip stretches from Big Rapids to DeWitt, where the bikers spend the night to rest up for the homestretch to Chelsea.

Crossing the finish line at the Chelsea Fairgrounds is nothing short of "heart-wrenching," said Kozlowski, a retired Oak Park police officer, who persevered through the pain of a passing kidney stone to finish last year's event.

"Before you start the ride, they give you a bracelet that has the name of a child you're riding for," he said. "Once you get to Chelsea, the kids are waiting there to put a medallion around the neck of their rider."

"If you don't get a few tears in your eyes during that ceremony, you're not human," Beaudoin added.

To make a donation to this year's event, visit www.wishamile.org, click on the "Search & Donate to a Participant" tab along the left-hand side of the page and type in the name of a rider.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

CYO volleyball signup

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

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

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

To register, call St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, Ext. 131.

Golf outings

The Harrison High School Football Boosters will have their annual golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at The Cattails

Golf Club in South Lyon.

The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The format is Texas Scramble. A steak dinner follows the golf.

A registration form is available at www.gohawks.org or by calling Dave Race at 248-376-1535.

The fifth annual Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours family golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

The \$75 golf package includes 18 holes (with cart), meals and refreshments. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

Soccer officials class

The United Federation of Officials will stage its rookie soccer referee training class

5:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at St. Alfred's School, 9540 Telegraph Road, Taylor.

The target audience is Class 1 for high school juniors and seniors, which will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring program, along with Class 2 for interested adults.

The class fee—\$35 for high school students and \$55 for adults —includes MHSAA registration fees. (If already registered with the MHSAA, the cost is \$30.)

Those completing the course will be eligible to officiate high school, junior high and Catholic Youth Organization games for the 2011 fall season.

For enrollment information, call Byron Beattie at (734) 775-4134; or to request a registration form, e-mail bsqurdehs@comcast.net.

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DVD brings Latin Mass into homes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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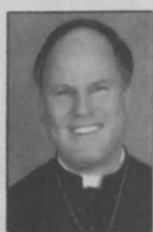
Charlie Hughes sometimes finds it's impossible to attend church when visiting his brother Up North. No problem. The Westland man simply pops the Latin Mass DVD from St. Joseph's Media into his player.

The Eucharistic celebration is especially close to Hughes' heart because he went to Latin Mass six days a week as a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth in the 1960s. A collaboration of the Catholic publisher in Wayne and 2D Productions in Livonia, the DVD is the answer for the homebound, vacationers or those seeking a better understanding of the traditional Roman Catholic liturgy. It includes a missal and subtitles in Latin and English to follow along.

The Tridentine Latin Mass was replaced with an English version after Vatican II authorized changes in response to the modern world. The Council met from 1962-65 and by 1969 congregations began experiencing the new Mass that was meant to make the Roman rite more accessible by allowing churches to replace the Latin.

Not everyone embraced the updated version, which was not a direct translation. The Latin Mass DVD has become such a best seller in the U.S. and around the world that it helped fund the building of St. Joseph's new school, which opened May 2. Hughes oversaw the project for kindergarten through 12th grade.

"I love it. The DVD is the Mass away from the church," said Hughes. "It's the tradition-



The Rev. Franciso Radecki

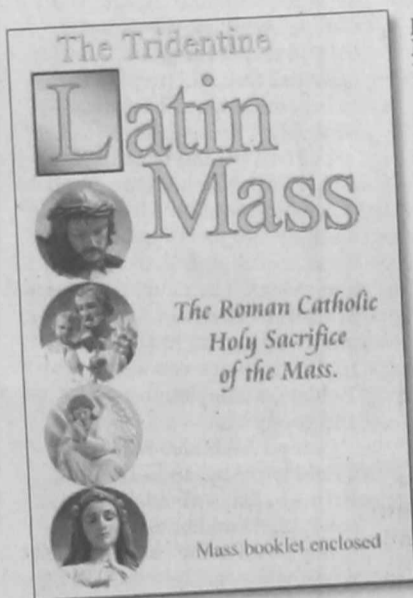
al, unchanged Mass set down by the Apostles, the Mass Christ gave the Apostles at The Last Supper. It's the way it was and the way it has always been."

The Rev. Franciso Radecki was in the seminary in the 1980s when he started to question why major parts of the Mass — the Offertory, Consecration and Communion — were radically changed by Vatican II. Radecki started doing research and two years later published the book, *What Has Happened to the Catholic Church? Tumultuous Times* followed and took four years. Both were written with his twin brother, the Rev. Dominic Radecki, a priest in Los Angeles, Calif. Together they founded St. Joseph's Media, one year after Franciso became pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wayne in 1993. St. Joseph's Media is a publisher of traditional Catholic books, music and video.

"Vatican II altered beliefs and worship dramatically," said Radecki, 53. "It started with liturgy. We're trying to preserve the tradition. There's a sacredness about it."

REVIVING LATIN

Mass was originally offered in Aramaic, the language Jesus Christ spoke. When the Apostles went out to convert, they used the languages of the world. Latin was adopted by the western world in 399.



The cover of the Latin Mass DVD case

"Most major cities in the U.S. have Latin Masses now and most countries," said Radecki. "It's like in a revival mode, a lot of young people going to it. The Catholic religion is losing the young people in the modern church because of the changes. God got de-emphasized and man became the focus. The priest faces the parishioners. There's not the sacredness. It makes it difficult to focus on God with the elimination of statues. It's like a social meeting rather than a religious experience with God."

Changes in the Catholic church started when the Radecki brothers were in fourth grade at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School in Toledo, Ohio. Franciso always had wanted to be a priest. His great-uncle was a monsignor in Cleveland, Ohio, his cousin, a

priest. The two younger Radeckis were altar boys.

"My twin and I would serve where ever they offered," said Radecki. "I learned all the Mass in Latin. One of the nuns taught me and I was supposed to serve and it changed the next week. The priest became the master of ceremonies. I lost the desire to become a priest."

But Radecki did go on to become a priest. He was ordained in 1988 and served in Akron, Ohio, before coming to St. Joseph's in Wayne.

Over the years, the congregation has grown to 135 families, Mass from once to three times every Sunday. Parishioners come from Canada, Ohio and southeast Michigan including Livonia, Redford, Farmington Hills, Canton, Brighton, and Royal Oak.

"People really feel at home, feel like you're in God's house and that's your house too. There are no surprises, lots of stability," said Radecki.

Three high-definition cameras and seven microphones were used to record the Mass so it makes adults and children feel as if they are in church.

"The DVD shows the majesty of the Latin Mass, the beauty of the prayer," said Radecki. "I've been a priest 23 years and I'm even enthralled with it. It makes the Mass alive and explains ceremonies of the Mass at the end. It's the incense and the bells, smells and bells

that appeals to all the different senses to elevate it, the stained glass."

BEAUTY OF MASS

Paula Storm is helping market the DVD. She was growing up in Garden City and attending St. Raphael Church when the changes began. An assistant professor and science librarian at Eastern Michigan University, she is a member of St. Joseph Parish.

"I missed the reverence of the traditional Latin Mass," said Storm of Canton. "There were some recordings on the market but of poor quality. We had purchased and viewed them to see what to do and not to do. The DVD is a way to have the beauty of the Mass when you feel depressed or down. It's consoling and timeless, a good way to learn about the Mass too. It's not only instructing parishioners but altar servers."

Amanda Diehl is grateful she grew up with the Latin Mass. Her family was among those who attended the traditional ceremony in different locations until St. Joseph's Catholic Church moved into a permanent structure in 1991. She and her twin sister, Michelle, and their father, Douglas, answered the call from Radecki to produce the DVD, their first for 2D Productions. Douglas Diehl had been working on video editing for 10 years as a hobby.

"I'm one of the few young people who don't remember anything else," said Amanda Diehl, 28. "Something you feel reaches beyond language. For me it's a way of worship that's talking to God in more than words. It's not just the Latin, but the whole manner, fac-

ing the altar so you're facing God. It's very traditional and respectful."

Diehl has loaned the DVD to friends who didn't know there is a traditional Mass still available.

"The Latin Mass DVD is nice for people who don't have that Mass in their area or are curious about it," said Diehl. "My friends were surprised by how different it was, how calming, how reverent, how different from a modern Catholic Mass. My parents have been traditional Catholics since I was a toddler. They made sure their children had an understanding. I don't think you can love your faith if you don't understand it. I love them for it."

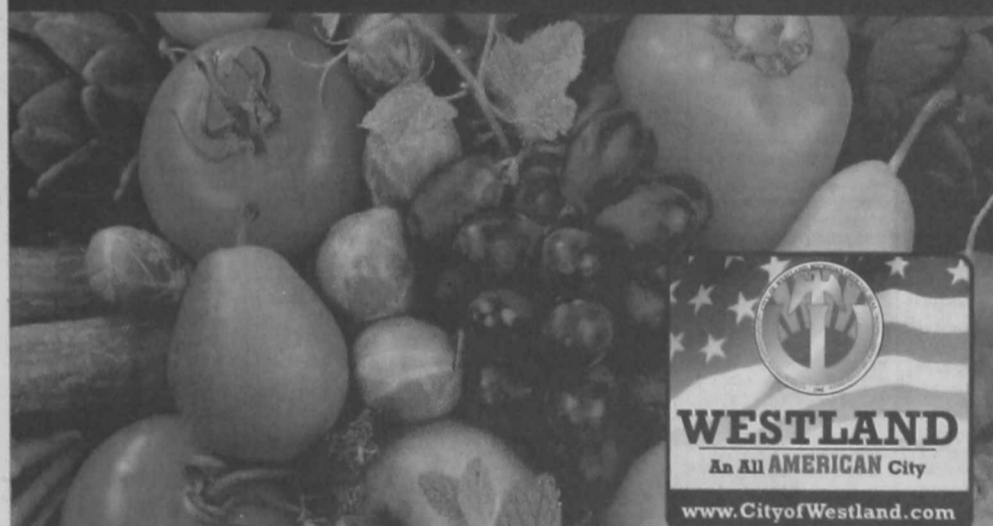

Rita and Chris McEvoy think there's a market for the DVD. They'd like their children and grandchildren to know about the traditional rite they grew up with in Detroit. Both attended Latin Mass when she was a student at Visitation Elementary and High School and he attended church at St. Dominic, St. Agnes and St. Francis de Sales. Today both are parishioners at St. John Neumann in Canton where an English Mass is offered.

"It was very well done and it's great for the kids to know what you're talking about," said Chris McEvoy of Canton.

"It's great if you can't go to church," added his wife, Rita. The Latin Mass DVD is available at www.stjosephs-media.net or amazon.com. The cost is \$20 plus shipping and includes the Mass missal. Or send a check for \$23 to St. Joseph's Media, P.O. Box 186, Wayne, MI 48184.

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Readers ask about washing machine repairs, odors

My wife's friend Dale has been having a terrible appliance year so far, due to a double-wall oven that cost her \$4,000 to replace because the electronic part to fix her old one was no longer available. It was only seven years old!

She wrote the other day to tell me her washing machine has been serviced nine times in the past year and it still doesn't work properly. I asked my son Mark to



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

take a look at it and he called me to tell me it's all fixed. I asked him what the service technicians had been missing in all these past service calls. He informed me that the technicians had been changing the water fill valve which has a thimble-style filter that plugs up very quickly and that the steel braided hoses have a very small orifice which really slows down the water flow into the washer. Dale's problem has been the machine taking too long to fill up for the rinse cycle. Mark took off the cold water braided fill hose and replaced it with the old fashioned rubber hose. Mark asked me to tell readers that if you purchase a new washer and it fills too slowly, concentrate on the above corrections.

Steve wrote: I have a Whirlpool Ultimate Care II top loading washing machine. Washed clothes sometimes have a musty smell to them when worn that matches an odor from the machine. We have tried running Clorox through the machine, any other suggestions?

Reply: You should never have an odor in a top loading washing machine. That is something that usually is confined to front load washers as confirmed by millions of Americans today. One preventative step is to give the washer a vinegar bath a couple of times a year. Fill it with hot water (the hottest possible) add two gallons of white vinegar and set the timer to agitate for 10 minutes. Shut it off and let it sit for 24 hours and

I know that is hard to do on a cold winter day or when the air conditioning unit is operating but if you want fresher smelling clothes, try it.

then turn it on and let it go through the cycle. There is something to look out for whenever a washer is installed. Many homeowners use a standpipe today for the drain instead of a laundry tub. If the drain hose is jammed into the standpipe without any play or slop where the hose fits into the standpipe, this can cause the washer to act like a vacuum when it is operating. It will suck into the machine the odors that exist in your home drain lines.

Sometimes you can have odors in the clothes that are created in the clothes dryer, especially a gas dryer. Your dryer uses air for combustion and it gets that air from inside the house. I mean upstairs air or anywhere air. If you happen to be painting or doing anything that produces an odor of any kind, it will be sucked into the dryer and into your clothes. The secret is to always open a window whenever using your clothes dryer. I know that is hard to do on a cold winter day or when the air conditioning unit is operating but if you want fresher smelling clothes, try it.

It is said that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. It comes from the ground under your home and through the basement floor, which proves it may be unwise to turn on a large attic fan that pulls air from the lower levels unless you have your home checked for radon — which is something you can do yourself. Hardware stores sell test kits that can give you a reading of how much radon does exist. Stay tuned.

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

Send the kids to animal camp, visit an open house in Plymouth

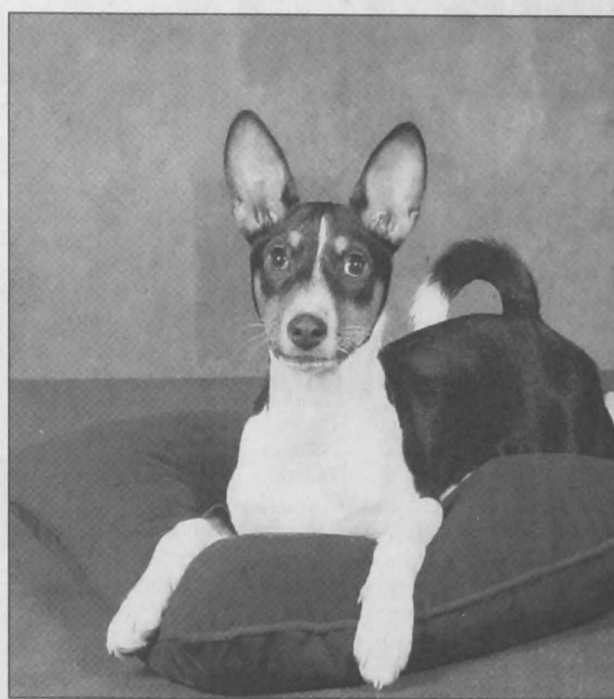
The Humane Society of Huron Valley will offer its first annual camp for youngsters, Aug. 15-19. Camp PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving), will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day and is designed for children, ages 7-10. Campers will learn how to care for and respect animals through activities that will prepare them to become responsible future pet owners.

The cost is \$150 per camper and will include humane education lessons, time with adoptable animals, rescue group presentations, crafts, games, story time and snacks. The Humane Society of Huron Valley will supply pizza and pop on Friday, Aug. 19. Participants also will receive T-shirts, a completion certificate and goody bag.

Camp PAWS also will take a field trip Aug. 18 to Domino Farms to learn about caring for cows, pigs and horses.

Register for the camp online at www.hshv.org.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley serves Washtenaw County, in addition to Plymouth and Canton.



Henri, 1 1/2, Jill Andra Young's Basenji, poses for a portrait.

SAY CHEESE

Jill Andra Young Photography will celebrate 22 years in business with an open house noon to 4 p.m. July 30, at her studio, 825 Penniman, Plymouth.

She'll offer half-off coupons — good for people and pets — for a studio sitting and a studio package. Sittings must be done by Sept. 3.

Several pet-related businesses will help Young celebrate. They include The Patisserie, with specialty dog treats, Wags to Wiskers, with holistic pet supplies, The Aussie Pet Mobile, for pet grooming and LeBowtique, an upscale pet clothing store. Coupons and treats

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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 1954
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

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 High School

Class of 1976
35th reunion, Saturday Aug. 13. For details visit <http://www.dhs1976.myevent.com>.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud

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

Detroit Cody

Class of 1961
50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion,

Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wow-way.com

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1971
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to fhhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@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 1950-51
Three-day event, Aug. 12-14. Anyone interested may contact Marlene Oleson Hanna at (313) 937-8233.

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 pruddyduck1@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., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (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.

Garden City West

Class of 1981
30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the

door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (734) 751-2424.

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.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1961
Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1961
Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twm1.rr.com.

Class of 1981

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

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1966
45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

Plymouth High School

Classes of 1951-52
Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at

the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

Classes of 1965-66

6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S Harvey, Plymouth, MI. 48170.

Class of 1981

30-year class reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Rock Bar & Grill, 844 Penniman, Plymouth. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple and include appetizers, one drink and cake. Make checks payable to Kallie Michels/Canton-1981 and send them to her at 48714 Pine Hill, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions? E-mail to Kallie@umich.edu.

Redford Union

Class of 1971
6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Tickets purchased before July 31 are \$38. Tickets after that date are \$48. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUHST71@yahoo.com

Class of 1962

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

Royal Oak High School

Class of 1951
A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gath-

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

St. Alphonsus

Class of 1971
40th class reunion, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Liberty Street Brewing, 149 Liberty, Plymouth and 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 24, Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. The gathering on Saturday costs \$60 per person. For more information call Martie Zawacki McClain at martanmc@aol.com (734) 453-4946

St. Mary of Redford

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

Southfield High School

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

Wayne Memorial High School

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

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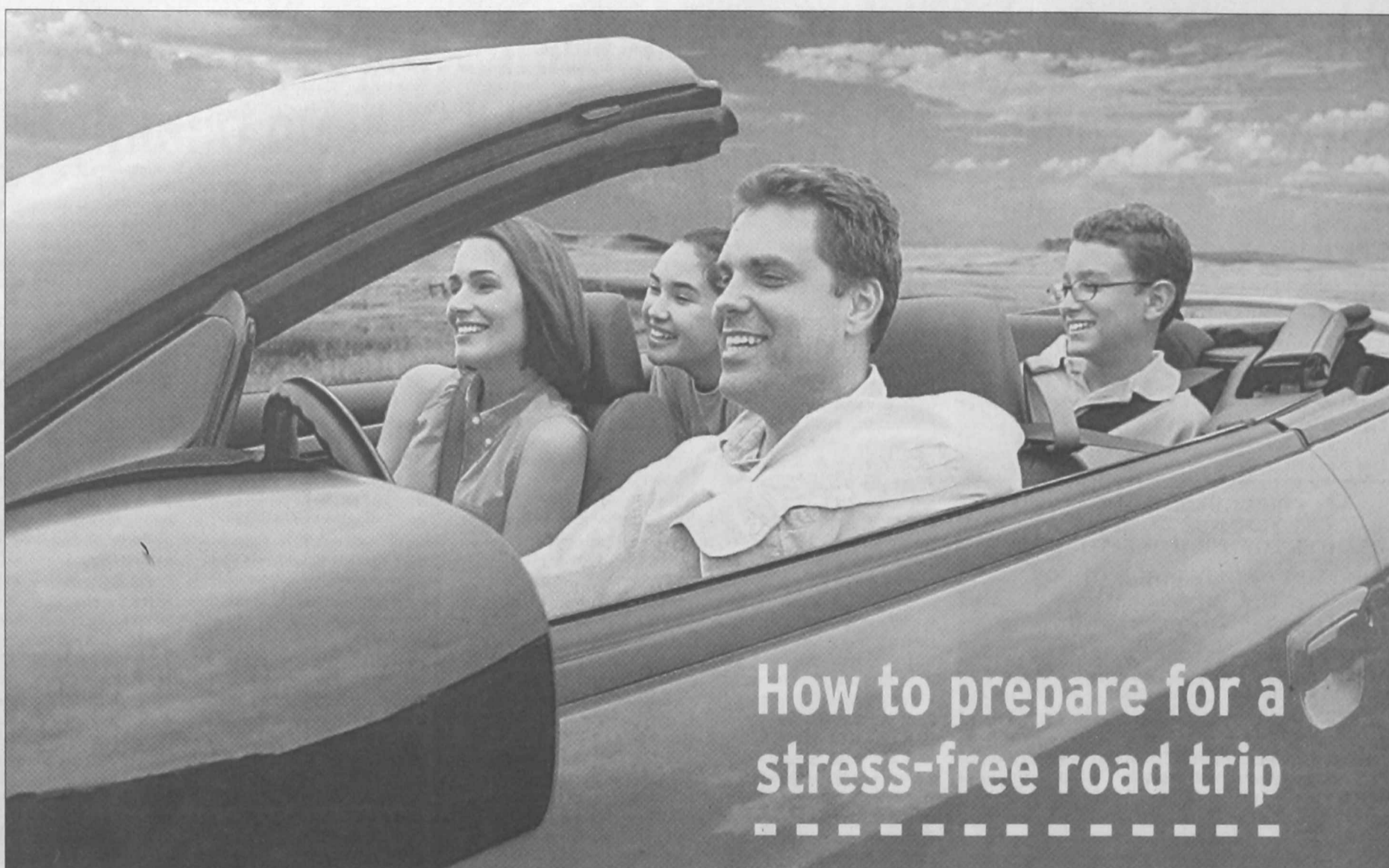


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How to prepare for a stress-free road trip

ROAD READY

When you hit the road this summer, make sure your car and car insurance are ready for the journey. Planning ahead can help avoid mishaps that could ruin your vacation.

Whether you are traveling near or far, you will likely be lugging some valuable items such as golf clubs, a laptop or a video camera — none of which are covered by a car insurance policy. According to an April 2011 survey released by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), 40 percent of Americans incorrectly believe their car insurance will cover the replacement of personal items stolen from their vehicle.

“The truth is that these items must be covered by your homeowners or renters insurance policy to be reimbursed if they are stolen or damaged,” NAIC president Susan E. Voss said.

One-third of Americans also believe their auto insurance automatically covers a rental car, according to the NAIC survey. However, this is not true, and the NAIC recommends checking with your auto insurance agent to make sure you have adequate car insurance whether driving your own car or a rental.

TOP 5 AUTO INSURANCE TIPS

— Confirm your car insurance is active and premiums are up-to-date. Have a current copy of your insurance card in the car.

— Select liability limits that are appropriate to your financial circumstances. People with more assets generally need to select higher limits of liability than those with fewer assets.

— If renting a car for the trip, check your policy to see if it includes coverage. Verify potential coverage limitations with your agent, and make sure you are not duplicating benefits from your existing auto, health or home insurance policy. — Verify your homeowners or renters insurance covers the theft of personal items from a car, especially if you are planning to carry expensive items in your car such as golf clubs, video or digital cameras or laptops.

— Check to see if your policy includes roadside assistance. You can be covered for towing, fuel delivery, lockout service, jump-starts and more.

If you are unclear about your car insurance coverage or would like to learn how to lower car insurance costs, visit www.InsureOnline.org.



TOP 5 CAR READINESS TIPS

To avoid car troubles, schedule a tune-up a few weeks prior to your trip and be sure to get regular oil changes. If you want to do some basic maintenance yourself, here's what Consumer Reports recommends you check:

— Vital Fluids. This includes fluids for the engine, oil, coolant, transmission, brakes, power steering and windshield washers.

— Hoses and Belts. You can check hoses on a cool engine by pinching them. There should be no soft spots or bulging areas. Feel for lengthwise cracks in the inner liner of the hoses. Check all belts for worn spots, cracks or shredding fabric reinforcement.

— Battery. Most batteries are maintenance-free. Check the color of the small inspection window on top of the battery case. Look for cracks or holes in the battery casing. If your battery requires maintenance, make sure the fluid is up to the correct level. Fill with distilled water as indicated in the car owner's manual. Make sure battery cables are securely attached to the terminals. If your battery is more than five years old, consider replacing it — you don't want it overheating in the summer sun.

— Brakes. If your car pulls to one side when you brake, or if you hear any grinding noises or feel unusual vibrations when you apply the brakes, take the vehicle to a mechanic.

— Tires. Proper tire pressure means safer driving and lower fuel bills. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for tire pressure (usually found on a sticker on the inner edge of the door, or in the glove box.) Also check tires for adequate tread depth and for damage such as cuts or bulges.

Amid the chaos of your own personal packing, don't forget to pack an emergency kit for your trunk, just in case; and if you have roadside assistance, store the number in a handy location in the car.

TOP 5 CAR RENTAL TIPS

If you're going to rent a car for your trip, make sure you are adequately insured.

— Review your auto insurance policy or call your insurance agent before you reach the rental car counter. Some policies include conditions. They may not cover rentals on business trips, for example.

— If your current policy doesn't offer coverage for a rental car, see if an insurance rider can be added for a small fee.

— Many credit cards include some level of collision and theft protection. In most cases, these benefits are secondary to your personal auto insurance or the car rental company's insurance, meaning the credit card company will only pay claims after other insurance coverage has been exhausted. The NAIC recommends you call your credit card company and ask about benefits.

— If you lack personal auto insurance and your credit card does not provide benefits, it might be wise to purchase the liability insurance and collision damage waiver at the car rental counter.

— Keep in mind that if it is a longer-term rental, such as a week, a month or more, there might be limitations on the coverage your existing auto insurance policy provides. Check with your insurance company or agent for details.

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 Older people, particularly individuals age 80 or greater have a similar experience on starting their day. Often I see them as patients because the person feels that he or she is starting to develop arthritis "all over."
 However, the morning stiffness of the older person differs from that of someone starting to develop arthritis such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis or gout. In the elderly, the stiffness is general, that is, in the shoulders, back, hips and knees. The person finds that movement helps and after 1-2 hours can return to the usual schedule for the day, that sitting for 20-30 minutes brings back the stiffness, and that heat is good and more heat is even better.
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Relieve stress, get inspired at labyrinth in Farmington Hills

Livonia life coach, Kathy Igoe, will lead meditative walks on a labyrinth 7-9 p.m. Aug. 13 and 2-4 p.m. Sept. 18 and Oct. 16 near the North Picnic Shelter at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Walking a labyrinth is intended to be a relaxing and reflective experience. It has been found to slow the heart rate, quiet the mind, and inspire creative thinking. Participants in Igoe's labyrinth walk, which is offered through the city of Farmington Hills, may bring a chair, blanket or pillow to sit on, along with a favorite

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Israeli statesman to speak at Adat Shalom on July 23



Horev

Maj. General (Res.) Amos Horev will speak at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills on Shabbat morning, July 23.

Co-sponsored by the American Technion Society, the presentation will take place during the course of Shabbat Morning Service in the synagogue's main sanctuary.

Horev is one of Israel's most celebrated soldiers, scholars, business leaders and statesmen. He is considered among the hallowed group of heroes responsible for securing Israel's statehood and survival.

After the 1948 War of Independence, he studied at MIT and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering.

He returned to Israel in the early 1950s and launched the IDF Department of Weapons Developments. He served as President of Technion University from 1973 to 1982, during which time it emerged as a world-class scientific and

technological university.

He has served as Chairman of the Board of Israel's armament development authority, Director of Dan Hotels Corp., and President of Bank Leumi Investment Company. Today he chairs the Igal Alon Education Museum and the Israel Technion Society.

Services will start at 9 a.m. Horev will speak at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Adat Shalom is located at 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. The community is welcome. For more information, call the Adat Shalom office (248) 851-5100.

Clinic offers free eye exams to seniors

Board-certified physicians and staff members will check for glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and other eye conditions that are more common among older adults, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, July 28, at Coburn-Kleinfeldt Eye Clinic, 33400 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

The exam is free to senior citizens and patients' insurance will not be charged. Patients will be examined in the order of their arrival.

"Our patients are mostly older adults, who are more likely to have eye disease. Early diagnosis and treatment of serious eye conditions is essential to avoid vision loss, so we are offering a free screening to encourage people to take care of their eyes regardless of their financial situation," said Nate Kleinfeldt, M.D.

Patients are asked to bring in two canned goods or other non-perishable food for Focus: HOPE, a local non-profit organization that provides food to the needy in the Detroit area. Last year, patients donated more than 200 food items.

A limited supply of free eye drops for glaucoma will be distributed at the screening. Free parking is adjacent to the clinic building, which is wheelchair-accessible, and free refreshments will be served.

For more information call the clinic at (734) 421-2020.

Contests offer weight loss help, free wedding venue

Registration for two life-changing opportunities — one to lose weight and one to marry in a free ceremony — winds up this week.

Television's *The Biggest Loser* will be back in Michigan Saturday, July 30 to cast for its 13th season. The reality show helps participants, age 18 and older, lose pounds while they compete to win \$250,000.

Put on your travelling shoes for this casting session. It's 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Gardner-White Furniture, 45300 Hayes in Macomb. Can't make it to the open casting call? Apply online at www.thebiggestloser-casting.com.

A tad closer to home, the Royal Oak Music Theater is offering 11 military couples the chance to be part of a free wedding and reception on Nov. 11.

In addition to the free venue, production and bar staff, donated by the

theater, several other businesses will help make the wedding day special:

- Brides Across America and Bella Rose Bridal Boutique will help dress the brides who prefer to wear a gown instead of a military uniform for their special day.

- President Tuxedo will offer complimentary tuxedos to grooms who choose not to wear their traditional Class A military uniform.

- Black the Salon will style the brides' hairdos.

- Extravagante Valet will provide free valet parking for guests.

- Mike Staff Productions will offer DJ / music for the reception.

- Colonial Event Rentals will donate the décor for the reception.

- Steve Kaufman Photography will snap photos.

One lucky couple will win a four-night stay at

The Inn at Bay Harbor. The honeymoon lodging will be raffled at the end of the wedding reception.

The Rev. Linda Lexy will officiate at the ceremony.

Entries to the Royal Oak Music Theatre's "A Call To Wed" are due Friday, July 29. Submissions should include names, hometowns, military status, years of service, military branch and contact information. The bride- or groom-to-be must have military status, either active or as veterans. Couples must include a letter, no longer than 1,500 words, about their relationship and explaining why they want to marry on Veterans Day.

Send submissions to the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, MI 48067, Attn. Jessica Miller, or e-mail to jessie@royaloakmusic-theatre.com.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-05 AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TO AMEND ORDINANCE C-2010-14 BY AMENDING CHAPTER 73, THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 1, SECTIONS 73.010 THROUGH 73.070 PROVIDING FOR AND REGULATING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE, WATER AND SEWER CONTRACTS, WATER AND SEWER RATES, TAP CHARGES, CAPITAL AND SPECIAL CHARGES, BENEFIT CHARGES, USE FACTOR SCHEDULES, INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES, METERS, CONNECTIONS, SUMP PUMP SYSTEMS, INDUSTRIAL SURVEILLANCE PERMIT FEES, BOOKS AND RECORDS AND WATER CONSERVATION DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance Number C-2010-14, codified as Chapter 73, the Water and Sewer System Ordinance Article I, Sections 73.010 through 73.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 73 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE ARTICLE I

- 73.010. **Purpose.** This section provides for the purpose of this Chapter.
- 73.020. **Definitions.** This section provides for the definitions of terms used in this ordinance.
- 73.030. **Fiscal Year System.** This section provides that the operating or fiscal year commences on January 1st of each year and ends on December 31st of the same year.
- 73.040. **Water Rates.** This section provides for consumption rates, service charge, minimum water rates, water tap charge, water benefit charge, fire line detector charge, capital charges and special rates, construction water charges, and other charges.
- 73.050. **Sewer System Rates.** This section provides for sewer disposal use rates, minimum sewage rates, single residences unmetered water, special rates, and sewer benefit charges.
- 73.055. **Use Factor Schedule.** This section provides for use factor fees.
- 73.056. **Transition Rules For Water and Sewer Benefit Charges Amendments.** This section provides for amended water and sewer benefit charges.
- 73.060. **Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge.** This section provides for a monthly industrial waste control charge.
- 73.061. **Sewer Connection Rates.** This section provides for sewer connection rates.
- 73.062. **Rate Appeals.** This section provides for rate appeals.
- 73.063. **Water and Sewer Applications.** This section provides for water and sewer applications.
- 73.064. **Billings.** This section provides for water and sewer billings.
- 73.065. **Enforcement.** This section provides for enforcement.
- 73.066. **Prohibition of Free Service.** This section provides that free service by the System is prohibited.
- 73.067. **Interior Meters - Basements or Cellars.** This section provides for interior meters in structures with basements or cellars.
- 73.068. **Interior Meters, No Basement or Cellar.** This section provides for interior meters in structures without basements or cellars.
- 73.069. **Exterior Meter Readers.** This section provides for exterior meter readers.
- 73.069-1. **Disclaimer of Warranties and Liability.** This section provides for disclaimer of warranties and liability.
- 73.069-2. **Funds.** This section provides for Gross Revenues of the System.
- 73.069-3. **Connection.** This section provides for connections to the System.
- 73.069-4. **Sump Pump Collection Systems.** This section provides for sump pump collection systems.
- 73.069-5. **Water Conservation Devices: Non-Contact Wastewater.** This section provides for water conservation devices and non-contact wastewater.
- 73.069-6. **Additional Authority.** This section provides for additional authority.
- 73.069-7. **Books and Records.** This section provides that the books and accounts of the System shall be kept in the manner provided by statute.
- 73.070. **Industrial Surveillance Permit Fee.** This section provides for industrial surveillance permit fees.

SECTION II. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

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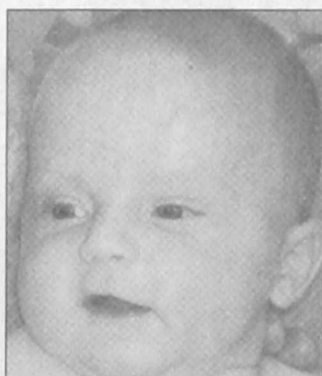
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SAVANNAH ARRIVES

Savannah Adrienne Bruce was born April 11, 2011, at North Austin Medical Center. Proud parents are Eric and Ashley Bruce of Austin, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Carol Ann Bruce of Farmington Hills and Warren and Linda Stansberry of Grand Haven. Great-grandparents are Paul and Genevieve Kramarz of Hartland, Doris Davis of Orange, Calif., Ronald Bruce of Fullerton, Calif., and Adrian Huyser of Grand Haven.



Savannah Adrienne Bruce

JUNE WEDDING

Livonia residents William Colbeck and Leslie Roy were married June 25, 2011, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Royal Oak. The event was shared with their children, Angela Gardner of St. Clair Shores, Cheryl Sellepak of Riviera Beach, Fla., Christopher Colbeck of St. Clair Shores, and state Senator Patrick Colbeck of Canton, and all of their grandchildren. William is the owner of the Computer Troubleshooters of North Livonia franchise and serves on the Livonia Chamber of Commerce board of directors. Leslie is employed by



William and Leslie Colbeck of Livonia
Comerica Bank in Livonia.

MILESTONES

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Andrea C. Harvey and Jacob Edward Donajkowski, both of Garden City, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Pamala and Donald Harvey, Jr., of Westland, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2007 from Siena Heights University. She graduated from University of Phoenix with a master's of business administration degree in 2010. She is pursuing a master's in psychology and working full time at the Great Indoors. Her fiancé, son of David and Maxine Donajkowski of Alpena, is a graduate of Alpena High School. He is employed as an environmental emissions computer program-



Harvey-Donajkowski

mer for CMC Solutions. A late July 2011 wedding is planned in Oscoda.

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BECK, MAX T.

Age 77, of Farmington Hills, passed away Saturday morning, July 16, 2011, at home, surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends. He was born October 31, 1933 in Flint, Michigan, son of the late Goldie (VanDette) and Thomas Beck. Max graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1953. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served in the U.S. Army Security Agency, Far East, until 1956. After his service, Max pursued his love of photography working for Press Picture Service in Detroit, Michigan; he started what would be a 45 year career as a school photographer, working in the metro-Detroit area, before retiring in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Margie (Staisil) of nine years; his children, Todd (Cheryl) Beck of Fenton, Renee (Tom) Connon of Sanford, Scott Beck of Royal Oak, Corey (Jennifer) Keranen of Northville; his grandchildren, Amanda, Ross, Ryan, Molly, and Jena Beck, and Austin Knoll; sisters, Norma Kallao, Barbara (Linnie) Graham, and Brenda (Steve) Cutchins; brother, John (Roxanne) Dodd; and many special nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Max was predeceased by his stepmother, Almedus Beck; stepfather, Fred Dodd; and sister, Rose Beck. A memorial service to celebrate Max's life will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany Street, Ferndale, MI. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the Senex Adult Day Program, c/o Costick Community Center, 28600 West Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org.

FEISTER, DONNA J.

Age 60 of Westland died July 15, 2011. Beloved mother of Larry Smith, Matt Smith, Gary Anthony. Dear daughter of the late Jane Feister, and Donald (Dee) Feister. Proud grandmother of Joel, Jacob and Madison Smith, Sadie Anthony, Bree and Bailey. Visitation was Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Funeral Service was Thursday. Memorial donation may be made to the American Lung Association. To view and send condolences, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GEPHART, RICHARD (RICK) W.

Age 56, found refuge with our Lord and Savior on July 17. Son of the late Wayne & Jane Gephart. Also preceded in death by brother Michael Gephart. Survived by Daughter Michelle, Sister Nancy (Guy) Gephart - Williams, brother Daniel Plourde, nieces & nephews & extended family. Memorial services to were held at Lighthouse Ministries, Livonia MI., July 23rd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the family.

HARGIS, CAROLE ANN

Age 79, of Tracy City, TN, formerly of Dearborn, MI, passed July 15, 2011. Funeral services has taken place. Arrangements are by Foster & Lay Funeral Home, Tracy City, TN.

HIRZEL, KIMBERLY

Age 45 of Livonia. Cherished daughter of William and the late Patricia. Loving sister of Doug (Robin) and Bill. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Memorial Gathering at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd Livonia (E. of Levan) was held Saturday 2-4pm. Memorial Service at 4pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com

JARZOMBEK, CAROLINE W.

July 21, 2011, age 84. Caroline was the beloved wife of the late Frank L.; cherished mother of the late Michael, Veronica McIntyre and Patrick; beloved grandmother of Sarah, Rebekah and Siobhan; and dear sister of Pat (Allan) Stevens. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, July 26, 9am until time of service 11am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, 48152. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Lansing. Please share a message with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

JOUSMA-THEEKE, JANE ANN

Age 66, died Saturday, July 16, 2011 at her residence in North Aurora, IL. She was born May 24, 1945 in Jackson, MI. Jane was a Realtor and Mortgage Broker in the Chicagoland area for the better part of her career. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children and their families. She was a 1963 Graduate of Plymouth High School, in Plymouth MI, and attended Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. She is survived by her son, Jon (Inga) Theeke and their children Emma and Nora Theeke of Batavia; her daughters, Janiece Theeke and granddog Jack of Chicago and Jennifer (Vincent) Theeke-Lenczewski and their children, Alexandra, Kevin, Matthew and Avery Lenczewski of Southbury, CT; and her brother, Robert Jousma and his family of Ypsilanti, MI. In addition to her parents, Jane is preceded in death by her daughter, Jean Ann Theeke. All services and interment will be private. For additional information please call the Moss Family Funeral Home in Batavia at 630-879-7900 or www.mossfuneral.com where you may share condolences using the online guestbook.



KEMPA, FRANCINE VAUGHAN

Of Livonia, passed away on the morning of July 15th after a long battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Christopher Michael Kempa. Left to mourn her are her husband of 35 years, Adam F. Kempa; her son, Adam William (Sarah) Kempa; her parents, William T. and Joan M. Vaughan; her sister, Kathy (Michael) Putnam; her brother, William T. (JoAnne) Vaughan, Jr.; her sister, Mary (Daniel) Vaughan; two nieces, and one nephew. She is also survived by many beloved friends and her cherished beagle, Speck. She was born on September 13, 1954 in Buffalo, NY, and was a career nurse who greatly enjoyed gardening and being a mother. Visitation was held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia on Sunday, July 17. Funeral service was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia on Monday, July 18. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Christopher Kempa Memorial Art Scholarship at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Rd., Livonia.



LARSON, NANCY C.

71, of Livonia, suddenly on July 17, 2011. Beloved mother of Wendy Juback, Michael, Paul (Aziza) and Gretchen (Steve) Kline; dear sister of Lowell Thompson; and devoted grandmother of 10. Memorial gathering was held Friday, July 22, from 3-7 PM, at Woodlore Condominium Clubhouse, 33045 Fargo, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (734-466-2555). Arrangements entrusted to the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heene-sundquist.com



LEIBY, BRENDA JOYCE (DEVINE)

Age 69, of Avondale, AZ. Passed away on July 9, 2011 in Minden, Nevada. She was born in Tecumseh, Michigan on October 10, 1941 and moved to Paradise Valley, Arizona in 1970. Brenda is survived by her daughters Deborah, Belinda, Rhonda, Carla, Elizabeth, step-daughter Bobbie Jo, three brothers - David, Richard and Dale, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, July 30th. At 11 a.m. at West Resthaven Funeral Home: 6450 W. Northern Ave in Glendale, Arizona.



MILLER, DAWN MARIE

After a four-year battle with neck cancer, Dawn Marie Miller died at home July 11, 2011 in Monroe surrounded by her family. She was born January 21, 1963 in Kalamazoo and graduated from Plymouth-Salem High School in 1981. Through the years she was employed as a real estate agent, Plymouth Fire Dept dispatcher and White Lake Twp police dispatcher. She is survived by her devoted husband James W. Russell, loving daughter Taylor Marie Miller, parents James and Margaret Najarian and brother Derek (Rebecca) Najarian, sisters Peggy Najarian (John Bommarito), Vicki Longhurst and Robin (Tom) Mantay, sister-in-law Mary Barteld, nieces and nephews Olivia, Maxwell, Isabelle Najarian, Chad, Brian, Adam, Elyse, Jared Longhurst, Kaylyn, Jake Mantay and preceded by Brian Bommarito. A mass was celebrated at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Thursday, July 14, 2011. Memorial contributions to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

RITCHEY, DAVID ALAN

Passed away suddenly on July 13, 2011, at the age of 65. David was born in Detroit, the son of Walter and Dorothy (Pries) Ritchey. David worked for Wallside Windows as a repairman for 26 years. Among the special enjoyments he loved were camping, fishing and playing cards. But his real joy was in being with and playing with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Kathy L. Gunn, whom he married in 1977. Also surviving are his children, Michael (Marion), Kimberly, Karyn, Karol (Jim), Carl (Shelly) and Barbie (Shane); seventeen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Carol and Marilyn. Private services were held. To share a memory or leave a condolence: www.schrader-howell.com

ROLLINS, BONNIE "CHRIS"

Age 93, of Farmington Hills passed away 7/17/2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



SCHAUFELE, PHYLLIS J.

Age 86 of Plymouth, died July 17, 2011. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of John, Terry, and Connie (Richard) Bailey. Dear grandmother of John, Terri Ann, Jason, Randy, Pamela, Holly and Jarrod; and dear great-grandmother of Kaylie, Cameron, Isabelle, Morgan, Jack, Aden, Brooklynn, Roryann, Nathan and Carver. She also leaves one brother, Duane Rodenberg. Visitation and funeral service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

SHISLER, CLAUDE W.

July 16, 2011, age 84. Beloved husband of the late Viola. Dear father of Barry (Susan), Susan (Rodney), Edwin (Gloria), Caroline (Forrest), Nancy (Roger), Beverly (Roger), Judy and the late Irene. Also leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother of Ida Mae and Jenny. A memorial service has been held. Donations suggested to the Salvation Army Church, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

WELSH, MARILYN J.

Of Wayne, age 76, July 15, 2011. Beloved mother of Brad, Lisa Menard, Brian (Jane), Scott, and the late Bret. Dear Grandmother of 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Loving sister of Teri Light and Roger (Betty) McGilvray. Donations to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home. To view and send condolences visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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69TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Albert and Norma Kitzman celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary June 6, 2011.

They have been residents of Livonia or 52 years. The Kitzmans have three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandsons. They attribute their longevity to love, laughter and their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Albert and Norma Kitzman on their wedding day.

NOVEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Laura Rose Pino and Steven Daniel Slayton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Joe and Rosanna Pino of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Canton Township. Her fiancé, son of Steve and Pat Slayton of Livonia, graduated from St. Alphonsus High School and Eastern Michigan University. He also earned a master's degree from Central Michigan University. He is employed by Behavioral Health Professionals, Inc.



Pino-Slayton

A November 2011 wedding is planned in Canton.

OLIVIA ARRIVES

Olivia Mae Welch was born Jan. 7, 2011 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. Proud parents are Jill and Shawn Welch of Farmington Hills. Grandparents are Kathy and Bud Wilson of Livonia and Howard and Betty Welch of Woodhaven.



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Keeping safe: Gas cans, grills and campfires don't mix

Summer is in full swing and injuries from gasoline and other accelerants are on the rise. The University of Michigan Health System's Trauma Burn Center saw 14 such burns in the past month.

"These kinds of injuries are avoidable and the painful consequences often last a lifetime," says Karla Klas, a registered nurse and injury prevention education specialist at the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

Most of this year's cases involved adults putting gasoline and other accelerants on bonfires and brush fires, says Klas, who also sits on the American Burn Association's Burn Prevention Committee. Several additional cases involved kids playing around with gasoline and lighters.

Gasoline fires kill about 500 people and are responsible for more than 10,000 emergency room visits each year, according to the American Burn Association. A gallon of gas is equivalent to 20 sticks of dynamite, the National Fire Protection Association notes.

"Because we safely use gasoline every day in our cars and lawn mowers, people don't always realize how dangerous it can be when it's improperly used," Klas says. "People underestimate how flammable and explosive it can be."

Here are some safety guidelines:

- Never use gasoline to start or accelerate a grill, campfire, brush fire, bonfire or any other type of



fire.

- Never use gasoline around an open source of flame, such as a cigarette.
- Only fill tanks in yard equipment when the engine is turned off and cold.

The Trauma Burn Center also

offers a free education and intervention program called Straight Talk for youth who are experimenting with or misusing fire or gasoline.

For more information, visit www.traumaburn.org/prevention/straighttalk/index.shtml.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Christmas in July

Brightside Dental in Livonia is collecting new toys and gift cards for patients and families of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. The "Christmas in July Holiday Toys Drive" runs through July 31 at the dental clinic, 36400 Five Mile. Donated toys should be new, unwrapped and unopened. Individuals age 18 and younger are eligible to receive gifts through the Holiday Toy Program. For more information call the Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536.

Ready for baby

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a workshop to help parents understand what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30. "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. The fee is \$75 per couple and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

AUGUST

Blood drive

A "College Scholarship Blood Drive" will be held 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkways, Canton. All donors will be entered into a raffle

to win two Cedar Point tickets and a \$3,000 gas gift card. Register for an appointment by calling Amanda Drunkenmiller at (734) 740-6883 or visit www.givelife.org and include the sponsor code summitonthepark. Walk-ins welcome.

Mental illness support

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold a family support group meeting 7-9 p.m. Aug. 9 at Providence Hospital Outpatient Center Conference Room B, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Participants should park in the lot at the Heart Institute and follow the signs to the group meeting. NAMI's Walk for the Mind of America is slated for noon, Sept. 24 at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus. There is no fee, but walkers may collect donations. Check in starts at 10 a.m. For more information on the support group or the walk, call (248) 348-7197 or visit namimetro.org.

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

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9 Jobs You Shouldn't Overlook

Alina Dizik, Special to CareerBuilder

Some jobs can have negative stigmas, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't give them a second glance when you're conducting your search. In fact, many jobs that seem unappealing from the get-go actually provide workers with a favorable work-life balance and other perks. To retain employees, many careers with negative stigmas offer better-than-usual incentives to draw in job seekers.

- Here are nine jobs that deserve a second look:
- Garbage collector**
Collecting garbage can be smelly work, but if you can handle the mess of dealing with other people's trash, there are also outstanding perks involved. Most garbage collectors have impressive benefits and health insurance, while bringing in over \$50,000 per year. With only a high school education required, this can be a flexible choice for those looking for a career lift.
 - Funeral director**
The career requires a degree in mortuary science and can be a good choice for a science buff and someone who likes working with people. Many funeral directors run their own

businesses, and it's ideal for those who want to skip the hassle of dealing with a boss. While the job can bring up sad feelings it's also rewarding because you're helping families in a time of need.

Dental hygienist
Cleaning teeth isn't often on the list of most-wanted jobs, but it shouldn't be overlooked. Dental hygienists enjoy working flexible hours and have plenty of opportunities for part-time work. Employment of hygienists is expected to grow by 36 percent by 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Correctional officer
Working with individuals who have been arrested, correctional officers have some of the toughest jobs. While there are definite downsides with maintaining order in correctional institutions, it can also be a rewarding way to spend your work hours. There is plenty of room for advancement within the correctional system and you'll be sure to get great management experience as you



move up the ladder.

Truck driver
Driving long distances to deliver or pick-up cargo can be a demanding job that's often overlooked. In reality, a truck-driving career deserves a second glance for both the flexibility and pay. Education requirements are minimal but a state-issued Commercial Driver's License is a must. Many drivers say the opportunity to travel also makes this a more exciting career.

Electrician
This home improvement job typically requires a four-year apprenticeship for those wanting to become an electrician. While the job can seem redundant, electricians actually work with many different types of projects including commercial building, machines and electric utility company distribution systems. Many electricians also run their own business and enjoy building up their craft and customer base.

Master plumber
Plumbing problems can be intimidating to tackle every day, but being a plumber has a

definite upside. For one, plumbers have a flexible schedule and a job that provides stable benefits while being in-demand and resistant to downturns. Craftsmanship is also an important part of the job and plumbers often form strong business ties when they gain a reputation for consistently performing excellent work. Most plumbers value the stability of their field and enjoy the ability to connect with customers.

Quality control worker
Typically working in manufacturing environments, inspectors help to insure that products are made to appropriate standards. While the job can seem boring, many quality control workers appreciate being involved during every part of production and learning about new developments. Other titles with a similar role include sorters, testers and weighers. Some inspectors have opportunities to work with prototypes and never-before-seen equipment, which can give workers an inside scoop on upcoming products.

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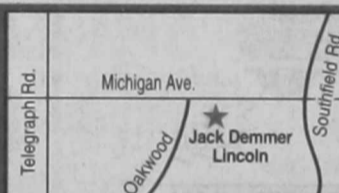
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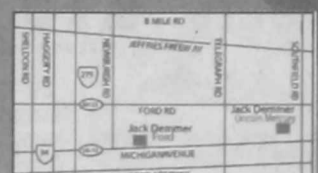
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MSRP \$28,230

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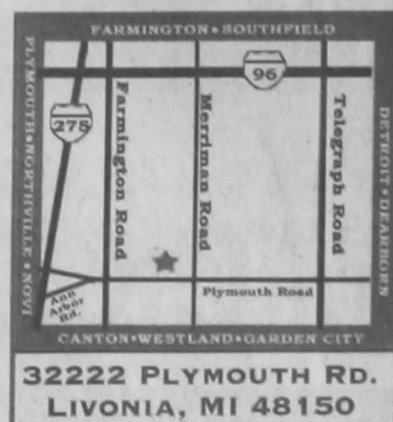
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