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Plymouth Whalers forward R.J. Mahalak will be reading to children at 2 p.m. Friday, July 29, at the Canton Public Library. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center



PETE KRUPSKY

Plymouth forward R.J. Mahalak reads to children last year at the Canton Public Library. He returns for another session this Friday.

Road, south of Ford Road.

The Whalers have been involved with the library's Connect Your Summer program this year and have teamed up with the library on several projects over the past few years.

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, Summit on the Park in Canton, 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.redcross.org for an appointment or information.

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Beginning Aug. 15, all Social Security offices in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chesterfield, Dearborn, Fort Gratiot, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, Livonia, Monroe, Roseville, Royal Oak, Sterling Heights, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and Wyandotte, encompassing all of southeast Michigan, will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday.

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Colbeck targeted in latest recall drive

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Add freshman Sen. Patrick Colbeck's name to the list of Michigan legislators being targeted in recall efforts.

A petition aimed at removing Colbeck, a Canton Township Republican, from office was filed Tuesday with Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett's office, and a county Elections Commission hearing, to determine whether the language is clear enough to go before voters,



Colbeck

was scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10. Colbeck's District 7 includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township as well as Canton.

The petition simply cites Colbeck's vote in favor of Public Act 4 of 2011 as the reason for the proposed recall. Public Act 4, approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder, also the target of a recall attempt, gives new powers to emergency finan-

cial managers to run communities and school districts the state deems to be in poor financial health.

"We all know it's an uphill battle, but (recall proponents) are very, very angry, and there's a determined group of citizens," said Mary Kelley of Northville Township, who filed the petition.

Kelley, who described herself as a retired school administrator, represents Citizens to Recall Patrick Colbeck, which, she said, is loosely affiliated with the Snyder recall effort. Kelley said she herself has been gath-

ering signatures on petitions aimed at recalling Snyder.

Colbeck could not immediately be reached Wednesday afternoon, but spokeswoman Jennifer Murray e-mailed a one-sentence response from the senator regarding the recall effort.

"It's part of the process, but my focus will remain on doing what I was elected to do, which is to represent the interests of all of the people in my district in Lansing," Colbeck said.

If petition language is approved

Please see **COLBECK, A3**

Canton victim remembered as loving mother, friend

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though family and friends bid her a tearful farewell Wednesday during a memorial Mass, Canton mother of four Elizabeth Maupin will be remembered as a loving and kind parent, wife, sister and friend who, on the day she was fatally struck by a Jeep, had baked cookies she took to firefighters at station No. 1, off Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

"She would go out of her way for anybody," her husband, Brent Maupin, said.



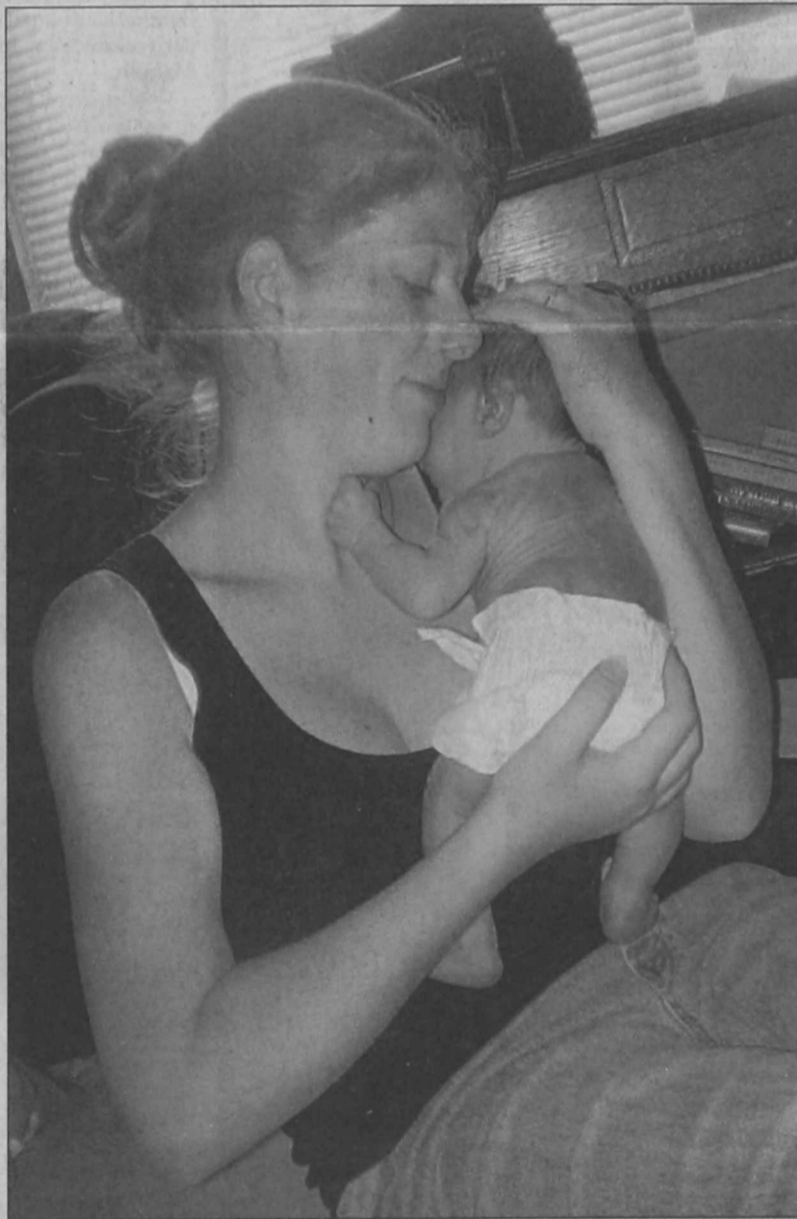
Beth Maupin, here in one of her favorite wedding photos, is being remembered as a loving wife, mother and friend.

Graham, said he hopes her tragic death "has some impact on motorists' attention to pedestrians."

Brent Maupin, 28, said his wife "was the mother of four beautiful children" — Connor, who had turned 4 just two days before his mother's death, Katelyn, 3, Christian, 2, and Carter, just 4 months old.

"She was definitely a stay-at-home mom. Those children were everything to her," Brent Maupin, a self-employed painting contractor, said. "She was a wonderful mother and a wonderful wife. She was my rock."

Please see **VICTIM, A2**



Beth Maupin, killed in an accident at Haggerty and Michigan Avenue, last week, doing what friends and family say she loved doing: being a mom.

New homes prod hopes of rebound

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite persistent troubles still plaguing the U.S. housing market, new home starts continue to trickle in across Canton, raising hopes that a gradual rebound has, indeed, started.

"There's obviously demand," Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said Wednesday.

His remarks came one day after builder David Steuer received from the Canton Township Board of Trustees an amended site plan approval to build 11 detached condominiums southeast of Joy and Sheldon roads, jump-starting the Columbia Square development.

Steuer & Associates could start construction after Labor Day and potentially have some condos ready for occupancy by early next year, Steuer said. His company plans to revive construction in a neighborhood where a prior developer had built 12 homes a few years ago.

Steuer said the 11 new condos will be about 2,000 square feet and likely start selling in the low \$200,000s, across Sheldon Road from another development, The Heathers of Canton, his company spearheaded.

Steuer said he believes the new condos will sell amid a demand by former single-family home owners whose children have left home and who are looking to streamline their lifestyle.

Steuer's plans come as Goulet

Please see **HOUSES, A3**

Win cash for shopping spree!



Life Inspire. Canton Observer subscribers received a copy of *Inspire* inside last Thursday's newspaper with an entry form and directions on Page 4 (of *Inspire*). Or you

Canton Observer readers can beat the heat this summer by winning some cool cash for a "Christmas in July Shopping Spree."

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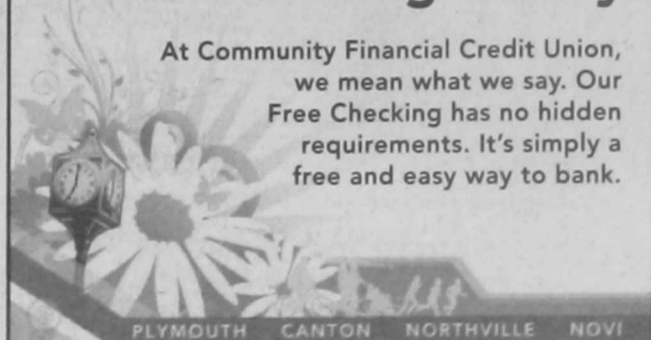
Deadline to enter is midnight July 31. All entries that correctly list all the pages on which the beach ball appears have a chance to win one of three shopping sprees for \$250, \$125 or \$75.

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AROUND CANTON

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

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.

Spaghetti dinner

Date/Time: Aug. 6, 4-7 p.m.
Location: 2100 Hannan in Canton

(between Palmer and Glenwood)
Details: Abundant Life Church of God sponsors a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, available for any donation amount. The event includes a Silent Auction held from 4-7 p.m. with many great items.
Contact: Abundant Life Church, (734) 722-7688; Jennifer, (734) 536-9917

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 his-

tory 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.cantonhistoricalociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Spanish camp

Date/Time: Aug. 1-5
Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Join Bilingual Fun for an interactive and educational day camp for preschool- through fifth-grade students. Kids will learn Spanish through interactive games, crafts, thematic presentations, music and more.
Contact: (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilingualfun.com.

VICTIM

FROM PAGE A1

Mrs. Maupin was a Canton High School graduate who played percussion in the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and who became a section leader. Her brother said she was a member in 1999 when the band won a national championship in the Bands of America contest.

Known simply as Beth by those who loved her, she was remembered as a loyal, dependable friend by Kristen Cardwell, a Canton mother to son Cameron, 2, and Carly, 1.

"This is so hard," Cardwell said, breaking into tears as she spoke of her friend. "She was the most amazing woman. I don't think she ever had an enemy. She was the type of person who would bend over backwards for anybody."

Cardwell recalled coming home from the hospital after she had given birth to Cameron.

"Beth had baked a big cake that said, 'Welcome home, Cameron.' She was just the sweetest person out there," Cardwell said. "It's devastating to think she's not going to be there for her children, because those four children were her life."

Brent Maupin said his wife took their children to parks, fairs — just about any family outdoor activity she could find. "She was the perfect mother," he said.

Mrs. Maupin made those around her feel appreciated and loved.

"Beth loved family get-togethers," brother Stephen Graham said, and Mrs. Maupin and her mother, Jane Graham, "shared a big desk calendar of events to do every weekend."

Cardwell recalled that Mrs. Maupin "lit up the room" when she walked in. "She was that person you strive to be. She was Superwoman in my eyes because she had these four children, and she would take them everywhere."

On a lighter note, Mrs. Maupin and her mother loved clipping coupons, her brother said, and "she couldn't wait to show me what she had gotten for such a great deal." Mrs. Maupin also enjoyed attending art fairs with her younger sister, Shelby Graham.

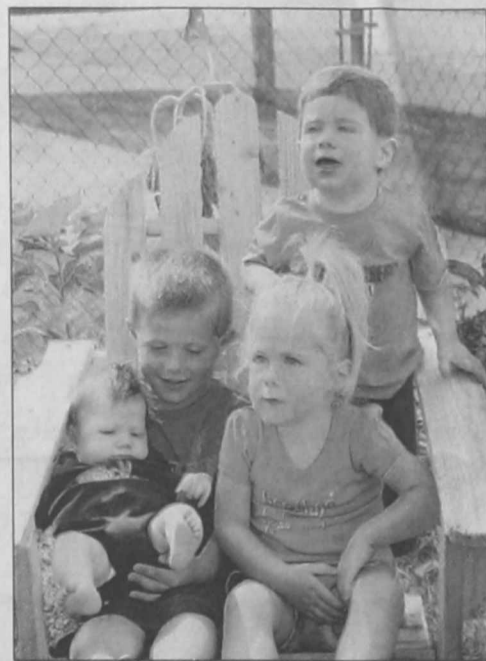
Brent Maupin said he and his wife met through MySpace, a social networking site. They had been together for five years, married for four.

"We got engaged just a few weeks after we met," he said. "It was one of those love-at-first-sight deals."

Mrs. Maupin enjoyed exercising, and she was walking her bike from the northwest corner of Haggerty to the east side of the road when police say the driver, who had stopped for a red light on southbound Haggerty, made a right turn onto Michigan Avenue without seeing Mrs. Maupin.

Canton Detective Tim Wright described the driver as distraught over the accident, saying "it's a sad situation" for everyone involved as Mrs. Maupin's family tries to cope with their loss.

Mrs. Maupin ran her first 5K marathon in



Elizabeth Maupin was the proud mother of four: Connor, who had turned 4 just two days before his mother's death, Katelyn, 3, Christian, 2, and Carter, just 4 months old.

Plymouth on Father's Day, and she was training to race in a triathlon with her brother and their father, Dennis Graham.

Mrs. Maupin often baked for those she loved and those she respected, such as Canton firefighters. Cardwell went with her on occasion.

"I remember how Connor would look at the fire trucks when she would take the cookies. It's a memory I will always have," Cardwell said. "I am going to keep that tradition (of delivering cookies) going for her."

Brent Maupin this week was in the process of setting up The Maupin Family Fund through the Chase Bank branch southeast of Ford and Canton Center roads. Once the trust has been established, donations for the family may be made at any Chase branch, a bank employee said.

Brent Maupin said he will get by "day-to-day with a lot of family support" as he faces a difficult future with four motherless children.

Cardwell, meanwhile, hopes to collect diapers, gift cards for children's clothing, juice, children's snacks and other items to help the Maupin family. She said she can be reached by e-mail at kcardwel@emich.edu.

Memorial visitation for Mrs. Maupin was Tuesday at McCabe Funeral Home in Canton. A memorial Mass was Wednesday at St. Thomas a'Beckett Catholic Church, where Mrs. Maupin's brother said she had been involved in activities such as the funeral luncheon ministry.

Other than her husband, her children, her brother, her sister and her parents, Mrs. Maupin also is survived by her grandmother, Ann Wiesemann, and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

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Canton Clerk Terry Bennett (left), Woojin Ro (holding Cheeto) and staffer Robonna Duty mark Cheeto's arrival as the 1,000th customer at the new dog park.

COLBECK

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Aug. 10, Kelley's group would have 90 days, within a 120-day period, to collect enough signatures from voters in Colbeck's district to put a recall question on the ballot. "We will begin immediately upon approval of the clarity of the language," and will aim for

a February 2012 special election, Kelley said.

Kelley said the county clerk's office is determining exactly how many signatures would be needed to put a recall question to voters, and that the number has been estimated at around 26,500.

The recall committee, Kelley said, is nonpartisan, and members seem to come from a cross-section of professions.

"We have teachers, we have

retirees, we have public servants. No particular political persuasion," she said.

With state budget cuts forcing local school districts to cut budgets and increase class sizes, Kelley said, voters with children affected by such cuts will be more sympathetic toward a recall when schools resume in September.

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HOMES

FROM PAGE A1

said Canton already is witnessing new housing starts in other areas such as Cherry Hill Village; Canford Park, off Cherry Hill east of Denton; and Rustic Ridge, on Salt

between Canton Center and Beck.

Moreover, new housing also is planned for The Hamlet, south of Proctor between Denton and Ridge, and for The Hamptons Estates, on Cherry Hill between Lilley and Sheldon.

The latest news came after outside auditors, Plante &

Moran, indicated earlier this year that Canton's existing home values potentially could begin a gradual rebound as early as next year.

Canton Assessor Doug Shaw has said the local housing market downturn appears to have potentially hit bottom, raising hopes that a rebound, however slow, could be poised to begin.

Canton hosts ribbon-cutting for new dog park

Tails will be wagging as the Canton community celebrates the opening of its new off-leash dog park on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 5:30-7 p.m.

The public, along with their four-legged friends, is invited to attend the event, which will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:45 p.m. Overflow parking for this event will be held at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Located on Denton Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road and across from the Canton Fire Station #3, this off-leash dog park provides separate sections for large dogs 20 pounds or more and smaller breeds under 20 pounds. This newest park features an enclosed space of approximately five acres and a double-gated entry which will be kept locked when the park is not open. Hours of operation are from dawn to dusk.

"The dog park is a wonderful addition to the Canton

community keeping with our commitment of providing open green spaces and areas where residents and visitors can interact and enjoy the outdoors," said Abe Vinitzki, Park and Golf Supervisor. "We're delighted that so many individuals put their time and effort into this project because they believe the dog park would be a popular and beneficial asset for the whole community."

The dog park was made possible through the work of the Friends of the Canton Dog Park, a volunteer group organized to help fund raise to create an off-leash dog park in the Canton Community, as well as generous donations from area residents and businesses. In addition, several grants from Wayne County were also instrumental in creating this five acre dog park.

The park's popularity as an outdoor recreation destination continues to grow. Canton

resident Woojin Ro's little Yorkshire terrier, "Cheeto," recently became the 1,000 member of the Canton Dog Park and was awarded a gift bag to mark the occasion. "Cheeto really likes to play with other dogs and socialize in a positive environment," noted Ro. "It's great to have a large outdoor area so close to home for him to visit on a regular basis."

The Canton Clerk's Office is accepting membership applications for the Canton Dog Park. The cost of membership is just \$25 for residents and \$50 dollars for non-residents. These yearly membership fees cover up to three dogs per family. All dogs must be at least 4 months old, licensed and up-to-date on all required shots.

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CRIME WATCH



Cocaine arrest

1 A Northville man who admitted he was using crack cocaine was arrested after he led Canton police and other law enforcement agencies on a chase that started about 11:30 p.m. Friday at Cherry Hill and Napier.

The 45-year-old suspect was facing charges such as fleeing and eluding.

The incident started when a patrol officer began trailing a Mercury Cougar on southbound Napier from Ford Road when the driver began accelerating at a high speed, failing to stop at Cherry Hill before heading westbound, a police report said.

Canton police activated emergency lights but the driver refused to stop, leading authorities on a path from Cherry Hill to Plymouth Road as it continued to U.S. 23. Washtenaw County and Ypsilanti authorities eventually took over the pursuit, which ended in a cornfield where the suspect was taken into custody.

Canton police said the suspect admitted he was high on crack cocaine. He also has had an expired license and has past offenses for fleeing and eluding in Oakland County and Livonia.

Gun grabbed

2 A man who lives on Woodcreek Court, southeast of Lilley and Palmer, told police someone stole a .40-caliber Glock gun from his pickup while it was parked in front of his residence between 10 p.m. July 20 and 9:15 p.m. Saturday.

The fully loaded weapon had been placed under a T-shirt. The man also told police that

his GPS unit was stolen, along with an additional magazine for the gun.

The items had been placed in his Chevrolet Silverado.

Home invasion

3 Two men returning to a residence on Carriage Cove, southeast of Warren and Lilley, contacted police to report that someone had entered their apartment and was still in a bedroom, holding a bottle of prescription pills.

The incident happened about 4 p.m. Sunday.

One of the residents told the man to put the pills back, but the suspect charged at him and tried to punch him in the face. The resident struck him in the ribs, but the suspect then slammed the resident's head against a wall twice and ran for the door.

The residents chased the

man but lost him. They told police they had locked the doors before they left the apartment.

The suspect was described as white male, 5-foot-10, wearing blue or black shorts and a white shirt.

Apartment theft

4 A woman told police she returned to her Canton Crossings apartment southeast of Joy Road and I-275 to learn that someone had entered and taken items such as a laptop computer, a digital camera, a gold bracelet and a 50-inch plasma television.

The woman told police the incident happened between 9 p.m. Saturday and 1 a.m. Monday.

She said she had secured her apartment before she left.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Website ad leads to computer theft

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 45-year-old man trying to sell his laptop computer through the Craigslist website told Canton police he was robbed after he agreed to meet an alleged buyer outside the Sam's Club on Ford Road.

Rather than making a \$1,799 sale, the victim reported he was robbed of his 17-inch Apple MacBook Pro laptop and his iPhone by two suspects who, according to several witnesses, fled west toward Village Squire, an apartment complex just across Lotz Road.

Police rushed to the scene but couldn't locate the suspects following the incident that occurred around 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19.

"It's still under investigation," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The victim said one of the suspects had a knife tucked in the waistband of his shorts.

The seller told police he advertised the laptop on Craigslist and received a phone call from a supposed buyer who said he lived in Southfield.

The victim initially

arranged for a meeting outside the Kmart store at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in Plymouth, but he said the alleged buyer phoned to say he had gotten lost and was near Sam's Club, where they agreed to meet.

When the seller arrived, he said two male teens approached him and told him their parents had gone inside the store. In the meantime, the victim placed the laptop on the trunk of a vehicle, prompting the pair to reveal a knife, seize the computer and iPhone and flee across the parking lot as witnesses watched.

One suspect was described as a black male, 16 to 18 years old, 5-foot-10 to 5-foot-11 with a thin build, dark complexion, short hair and goatee. He wore red shorts and a long black T-shirt.

A second suspect was described as a black male, 6 feet tall to 6-foot-3, about 18 years old with a thin build, dark complexion, short hair and clean-shaven face. The victim wasn't certain of the clothing.

The victim told police he got into his vehicle and tried to trail the suspects as they fled toward the apartment

complex, but he couldn't locate them. Several witnesses also told police they saw the two males running from the scene.

Anyone who has information about the robbery is asked to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400 or to make an anonymous tip for a possible cash reward to Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling (800) SPEAK-UP, visiting www.1800speakup.org or texting CSM and the tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

Contacted in his office, Canton Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr offered a few tips for anyone selling items online:

- Try to meet in a public place and environment where the seller feels safe — and don't let the buyer change the meeting spot.
- Avoid meeting places where it may be easy for someone to rob or take advantage of the seller.
- Take along a friend or relative rather than going to the meeting alone.
- If the seller instinctively feels uncomfortable about the situation, don't go through with it.

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'Fake cop' suspects face preliminary exam

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Two suspects accused of posing as police officers and robbing two victims at the I-275 rest area in Canton are facing a court hearing on multiple felony charges.

Christopher James Kish, a 31-year-old Livonia man, and Bruce Jacob Norton, 25, of

Tennessee are facing an Aug. 5 preliminary examination in 35th District Court for two counts of unarmed robbery, two counts of larceny from a person and one count of impersonating a police officer.

The charges stem from allegations that Kish and Norton, though not in uniforms, flashed a badge, claimed they were police officers investigating suspicious behavior, walked two men to their vehicles, searched them and took their money.

According to a Canton police report, the incident happened shortly before 3:30 a.m. last Thursday, and authorities quickly captured the suspects at the scene after receiving a phone call of two men behaving suspiciously.

The two defendants were arraigned Friday in 35th District Court, and each was jailed with a \$25,000 cash or surety bond. If convicted as charged, Kish and Norton could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

The case unfolded after Canton police received a call shortly before 3:30 a.m. last Thursday of two males lurking amid shadows of the rest area

prior to allegations they posed as police officers and took the victims' money.

One female semi driver who had stopped at the rest area told police the suspects arrived in a pickup truck and parked near her.

Police arrived before the suspects left and ordered them to the ground as the investigation unfolded.

A police report indicated that two victims were inside the rest stop lobby when the suspects allegedly knocked on the glass with a flashlight, showed what they called a police badge, claimed they were investigating suspicious behavior and took the men to their cars.

The victims said the suspects indicated they needed to search for drugs and guns, though they allegedly took money from the two men. The police report said authorities recovered money from the suspects.

Though the victims said one of the suspects had produced a badge of some sort, the investigation indicated the defendants weren't law enforcement officers and, rather, ended up being charged for impersonating legitimate police officers.

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Gerald Szostak, here with his restored 1926 Willys Knight, plans on displaying at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.

ST. JOHN'S SHOWCASE

What: 2011 Concours d'Elegance
Where: Inn at St. John's, Five Mile and Sheldon, Plymouth Township
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31
Shuttle: A free shuttle service during the Concours will run between downtown Plymouth, the Inn at St. John's and Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood. A shuttle will also go between the show and the ACH (formerly Visteon and, earlier, Ford) plant on Sheldon Road, where Concours attendees are encouraged to park.
Tickets: Tickets are \$25 a person; children 12 and under are free.
Details: Visit the website at www.concoursusa.org.

W-W board delays decision on hiring consulting firm

BY SUE MASON
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Helping get the word out about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for many years has been the job of consultant Group Fifty-Five Marketing. But its approval as the district's public relations consultant is on hold as the Wayne-Westland school board looks at what the firm provides the district.

The recommendation came up as part of the school board's organizational meeting last week and ran into difficulty when Vice President John Goci questioned the services provided and the cost.

According to Supt. Greg Baracy, the district will pay Fifty-Five \$80,000 for 2011-12. Of that money, more than 40 percent will be used for the cost of informational pieces that are mailed out to resi-

dents living in and around the school district.

"They are our consultant for our brand. They get out the good words about the district," Baracy said. "Without a question, \$80,000 is a small investment for the huge return by keeping students in the district and bringing in schools of choice students. We average 80-100 new students per year and that brings in around \$800,000. I feel that's a significant amount of money for the cost."

The firm, which counts among its clients Comerica, Lear Corp., the Michigan Lottery, DMC and St. John's Health System, does the school district's ads for radio and TV and video for cable TV shows. It also does the mailers for schools of choice and kindergarten roundup.

Goci sought to have the recommendation tabled until the

September board meeting to allow for further study.

"I had a lot of complaints as to where the billboard placements are," Goci said, indicating that he didn't believe the district was getting the most for the money it spends with Group Fifty-Five.

His initial motion failed by a 3-3 vote, as did a second motion to table when Treasurer Andrea Clawson changed her mind after learning that the agreement can be recommended at a later time.

Baracy has agreed to provide board members with data showing what Group Fifty-Five has done for the district and the how it has benefitted Wayne-Westland.

"I ask that you get us the information as soon as possible," Trustee Thomas Buckalew said.

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Free shuttle invites Concours visitors to explore Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Downtown Plymouth and the city's Old Village neighborhood are rolling out the welcome mat for visitors to this weekend's Concours d'Elegance of America, a show of more than 300 rare, vintage and luxury cars that draws exhibitors from around the country.

The Downtown Development Authority and the Old Village Association have teamed up with businesses to provide free shuttle service between the city, a hotel where many exhibitors will be staying, and the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township, where Sunday's Concours and several related events will be held.

The shuttle, which will run Saturday and Sunday, is for local Concours fans as well as car exhibitors, and their family members and friends, visiting the area. The DDA's John Buzuvis said the idea is to provide people with an easy way to get to the city in order to explore downtown or Old Village while they're attending the Concours and related

events.

"We want to make sure they feel welcome in our community," Buzuvis said.

The plan should ease the parking situation for Concours visitors, too, as space at St. John's is limited and general-admission visitors have to park away from the site.

"We're trying to make it easier for people to get there," Buzuvis said. (Official Concours parking, included with the ticket price, is at the Automotive Components Holdings plant on Sheldon Road at M-14, which will have a separate shuttle service).

The DDA-Old Village shuttle stops are Station 885 restaurant in Old Village (885 Starkweather), the Ironwood Grill downtown (840 W. Ann Arbor Trail), the Hilton Garden Inn (14600 N. Sheldon Road) and the Inn at St. John's. Riders should have to wait no more than about 20 minutes for a bus, Buzuvis said.

Shuttle hours will be 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. On Saturday evening, Buzuvis said, shuttles will feature tour guides who will provide information about local history,

landmarks, and attractions.

The shuttle's business sponsors are Station 885 and the Ironwood, plus Dearborn Jewelers and Hermann's Olde Towne Grille.

In addition, Concours tickets are available in advance at Station 885, Dearborn Jewelers (805 W. Ann Arbor Trail), Hermann's (195 W. Liberty) and Nico & Vali (744 Wing). Tickets are \$25 each, cash only.

The Concours itself is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the golf course at the Inn at St. John's; related events include a Friday motoring tour for exhibitors and their cars, a Saturday auction of classic cars, and a Saturday evening gala at St. John's.

Downtown Plymouth will be the site Friday evening of a sort of miniature Concours, as the owners of a 1936 Ford two-door, a 1939 Cadillac, a 1999 Plymouth Prowler and a 1934 Morgan three-wheeler will display their cars on Penniman near Kellogg Park, during a free concert by the Bluescasters. The cars are scheduled to arrive at 6:15 p.m.

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The cost of education

Foundation scholarships help students with college expense

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick Durocher had a connection with Dustin Piepsney when he was a member of the Canton High School wrestling team and he'd stay after practice to work out with kids wrestling in the Canton Wrestling Club, a group that included Piepsney.

Their connection on the mat is now going to help Durocher, now a student at Eastern Michigan University, make a connection with other students in the classroom.

Durocher, a Canton resident studying elementary education at Eastern, was awarded the \$750 Dustin Piepsney Memorial Scholarship when the Canton Community Foundation handed out nearly \$30,000 in scholarships in its 2011-2012 scholarship program.

With the one-year anniversary of his death quickly approaching, the family of Dustin Piepsney has been busy making sure his name will never be forgotten.

The scholarship was established by Piepsney's parents, Bill and Amy, two years ago on the first anniversary of the death of their son, who was found dead behind their Canton home in December 2008.

"This scholarship means a great deal to me," Durocher said. "It is so much more than just the money. It is helping me to become a teacher so that I can help kids like (Piepsney) do what they wish in life. I feel that because I have received this scholarship it is a great way to honor his name as well as his family from my academic success."

Durocher, now the wrestling coach at Pioneer Middle School, said he's got a "great passion" for the sport and would "love nothing more than to teach kids before high school so that they can accomplish the highest goals in high school."

More than that, Durocher figures the scholarship will help him reach his own goal: Becoming a teacher.

The foundation's scholarship program has been helping students reach similar goals since its inception in 1990.

This year's nearly \$30,000 brings the total into the \$500,000 ballpark in terms of funds handed out to students. Foundation President Joan Noricks said the joy comes for foundation members when students who thought, "Oh, a \$500 scholarship isn't really going to make a difference," find out it does.

"In the last few years, we're hearing a lot of input back that it helped spur students



CREATIVE DATA OF CANTON

Recipients of the Canton Community Foundation 2011-2012 scholarship program divvied up just over \$30,000 worth of scholarships for their continuing education.

THE SCHOLARS ARE ...

Here are the winners of the 2011-2012 Canton Community Foundation Scholarship Program:

STUDENT	TOWN	AMOUNT
Lindsay Anstess	Canton	\$500
Margaret Donnelly	Canton	\$1,000
Jennifer Gunnis	Canton	\$1,000
Victoria Kaye	Canton	\$1,000
Alisha Beyer	Canton	\$500
Elizabeth Rupp	Canton	\$500
David Brish	Canton	\$500
Angela Donald	Canton	\$500
Jennifer Gryzmala	Canton	\$500
Alana Assenmacher	Canton	\$500
Alyssa Engle	Canton	\$500
Vicki Fung	Canton	\$500
Veena Katragadda	Canton	\$500
Patrick Durocher	Canton	\$750
Jo Barringer	Canton	\$500
Jennifer Schwank	Plymouth	\$1,000
Kyle Hegarty	Canton	\$500
Catherine Huang	Canton	\$300
Kendall Torp	Canton	\$500
Michael Albert	Canton	\$500
Michelle Lu	Canton	\$8,000
Joseph Porcari	Canton	\$8,000
Alex Locke	Canton	\$1,000
Kristina Klusek	Canton	\$1,000

to finish college, or that 'somebody cares about me,'" Noricks said. "You just never know what these scholarships are going to accomplish. We're very proud to be able to offer that opportunity to college students to get on with

their life." For more information on the CCF scholarship program and all the scholarships available, visit www.cantonfoundation.org or call (734) 495-1200.

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Catherine Huang (center), winner of the Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship, with Mary Schulz (left) and Stephanie Saia.



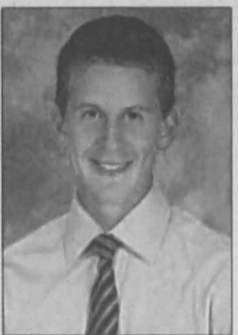
Jo Barringer (second from right), winner of the Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship, with Dan Durack (left), Cathy Durack and Matthew Durack.



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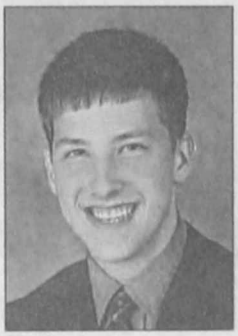
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Beware: Flimflam artists come in many forms

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

I recently read a news story where a Christian-radio talk-show host, who hosted a money show, has been indicted for a Ponzi scheme involving 700 investors and over \$190 million.

Allegedly investors were promised double-digit returns, were told they could never lose money and could withdraw their money at any time. The host of the show claims he did nothing wrong because all he did was read from a script.

As a former radio talk-show host of a money show, I believe there are many issues about this that are important to examine.

The first is shame on the host. Whether he knew that he was promoting a scam or not, is not the issue. The issue is that before any personality promotes



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

an item they need to do their homework. Unfortunately in too many cases, celebrities and personalities give endorsements not because they actually think the product is good but rather because they are paid to make an endorsement. It is something consumers always need to be aware of.

When I hosted a talk show, I always made sure I checked the product out from top to bottom before I ever agreed to an endorsement. Most people don't do this. Their only concern is how much they are going to be paid for the endorsement.

The lesson consumers must learn is that a great majority of celebrity endorsements are

meaningless.

Another lesson to be learned is about what you hear on the radio. When I first started on the radio over 20 years ago, I was told not to worry about advertisers, do the best show you can and let everything else fall into place. Today, it is the exact opposite. Unfortunately, today most of the money shows are nothing more than infomercials used to promote whatever an advertiser wants. For most of the hosts, personal integrity is not an issue.

The only important issue is what the advertiser wants.

Another lesson to be learned from this situation is that investors have responsibilities. Anyone who guarantees double-digit returns without risks is either a liar or clueless. Either way don't deal with them. I don't care if they belong to your church or synagogue or whether they're in the

same sorority or fraternity — it doesn't matter. Affinity scams have become so common these days that I'm surprised so many people still fall for them.

When we deal with people with similar backgrounds, we tend to let our guard down. We all like to think that if we have something in common with someone they won't rip us off. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

Therefore, no matter what the situation is, never be afraid to ask questions, check things out independently and always take your time. Never let anyone pressure you into something that you don't feel comfortable with.

Good luck!

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General takes post as veteran advocate

The Medical Team, Inc., announced that retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone joined the company as Veteran Advocate.

Fausone brings significant health care experience serving the nation's servicemen and women, company officials said. She will spearhead development of the company's Home for Heroes initiative, a unique program of clinical care, behavioral health and support services to meet the needs of veterans who have sustained life-changing injuries.

In addition, she will facilitate the company's ability to provide a range of home health services to veterans.

Fausone most recently



Fausone

served as Assistant Adjutant General, Veterans Affairs for the Department of Military and Veterans

Affairs for Michigan. From 2001-2005, Fausone served as the Assistant for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs working directly with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness. Serving in this capacity, she assisted in developing and implementing programs, policy, and operations for Reserve Affairs.

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Canton's Central City Dance expects to move into a new 22,000-square-foot facility in August.

Canton dance studio on the move

It's hard to believe that Central City Dance has only been around since 2002. In the nine years since opening their doors on Sheldon Center Road, the bustling business has danced its way into two on-site expansions, and it just can't stop growing. This summer owners Tim and Tamara Smola announce Central City Dance's biggest move yet.

"We're moving into 9,000 square feet of dance space," said Smola. "Our customers are beside themselves. To have that much space to move, dance, create and do what you love to do is going to be incredible."

The new location at 6700 Canton Center Road won't simply provide more room to

dance. The business will move from its current 5,500-square-foot facility to a 22,000-square-foot building. In addition to the added dance space, the new location will offer a snack "barre" and café with free WiFi, a retro dancewear store, changing rooms, a full lobby and more.

These additional conveniences will allow Central City customers to grab a snack before and after class, as well as allow parents to relax and enjoy their time on-site while their children rehearse, and make their visit to Central City Dance an overall positive experience.

"We're going to be offering a new theater and acting program," said Smola. "We'll

also be adding a youth ballet company and fitness classes for adults."

The fast-growing dance studio is currently limited on space, but Smola believes that with the new facility they will be able to better accommodate their current as well as future customers.

"We are in the process of renovating the building now," he said. "I go there every day after I drop my daughter off for school. The excitement is so palpable. Our teachers are excited about it, and our parents and students are thrilled."

Smola expects the official move to happen in August. To learn more about Central City Dance, visit <http://www.centralcitydance.com/>

How to avoid phishing scams

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST

The other day I received an e-mail from a company called Lead Net Ultra Pro claiming they had great international investment opportunities for me. What a great deal. Out of all of the people they could have e-mailed for this moneymaking opportunity in Korea, they chose me.

Obviously I'm being sarcastic as this e-mail was surely a scam. The sender on the other end blindly e-mailed myself and who knows how many others in order to "fish" out information and score some money.

Just like the e-mails about inheriting millions from a Nigerian King, this scam was easy to spot. But not all scams are that obvious. Follow these tips to protect yourself on the Internet to avoid phishing scams and avoid compromising your confidential information.

1. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. This holds true for e-mails, voice mails, Facebook messages, Twitter messages and more. There is no way to lose 27 pounds of belly fat with one simple trick and there is no way to win a free vacation or other prize. If something on the Internet looks too good to be true: it is. Ignore it, or if it is an e-mail or message, delete it and report it as spam.

2. Avoid responding to



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voice mails or e-mails from financial institutions. Even if you do your banking online, your bank won't send an e-mail asking for information and won't

leave a voice mail asking that you call them immediately. If your financial institution needs to tell you something they will call you to their office location or send you a message on their secure site.

While this may seem obvious, some time the signs aren't so clear. Scammers use professionally sounding voice mail messages and have elaborate systems set in place to fool you into thinking they are the real deal. These scammers are after your account numbers or anything else they can use to get to your accounts. Online scammers create professionally looking e-mails that are also designed to fool consumers.

3. Pay attention to URLs. There is a big difference between a URL that starts with the characters HTTP and the characters HTTPS. HTTP stands for hyper text transport protocol. To most people that's not important. What is important is the letter "s" which in this case, stands for "secure."

So if a website begins with HTTP with no "s" it means it is not a secure site. You should never trust financial information (credit card or debit card info) on unsecure sites.

4. Always be on alert. Scammers will often pose as friends, looking to fill jobs or real estate agents looking to sell houses. Scammers will hijack legitimate accounts and message contacts so their phishing attacks appear more credible. So if you ever receive a fishy e-mail from a friend or colleague make sure to confirm their identity before giving out any personal information.

Of course, these are just a few ways you can avoid phishing scams on the Internet. For a more comprehensive list on how to stay away from scams visit <http://www.fraud.org>. No there's no "s" in that URL to make the site "secure" but don't worry — they won't be asking for your financial information. And if they do, you'll already know what to do.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Top business person

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting candidates for the 2011 Business Person of the Year. This prestigious award will be presented at the annual Business Awards luncheon on Oct. 5 at the Summit in Canton.

Nominees are selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, and is initiative in his/her profession.
- Serves the community by providing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.
- Must be an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Participates in activities which promote economic development and general interest of the community.
- Should have a history of staying power, innovation, and positive response to adversity.

Deadline for nominations is July 29. The nomination forms are available at the Chamber Office or you can download the form from the website at www.cantonchamber.com, just look in the Member Information section under forms/flyers.

Please submit forms to the Chamber Office by fax (734) 453-4503 or drop it off at the Chamber Office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton.

Volunteers needed

Canton Chamber of Commerce officials are seeking volunteers to pass out Shop Canton bags at the jazz concerts in July and August.

The concerts will be held at various parking lots along Ford Road. Still open are the following dates: July 29 (1), Aug. 5 (1), Aug. 19 (1).

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

Kroger days

Chilled root beer poured over tasty vanilla ice cream is what Kroger shoppers can expect when they once again show their generous support for Easter Seals Michigan during Kroger's Annual A & W Root Beer Float Days fundraiser through Aug. 13.

Kroger stores throughout the state will be selling famous



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rob Bovitz was the 2010 Canton Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. This year's nominations are due to the chamber Friday.

A & W Root Beer floats on the weekends during these dates for \$1, with 96 cents from each float sale applied directly to Easter Seals' programs and therapies for people with disabilities, mental illness and other special needs.

This year Kroger has decided to extend the program for an additional week with a goal to raise \$100,000 for Easter Seals, nearly doubling the amount raised in 2010.

Federal reserve appointment

Bank of Ann Arbor announced its president and CEO, Timothy G. Marshall, has been appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's 2011 Community Depository Institution Advisory Council. Marshall will serve as the sole community banker representing the State of Michigan.

The CDIC provides an avenue for the Federal Reserve Bank to learn more about specific financial sectors throughout the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which encompasses Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa. Further, CDIC meetings are intended to provide an opportunity for council members to discuss their concerns and views on economic, financial, and regulatory matters with key decision makers.

Council members serve staggered terms lasting up to three years and meet twice annually to provide their views on current business

and economic conditions to Chicago Fed President Charles Evans and other senior officials of the Federal Reserve Bank. Input from Council members on regional banking conditions helps contribute to the Federal Reserve System's formulation of national supervisory and monetary policy.

Hiller's showcase

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Hiller's has designated Saturdays as the time for Michigan entrepreneurs and inventors to display their products and inventions.

Michigan residents with new ideas and products need only ask to be given a place in Hiller's to showcase their ideas and products. Aply named "Hiller's Hometown Showcase: A forum for new ideas and products made in Michigan" will begin this summer.

Hiller's is currently seeking applicants with a business idea, Michigan product or invention who would like to display their products and ideas inside a Hiller's location. Hiller's has even set up a special e-mail address for those contacts. It is HillersShowcase@hillers.com.

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Rotary Club looks for student hosts

The Canton Rotary Club is sponsoring a Youth Exchange student from South Korea this upcoming school year.

Rotary officials say they've been participating in International Exchanges for Youth for more than 75 years. The Canton Club has hosted many inbound students from various countries and sent students in the local community overseas to a variety of countries since it was chartered in 1977, according to Canton Rotary officials.

Students between the ages of 16 and 18 are selected by local Rotary Clubs around the world, and spend a year living and attending school in a foreign country.

The Rotary Club of Canton welcomes families in the Plymouth-Canton school district to apply to host the incoming student. Major requirements of host families are a willingness to share your culture with the student, a willingness to learn the student's culture, and a desire to welcome a new son or daughter

into your home and your family. The student can share a room with a sibling of the same sex but must have their own bed, officials said.

The Canton Rotary Club provides a monthly stipend to the student, the student is covered by health insurance, and Rotary personnel are always available to help and counsel host families.

Rotary Exchange students are generally hosted by up to three families during their year in the community.

The club is interested in sponsoring one or more students from the Plymouth-Canton community who would like to spend a year studying abroad. Age requirements for this program are 16 to 18 when the student begins their year of exchange. Applications for the 2012/2013 year abroad will be considered this fall and students will be chosen by Dec. 1 to leave on their exchange in August 2012.

For more information, contact John Kowalski at (734) 459-4487.

Riding on a 'Wish'

Cyclists take 300-mile trip to make dreams come true

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Polzin's daughter, Theresa, was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 15 years old and benefitted from a young organization called "Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan" to get a new bedroom set from F&M of Canton.

A couple of years later, Polzin, looking for a way to give back, got involved in one of MAW's biggest fundraisers, Wish-A-Mile, a 300-mile bicycle trek from Traverse City to Chelsea.

And he's been riding ever since. Polzin — and the other two-dozen members of his team, Team Header — are in Traverse City for Friday's start of the 2011 WAM, Polzin's 17th ride.

His reason for riding is pretty simple. "To give back to the kids," Polzin said. "(Make A Wish) is an opportunity to give families a day or a week to forget about the illness. They do a good job for the whole family, not just the child with the illness. It's all about the kids. It's a tough ride, but it's all worthwhile."

Team Header, which has raised some \$40,000 this year, features some 25 riders from divergent backgrounds. The team includes Theresa's sister, Christina Adkins, and her father-in-law, John Henning.

And Lisa Rozum of Canton said Polzin "sucked me in three years ago" and will once again join Team Header. The girl to whom Team Header is dedicating the three-day ride, Kelsie Cullen, is the niece of one of Rozum's good friends. That makes the ride even more special to Rozum.

"It gives it more of a personal touch," Rozum said. "We've made some wristbands with Kelsie's name on them. We want to show our support and remember why we're riding."

The grueling, 300-mile ride — the Make A Wish Foundation's largest fundraiser — takes a commitment on a couple of different levels for the riders. First, they're required to commit to a minimum of \$900 in donations to get into the ride. Secondly, it's a 300-mile ride, requiring training and perseverance.

Team Header trains locally, Polzin said, using local trails and Hines Park as riding grounds. It doesn't necessarily prepare riders for what lies ahead — "It's not a walk in the park," Rozum said — particularly at the northern end, which is far more hilly.

But sticking to it isn't that tough, Rozum noted, taking into consideration some of the illnesses the kids suffer. For instance, Kelsie Cullen, now 11, was born with Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation, a rare genetic disorder of which only 500 cases have been reported worldwide.

"You mentally walk yourself through it," she said. "You remind yourself if they can go through what they're going through, you can do this. You realize what they're going through and you just suck it up."

The three-day ride comes to an end at the Chelsea Fairgrounds, at the annual "Heroes Hurrah," when some 800 riders cross the finish line between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

That's the point where Rozum first got attracted to the ride several years ago. And it's what keeps her coming back.

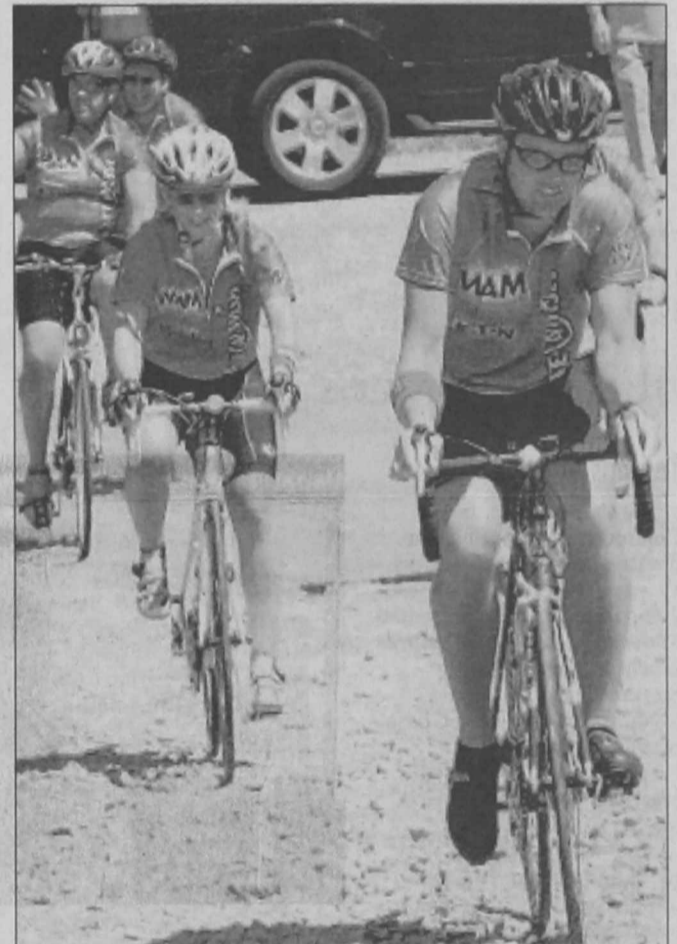
"It's so awesome to see them coming in, and the kids get so excited," Rozum said. "Watching that, you just want to be a part of it. You want to come back every year and raise more money and help more kids. You want to put more smiles on their faces."

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Team Header members Bob Polzin, Tom Adkins, John Henning Jr. and Liza Rozum in last year's Wish-A-Mile fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan. Team Header this year has raised some \$40,000 for the event.



Rider Lisa Rozum with Kelsie Cullen at last year's Wish-A-Mile event. Rozum's Team Header is riding on behalf of Kelsie in this year's event.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PHASE 2 OF THE ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROPOSED ACTION: A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD REGARDING PHASE 2 OF THE ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, August 11, 2011

TIME OF HEARING: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, will hold a public meeting for the purpose of considering the streetscape improvements proposed for the Ann Arbor Road Corridor between General Drive and Sheldon Road. This would be the second phase of a larger project intended to enhance the Ann Arbor Road Corridor's image as a gateway to the Plymouth Community. The streetscape improvements would be consistent with those installed along Ann Arbor Road between Eckles and Haggerty during Phase 1 of the project, and would include landscape plantings, decorative fencing, stamped concrete, gateway structures, and intersection improvements. The Charter Township of Plymouth is pursuing a Transportation Enhancement Grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation to help finance the project.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the general public with the opportunity to make any comments or recommendations regarding the streetscape improvements.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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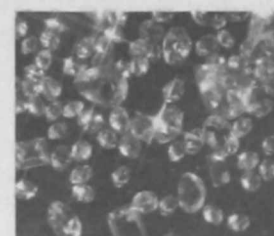
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OUR VIEWS



Borders will close its stores, and lay off its nearly 11,000 employees, by the end of the year. The decision includes the Canton store at Ford Road and Morton-Taylor.

A big blow

Losing Borders hurts for different reasons

Losing Borders is a blow, not just to Canton, where the local store is large in size and presence, but to the reading public as a whole.

There are different reasons why Borders failed, ranging from questionable business decisions to the onslaught of the Internet, Kindle, Amazon.com and the way people get their information electronically these days. Lord knows, we in the newspaper business are acutely aware of what a dramatic change the electronic media have wrought on the once sacrosanct printed word.

We are attempting to adapt to this changing world. Borders, unfortunately, was utterly unable to adjust. What will happen to its big building on Ford Road is not certain at this time. It likely won't remain vacant for long, though, as it's in a prime location and well designed.

But whatever goes in there won't be the same. There is something special in a bookstore, even a corporate Goliath like Barnes & Noble, the only remaining national book chain. They have a marvelous variety and offer so much everywhere you turn that you can literally spend hours roaming their shelves.

We have our libraries, of course, which do a marvelous job in their own right, but a bookstore offers you a chance to buy as well as browse. Find something you like there and it can be yours forever.

We still are partial to the used bookstores that are managing to hang on in the surrounding area. In fact, the demise of Borders may in a way be good for them. But they have an atmosphere and appeal all their own that isn't the same as a big box bookstore like Borders.

Borders will be missed in a way the most stores are not because books hold a special place in our lives. Almost no one ever throws out a book.

We mourn too, for all those who will lose their jobs. This is a tough time to be out of work and we hope they move on to better things.

But it is, sadly, time to turn another page.

Expect to be wowed at Concours d'Elegance

Plymouth Township officials have done a pretty good job of attracting business to the township over the last several years, even as the economy continues to struggle.

Now the move to Plymouth Township by one of the top car exhibitions in the country will put the area on the map for the owners of classic, antique and rare vehicles.

The Concours d'Elegance of America, which includes a car show, an auction, a motoring tour and other car-related events, is moving to the Inn at St. John's, a hotel-conference facility and golf course on Five Mile. The event takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Until Sunday, the annual Concours had been at Meadow Brook Hall, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, for 32 years. When the move was announced, the event's executive director, James McCarter, called it "huge for us" and said he hoped to "forge a great relationship with the Plymouth area."

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the Concours will boost local businesses and draw international attention to the area.

"This is truly a prestigious event," Reaume said.

When the move was announced shortly after last year's event, Paul Wegert, the general manager at the Inn at St. John's, said hotel staffers were "very excited about it."

The new venue is drawing rave reviews from car enthusiasts and show organizers. By the time residents and visitors get done viewing the event, we believe they'll be raving, too.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's bid for the Republican presidential nomination?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm a Democrat, so it doesn't matter to me."

Sonal Patel
Canton



"I think it's good for Michigan. It puts us in the national spotlight. I'm not sure if he's ready to make that step, but it will bring attention to our needs here."

Todd Gudith
Canton



"I think he would be a good candidate."

Michelle deWeever
Canton



"I would not vote for him."

Carol Howe
Canton

LETTERS

Golf outing thanks

On behalf of the Educational Excellence Foundation Board of Trustees, I would like to extend our gratitude to the companies and individuals who so generously supported our 2011 PCCS Golf Open.

A special thank you to our Platinum Event Sponsor, Community Financial Credit Union, and to our Gold Event Sponsor, Michigan Educational Credit Union, not only for this event, but for their consistent and continued support for this district and our Foundation. Thank you also for the contributions provided by Gallagher Benefits, Neville Financial, Business Health Solutions/Western Wayne Urgent Care, Global Office Solutions, TMP, Inacomp, Sysco, McCarthy & Smith, Coca-Cola, and Plante & Moran.

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We couldn't have accomplished this event without our dedicated Executive Director Carole Kody, our Golf Committee, and our team of volunteers. Because of the hard work of these individuals, we were able to raise over \$20,000 to support unique programs and opportunities for our students.

And finally, thank you to all those golfers who spent their day with us. This couldn't have happened without you.

Stephanie Goecke
vice chair
PCCS Educational Excellence Foundation

In the running

I am running for the Plymouth-Canton Community school board because I want to do what is right for the district as a whole.

It is not about picking sides when dealing with this fiscal crisis. Difficult financial decisions have been delayed and the current budget was balanced by depleting the district's savings. The board needs to come to grips with the fact that funding has decreased while spending had dramatically increased.

There are always solutions, but we need people on the board who will make common-sense decisions that will positively impact the district now and set the PCCS up for a solid future.

We must not let the discussion about money overshadow the district's true purpose. The PCCS is in business to educate our students and prepare them to achieve

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personal excellence and become productive citizens. We must have the best educators to facilitate the essential duty of providing our kids with a superior educational experience. We must not undermine this important task by letting the financial structure get so unbalanced that the district will not be able to function at its highest levels.

We must be progressive and open to new ideas in guiding the PCCS through this temporary turbulence and to the heights that our students deserve.

Mike Andro
Canton

Good first step

My thoughts, good first step to rein in district costs ("District privatizes bus drivers," Observer, Thursday, July 21).

Curious, you did not report the vote except to say 5-2. Why? Would not be complete reported story unless we know how each board member voted. Seems that this is reported majority of time on other important votes.

This was not a closed door vote, was it? Would be surprised if so. Could you let the citizens know, please.

G. Gordon
Canton

(Editor's note: The 5-2 vote went like this: Yay - President John Jackson, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, Secretary Adrienne Davis, Treasurer Judy Mardigan and Trustee Nancy Eggenberger; Nay - Trustees Barry Simescu and Steven Sneiderman.)

Where have real jobs gone?

Within two and a half years, the unemployment rate went from 5.7 percent to 9.1 percent, a loss of six million jobs. Fourteen million people are officially unemployed, but unofficially, it's 25 million. In the month of May, we added 54,000 new jobs. However, for the first week in May alone, we lost 43,000 jobs.

Corporate taxation contributes to unemployment. The top U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent while the global average is 25 percent. This compels corporations to invest where rates are lower.

Furthermore, when a U.S. corporation makes a profit in China, it pays China's 25 percent tax rate. Investing that profit into America, a U.S. corporation must pay an additional 10 percent to make up the 35 percent U.S. tax rate. Knowing this, U.S. corporations keep their investments out of America, keeping Chinese employment high and U.S. employment low.

Monetary policy is another problem. To reduce interest rates, the Federal Reserve purchased a substantial number of bonds in a program called Quantitative Easing. This was supposed to create jobs by spurring spending and investments in America. Instead, investors borrowed at the Fed's low interest rate and invested globally where profits are higher. Quantitative Easing not only failed to create American jobs but it weakened the U.S. dollar and fueled worldwide inflation. The dollar fell by 5.8 percent against major currencies this year, a record since 1995, and global inflation rose by 5 percent in 2010.

Congress belatedly passed the 2011 federal budget last April. To avert a shutdown, the deficit was reduced negligibly by \$39 billion dollars, resulting in a record deficit of \$1.6 trillion. Congress has yet to pass a 2012 budget for the fiscal year beginning in two months.

U.S. debt is \$14 trillion. As new deficits add to the debt each year, our debt continues to grow unsustainably. Runaway spending and debt have real consequences. Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch Ratings recently warned of U.S. security downgrades. The downgrade would diminish U.S. creditworthiness, raise interest rates, and devastate confidence in our economy. Already we are experiencing the specter of this reality. Since April, the stock market plunged by 7 percent. No corporation or small business is in any position to hire anyone.

We can only create real jobs by reducing government spending and taxes. This maddening cycle of spending and taxation must stop.

"When will we ever learn?"

Ed Lee
Novi

Don't raise debt limit

President Barack Obama said it clearly (March 2006) before he become president. This is a great quote.

"The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the U.S. government cannot pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our government's reckless fiscal policies.

"Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that 'the buck stops here.' Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children, and grandchildren.

"America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Linn Balsley
Milford

Annual Highland Games set for Aug. 6 at Greenmead

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A little Scottish heritage makes its annual trek into Livonia next weekend.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit presents the 162nd Annual Highland Games starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Greenmead Historical Park on the southwest corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia.

The games feature heavy athletics, highland dancing with 250 dancers, tug o'war, vendors, entertainment tents and the Wee Bairn's Games for children.

The Highland Games kick off the prior evening on Aug. 5, with the Ceilidh (pronounced "Kay-lee"), a Scottish party.

Cathy Hasse, a chair of the Highland Games and representative of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, points out that the 162-year-old games are older than the Civil War. The games have been presented over the years at venues ranging from historic Fort Wayne and Boblo Island to today's Greenmead, which has been the games' site for the past several years in the Detroit area.

Hasse said the games are popular and have continued through the years because several family-oriented activities are scheduled at the games. Hasse expects 1,000 children at the Wee Bairns area.

"They enjoy it," Hasse said. "It's a learning lesson without them even knowing it's a lesson. They learn a little bit about their Scottish heritage and decorate their shield."

The games open and close in dramatic fashion with 15 bagpipe groups and drumming during the opening and closing ceremonies. "It is an impressive site," Hasse said.

CABER TOSS IS POPULAR

According to the Highland Games website, Scottish heavy athletics began with the Highland warriors who would keep in shape between battles by competing with one another using everyday implements. A stone, a blacksmith's hammer, a tree trunk (caber) used in competition also built strength



FILE PHOTO

Harrison Bailey tossed the 28-pound hammer 82 feet, 1 inch during last year's Highland Games.

162ND ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

What: 162nd annual Highland Games featuring heavy athletics, highland dancing with 250 dancers, tug o'war, vendors, entertainment tents and the Wee Bairn's Games for children.

When: The Highland Games kick off 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, with the Ceilidh, a Scottish party for adults with food, drink and live entertainment. The Games will be played 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

Where: Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh, Livonia
If you go: Tickets are sold in advance only for the Ceilidh. They are \$15 each. Advanced tickets for the Highland Games are \$10. Games tickets purchased at the gate are \$15. Children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets may be purchased online at www.etix.com or at Greenmead.

Contact: gameschair.highlandgames@gmail.com; (248) 526-1894

for battle.

Advanced tickets for the Highland Games are \$10 with children 12 and under free.

The Ceilidh on Friday features live entertainment with Alex Beaton, The Rogues, The Kreellers and Poor Angus, also at Greenmead. There will be a beverage tent, and food concessions.

Tickets for the Ceilidh are \$15 by advance purchase only.

Hasse said the games are supported by scores of volun-

teers and allow for the education of others to learn about Scottish heritage.

"It's a chance in my life to give something back, not just to the Scottish, but give back to the community that's been good to me. We also want to keep educating young people," Hasse said.

Visit www.highlandgames.com for ticket information and event schedules.

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Detroit's Shrine Highlanders are among the many bands that have marched and entertained the crowds at the Highland Games.

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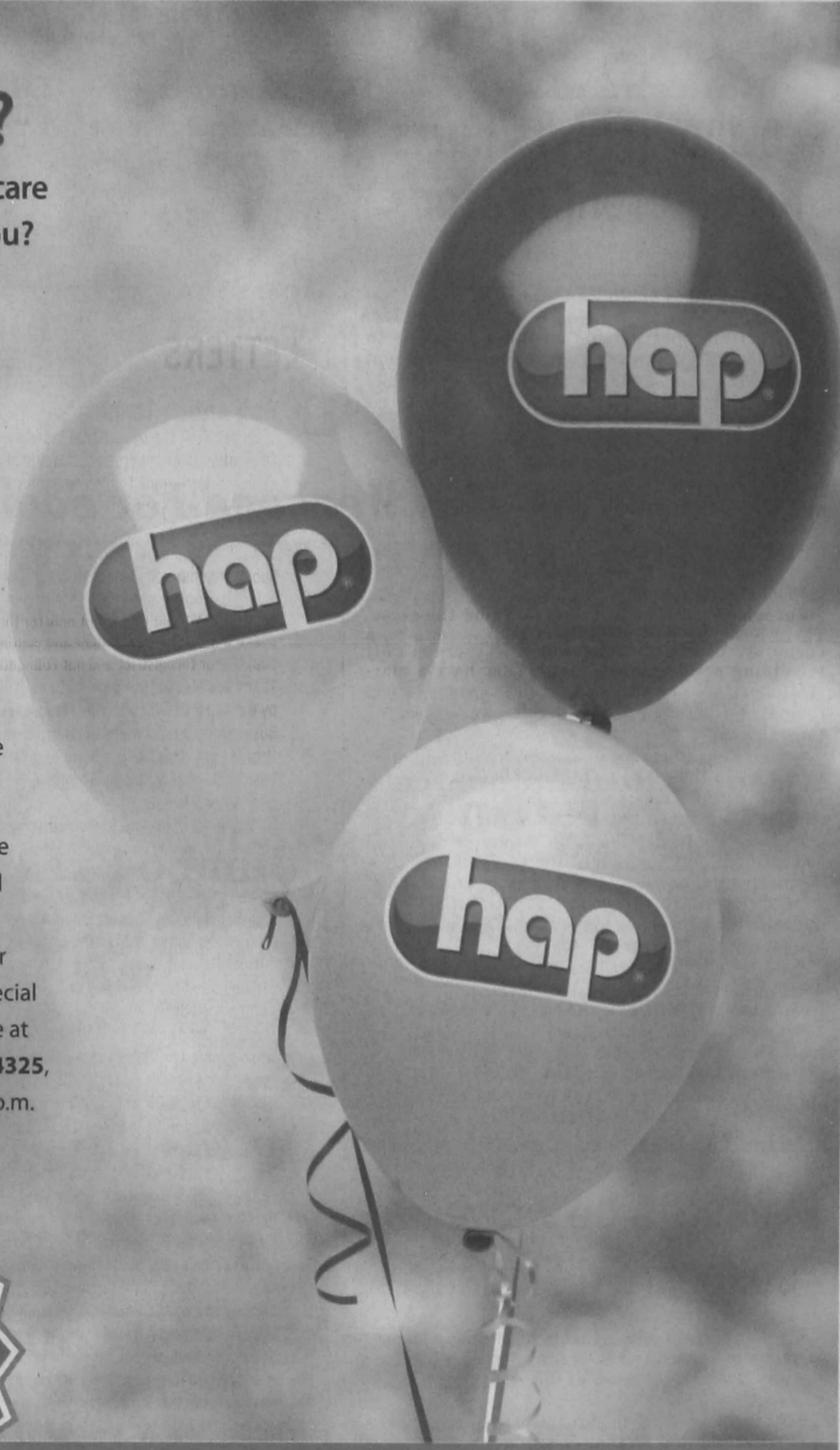
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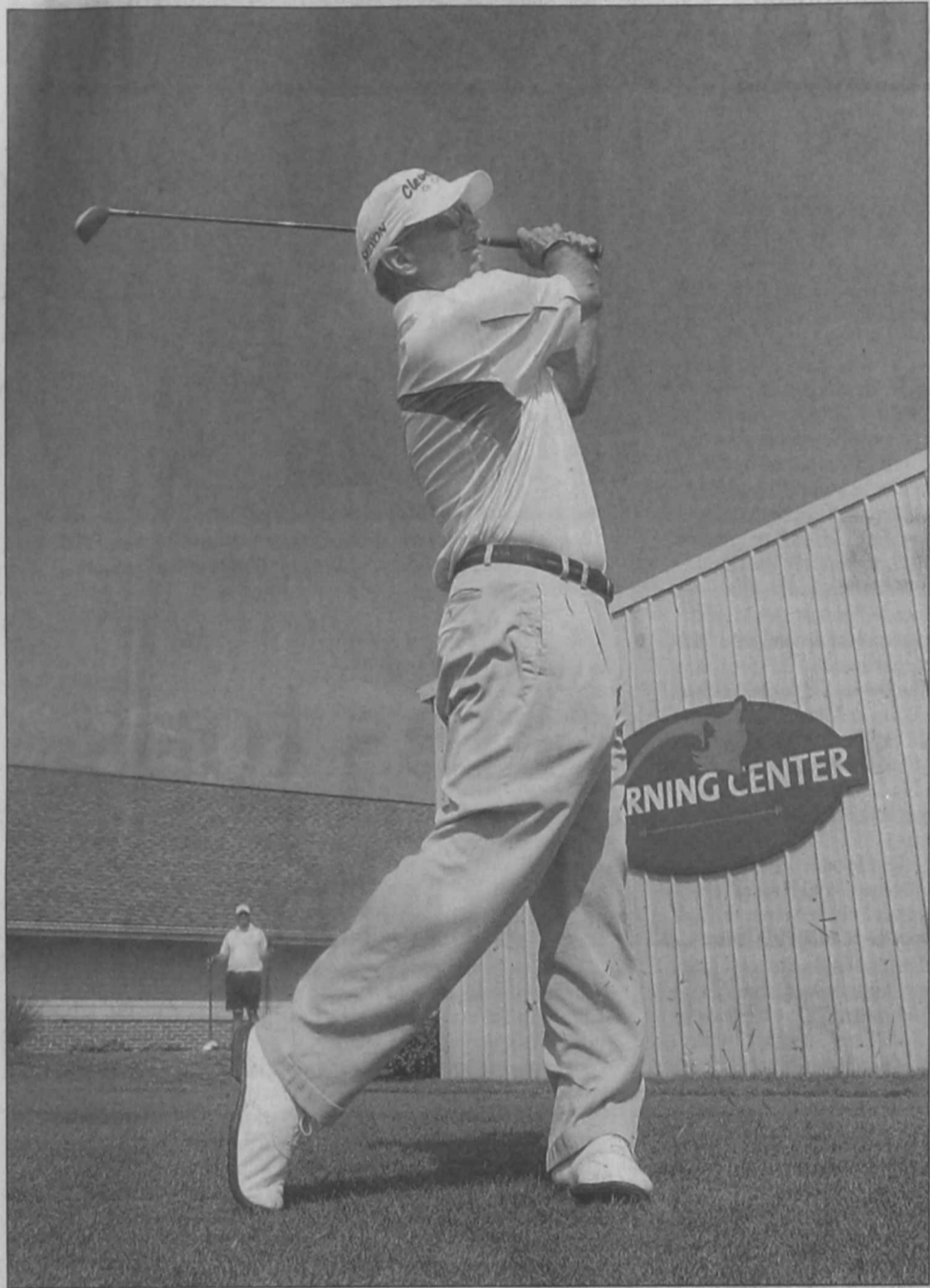
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MAJOR MOMENT



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Following through after smacking a practice shot at Fox Hills in Plymouth is Brian Cairns. In early August, he'll participate at the 93rd PGA Championship in Georgia.

Fox Hills golf pro Cairns thrilled to step into PGA spotlight

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't blame Brian Cairns if he still can't believe he'll finally be teeing it up with the big boys.

Cairns will compete Aug. 8-14 at the 93rd PGA Championship to take place at Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

The 22-year golf pro — who also is a teaching pro at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth — quali-

(Pa.) Country Club.

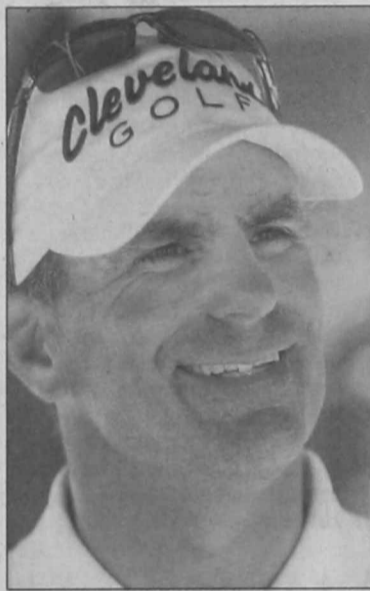
"It's a thrill. You always wonder how you're going to do when you get to a major," said Cairns, a 47-year-old from Walled Lake. "But you've got to realize at some point in time you might belong there. I'm sure I'll look around and see (Phil) Mickelson, see those guys and go 'What the heck am I doing there?'"

"But it's been a long time coming. I've definitely prepared myself for this."

Cairns last week traveled to the Georgia course to get in a practice round and described it as "Oakland Hills on steroids."

"I'm a little bit more nervous now than I was before I saw it," he said with a laugh. "It's different, there's a lot of elevation change and definitely the length is an issue."

"But I think when you get there, and you get into things and you're swinging ... things will come to me a little more naturally. Just going out there and playing it cold was a little bit of a shock."



Brian Cairns smiles a lot these days, and for good reason. He's soon going to play in the first major golf tournament of his career.

fied for the first major of his career at the recent 44th PGA Professional National Championship at Hershey

EASY DOES IT

Cairns nearly made the cut for the PGA Championship back in 2000, but learned a valuable lesson that helped him 11 years later.

On the final hole, Cairns tried to force the issue when he didn't need to. He wound up on the outside

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SIDELINES

Run for the Hills

Runners might want to circle Saturday, Aug. 20, on their calendars, the date for the Farmington Run for the Hills race.

A bevy of events will take place, including the following: 5K walk; 1K, 5K and 10K races; 5K and 10K team races. Teams are composed of five runners.

For those signing up before Aug. 1, there will be a slight discount:

- 1K, \$12; 5K/10K, \$25; team (five runners), \$100.

- The registration fees for those signing up between Aug. 2-19 are as follows: 1K, \$15; 5K/10K, \$30; team, \$125.

- On race day, fees will be \$18 to compete in the 1K race and \$35 for 5K/10K races.

For more information, visit www.farmingtonrunforthehills.com.

'Miracle' derby on deck

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 2010 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 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.miracleleague-plymouth.org.

Bentley softball alums

August is shaping up as a pretty special month for the alumni of Livonia Bentley High School.

Bentley's 1950-56 classes will have a reunion Aug. 20, but at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, there also will be a softball game featuring five members of Bentley's Class of 1951 who are between ages 77-79.

The softball game will take place at Plymouth Township Park.

For more information, contact Don LaMay at (734) 421-6032 or bentleydon@sbcglobal.net.

Bucks Ultimate Camp

The Michigan Bucks Ultimate Soccer Camp is open to players ages 6-14.

The camp begins Monday, Aug. 1, and will run through Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The full-day camps are designed to improve the skill level of all players by teaching techniques on dribbling, passing, shooting, heading and ball control.

Camp T-shirts and certificates of completion will be awarded.

For more information or to register, visit www.BucksSoccer.com.

WSU Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Wayne State University Athletic Hall

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Westland John Glenn product Keshawn Martin, a senior at Michigan State, is one of the most exciting playmakers in the Big Ten.

Man on the move: Keshawn revs it up for senior year

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once Michigan State's Keshawn Martin gets his hands on the football, it's a good bet Spartans fans will more than likely get out of their seats.

That's because there's nobody more exciting on the Big Ten gridiron than the fourth-year wide receiver and return specialist from Westland John Glenn High, who is determined to go out his senior season with a bang.

The Inkster native ranks

eighth in kick returns (1,070 yards), 12th in punt returns (385 yards) and 18th in all-purpose yards (2,819) on MSU's all-time list.

In 34 games at MSU, he has a total of 61 catches for 937 yards (15.4-yard average) and has rushed for 427 yards (9.5-yard average).

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound Martin has scored 10 career TDs, including six by receiving and one each via passing, rushing, kickoff and punt return.

Last season, Martin ranked

11th nationally in punt returns and enjoyed his best pass catching season with 32 for 394 yards.

"Our main goal is to get back to where we were last year," said Martin, who helped the Spartans to an 11-2 record and a share of the Big Ten title. "I like the way our team works and we have the talent to get back. To get back, we have to do a little bit more."

BLUE CHIP FIND

The speedy Martin was a

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU's Haeger recruits locals

Fresh off of the program's fourth straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship, Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the start of his 2011 recruiting class which includes Livonia Churchill grad Tyler Cotter and Livonia Stevenson's Evan Piechota.

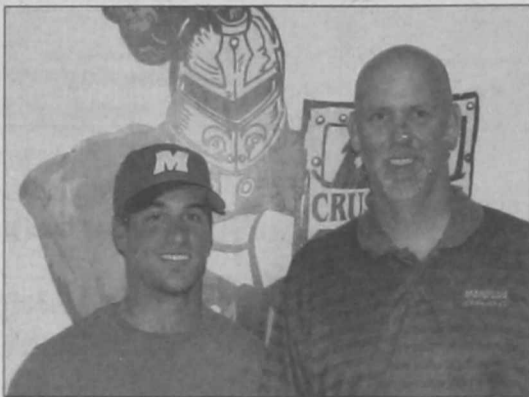
The beginning of the class also includes junior college transfers Cotter (Lake Michigan CC), Logan Curtis (Jackson CC) and Jake Richardson (Flint Mott CC), along with true freshmen Justin Hicks (Fowlerville), Ian Nolan (Waterford Kettering) and Evan Piechota.

"We did a very good job with all of our recruits that we've signed and we are bringing in a lot of them," said Haeger, who guided MU to a 32-14 record. "We brought in a good mix of transfers and incoming freshmen for a balanced recruiting class. These players along with our returning roster from last season should make us successful. I need to thank my staff - Stu Rose, Mike George and Chris Collias - for their assistance in the recruiting process. Their help is invaluable."

Cotter hit .280 with seven doubles, two home runs and 23 walks while going a perfect 8-for-8 in stolen bases for Lake Michigan after batting .377 with 14 doubles and earning Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman at Henry Ford CC.

Cotter earned All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association honors in both baseball and hockey dur-

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MU SPORTS INFORMATION

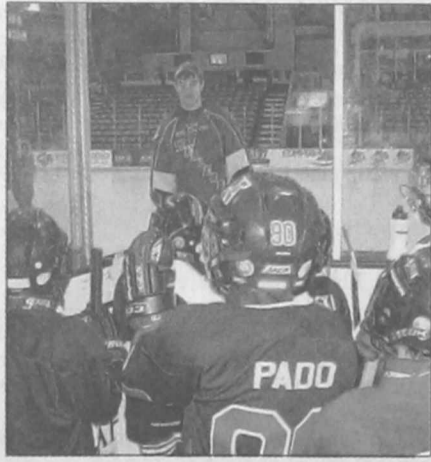
Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger (right) looks for new recruit and Livonia Churchill grad Tyler Cotter (left) to make an immediate impact on the team.

Plymouth Whalers' summer clinics for all ages

The annual Plymouth Whalers hockey schools start next week and run through Aug. 19, with clinics for all age groups and skill levels. Staffing the clinics are Whalers players and associate coach Joe Stefan.

Over the past few seasons, several young players and their parents come back, year after year. Over the past few seasons, Here's what one parent said after the Whalers' Mid-Winter Break clinic last February:

"I have to say this is one of my son's favorites," said Skye Jendrell of Milford as she watched her 8-year-old son Tor. "Not only because of the skill levels. The drills that are done are really well-planned and are well-timed — they aren't too long. I think it's great that the Whalers are out on the ice with the kids. It's inspiring and makes it exciting."



Garrett Meurs of the Plymouth Whalers welcomes students at one of the team's recent clinics.

Jendrell watched the clinic closely and was impressed.

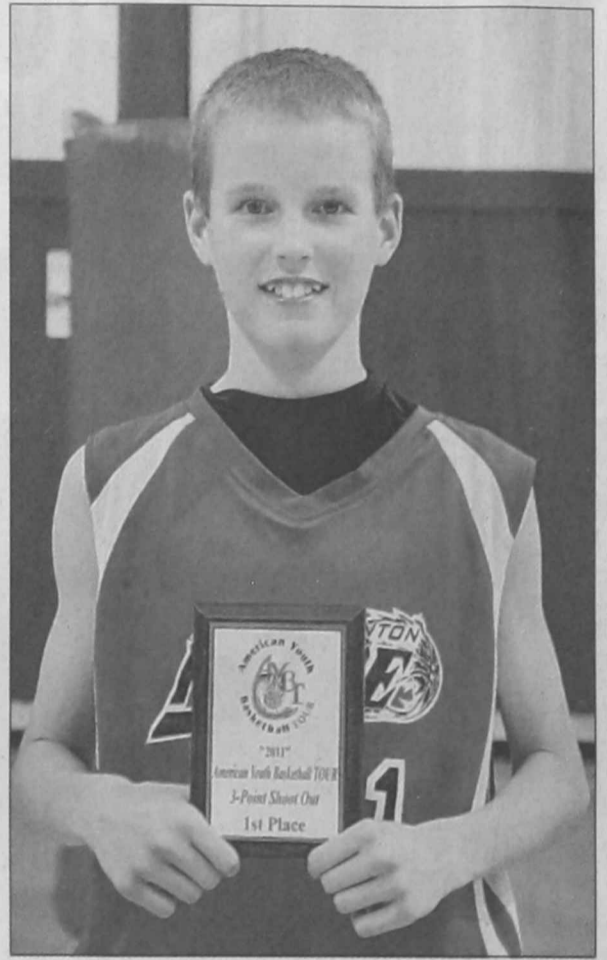
"This is fun for the kids," she said. "It's not just drills. The one thing that impresses me about this, in a lot of the camps that you go to, the coaches are there (at the other camps) and they're making money, but they're not really doing things to develop the kids"

Following is the schedule for the summer hockey schools:

- Aug. 1-5, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, five-day camp (\$225).
- Aug. 1-3, 1-4 p.m., three-day camp (\$135).
- Aug. 8-12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all-day camp (\$375).
- Aug. 15-19, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, five-day camp (\$225).

For more information, please call Nick DeYonker at (734) 453-8400.

3-POINT SHOOTOUT



Happily posing with his first-place trophy after winning the 3-Point Shootout is Canton's Jackson Sartain, of the 6th Grade Plymouth Canton Force.

Michigan Bucks net PDL's best record

The Michigan Bucks trounced the visiting Toronto Lynx 4-0 on Saturday, finishing with the best record in the Premier Development League's (PDL) Great Lakes Division and Central Conference.

With the win, Michigan (12-2-2, 38 points) was given hosting duties for the Conference semifinals and championship on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

"The incentive tonight was to get the win so that we could host the conference tournament... so I think there was plenty of motivation to play," Bucks head coach Gary Parsons said. "I don't think we were coming into this game to get a job done."

"Everyone in that locker room knows we haven't been scored on in this building this year and our only hiccups have come on the road."

After some back-and-forth play early against Toronto, including a few quality chances by the Lynx, the Bucks struck for their first goal of the game.

SOCCER

"Toronto is always going to come in hard, no matter what, and they proved that by pressing. I thought they did a good job of putting us back on our heels until we really figured them out and opened up the game," Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt said.

In the 21st minute, midfielder Luke Holmes looped the ball over to forward Stefan St. Louis, who was making a run up the right side of Toronto's box. St. Louis drilled the ball to the far post, giving Michigan the 1-0 lead.

"Latif (Alashe) slipped me the ball, and I just looked up and saw Stefan making that run off the shoulder of the defender," Holmes said. "He took a good touch and finished it well. It was a great finish."

Fourteen minutes later, the Bucks struck again. Joey Dillon sent a long cross to midfielder Tommy Catalano, who ripped a wicked shot into the side netting from eight yards out for a 2-0 lead.

The goal was Catalano's team leading ninth of the season, and he later added No. 10 in the 70th minute.

"Tommy has really come along this season.... He's got a nose for the goal now and he's turning into a very good finisher as well as a good player all over the field," Parsons said.

Michigan pounded goalkeeper Mike Watkins with 11 shots in the first period alone and out-shot the Lynx 21-to-6 in total. Meanwhile, Bucks goal keeper Mitch Hildebrandt had a huge night while not breaking much of a sweat.

TOP HONOR

After recording his 12th win of the season and his PDL leading 12th shutout, Hildebrandt received the 2011 Paul R. Scichuna Award, given each year to the player that best represents the organization both on and off the field.

"It's a tremendous honor and I just hope that it's not the only honor that we get this year," Hildebrandt said. "Hopefully

we can raise a bigger trophy on August 6th," referring to the PDL championship.

As the top seed in the Central Conference, the Bucks earned the right to host the Central Conference playoffs next weekend and will be joined by the Thunder Bay Chill (top seed in the Heartland Division) and either the Chicago Fire Premier or FC London from the Great Lakes division and the Real Colorado Foxes or Des Moines Menace as the second seed from the Heartland.

The Bucks will take on either the Foxes or Menace on Friday night (8 p.m., immediately following the opening game between the No. 2 seed from the Great Lakes and Thunder Bay (5:30 p.m.).

Tickets for the Central Conference Final Four at Ultimate Soccer Arenas are half price this week during presale and are available either on line or at Ultimate Soccer. All play-off tickets are \$10 at the door on Friday and Saturday, but can be purchased for only \$5 at

He's tops in treys

Jackson Sartain is knocking down treys and drinking in the praise.

Jackson, of the 6th Grade Plymouth Canton Force, did more than help his team go 5-2 the weekend of July 16 at the American Youth Basketball Tour National Tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He won the tournament's 3-Point Shootout with a dazzling display of dead-eye shooting.

The youngster sank 12 three-pointers in one minute in the first round to tie another competitor and advanced to the finals after sinking 10 more triples.

Then Jackson's next feat was to beat the winner from the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade boys and girls divisions. In the finals Jackson made 15 out of 17 triple tries to win the competition.

"Jackson moved to Canton last year from Ohio and has been a great player for the Plymouth Canton Force," said coach Ed Gruczelak. "He is a knock-down shooter and the team knew he would do well in the competition."

Meier sisters pace MWGA tourney at Hawk Hollow

Rochester Hills sisters Amy and Christine Meier went head-to-head last weekend in the 25th annual Michigan Women's Golf Association state championship held last weekend at Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Bath.

Amy, a standout at Oakland University, emerged the winner by shooting a two-day total of 73-70-143 to capture first flight low gross honors.

Christine, who attends

Michigan State, was six strokes off the pace with a 74-75 followed by Joan Garety (Ada), who finished 78-75-152.

Low net honors went to Holt's Maddi Massa, another MSU student, who shot 145 to edge Southfield's Shelly Weiss by a stroke. Flint's Darci stocker was third with a 151.

In the second flight, the top three low gross finishers included Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti),

80-79-159; Jean Murray (Mount Pleasant), 89-82-171; and Sonia Pysh (Henrico, Va.), 85-90-175.

The top three low net scores were turned in by Theresa MacPherson (Royal Oak), 142; Diane Kurtz (Metamora), 143; and Yvette Gagnon (Bloomfield Hills), 145.

In the third flight, Francine Pegues (Grosse Pointe Park) was the low gross winner with an 88-98-186 followed by Kathy

Brennan (Livonia), 95-106-201; and Faye Bessette (Hartland), 105-100-205.

Low net honors went to Denise Buechel (Walled Lake), 145. Corrinne Worden (Grosse Ile) and Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills) placed second and third, respectively, with 151 and 154.

Marisha Murphy, up-and-coming junior golfer, also played amongst the field of 37.

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of Fame are being accepted by the school's athletic department.

Persons wishing to nominate any former Wayne State athlete must include a list of that person's athletic accomplishments and current address of nominee (or relative if nominee is deceased).

To be eligible for consideration,

the nominee must have graduated or left WSU at least five years prior; received one athletics award; and graduated from a four-year university. Staff-faculty members become eligible after separation from WSU, unless being considered for athletic achievement. Evidence of an outstanding career as an athlete or staff-faculty member must be presented and consideration may be given to a professional or amateur athletic career.

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3 (nomination forms may be found on the WSU website at www.wsuathletics.com). Information should be sent to: Athletic Hall of Fame, Wayne State University, 5101 John C Lodge, 101 Matthaei, Detroit, MI 48202. Induction ceremonies for the Class of 2012 - WSU's 37th class - are scheduled for Feb. 18, 2012. Wayne State's Hall of Fame currently includes 204 individuals.

MARTIN

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penny stock who suddenly became a blue chip recruit midway through his senior year at John Glenn.

The quarterback had a penchant for making something out of nothing and caught the eye of college coaches once his game tapes were sent out by former Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart.

"Coming out of high school, I really did not envision it," Martin said of his Division I career. "Nobody was really recruiting me until after my (senior) season. To go to a big university like Michigan State was a blessing and I'm real thankful."

Four years later, Martin has taken on more responsibilities and now lends a veteran presence.

"I feel I can play a bigger role, especially my senior season," he said. "The coaches have talked to me about the season. I'll still be a playmaker, catch the deep ball. Run the reverse, be on punt returns and kick returns. I just have to go out there and do what I have to."

"I just try to work on my routes, receiving stuff because on kickoff and punt returns

— that's where I've always had the attention and focus. I've always had the confidence there and I was born to do it. I just have to fine-tune that for my last year."

Even though offensive coordinator Don Treadwell left during the off-season to take the head coaching position at Miami (Ohio), MSU's offensive philosophy will remain virtually the same with the exception of a few new tweaks under new coordinator Dan Roushar.

"I don't think our offense will be much different," Martin said. "Maybe a little bit of different play calling. Every time I get the call to pass, or make a reverse, I get excited to make a big play."

"I feel I've gotten a little faster and stronger. When you get stronger, you get more durable."

With the return of third-year starter Kirk Cousins at quarterback, Martin believes he'll remain a vital part of MSU's offensive scheme.

"Being a quarterback in high school, I kind of know what the quarterback expects and he (Cousins) has helped me a lot," Martin said. "Kirk and I hook up sometimes with the other receivers. Kirk is an intelligent guy who knows what he's doing. He's pretty laid back, but he's a spark for

the team. If he gets going, we get going."

LEADS BY EXAMPLE

Martin is quiet by nature, often deferring to others, but over the years has come out of his shell.

"I'm still myself, but I've taken more of a leadership for the team," he said. "I lead by example because I'm not a big 'rah-rah' guy. But if something is not going right, I'll say something."

Martin is majoring in sociology and hopes to get his degree by the end of next year.

"Football is something I love to do, it's fun," he said. "Studying and stuff sometimes gets tiresome, but my mom (Tracy) tells me every time when I'm home to get my degree."

In the eyes of NFL scouts, Martin might be an undervalued commodity. He kick and punt return skills may land him a job.

"I think about it a lot if, especially if I do well my senior season and how it's going to affect me. But I really just think about the work to get to that level."

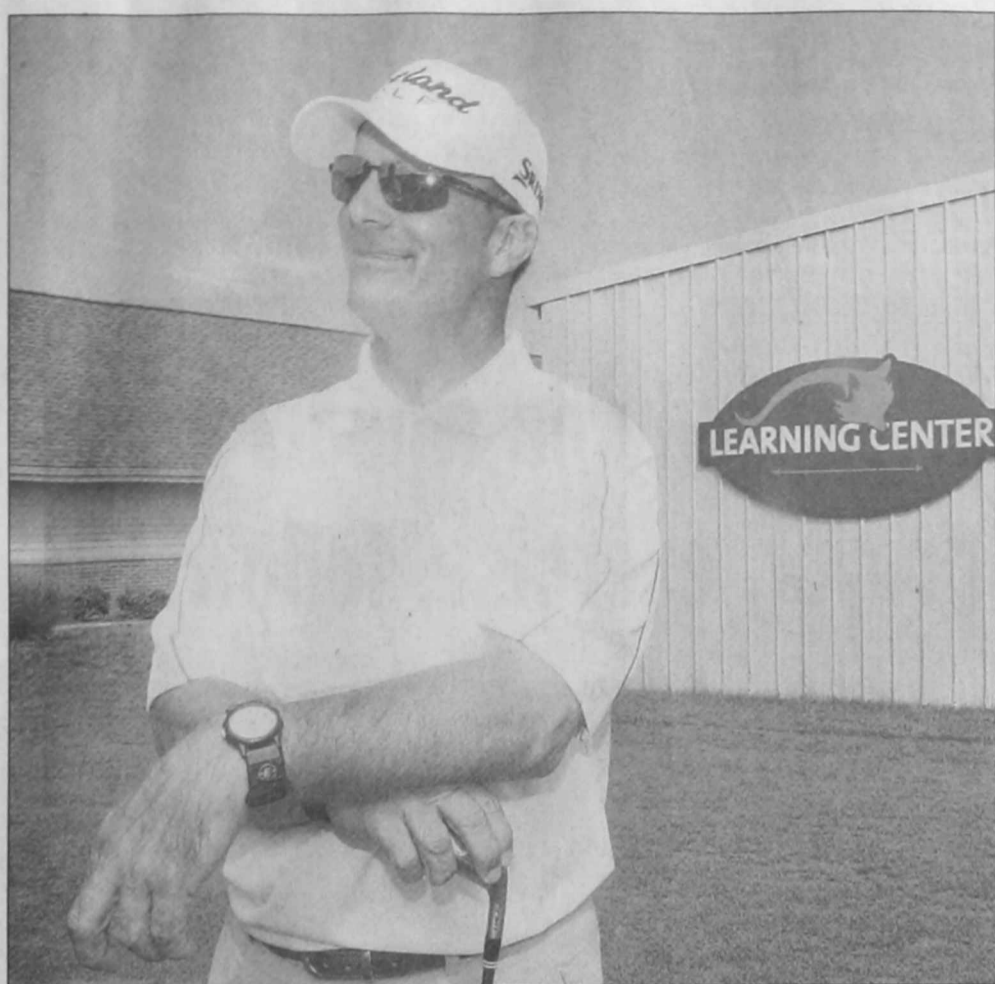
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A relaxed Brian Cairns is looking forward to golfing at the 93rd PGA Championship near Atlanta, Ga. next month. Cairns, the teaching pro at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth, said the phones have been ringing off the hook there since he qualified for the major tournament.

GOLF PRO

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looking in as a result.

"I made a triple (bogey) the last hole, just not knowing," he said. "I thought I had to make birdie, so I took a couple risks and ended up taking a triple and missing it by a shot. I ended up finishing 35th that year."

Fast forward 11 years to the PGA national championship in late June and Cairns brought a different mindset and approach to the stretch drive.

"I was 20th going into the (final) day and then made a few birdies on the front nine," Cairns said. "I got to a couple under through 13 holes and knowing the last four holes at Hershey are probably the hardest holes on the golf course."

"So I got by 15, I made birdie on 15 to go back to a couple under and once I got there I was like, 'All right, I think I got a chance of getting through this.'"

He said knowing he merely needed to shoot par and not try to do too much "was peace of mind. If I stayed where I was, the worst-case scenario was I'm going to be where I am right now, 20th place. Just make the cut and move on."

POSITIVE CHANGES

According to Cairns, divorced with two children, he had to move on in other areas of his life to get to where he is in 2011.

"My style of golf I think has kind of followed my lifestyle," he said. "I used to lead a kind of reckless, fun lifestyle and it wasn't very conducive to a good marriage."

"So obviously the marriage didn't last, unfortunately. But I have settled down, both in my golf game and my lifestyle."

On the course, he is calmer and better able to deal with

adversity as it comes his way.

"Sitting back and looking at everything, I think I've got a better point of view now than I ever have," Cairns said with a nod. "Unfortunately, I'm 47, not 27. But it's never too late."

During Michigan tournaments this year, he is averaging just under 71 with his no-nonsense approach.

"My strength now is driving the golf ball straight, and my short game," he said.

Changes in his life include landing his teaching gig at Fox Hills, where he works with "anyone that wants to learn" the game.

"A lot of people helped me make good decisions the last three or four years of my life, that's what it is," Cairns said. "My golf game hasn't gotten any better, it's my life that's gotten better."

"Coming here (Fox Hills), great place to teach. Jordan Young is the director of instruction. Jordan gave me a great opportunity. He just said, 'Hey dude, it's all yours, have at it. Just go do what you got to do.'"

STILL LEARNING

One reason Cairns is able to teach the game at the Fox Hills Learning Center is because he knows what makes a golf student tick. In fact, he still considers himself a student.

"I think I've learned a lot more in the game the last five years," he said. "I sat back, did a lot of reading, did a lot of watching. Studied a lot of different techniques."

"It helped me as a player take a broader look at the game instead of going 'OK, there's only one way, I listened to one instructor and that's the way I play.'"

Cairns said the elite pros are smart enough to not be too rigid when trying to figure out their next shot.

"If you have opened up your mind to the possibility there's

more than one way to do something, I think you have a better chance at succeeding," Cairns said. "You look at a guy like Mickelson again, he's flipping through a Rolodex when he's looking at a shot."

"He's got a variety of different shots. I don't think you're going to get that from one person."

WORDS OF WISDOM

Sage guidance and support from friends such as Young and Ian Harris in recent years have helped Cairns evolve as a person and golfer.

But he could also tap into what he learned as a youngster and novice golfer back in the day.

From the beginning of his career, he's had expert advice to guide him. There were sound tips from his first coach, former PGA pro Eddie Furgol (the 1954 U.S. Open champion).

"He said, 'Show up and play better and they'll knock your door down,'" Cairns said, adding with a wry smile, "He's right. You wouldn't be here if I was shooting in the 80s."

Before that, when he played golf at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak with his dad, he got to meet "a lot of the greats, (Michigan amateurs) Chuck Kocsis, Tom Draper, a lot of good people. I got a lot of good knowledge."

"They all have helped Brian Cairns evolve into the hard-working man who intends to not be one-and-done when it comes to majors."

"I hope this (PGA Championship) will be the first rail on the ladder," he said, before hammering another golf ball into the sun-splashed skies above Fox Hills.

After all, he'll surely want another chance to run into Mickelson — and maybe compare Rolodexes.

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Rams' offense ends year on high note

The final weekend of the 2011 regular season was a successful one for the Michigan Rams, who swung some big bats while winning two out of three games Friday and Saturday against Chief Pontiac's 22-under team at Ford Field in Livonia.

After a 12-0 romp over Chief Pontiac on Friday, the 20U Rams split a twin bill Saturday to finish the regular slate with a record of 18-16-1. Chief Pontiac finished 13-22 for the year in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

In Game 1, Chief Pontiac broke open a close game with four runs in the fifth and went on to claim a 5-0 victory. Steve Doty gave up just six hits while tossing a complete game shutout. Six Rams players chipped in with one hit each, unable to get much going against Doty. Taking the loss was Greg Spiess, who pitched the first five innings.

The teams were tied 2-2 after four innings of the nightcap before the Rams' offense finally got untracked, sparking a 9-4 victory.

Mark Weist went 3-for-4, scored twice and drove in three to key the attack while Jeff Sorenson went 2-for-3 and scored a run. Jake Moore stroked a 400-foot home run to drive in two runs.

Going the distance for the win was Colin Gerish, who scattered seven hits (two each by Kyle Rosen and Eric Ramaekers) and struck out seven.

In the 12-0 series opener on Friday (a mercy-rule shortened game), the Rams' Mike Schypinski threw a perfect five innings, facing the minimum 15 batters.

Weist (2-for-3, two RBI) and Caleb Wick (2-for-3, three RBI) sparked an eight-hit attack against Chief Pontiac (who finished with a 13-22 record for the season).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth baseball tryouts

The Motor City Giants Baseball Club will be staging 10-and-under tryouts for the 2012 season from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3 at Castle Gardens Park, 14503 Hix Street, Livonia.

The tryouts are open to any player who will be 10 or younger on April 30, 2012. (Age group is intended for players with birth dates between May 1, 2001 and April 30, 2002).

The Plymouth-Canton based team will compete in tournaments and non-league games against select KVBSA, NABF and MABF teams with 30-to-40 travel games.

For registration information, e-mail Tim Sweet at sweetbaseball@sbcglobal.net.

Tryouts for the 2012 Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club, a 10-and-under team, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

The Plymouth-Canton based Chiefs, who welcome players from all communities, will play in the KVBSA as well local tournaments.

If unable to attend tryout dates an evaluation can occur before Aug. 13.

For more information, call (734) 377-3123; or visit e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

Open baseball tryouts for the newly-formed 11-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be at 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 6 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at Canfield Arena Field, located on Kinloch (south of Ford Road) between Beech Daly an Inkster, in Dearborn Heights.

Players from all communities are welcome and you need to attend only one of two sessions. Arrive 15 minutes prior to each session.

For pre-registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail bebben1att.net.

More baseball tryouts

LBSA and Livonia Travel Baseball will be having tryouts for the 2012 season in the following age groups, on the following dates and times. All tryouts will take place at Bicentennial Field No. 8.

Please contact the team managers directly with any questions or if you are unable

to make the listed date to schedule an individual evaluation.

• U8: Sunday, Aug. 14 (4-6 p.m.) — manager Bill Schaffer, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net.

• U9: Sunday, Aug. 14 (noon-2 p.m.) — manager, TBD, ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

• U10: Sunday, Aug. 14 (2-4 p.m.) — manager Aaron Rumberger, Livonia Lakers, ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

• U11: Sunday, Aug. 14 (6-8 p.m.) — manager Matt Fournier, Livonia Longhorns, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net.

• U13: Saturday, Aug. 20 (10 a.m. to 12 noon), Sunday, Aug. 21 (12 noon to 2 p.m.) — manager Brian Dewhirst, Livonia Titans, wd219@aol.com.

Home Run Derby

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 KLAA 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 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 tcbarker114@yahoo.com.

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

Miracle League signups

Speaking of the Miracle League of Plymouth, players are being sought to make sure the games keep getting played this autumn.

Full registration for children in four divisions will be through Aug. 9, both on-line (24/7) and at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office (525 Farmer) from noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Divisions are for children ages 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18-over.

Games (all on Saturdays) begin the week of Aug. 27 and run through Oct. 1 with no games played on Saturday, Sept. 3 due to the Labor Day weekend. (Note: There will be a special opening day event on Aug. 20, said commissioner Debra Madonna.)

Registration costs \$50 for Plymouth residents and non-residents alike.

The Miracle League of Plymouth is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing children with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to play organized baseball. The league is non-competitive with all players getting the chance to bat and circle the bases each inning.

Games are played at the Miracle League of Plymouth/Bilkie Family Field, 357 Theodore St. in downtown Plymouth.

For all questions and inquiries, contact Laura Cionca at info@miracleleagueplymouth.org or visit www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Registration questions also can be directed to the City of Plymouth Recreation Office, (734) 455-6620 or recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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 fillets with the patent pending Knolt tool.

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

RECRUITS

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ing his prep days at Churchill.

"Tyler is a Livonia kid who went away to junior college, but we got him back here," Haeger said. "We were looking to add a speed component to the lineup and Tyler does that. He's a left-handed hitter who will compete at second base for us this year."

Piechota, a shortstop, batted .360 with 11 doubles, 28 RBI while scoring 26 runs.

On the mound he was 8-1 with a 0.72 earned run average in 58 innings, striking out 66 while walking just 12.

Piechota was named the Spartans' MVP, while also earning All-KLAA, All-Observer, All-District and All-Region honors.

He capped his career by playing in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star game for the East squad last month at Comerica Park.

PERFECT FIT

"Evan had a stellar career for one of my former assistants, Rick Berryman," said Haeger. "He earned a ton of accolades this season at Stevenson, including being named an All-American (by Collegiate Baseball). Evan is an interesting kid who

had just an incredible year on the mound. He throws hard, throws strikes and has the ability to change speeds. He's a hard working kid and is the kind of person you want in your program."

Curtis played two seasons at Jackson CC and led the Jets with a team-best 31 RBI with a .304 average with 11 doubles and three homers.

"Logan is a very talented left side of the infield type of player," added Haeger. "He had signed originally with Cleveland State, an NCAA Division I program, but became available again when CSU dropped its program this spring. Logan swings the bat very well and comes in with the opportunity to play one of the spots on the left side of the infield."

Hicks earned three letters in baseball at Fowlerville playing along side current Crusader Victor Barron for two seasons.

Hicks went 8-0 with a 1.01 earned run average while leading the Gladiators to a Capital Area Athletics Conference (CAAC) title as a junior, earning All-CAAC honors twice and All-District as a senior.

"Justin is a good right-handed pitcher," Haeger said. "He had above average high school velocity and has pitch-ability. He's got a good arm and throws strikes. The arm and his control will give Justin an opportunity right way to be a part of the staff."

PUNCH AT THE PLATE

Nolan, the team MVP at Kettering, earned a pair of letters on the diamond in addition to three in hockey and two more on the soccer pitch.

As a senior he hit .463 with a .500 on-base percentage, driving in 36 runs with 10 doubles and four home runs en route to All-KLAA, and All-District honors.

He also earned the Coaches Award and was selected as the Kettering U.S. Marine Corps Distinctive Athlete in a vote of all the Kettering coaches.

"Ian is a left-handed hitter who plays the infield and his bat will get him an opportunity," added Haeger. "We were looking to add left handed bats this year and he is a strong, solidly built kid who can swing it from the left side."

Rounding out the first group of signings is Richardson, a Flat Rock native who hit .276 at Mott with 31 RBI, 22 runs and 11 doubles.

This season, Richardson hit .275 with five homers, 31 RBI, 22 runs and eight doubles.

"Jake is a big, strong kid who will provide presence in our lineup with the loss of Matt Kay," Haeger said. "He is a first baseman who can also play the outfield and runs well for his size."



Triumphant Wildcards

The 10U South Farmington Wildcards went undefeated in the Frankenmuth Invitational Softball Tournament, beating the Northville Broncos by a score of 12-8 in the championship game on July 24. They also captured 2nd place in the Jeannine M. Dufault Fast Pitch Softball Tournament in Brighton on July 17. Here, the Wildcards celebrate after winning the Frankenmuth tourney. Members of the team include: (in front) Kelsey Center; (first row, from left) Amelia Carlson, Kenzie D'Ascenzo, Ivory Mamo, Hanna Velzy and Robyn Banks; (second row, from left) Jordan Lewis, Lauren Johnson, Samantha Cherney, Danielle DiGiovine and Anna Francone; (back row, from left) coaches Jeff Velzy and Andi Meyers. Not pictured: players Madison Rosiewicz and Angela Schmidt; coaches Dina Velzy and Maureen Carlson.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JULY 28-AUG. 3

Ice cream social
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3
Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford

Tent revival
Time/Date: 6:10 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Details: Pandamania theme program with snacks, make and take crafts and more. Cost is \$20 per child
Contact: (248) 474-0584

Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, in Livonia
Details: Sun Surf Beach Bash program is geared to pre-school through sixth grade. Youngsters will sing, create crafts, play games, and more. Registration fee is \$5 for one child or \$10 per family
Contact: Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822

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COLE, MARY D.
 of St. Clair Shores, 7/13/2011; Age 92. Mother of William (Sherry) and Bonnie (Joseph) Garofalo, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181

MAYER, WILLIAM P.
 Age 83, a former advertising executive died Sunday, July 24, 2011 in Ocala, Florida. Mr. Mayer was Vice President of Campbell-Ewald Company and D'Arcy/Mac Manus advertising agencies in New York and Detroit, where he supervised the advertising accounts of United Delco, United Aircraft, Champion Paper, the Bendix Corporation and Rockwell International. A resident of Miami, Florida for 22 years, he was President and CEO of the marketing consultant firm, Marketing Directions Inc. He retired and moved to Rainbow Springs in Dunnellon, Florida in 1994. He devoted much of his time as a volunteer for Hospice of Marion County and received the Cartright Award, the highest award given to their volunteers. He is survived by his loving wife Beverly; daughter Kathleen M. (Fred) Monacelli; son Mark W. (Lucy) Mayer; grandchildren Erin Mayer, William J. Mayer and Lauren Monacelli. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Hospice of Marion County.

NUFFER, Roy A.
 of Fraser, 7/13/2011; Age 62; Husband of Nancy (nee: Fox). Father of Cameron and Erin. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248)227-1954.

DUQUETTE, JULIUS T.
 of Shelby Twp. 7/14/2011; Age 87. Husband of Dolores (nee: Schultz), father of Kathleen, David (Patricia), and Timothy (Lisa). Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248)227-1954.

JONES, DeCOSTA
 of Beverly Hills, 7/15/2011; Age 37. Husband of Antonina (nee: Serafino), father of Ethan, Christian Smith and Sterling. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248)227-1954.

RYAN, JANE L. (NEE VANBEMMELEN)
 July 22, 2011. Age 64. Born in Grand Haven and resided in Livonia, Michigan. Beloved wife of Kenneth J. Ryan for 36 years. Dearest mother of Jeffrey B. Ryan and Kendra A. (Ajay) Rajadhyaksha. Loving daughter of the late Thelma and Julius Garbrecht. Sister of Joyce Kolean and the late Ron Garbrecht. Teacher for Livonia Public Schools for 36 years. A Memorial Gathering was held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
 In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Lung Cancer Partnership are preferred at nationallungcancerpartnership.org. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at rgrgharris.com



KAFILA, EUGENE
 July 22, 2011 of Plymouth. Services were held by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home on Tuesday July 26. Visit griffinfuneralhome.com

NORTH, JUANITA MIKESELL
 Age 91 of Zeeland, MI, formerly of Northville, MI passed away Sunday, June 19, 2011. She was preceded in death in 2008 by her husband of 70 years, Edwin W. North. Juanita was as a teller at Manufacturer's Bank in Northville, MI. She is survived by her six children: Dona Nagel, Carol and Ernest Navarro, Edwin and Kathy North, Peggy and Terry Rogers, Dale and Heidi North and James North. Thirteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren. Brother, Samuel Mikesell. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, July 31, 2011 at the Bradbury Park Condominium Clubhouse, 40185 Newport Drive, Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland, or Royal Park Atrium, 400 Parkside Drive, Zeeland MI 49464. The family is being served by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland. An online registry is available at www.yntemafh.com.

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Bible study on wheels mixes prayer, exercise, fellowship

BY SHARON DARGAY
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Mark McGilvrey likes to bike ride. "It started nine years ago. I got an SUV and a hitch that hauls bikes and thought it would be fun to take on Hines Drive and maybe someone could go with me." That "someone" turned into a whole lot of biking pals when McGilvrey, pastor of Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, founded Bike, Bible & Prayer, a mix of Bible study, fellowship and pedaling. "I thought I might as well do what I like with brothers and sisters in the Lord. We alternate the Old and New Testament. This year we're doing the New Testament." The weekly summer ride is open to anyone interested in biking an hour along Hines Drive and stopping afterward in the park for prayer and an informal Bible discussion. This summer, the group is discussing the book of Romans. "The theme of Romans is grace. Last year we did Proverbs. We started with Luke," McGilvrey said. "I give them a schedule at the beginning of summer. The idea is to read during the week. It's not a deep discussion, but we talk about what strikes them about the passage." The group generally finishes the session with prayer around 9 p.m. — sooner if the mosquitoes are biting. "We get a lot of prayers for the beauty of creation. Hines Park can be nice on a summer evening. I think the prettiest areas are Newburgh Point and the Henry Ford Estate."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bicyclists can mix exercise and faith at Rev. Mark McGilvrey's weekly Bike, Bible & Prayer sessions along Hines Drive. For the first few years the group, which has fluctuated in both size and age range, started and stopped at the same location each week. This summer it started along Hines Drive in Northville and moves east a bit each week. The gathering location is posted on the church website at www.5milechurch.org. The group meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday and pedals along Hines Drive for a half hour before turning to make the half-hour trip back to its starting point. Participants may travel alone or with others in the group. McGilvrey said he usually bikes about five miles round trip. "We work our way toward Michigan Avenue and wind up going through the Henry Ford Estate." As a finale, McGilvrey will buy the bicyclists ice cream on the last day of the program. For more information about Bike, Bible & Prayer, call McGilvrey at (734) 464-6722.

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The hood ornament on Margaret Dunning's 1930 Packard is polished and ready for this weekend's Concours d'Elegance of America.



PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZANO STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Margaret Dunning will show her 1930 Packard - complete with red leather rumble seat - at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

Car talk

Concours d'Elegance of America brings classic autos and their stories to Plymouth

BY SHARON DARGAY
Q&E STAFF WRITER

You'll hear facts and figures, stats and stories from classic car owners Sunday, July 31 at Concours d'Elegance of America on the grounds of The Inn at St. John in Plymouth.

But Margaret Dunning may be the only exhibitor who can tell you firsthand experiences about driving a classic car back in the day.

"I had a 1930 Packard. Mine was a sedan. When I thought of wanting a show car, I said it's going to be a Packard," said Dunning, 101, explaining why she bought the cream-colored 1930 Packard 740 roadster that she'll show at the elite auto show this weekend. "I love Packards. I'm a staunch supporter of them. It's the fine mechanical engineering of it and the excellent quality material it's made from. They only used superior parts."

The Plymouth resident will show her 1930 convertible classic Packard at the elite auto show, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the Packard, which she bought about 60 years ago from a family in New Jersey, Dunning owns a 1966 Cadillac DeVille, which she drives in the Woodward Dream Cruise every year, a 1975 Cadillac Eldorado and a 1931 Ford Model A.

She belongs to the Classic Car Club of America, which defines classic cars as fine or distinctive autos produced between 1925 and 1948.

"It's a pretty big tub, I'll tell you. It's a very nice ride," Dunning said Monday, as her friends and fellow vintage car owners, Dan Clements of South Lyon and Lloyd Leach of Northville helped to prep and polish the vehicle. "Nice appointments. That's what makes it different, nice appointments."



The emblem affixed to Margaret Dunning's 1930 Packard indicates it was a first prize winner in classic car competition. "Those are handed out very gingerly," Dunning says.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE OF AMERICA

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31

Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth

Tickets: Include free off-site parking and shuttle, admission and souvenir program; \$25 per person, free admission for children 12 and under. Buy at the gate or online at concour-susa.org

Details: More than 200 vehicles on display, including high performance "Super Cars," a set of 1933-34 Auburn V-12 Salon cars, historic Indy racers, Lincolns, Ridler Trophy winners from Autorama, Continentals, the first 125 years of Mercedes Benz, scooters, mopeds and more. Auto-related art will be on exhibit. Contact: (248) 643-8645

INTERIOR

Behind the red leather seats, which were re-upholstered four times before Dunning owned the car, is a storage compartment that locks. The dashboard includes a clock, map light and glove compartments. Knobs, including the handle of the four-speed transmission stick shift, are



Dan Clements of South Lyon preps Margaret Dunning's car for Concours d'Elegance of America. Clements' mother-in-law grew up on a farm that was kiddy-corner from the Dunning farm at Plymouth Road and Telegraph in Redford.

fashioned in an ivory finish. "These were all special when you bought the car. You had to dish out a little more. This is ivory, too, but I've had my fingers on them so many times they've turned black," she said, indicating to a pair of knobs on the steering wheel. One regulates the gas in lieu of using the food pedal and the other turns on lights.

"All the cars had spotlights at the time, although you paid dearly for them."

Jewels on top of the headlights glow green when the lights are turned on. A locking side compartment on the exterior of the car is perfect for golf clubs, Dunning said. A red leather covered rumble seat accommodates two additional passengers.

The driver can grease the suspension components from inside the car by pulling a



Margaret Dunning unlocks the storage compartment in her classic Packard.

handle to activate the Bijur lubricating system.

"Today they have neoprene bushings and stuff like that and they go on forever," Clements explained. "Back then, you couldn't just change those. So you had to put grease in all the fittings."

The "straight-eight" (cylinder) engine gave it power that many other cars of its day didn't have, Dunning said, adding that she was able to get "a little better than 90"

miles per hour out of her own Packard 80 years ago.

YOUNG MOTORIST

Dunning began "driving" from atop her father's lap, helping him steer the wheel as they travelled the dirt roads around the family's farm at Plymouth Road and Telegraph in Redford. She was eight years old when she first drove on her own.

"I put it into the side of the barn once. I wasn't tall

enough to get myself down to the brakes. It wasn't a real disaster. I My dad never said anything about it," she recalled the accident.

At 12, she started driving on a regular basis in a Model T Ford. Her mother was in the passenger seat the first time she took the car for a trip to the Upper Peninsula and around Lake Michigan to Chicago, Ill.

Although families often took their touring cars out on summer evenings to cool off before retiring for the night, youngsters preferred to race on the area's gravel roads. In winter they'd spin their cars on icy Phoenix Lake near Five Mile and Northville Road.

"You were hoping nobody told on you while you were out," Dunning said, with a laugh. "Mostly we raced. When you took Beck Road across and got to the railroad tracks, they were up quite high. The grading went up, very abrupt. We'd get up there at the top of that thing and shoot right off. We'd come down on all four wheels and we'd see how far we could go."

"Sometimes cars would tip over. Some got killed. It was kid stuff, but it was bad, bad business."

Dunning encourages car show visitors to ask about her car, its history and her driving experiences. She enjoys sharing stories, but asks that adults and children keep fingers off the vehicle. Fingerprints leave salt which eventually can lead to rust.

"I like to look at the other cars. I'm always exhilarated to see something new. The people are very interesting and they are very nice most of the time."

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Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through Aug. 7; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Friday; and by appointment
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township
Details: "Ages of Art" is an intergenerational show that exhibits work by 24 artists who have taken workshops at the art studio and created at least one piece under the direction of Shaq Kalaj, artist-in-residence
Contact: (734) 420-0775

Orchard Lake Fine Art and Craft Show

Time/Date: 5 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday, July 29; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, July 30; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, July 31
Location: On Powers and Daly roads, south of Maple, just west of Orchard Lake Road at West Bloomfield Plaza
Details: Ninth annual show features paintings, clay, glass, sculpture, wood, fiber, jewelry, photography and more. Suggested donation is \$5; parking free
Contact: (248) 685-3748

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Aug. 5-27, with opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," is an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest
Contact: (248) 344-0497

Village Potters Guild

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 25
Location: 340 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Five-day tile-making workshop will cover modern, free-form tiles, glazing, relief tiles and carved tiles from plaster casts and is aimed at beginning, aspiring or experienced artists, 18 and older. Class size is limited. Bring ideas for a relief tile to the first class. Clay, glazes, plaster and tools will be provided. Cost is \$85
Contact: (734) 207-8807 or visit www.village-pottersguild.org

COMEDY

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomey.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.



Metro Jazz Voices sings tonight at Stars in the Park in Farmington.

Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Dan Greuter with Martin Butler and Julie Lyons, Aug. 3-6; Erin Jackson with Steve Bills and Amit Jain, Aug. 10-13; Andy Woodhull with Jeff Dvoskin and Justin Sullivan, Aug. 17-20; Dave Landau with Cory Latarski, Aug. 24-27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

CONCERTS

Contact: (734) 455-1453

The Ark

Time/Date: Danielaia Cotton, July 28; Ricky Skaggs, July 29; Chris Smither, July 30; Maura O'Connell, July 31; Riverfolk Festival Songwriting Contest, Aug. 2; Tim Robbins & the Rogues Gallery Band, Aug. 3; The Steel Wheels, Aug. 4; Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis, Aug. 5; Riverfolk Festival Finale Concert with Bob Black & His Bluegrass Boys and Al Berard & Friends, Aug. 6; Jan Krist and Jim Bizer, Aug. 7; The Outside Track, Aug. 8; The Persuasions, Aug. 9; Taj Mahal Trio and The Luke Winslow-King Trio, Aug. 10; The RFD Boys, Aug. 12; Cris Williamson, Aug. 14; John Lee Hooker, Jr., Aug. 15; Katie Geddes, Aug. 16; Open Stage, Aug. 17; Sumkali, Aug. 18; Todd Snider, Aug. 19; Bill Bynum & Co., Aug. 20; Simon & Garfunkel Retrospective by AJ Swearingen & Jonathan Beedle, Aug. 21; The Rosie Burgess Trio, Aug. 23; Goitse, Aug. 24; Great Lake Swimmers & The Pines, Aug. 25; Suzy Bogguss, Aug. 26; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 27; Brother Sun featuring Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Victor and Jen Cass, Aug. 28
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Heritage Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28
Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in

the Park, features Metro Jazz Voices
Coming up: Five Guys Named Moe, Aug. 4; Stewart Francke and band, Aug. 11; Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25
Contact: (248) 473-1848

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5. **Contact:** (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 29
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: The Bluescasters
Coming up: Those Delta Rhythm Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2

Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Biakuye Percussion Group, July 27; Mr. Seley, Aug. 3; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24
Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

Town Square

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August
Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville
Details: Free concert series includes Zap Toro with Latin music, July 29; Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26
Tunes on Tuesday: The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and features Mr. Seley, Aug. 2; Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.
Contact: (248) 349-0203

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Chrome Folk Bar-B-

Q, Aug. 6; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12, Matt the Electrician, Aug. 18; Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

DANCE

Moon Dusters

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday in July and August.
Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free
Wild Summer Nights: Concerts in the Main Picnic Grove run 6:30-8 p.m. and are free with regular Zoo admission. Admission prices are reduced to \$5 for all visitors after 5 on Wednesday in July and August. Guests may bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic

baskets. Food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase from Zoo concessions. The concert schedule is: Aug. 3, Candy Band (children's); Aug. 10, Jill Jack (folk); Aug. 17, Sun Messengers (Motown and R&B); Aug. 24, Straight Ahead (jazz); and Aug. 31, The Verve Pipe (children's)
Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Main Art Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4
Location: 118 N. Main, just north of 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Royal Oak-based Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will host a screening of the documentary "Food Matters," followed by a Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars and a world authority on raw foods and superfoods. Tickets are \$10; proceeds benefit Wolfe's nonprofit Fruit Tree Planting Foundation
Contact: (248) 470-4290

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 5-6 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Water for Elephants," all seats \$3
Coming up: "The Beaver," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 6
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "Somewhere in Time," tickets \$5
Contact: (313) 537-2560

MUSEUMS

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31
 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free
Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.
Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23
Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth
Details: Rediscovering the Civil War
Contact: (734) 455-8940

Audition to dance for the Detroit Pistons

Automotion, the Detroit Pistons dance team, will hold auditions to select team members for the 2011-12 season at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Finalists will be announced at the end of the night and call-backs will take place Aug. 2-3.

As part of the audition process, a live performance will be held Aug. 4 at the Crofoot Ballroom in downtown Pontiac.

All finalists are required to participate in rehearsals and perform in the live Automotion audition finals show in order to be considered for the team. Pistons legends Rick Mahorn and James "Buddha" Edwards as well as CBS Detroit news anchor Syma Chowdhry and WRIF personality Meltdown will entertain the audience during the show and sit on a celebrity judging panel that will choose the final team. Other performers will include the Pistons Drumline, Spare Tires dance team and DJ Prevu. The Automotion finals live event is free and open to the public with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7:30 p.m.

To audition, female candidates must be 19 or older by Oct. 1 and are required to show proof of ID along with their registration. There is a \$25 registration fee. The fee includes the auditions and a ticket to a select Pistons game during the 2011-12 season. Candidates are required to bring a recent photo and are encouraged to bring a business/entertainment resume. Dancers should wear dance tops, shorts and tights and be dressed to impress with performance-ready hair and makeup.

Automotion members serve as ambassadors of the Detroit Pistons and will represent the organization both on and off the court during the 2011-12 season. The group dances during every Pistons home game and represents the organization throughout the year at various team and charity functions. A flexible schedule is a must for selected dancers.

For pre-audition details and information the Automotion tryouts call (248) 377-0100 or log onto http://www.nba.com/pistons/automotion_auditions.html to register for the auditions.

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The 2011 winner was 8-year-old Margalit M. of Raleigh, N.C. for her Wushu Chicken Tacos, pairing Jif Creamy Peanut Butter with chicken, asparagus and squash, all wrapped in a tortilla. Check out these other winning recipes for inspiration.

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Margalit M., Raleigh, N.C.

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- 1/2 cup diced rotisserie chicken
- 1/4 cup asparagus pieces, about 1 inch long
- 1/4 cup yellow squash pieces
- 2 fajita-size flour tortillas (6-inch)
- 2 lime wedges, optional
- Sauce:
 - Fresh ginger slice, 1/8 inch thick, peeled and cut in half
 - 2 cloves garlic, peeled
 - 2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - 3/8 teaspoon chili paste with garlic
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 1/4 teaspoons sesame oil
 - 3 1/2 teaspoons water

Chop ginger and garlic in food processor as finely as possible. Add next seven ingredients and process until sauce is completely smooth. If sauce is too thick, add more water. If sauce is too thin, add more peanut butter.

Toss about half the sauce with chicken and put aside in a covered bowl.

Boil about 1 inch of water in a large skillet and add asparagus. Cover skillet and turn off heat. In 1 to 3 minutes, lift off cover and remove asparagus using tongs.

Cut off ends of squash and cut into half-moon pieces. Put 1/4 cup squash pieces into microwave-safe bowl and add a little water. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave about 2 to 3 minutes. Let cool slightly and carefully drain off water.

Place tortillas in microwave and cook about 15 seconds, or until warm and bend easily.

Put chicken in tortillas, top with asparagus and squash and drizzle with additional peanut butter sauce. Serve with optional lime wedges.

to seedlink7@ameritech.net.

Restaurant crawl

Plymouth — Taste your way through Old Village from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its 12th Annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl. Participating restaurants will include Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, JoJo's Treats & Sweets, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They are available at the Chamber of Commerce office,

located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Or purchase by phone at (734) 453-1540.

Save the date

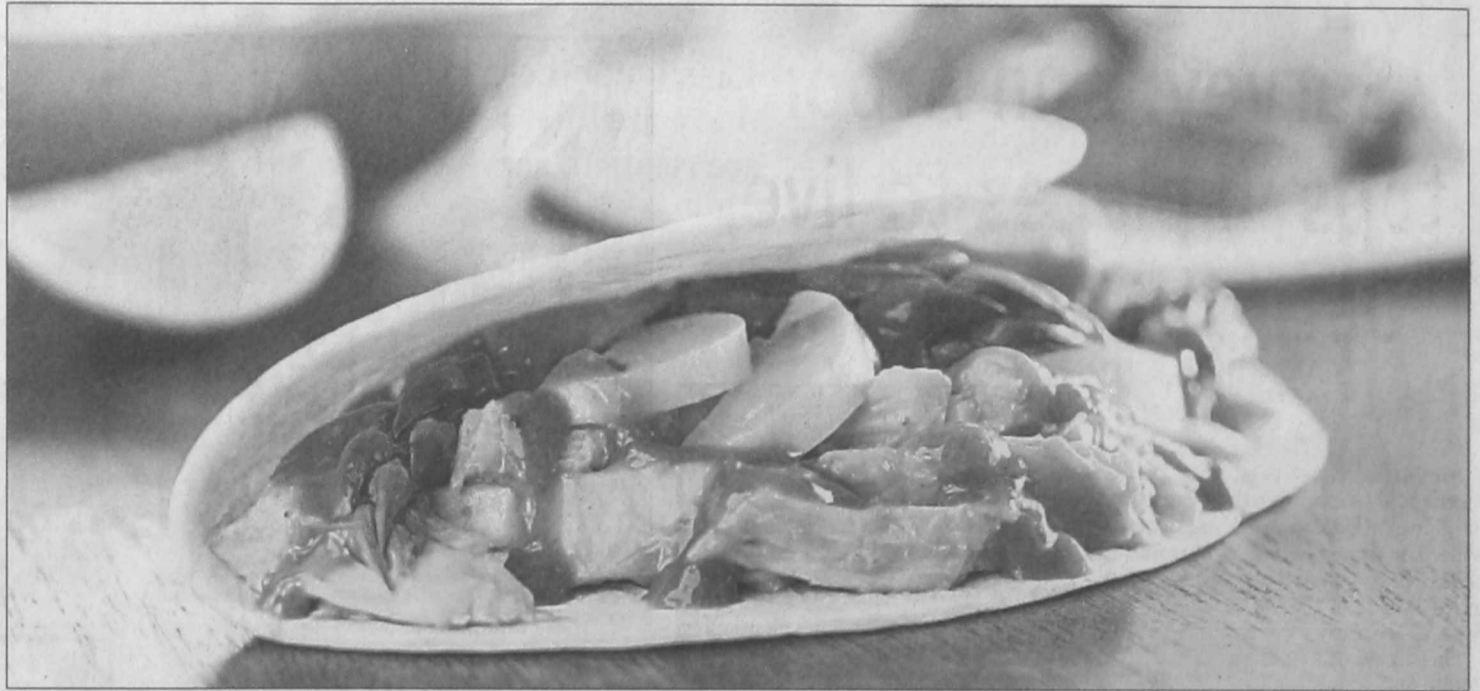
Plymouth — The annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show promises to carry the heat wave into October when it returns to Kellogg Park for its 16th annual show. Cooks will compete for the best red chili, green chili and salsa and the public will get a chance to sample their entries. A ride-in show with 17 bike categories, including Harley, will line Main street adjacent to the park. A children's activity area, dance team

performance, live entertainment and a dog costume contest will round out the fun. The event will run 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. Anyone interested in competing in the Red/Green/Salsa, Restaurant Chili Challenge or Battle of the Businesses chili contest should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669. Visit www.GreatLakesChili.com.

Food documentary

Royal Oak — Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will present a screening of the documentary *Food Matters*, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main, just

north of 11 Mile. The film poses the question, Can improved nutrition and raw foods lead to a longer life and strengthen your immune system to be able to beat chronic illness? Several experts in nutrition and natural healing argue that Americans are harming their bodies with improper nutrition, and that the right kinds of foods, supplements and detoxification can reverse disease — even chronic illnesses such as terminally diagnosed cancer. A Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars, will follow the film. Tickets are \$10. Call (248) 470-4290 or visit www.how2eat-raw.com



Wushu Chicken Tacos



PB & Fruity Says "Let Us Rap"



Tropical Fantasy

PB & FRUITY SAYS "LET US RAP" — 2010 WINNER

Rachel G., Clovis, Calif.

Serves: 1

- 1/2 cup chopped cooked chicken breast
- 3 tablespoons chopped Fuji apple
- 2 tablespoons chopped black or red grapes
- 2 tablespoons Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1 tablespoon lite mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons honey
- Iceberg lettuce

Chop chicken meat and fruit, mix in bowl. Mix in peanut butter, mayonnaise and honey. Spoon into open lettuce leaf, roll and serve.

PO' BOY PEANUT BUTTER CHICKEN CHEESESTEAK — 2009 WINNER

Jordyn B., Lebanon, Pa.

Serves: 1

- Sandwich
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1/2 yellow pepper
- 1 small onion
- 1/2 apple (any variety)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 chicken breast slices or any deli lunch meat chicken
- Hoagie/sub roll
- 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Sauce
 - 3 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
 - 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon honey mustard
 - 2 teaspoons honey
 - 1/2 cup water

Cut peppers into strips; cut onions into rings and slice apples into strips. Put into sauce pan with olive oil and cook on medium heat until soft.

Cook chicken breast slices and add to the pepper/onion/apple mix. If you are using deli chicken, cut into strips and add it to the pepper/onion/apple mix. The deli chicken is already cooked and just needs to be warmed.

For the sauce, heat a sauce pan on medium heat and add peanut butter, Worcestershire sauce, honey mustard, honey and water. Cook until creamy and soft.

Add three tablespoons sauce to chicken/pepper/onion/apple mix. Stir together.

Put chicken mixture on hoagie/sub roll and sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.

Put remaining half of apple and place it on a plate with left over peanut butter sauce for dipping.



Po' Boy Peanut Butter Chicken Cheesesteak

PEANUT BUTTER ROLLS SUSHI STYLE — 2007 WINNER

Alexandra Y., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Serves: 1

- 18-inch crepe
- 5 tablespoons strawberry cream cheese
- 5 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 4 1/4-inch-thick slices fresh strawberries
- 6 1/2-inch-thick slices banana
- 1 tablespoon granola
- 2 long pretzel rods (to use as chopsticks)
- 1 small container chocolate yogurt (for dipping sauce)

Spread cream cheese over crepe. Top with peanut butter and smooth over cream cheese. Sprinkle strawberries and bananas over peanut butter. Top with granola. Roll up sushi-style and chill in refrigerator for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut rolls. Use pretzel rods as chopsticks and dip in yogurt.

TROPICAL FANTASY — 2003 WINNER

Stephanie W., Burnsville, Minn.

Serves: 1

- 2 slices cinnamon bread
- 2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1 banana, sliced
- Canned pineapple chunks (drained)
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Grated ginger (optional)
- Pomegranate seeds (optional garnish)

Toast two slices of cinnamon toast. Spread peanut butter on one slice of bread. Place banana slices, pineapple and mandarin oranges on the other slices. Add grated ginger if desired.

Put two sides of sandwich together and serve on a bed of lettuce.

Decorate top of sandwich with pomegranate seeds and use additional oranges to decorate plate.

Courtesy of Family Features

CITY BITES

Braille Books Fundraiser

Livonia — If you mingle and dine from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 29, at Fleming's Steakhouse, you'll help Seedlings Braille Books for Children at the same time. Tickets for Seedlings' fundraiser are \$50 and 80 percent of the proceeds will benefit the group, a Livonia-based nonprofit organization that produces quality children's literature in braille for visually impaired youngsters. The event, featuring a selection of appetizers with wines, will be held in Fleming's private dining room, located at 17400 Haggerty. To order tickets, call (734) 427-8552, ext. 301 or e-mail

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Survey: Ann Arbor tops in places to live, Detroit lags behind

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Ann Arbor was ranked No. 6 in a recent MSN survey of most livable bargain real estate markets nationwide. The survey noted, "It's hard to believe that Ann Arbor is just about 30 miles outside of Detroit. Its quality of life and economy seem worlds away."

The survey was done by MSN Real Estate and Bert Sperling of Sperling's Best Places, evaluating the most affordable markets within the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas and identified livable areas; places where unemployment is lower than the national average, where commute times are short and where there are cultural and recreational diversions.

The survey also notes the University of Michigan's presence and well-paying research and development jobs in the car business. There are life-sciences jobs along with a growing information technology sector. About 70 percent of Ann Arbor residents hold a bachelor's degree or higher, and median income tops out at \$60,700.

The survey cites cultural amenities related to U-M, along with the Michigan football team. Cons listed for relocation are "brutally cold winters, higher taxes, may be too liberal for some."

Alex Milshteyn, associate broker/Realtor with Edward Surovell Realtors on Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor, had some thoughts on the survey cons. "Ann Arbor has the most conservative liberals I've ever met," he said. "We don't have the left, left wing ones."

"I grew up in this area." Winters are OK, Milshteyn said, as are taxes for the services. "The city has over 150 parks. I don't think taxes are high at all. For the environment you live in, I think they're extremely reasonable."

He noted the cultural amenities and diversity including such events as a Native American powwow. "We have a huge Asian population that brings so much culture into Ann Arbor. Whatever cultural experience you want to have, you can have in Ann Arbor."

The Washtenaw County city's



COURTESY ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Downtown Ann Arbor was praised for walkability and ease of bicycle use in the nationwide survey.



Walkability and ease of bicycle use in Ann Arbor were cited in the survey.



A healthy business district contributed to Ann Arbor's favorable ranking.

becoming home to a lot of retirees, said Milshteyn, who's working with couple right now relocating from Rochester, N.Y. Their son went to U-M 10 years ago.

"When he was here, they said 'We are going to retire to Ann Arbor.'"

Milshteyn didn't agree with the survey's negative views of Ann Arbor being 30 minutes from Detroit. "I always say 'I wish we were closer.'" He has some friends who've left Ann Arbor for Detroit, where it costs less to live.

"It's a great amenity to have so close to Ann Arbor. I think it's a big plus having it so close."

He lives in Ann Arbor, is 28 and was recently honored as a "30 Under 30" winner for Realtor magazine of the National Association of Realtors. He served as president last year of the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors.

"It's good news for Ann Arbor and I think it's good news for Michigan," he said of Ann Arbor's ranking. "We're a diversified economy and we're going

to get Michigan out of the recession."

Dale E. Smith, CEO of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, said "It certainly is" a plus, being close to Detroit. "The whole area that we're residing in is here because of Detroit. The fact that they're having problems doesn't diminish its value."

Detroit remains a major transportation hub, Smith said. "It still plays a major role. It is pretty short-sighted if people don't support it and get Detroit back on its feet."

Chinese provinces have some autonomy

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: I understand that there are some provinces in China where a company can invest in residential property without any limitations imposed by the government, besides Hong Kong. Do you have any information?

A: There are several provinces in China, particularly in the Southwest area, which are basically autonomous in regard to government intervention

because of their relatively rural nature. There is no limitation by the government on the owning the residential properties or the time during which the properties can be owned

by an individual which gives you much more flexibility in terms of purchasing real estate. Indeed, in Hong Kong, which is almost totally autonomous from China, real estate can be purchased easily and there are many American real estate companies offering services. Indeed, there is an opportunity for speculation on the best of residential properties although there is a tremendous amount of construction going on, both privately and by the Government throughout China in regard to residential housing, particularly high rises.

Q: I am going to be spending some time in China, particularly Beijing, for business, and I am wondering whether you have any knowledge of the apartment/condo structure there.

A: Fortunately, I can tell you that I have done an extensive investigation of the residential opportunities in a good part of China having recently visited there. In Beijing, the capital of China, the government has a tight rein on the residential real estate market. Indeed, all of the land in residential situations is owned by the government and although there are magnificent high rises, the government imposes a 70-year limitation on the ownership of what we would call a condominium unit. However, you can purchase your interest in the condominium unit and transfer it to someone else subject to the Government's approval. You can also seek any extension of the 70-year limit if the time period is running out from the initial time of construction or conversion in order to secure your position. It is unbelievable the amount of high rises which engross Beijing. Of course, the price of the units depends upon the location to the center of the City as well as, of course, certain amenities. I am advised that government officials, unfortunately, seem to get the better apartments, but there are real estate agents that you can deal with in order to find a place suitable for you. The public transportation is excellent including subways and now, high speed rail.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 18-22, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the office, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Attendees will learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and the free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laielo@kw.com.

Designation

Brian Parks of RE/MAX Classic

in Canton has earned the prestigious Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. This is invaluable expertise to offer at a time when residential homeowners prepare for the next step of a possible short sale in lieu of the foreclosure process. Parks specializes in residential home sales in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

"As a Certified Distressed Property Expert, I specialize in working with homeowners who are facing or are in the pro-

cess of foreclosure. I am an advocate for families in need of a professional, knowledgeable Realtor to help them through the issues they are facing," Parks said.

Short sales allow the cash-strapped seller to repay the mortgage at the price that the home sells for, even though it is lower than what is owed on the property.

Networking

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have a networking/dinner gathering 6-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Red Lobster, on Eureka next to 7-11, near

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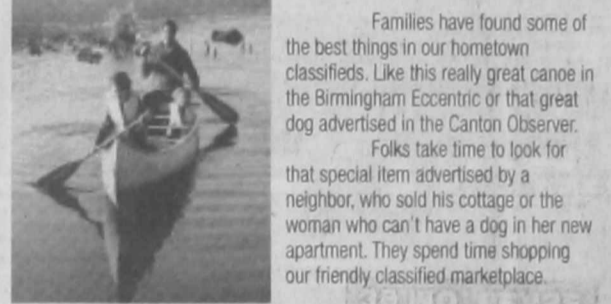
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