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## Beat the heat

BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers are inviting folks to join them to celebrate Christmas in August by singing Christmas carols and the Hallelujah Chorus 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

The two choirs are getting together for a Big Sing for the first time. Visitors can meet members, sing and even enjoy a few Christmas cookies.

Kelly Fifield, administrative assistant to artistic director Michael Gross, says that this is the first opportunity for the two groups to sing together. "I am lucky enough to sing in both choirs, Cherry Hill Singers on Monday nights and BeckRidge Chorale on Tuesday nights, and I really look forward to singing with all my friends at one time," Fifield said. "We are going to sound amazing."

Plymouth First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial.

## Cup of coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her two upcoming coffee hours Monday, Aug. 8, in Belleville and Canton.

Slavens' upcoming coffee hours will take place 8-9 a.m. at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main, in Belleville, and 6-7 p.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

## Canton clerk earns group's highest honor

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An elated Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett learned Thursday afternoon that she has achieved the highest honor a municipal clerk can earn.

Bennett, after 16 years on the job and after passing a rigorous set of standards, has been designated as a Master Municipal Clerk by the California-based International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She is among only 62 clerks in Michigan history to earn the title, first



Bennett

bestowed in 2000 by the 63-year-old organization. "I am thrilled," Bennett said. "How cool. I finally made it." Bennett takes her place alongside top-tier clerks who have mastered their profession by completing what IIMC calls a demanding array of education requirements and by amassing a record of significant contributions to her community, local government and state.

"She has just been outstanding," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "She has been a tremendous asset to the community over many, many years. She's tried and true. Day after day she continues to do a phenomenal job for the community."

"She has tried to achieve excellence in her work every step of the way," LaJoy said. "She has taken her job so seriously. I'm very excited and happy for her. It's a title and distinction that is extremely well-deserved."

Bennett's latest honor comes after she was named Michigan Township Clerk of the Year in 2009 in a state-

wide competition.

In a statement, IIMC President Colleen Nicol said Canton "can take immense pride in Terry's educational accomplishments and achievement of this milestone."

Bennett had become a state-certified municipal clerk several years ago. She became township clerk on May 1, 1995, succeeding her husband, Loren Bennett, when he became a state senator. She was chosen during a special election and has since repeatedly won re-election

Please see **CLERK, A5**



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Canton Police clear each room during their search for the shooter in this active-shooter exercise Thursday at Plymouth High School.

## Ready when it's real

## Exercise gets police ready for shooting incidents

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While police at Virginia Tech were dealing Thursday with reports of a real gunman seen on the campus where the worst campus shooting in U.S. history took place in 2007, Canton Township police were some 540 miles away, learning how to deal with just such a situation.

While police could find no evidence such a gunman existed in Virginia Thursday, Canton officials want their police officers ready if such a situation actually occurs in Canton.

Canton Police Lt. Scott Hilden said recent events, and even not-so-recent events such as the Columbine shooting, make it imperative police officers, particularly first-responders, are ready.

"Nationwide, there have been a lot of school incidents police have had to deal with," Hilden said. "We want to make sure our guys have the necessary training to deal with it."

That's why officers were out in force Tuesday and again Thursday at Plymouth High School, taking part in active-shooter training. The scenario had a gunman rampaging through the school, shooting some students and taking others hostage. Officers practiced taking the gunman out as well as bringing the situation under control and arresting him.



During the simulation, a gunman holds two students hostage.

Police have used the Plymouth-Canton high school campus for training smaller groups of officers in the past. With its three high schools housing thousands of students, officials felt it made an ideal site for active-shooter training.

"The campus has more than 6,000 students, several hundred staff and three schools," Hilden said. "We feel it's absolutely critical our guys have this training because of

this environment and the number of people here."

Police piped in audio of screaming, yelling and explosions, while the gunman and police used blank cartridges and training pellets filled with liquid. Shotgun blasts were also heard as organizers tried to put officers in situations they might actually face for real.

Please see **EXERCISE, A5**

Blood drive  
honors fallen  
Canton mother

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The late Elizabeth Maupin, a Canton mother of four who was killed July 21 while walking her bike across Haggerty north of Michigan Avenue, will be remembered during an Aug. 19 American Red Cross blood drive at Salem High School.

Diane Risko, Red Cross donor services representative, said the blood drive, 1-6:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria, will be in honor of Maupin, who left behind husband Brent and their four children, ages 4 months to 4 years.

"We thought we could go ahead and help a family that is so desperately in need and make it a dual function that day," Risko said.

Maupin's longtime friend, Kristen Cardwell, said anyone who wants to help the family may bring to the blood drive diapers, baby wipes, gift cards for clothing, children's snacks and other items that might help the Maupins.

Maupin was struck by a Jeep and died later from her injuries. No charges have yet been filed against a 49-year-old Canton woman who, police say, struck Maupin.

Maupin has been remembered as a caring woman who, on the day of the accident, had baked cookies she took to Canton firefighters.

Meanwhile, the Aug. 19 blood drive also has the potential to bring \$1,000 to the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band for its trip to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

If the Red Cross gets 65 productive pints of blood, Risko said, the band gets \$1,000.

To sign up to donate blood, send an e-mail to Risko at riskod@usa.redcross.org, call (313) 549-7052 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and look for the link to provide a ZIP code.

Risko also has released an updated list of upcoming blood drives, set for 1-6:45 p.m. as follows:

- Monday, Aug. 8, Salem High cafeteria
  - Monday, Aug. 15, First Baptist Church of Canton
  - Monday, Aug. 15, Canton municipal complex
  - Tuesday, Aug. 16, Salem High
  - Wednesday, Aug. 17, Connection Church, Canton
  - Friday, Aug. 19, Salem High
  - Wednesday, Aug. 24, Salem High
  - Thursday, Aug. 25, Plymouth City Hall
  - Monday, Aug. 29, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth
  - Monday, Aug. 29, Plymouth Arts Council
  - Tuesday, Aug. 30, Salem High
- Blood drives also are set for 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Canton Public Library, and 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township.



Beth Maupin will be honored at an American Red Cross blood drive.



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your current classic car or one that you drove as a teenager. Be sure to include your name, community where you live, and a one-line description of the car and why it is (or was) your favorite.

Then "cruise" into the "My Favorite Car" gallery on hometownlife.com on Friday.

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# Canton robbery suspect gets jail in other case

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man accused of robbing a Canton gas station and smacking a female clerk on the head with a semiautomatic handgun has been slapped himself — with a prison sentence of 18-35 years for a separate robbery that happened in Dearborn.

Jimmie Lee Morris Jr., 50, was sentenced in July by Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Bill after a jury convicted him of armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria



Morris

Miller confirmed. Morris, who has a lengthy criminal history, was sentenced after he was caught during a Dearborn robbery, which followed a holdup last Dec. 21 inside the Shell station on Michigan Avenue near Lotz in Canton.

He still faces potential court proceedings for the Canton incident, and it wasn't clear Friday whether his prison sentence of 18-35 years could result in the pending charges

being dismissed or resolved with a plea.

Morris was charged in Canton following allegations he went inside the Shell station about 9:30 a.m. last Dec. 21, produced a black semiautomatic handgun, demanded money from the store register and struck the female clerk on the head. He has been accused of fleeing with an undisclosed amount of money.

No shots were fired, and Canton police have said the woman wasn't seriously injured. Authorities also said the suspect held the gun to the woman's back and ordered her to go to a back room of the sta-

tion before he fled the scene.

Morris' arrest in Dearborn led to similar charges in Canton, where he was charged with armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, being a felony in possession of a firearm and being a fourth-time habitual offender.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Morris has a criminal history and served eight to 15 years in prison for armed robbery and felony firearm charges that arose in 1989. He also has served three to 10 years for robberies that occurred in 1978.

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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

### Golf for hockey

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Hickory Creek Golf Club, Ypsilanti

**Details:** The Plymouth, Canton, Salem Boys Varsity Hockey Team's 13th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser includes a \$10,000 Hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place, skins, and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog at the turn and a buffet dinner. Cost is \$120.00 per player or \$425.00 a foursome. **Contact:** To register please contact Patti at berlin.patti@yahoo.com

### Cars and bikes

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

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

**Details:** P.L.A.V. Post #166 hosts the fourth annual Car and Bike Show. Whereas an unknown number of motorcycles will be on display it is anticipated that upwards of 400 "muscle cars" will be present. Both motorcycles and automobiles can be viewed and photographed for free. There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be available, for a donation, with all proceeds going to those who serve and protect our freedoms.

### Kidz Kamp

**Date/Time:** Aug. 18-19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Mill Race Village in Northville

**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers its "KIDZ KAMP" for grieving children. The camp will offer many fun activities for children of all faiths between the ages of 4 and 12 including music, crafts, artwork, a scavenger hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be provided both days. The camp is free, but space is limited. **Contact:** Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

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

### Designer Show House

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23

**Location:** 800 Griswold, Northville

**Details:** Visit with the designers; seek their

advice; small plate strolling dinner, silent auction and signature cocktail. Advance RSVP required. The self-guided home tour of five Northville area homes will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with the last-chance tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Sponsored by American Association of University Women Northville-Nov and hosted by Dr. William Demray, DDS. **Contact:** www.aauwnn.org

### Hospice support

**Date/Time:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge. **Contact:** For information, contact Ann Christensen, (888) 983-9050.

### History kids camp

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Children can experience aspects of the Civil War at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the first annual History Kids Kamp. Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. **Contact:** Visit the museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org for more information.

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# Students travel world without leaving studio

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck has taken 400 area students on a summer journey around the world to places such as the Taj Mahal, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Eiffel Tower and the Egyptian pyramids.

They've dabbled in cultures of Russia, Australia, Greece, India and Africa.

And they did it without leaving Dillenbeck's D&M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley near Joy Road, where they have painted, drawn and used materials such as clay and plaster gauze to create art — all part of summer art camps celebrating one theme, "The Face of the Nations."

Dillenbeck, marking her 25th year in business, adapted this year's summer arts program to reflect Canton's burgeoning cultural influences.

"This year we wanted to encompass diversity," said Dillenbeck, vice chair of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Dillenbeck and her part-time art instructors — Shirley Moore, Bethany Grysko and Kyla Suchy — are teaching age-appropriate, one-week classes for budding artists, ages 6 to 16, who are spending three hours a day creating their own art and their own portfolios.

## ALL AROUND TOWN

The youngsters come from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Redford, Livonia, Northville and Garden City. Each participant will choose one piece of art to feature in a free, open house set for noon to 7 p.m. Aug. 29 through Sept. 1 and noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 2-3 at D&M Art Studio.

The young artists also have contributed to a large mural inside the studio that encompasses the places and land-



Sisters Rachel and Dani Pfannes are six-year veterans of artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck's summer arts camp.

marks featured in "The Face of the Nations."

"We make sure we cover every part of the world," Grysko said.

In one camp, 13-year-old Sarah Sebastian of Westland and her classmates used clay to make pots they decorated with Native American art. She enjoys the camp.

"You get to express yourself in your own way," she said.

Canton sisters Rachel and Dani Pfannes have attended Dillenbeck's summer arts camp for six years.

"It's a lot of fun," Rachel, 12, said. "We got to make papier maché masks, and that was fun to do."

"Everybody here is so nice," Dani, 11, said.

Every young artist receives

a medal, a certificate of completion, art supplies — and the confidence to continue expressing themselves artistically.

## LIFE'S JOY

It's a way Dillenbeck, a longtime artist who studied at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, can contribute to a profession that has brought joy to her life.

"It's my passion," she said, sitting in her studio, and although she is a gifted artist herself, "my gift is that I can teach art. I'm now teaching the kids of the kids I used to teach."

Dillenbeck has two daughters of her own — Kristen Dillenbeck Anderson, 28, a financial planner in



Adriano Colangelo adds fine details to his clay vase.

**'It's my passion ... my gift is that I can teach art. I'm now teaching the kids of the kids I used to teach.'**

SHARON LEE DILLENBECK, Canton artist

New York, and Erin Leigh Dillenbeck, 26, a Wayne-based graphics designer specializing in tattoos. Sharon Dillenbeck has been married for 29 years to husband Larry, an insurance industry professional.

Her last summer camp of the season occurs Friday, Aug. 19. That leaves time to prepare for the open house — an event that allows her summer students to choose their best work for public display.

"They all have an inner artist," Dillenbeck said. "We respect that."

For more on Dillenbeck's business, visit [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com) or call (734) 453-3710.

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Bethany Grysko explains the next project to the class — stylized letters that spell their names.



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# Scout helps reach out to service members

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His Plymouth Township Boy Scout troop is known for installing and improving park benches, but 16-year-old Austin Ryan wanted to do something different.

An Internet search turned up Any Soldier Inc., a non-profit that distributes needed supplies — and moral support — to forward-deployed members of the U.S. armed forces, especially in the hot spots of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I knew right there I wanted to do this," said Austin, of Canton Township, an Eagle Scout candidate who organized a shipment of care packages as a scout service project. "I wanted them to know us here at home still care about them."

With donations of cash and goods from area schoolchildren, businesses and churches, and help from fellow scouts, parents Bill and Lisa, older sister Chelsea and other family members, Austin put together individual packages of toiletries for 201 service members, plus two larger packages of supplies meant to be shared.

Working through school principals, Austin set up collection boxes at a number of Plymouth-Canton schools, as well as at the Catholic churches Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township and St. John Neumann in Canton, where the Ryans are members.

### GENEROUS RESPONSE

Those he asked for help responded generously, he



Austin Ryan tackled a project to reach out to servicemen for his Eagle Scout project.

said. "Right when I told them, 'These are for the soldiers,' they were ready to go for it," he said.

Many local companies chipped in; Victory Packaging in Plymouth, for example, donated shipping boxes, and the Fairfield Inn in Canton gave travel-sized bottles of soap, shampoo and conditioner. Cash donations, totaling

nearly \$4,000, went toward postage and to round out the care packages, and the excess went to Any Soldier Inc.

Donated supplies were picked up in June and put together, assembly line style, in the Ryans' basement, and there were many customs forms to be filled out — all by hand. "I think I can actually feel my finger again," joked

Lisa Ryan. "There was a blister."

Each package was roughly equal and contained things like shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby wipes, sunblock and skin lotion. Austin included a letter in each, and many also received a letter from a participating student.

Two trips in Lisa Ryan's Jeep

got the packages to the post office on June 30.

### 'SOMEBODY REMEMBERS'

Austin is already getting thank-you notes and e-mails from those who received packages. Some are especially poignant.

"My own family haven't thought enough to send me anything so this really means

a lot," one woman wrote.

"It's not what they sent, it's that somebody remembers them," Lisa Ryan said.

Austin has been a scout since he was in first grade; his Troop 743 is based at West Middle School. None of the friends who joined the Cub Scouts with him are still in scouting.

The Eagle Scout rank, the highest in the Boy Scouts of America, requires completion of a major service project as well as other tests of leadership, scouting skills and community involvement. Austin has put in time on other scouts' service projects, served as a patrol leader and new scout recruiter, among other assignments, and, of course, has won his share of merit badges and been on his share of campouts.

His favorite was at the Philmont Scout Range near Cimarron, N.M., where he and fellow scouts spent 14 days, 12 of them backpacking in the mountainous region.

"It's a real test of your mental and physical strength," said Austin, who was 14 when he made the trip. "It's rough to the extreme."

Any Soldier Inc. was founded in 2003 and can be found on the Web at [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com) (there are related websites for marines, airmen, sailors and Coast Guard members). The organization not only helps service members but has also supplied items needed by civilians in the war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, such as books and medical supplies.

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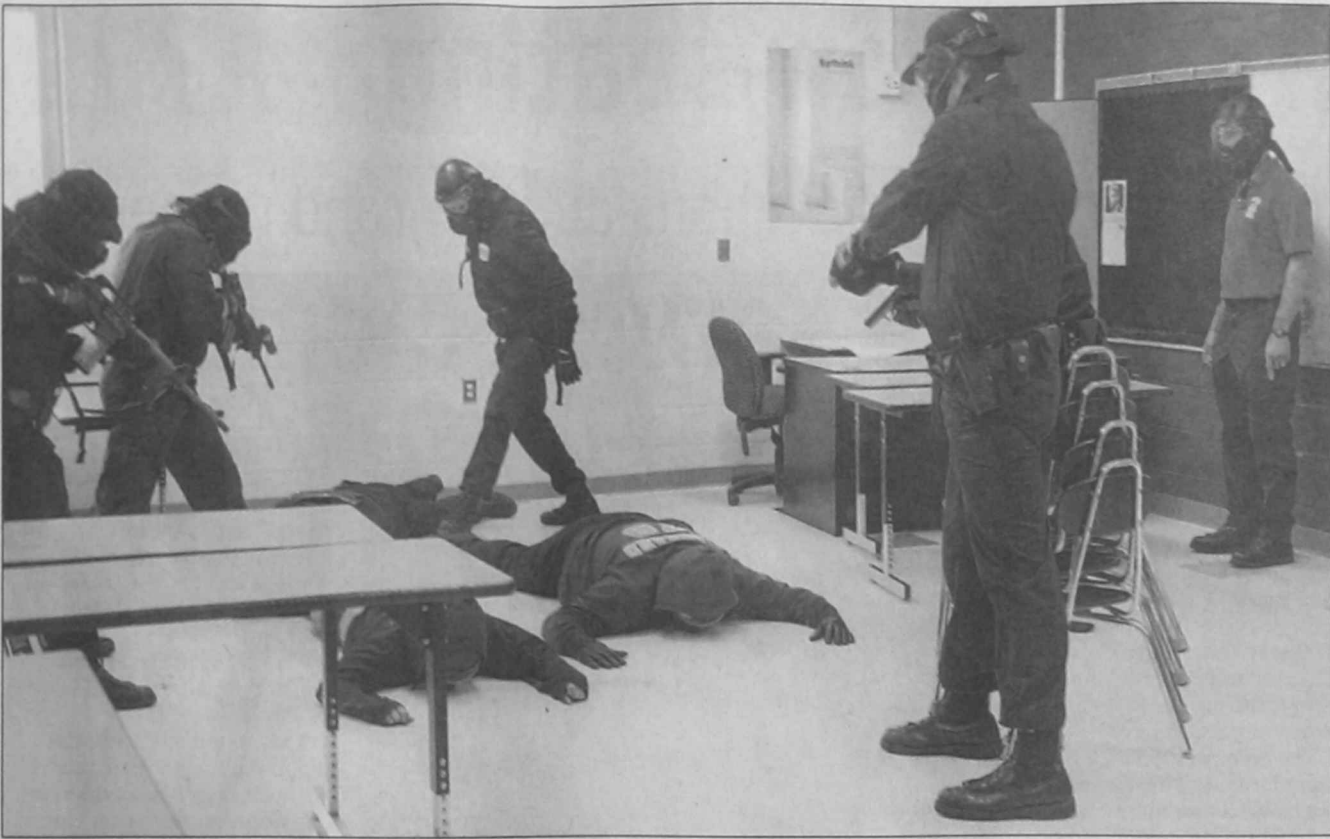
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"We're trying to make it as realistic as possible," said Eric Kolke, the department's active-shooter trainer. "With the way things are going lately, this kind of training is very important to our officers. They need to know how to handle it and how to resolve things quickly."

Volunteer students played the role of "victims," including Police Explorer students who hope to be police officers themselves some day.

Nicolas Gonzales, a member of the Redford Police Explorers, said the training would come in handy down the road if he ever realizes his hope of becoming a police officer.

"We got training in case this ever happens in our school, what's the right thing to do?" said Gonzales, a Redford resident. "Do we run? Do we just get down and listen to the



Westland Explorers Caitlin Orsette and Ashley Fracassi prepare to act as victims in the simulation.

SWAT team? That's probably the right thing to do."

Paul Rogers, also a Redford Police Explorer, said the training was realistic.

"We're getting experience in how to take a shot if we're ever shot in the field," Rogers said. "You get to hear the gunshots, and learn how to react

if you're ever in a situation like this."

Aside from the practical training, the Explorers said the exercise was, simply put, fun.

"If this was an actual job," Gonzales said, smiling, "I'd do it for free."

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CLERK

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to four consecutive four-year terms.

Bennett's office oversees elections and is the township's record-keeper. It also handles voter registration and issues a wide array of licenses and permits.

Before she became an elected official, Bennett earned a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and completed a large amount of higher credits in public administration.

She taught school for 22 years in the Oakland Intermediate School District and Pontiac Public Schools. She taught special education and worked with mentally disabled youngsters, helping them to learn careers in the food service industry.

Bennett also taught alternative education students who, because of behavioral problems, had been kicked out of regular classrooms.

"I worked with the toughest kids that nobody else wanted," she said.

Bennett has been active in the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, serving on the state board of directors for at least eight years. She also accumulated experience teaching at seminars and conferences.

Bennett has had involvement in the Canton Community Foundation, the Mettetal Airport board and the Canton Historic District Commission, serving as its chair for some 25 years.

She has served on the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy, the Canton Human Services Advisory Board and the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Board.

As township clerk, Bennett is one of three full-time officials on the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees. The others are LaJoy and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin.

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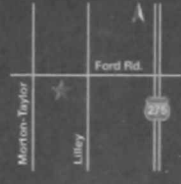
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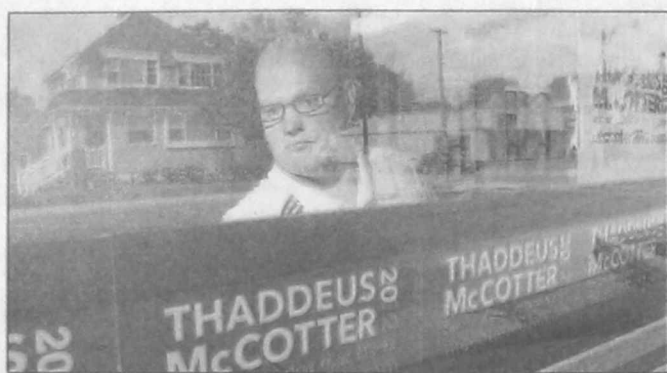


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Martin Van Valkenburg, Michigan Director for Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's presidential campaign, hangs posters in the window of the new campaign headquarters. The office is at 614 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

## McCotter opens Plymouth HQ for presidential bid

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, whose 11th Congressional District includes Canton, and who is a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, opened his national campaign headquarters in Plymouth on Thursday.

The office is at 614 South Main, near Wing Street.

McCotter said the headquarters' outside-the-capital location "further proves our commitment to running a winning, grassroots campaign for the presidency.

"We in Michigan acutely understand the challenges of a global economy, and the necessity of shrinking big government and growing our economy," he said in a press release. "Most importantly we share the resilience to ensure that despite all obstacles, our free people will build an America that works, and affirm American exceptionalism in the 21st Century."

McCotter, 45, of Livonia, has represented Michigan's 11th

District since 2003. A former Schoolcraft College trustee, Wayne County Commission member and state senator, he graduated from Catholic Central High School and earned both his bachelor's degree and his law degree from the University of Detroit.

McCotter also announced Thursday that his former chief of staff, Martin Van Valkenburg, has been named a senior campaign adviser and state campaign director. Van Valkenburg will manage the day-to-day operations at campaign headquarters.

"I am pleased to join the McCotter 2012 team," Van Valkenburg said. "Thaddeus McCotter is the only candidate who understands the challenges facing Americans today, has the vision to lead them through difficult times; and has the fortitude to make the necessary decisions to govern effectively on behalf of the citizens of our great nation."

The McCotter campaign's website is [www.mccotter2012.com](http://www.mccotter2012.com).

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BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of hours of work came together Wednesday evening as volunteers and donors gathered at Plymouth's Penn Theatre to mark its reopening following a major interior remodeling.

"This project has been a testament to all of us, to say, yep, it can be done," Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn Theatre, told several hundred people during the rededication.

The event was the high point for fans of the 70-year-old movie house since it was rescued in late 2005 by Penn Theatre Realty, which leases it to the nonprofit Friends of the Penn for \$1 a year. The theater had been closed for two years at the time; it reopened in September 2006.

It also was a high point for Elliott, who has led several theater improvement projects since then.

"This lady has put her soul into this, truly," said Teri Allen of Dearborn Jewelers, who presented Elliott with a bouquet. "This is the least I could do to recognize her." The audience gave Elliott a standing ovation.

The remodeling, which began July 11, included new seating, paint, carpeting and drapery, a new epoxy floor coating in the auditorium, sound system updates, the restoration of the original light sconces and a new screen. The seats are from the Irwin Seating Co. of Grand Rapids, which had supplied the original seats when the Penn was built in 1941.

Friends of the Penn had budgeted \$170,000 for the work, and Elliott said the project came in under budget.

Elliott, joined in the front of the auditorium by husband



Friends Bonnie Danic (left) and Patty Soter joined Penn Theatre renovation project volunteers and donors Wednesday for a rededication of the theater. Their husbands, John Danic and Jim Soter, were volunteers on the project.

Joe, a mechanical engineer who spent many hours on the project, dedicated the renovation to the late Margaret Wilson, a former Penn employee and, later, its longtime owner.

"If it weren't for Margaret, the Penn wouldn't be here right now," Elliott said, adding that the theater's renewal is a continuation of Wilson's vision. "What one person started, multiple people will keep going and continue for many years."

Theatergoers — volunteers and donors — liked the results. Gerald Sabatini, a Plymouth City Commission member and Friends of the Penn board member, later called the theater "an important foundation for civic pride."

"The Penn Theatre has become a special place that

has helped define the history and small-town identity of Plymouth," Sabatini said.

The 402-seat Penn, with tickets at \$3 each, shows second-run feature movies as well as classics from different eras of film history. In the five years since it has been run by the Friends of the Penn, other improvements have included a new boiler, a remodeled concession area, a refurbished marquee, the restoration of exterior murals and new front doors. The next major project, Elliott said, is a digital projection system, which will be required within a few years as movie studios phase out the 35-mm format.

That announcement prompted Don Soenen, who founded Penn Theatre Realty in 2005, to offer to match,

up to a \$20,000 total, any pledges made that evening. "We ought to get to work," Soenen said. A line soon formed of people ready to make pledges.

The rededication included a slide show of photos taken during the renovation; Joe Elliott said a camera, set up at various spots, had been set to automatically take a photograph every three minutes.

The rededication was followed by a showing of *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House*, a 1948 comedy with Cary Grant and Myrna Loy about the travails of building a perfect suburban house.

"In the end, it all comes together, and you end up with this amazing product," Elliott said.

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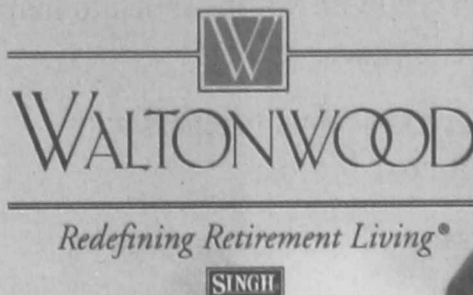
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# RESA taps Weaver for W-W school board

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former Wayne-Westland Board of Education President Fred Weaver thinks the district he used to lead "faces more challenges than there have ever been" and believes his eight years of experience, including three straight years as president, makes him the right choice to fill an open spot on the board.

The five-member Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency board agreed with him Wednesday, plucking Weaver from among a field of six candidates to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel.

Weaver, who served eight years on the board before resigning in 2008 after taking a position with a church in Midland, was obviously pleased to be the choice to serve the remainder of Gabriel's term, which expires June 30.

"I'm excited about the opportunity given to me to again work with (Supt.) Greg Baracy and the other board



Former board president Fred Weaver was chosen by the Wayne RESA board to fill the vacancy on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

members to move our district forward," Weaver said after the decision was announced.

Weaver beat out five other candidates: Scott Davis, general manager at Value City Furniture making his fourth try to get on the board; former board member Jeffrey Hayton; management consultant Bhagwan

Dashairya, stay-at-home mom Michelle Sample; and Kevin Headrick, a manager in the Providence Hospital system.

Virginia Shroat, senior director of business planning and analysis at R.L. Polk & Co. in Southfield, withdrew her name from consideration.

Wayne RESA board mem-

bers were forced to make the appointment after the Wayne-Westland board couldn't muster four votes for Davis, who had tried three other times — for a vacancy in February, in the May election and for the failed vote for this vacancy. When the W-W board couldn't agree within 30 days of

Gabriel's resignation, responsibility for the choice fell to the RESA board.

And members weren't happy about it.

"It would be our wish not to be put in this position," RESA board President Mary Blackmon said, a sentiment echoed by other board members. "But it's a decision that has been thrust upon us, and it's a decision we will make."

Among the challenges Weaver said the district faces are the school aid fund — "Everyone has been forced to live within their means," he said — and increasing test scores.

But more than once during his interview, Weaver alluded to discord among the six current board members, and said the board must come together to work with Baracy to overcome those challenges.

"I'd like to see cohesiveness on the board," Weaver said. "I have no use for board members who have any agenda other than the children of this district. We have to make sure the mission of the district is constantly before us, and that

we're working toward that mission."

RESA board members felt like Weaver's candor about the issues facing the Wayne-Westland board, plus his previous experience on that board, made him the obvious choice.

"It was his experience, and the judgment he'd displayed over the years," said board member James Petrie. "I thought he was a little more candid about some of the issues that are dividing the board. He was more candid about how those were going to need to be addressed."

"There were other people there who were honest, forthright and caring individuals there," Petrie added. "I hope they don't drift away ... they can be valuable assets to that district."

Wayne-Westland board member Cindy Schofield said the choice of Weaver was the right one.

"I think he'll be able to jump right into the decisions and the role," Schofield said. "There won't be a large learning curve for him. These are positives for the district."

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# Food and wine event benefits Schoolcraft College students

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talent of metro area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

This year's event, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, marks two special anniversaries — the 20th year of the food and wine event and the college's 50th.

The extravaganza allows guests to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students. Individual tickets are \$50 each and available at the college or online.

Throughout its 50-year history, more than 300,000 indi-



Kristina Mayer is chairwoman of 2011 Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

viduals have been educated at Schoolcraft College. Business and individual sponsorships are still available for this year's event. "The generosity of our event sponsors is vital to our fundraising efforts and an excellent opportunity to introduce your business to alumni, donors, friends and community members," said Kristina Mayer, an officer of the Foundation Board of Governors and chairwoman of this year's culinary event.

"More importantly, proceeds raised from the extravaganza directly support student schol-

arships and our culinary arts program. Your support for one afternoon can change many lives," added Mayer, vice president and branch manager of Bank of Ann Arbor's Plymouth Township office.

This year's event will feature more than 50 food, wine and dessert stations, a silent auction and raffle, along with a wine-tasting seminar and wholesome healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel.

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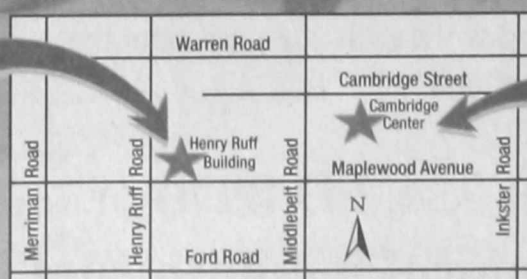
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# Lowered U.S. credit rating is uncharted territory

BY RICK BLOOM  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**Q:** Dear Rick: I just read that even though our debt ceiling has been raised it's still possible that we could lose our AAA rating. How can that be? Also, if we lose our AAA rating, is that something that the average guy would notice or is it mostly much about nothing?

**A:** There are two separate issues here. The first is the raising of the debt ceiling, the other deals with the credit rating of the United States.

The debt ceiling is how much the United States government can borrow. Congress sets a limit as to how much the government can borrow.

What happened last week was the government reached its borrowing limit. In order for the government to borrow more money it had to be authorized by Congress.

In the past when the government reached its limits, Congress almost always automatically increased the limit. This time, however, many in Congress said enough is enough. They were not going to just blindly increase the debt limit. These members of Congress wanted spending cuts, as opposed to borrowing more money.

The compromise that the Democrats and Republicans reached did call for spending cuts, but also raised the debt limit. Therefore, the so-called debt crisis, which could have led to our country not being able to pay the bills, has now been resolved.

The issue of our country's credit rating is something totally different.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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The reason U.S. treasuries pay low rates of return is because of their rating by the credit agencies. The credit agencies rate U.S. debt as the

most secure debt in the world, in other words, no risk of default.

I believe there is a 50/50 chance that our credit rating could be lowered. The major impact on consumers would be how that adjustment affects interest rates. More likely than not, the interest rate on U.S. treasuries will rise a little. That could be good news for investors in U.S. Treasuries, but not good for those who have charge cards and mortgages whose rates are tied to U.S. Treasuries. Those with adjustable rate obligations that are tied to the U.S. Treasury may find that their interest rates will rise on those obligations.

Other countries have had their credit rating lowered such as Japan, about 10 years ago. However, because of the unique position of the United States and the dollar in the world economy, lowering our credit rating puts us in uncharted territory.

How markets will be affected is unknown and it doesn't make sense to speculate. However, we do know that if the rating is adjusted, we will see a rise in interest rates.

Therefore, because of the potential of rising interest rates and because it makes good financial sense, investors need to do what they can to reduce the amount of their outstanding debt.

Good luck!

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The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun fall Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 3-7 p.m.

## Scottish Society hosts fundraiser

The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun fall Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 3-7 p.m. at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre, in Warren.

Partial proceeds from the third annual fundraising event by the group will go to benefit the Commonwealth Club in Warren.

The Ceilidh will feature a traditional Fish Fry Meal with

marshy peas, chips (fries), and coleslaw, plus great entertainment including The Alma College Pipe Band, Highland Dancers, Tir Na N'og Irish Dancers, Raggle Taggle Band, and more.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for kids 10 and under. Kids 4 and under are free. Seating is limited to 160. Cut-off for tickets is Thursday, Sept. 15.

No tickets will be sold at the

door. For more ticket information, please visit [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or send e-mail to [scotsofmichigan@yahoo.com](mailto:scotsofmichigan@yahoo.com).

"Last year's Ceilidh was incredible and this year's event will be even better, and all for a good cause," says Franklin Dohanyos, Executive Director of the Scottish American Society of Michigan. "The Commonwealth Club has been a great home for all people from the U.K. and of English,

Scottish, Irish, Cornish, and Welsh heritage. Like the last two years, this event will sell out very quickly."

The Scottish American Society of Michigan is a benevolent organization whose goal is to preserve and further Scottish heritage and culture throughout Michigan, as well as to help organizations and individuals in need. For more information about joining the group, visit [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com).

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# Man hopes good deeds are passed on to others



Karl Peters, recreation supervisor at the Livonia Senior Center, (left) talks with James Beck during Beck's visit to the center on Wednesday.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

James Beck just wanted to do something good.

On April 1, he gave away his possessions, packed up his car and left his home in Santa Monica, Calif.

Beck began a journey to help others with hopes that those he assists will "pay it forward" and do the same. Beck visited Livonia, his stop in Michigan, the 20th state in his quest to help others in all 50 states.

On Wednesday, Beck sorted T-shirts for the Livonia Senior Olympics. On Thursday, he visited a nursing home. On Friday, he helped clean out a garage at a home in Garden City, then on Saturday, helped move items out of a home in Dearborn Heights to get it ready to sell.

Beck left a life of his material goods behind with hopes of finding more fulfillment in his life through good deeds.

So this year the 36-year-old masseur decided to dedicate his life through 2011 and 2012 to serfbliss, a pay-it-forward social experiment where he spends three days with a family to help others.

He acknowledges that some of his relatives didn't like his decision to walk away from his job and give up his possessions. "My dad didn't quite get it," Beck said. "He was scared about my safety, and my uncle was opposed to it."

But his journey is reconnecting him to old friends and relatives of his friends, too. His Livonia hosts, Mary and Bill Cook, have known him for 10 years through their son, Jai, who lives in California.

## GIVING AWAY POSSESSIONS

The Cooks were out visiting Jai and daughter Heather in March. Beck sub-let his apartment to Mary and Bill Cook and lived elsewhere.

"At this point, we know nothing about James' serfbliss plans," Rose Cook said. "We arrive in Santa Monica, walk into James' apartment, and the first thing I see is a 40-by-40-inch oil painting of a monk walking with a child. I see it as the teacher, Buddha, mentoring a child."

Cook fell in love with the painting, then son Jai tells her about serfbliss. Beck asked Jai to plan a going-away party on April 1, which was also Beck's birthday, where Beck revealed his serfbliss plan and plans to give away his possessions to friends. The Cooks stayed through April 1. Rose told her son that she liked Beck's painting, but insisted to him that he not ask Beck for it.

"If no one else wants it, then it is meant for me to have it. If someone else asks for it, it wasn't meant to be mine," Rose told Jai.

Cook was disappointed on April 1, when Jai told her that

Beck had promised his painting to a friend and that she was picking it up that day. Cook and her daughter left to go out that day, and when they returned, the painting was gone.

The Cooks decided to let Beck stay at their home during his journey.

Rose Cook said she believes his deeds will get others to continue his work and extend his message to help others.

"All the good he is doing is a synergistic effort," Rose said. "We're doing good things. It's the whole thing he's doing to pay it forward."

Beck has performed services that run the gamut, some light and amusing ones, others serious and stressful on families.

Beck has baby-sat for a family for the parents to go out and celebrate a birthday. He taught an economics class and wrote a speech.

## VIDEO SHORTS ARE ONLINE

Beck documents his journey with YouTube videos on serfbliss.com.

In Joplin, Mo., he helped a man around the house who took Beck in even though his son had just died. Beck helped clean the man's yard of fallen trees and accompanied him fishing.

People have offered to provide him with a place to stay and donations help him pay for gas and auto insurance, but Beck said he doesn't go out and ask for money.

"With me, it's just getting others to duplicate, or even triplicate, the process," Beck said. "Everyone always talks about how we need to act and live in a different way," Beck said. "This (journey) turns everything on its head. I just take it one day at a time, and so far, it's been successful. If you're able to live a life of transparency and honesty, then you're in a good place."

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# St. Mary Mercy tops off major expansion project

Cheers and applause erupted as a crane hoisted the 27-foot, 500 pound steel beam Wednesday morning marking St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new \$89 million addition at the Livonia medical complex at Five Mile and Levan roads.

A crowd of more than 200 employees, hospital officials, local leaders, area residents and hospital friends cheered as the beam was hoisted atop the steel structure by Granger Construction.

A light rain started to fall as the Rev. Luke Iwuji, hospital chaplain, blessed the beam. "I don't think we will need any more water," quipped Iwuji as he quickly sprinkled some holy water on the beam just before workers hooked it to the crane.

Some 700 people — hospital employees, physicians, volunteers and guests — had signed the beam over the last four days to leave their mark in history.

### MAJOR PROJECT

The expansion, 154,000 square feet, is the largest construction project in size and investment in the hospital's history and one of the largest in the city of Livonia's history.

The new building on the hospital's southwest side of campus will include a state-of-the-art Emergency Department with 14 Senior ER rooms (specific to seniors ages 65 and older and doubling its current size) and two floors of all-private patient rooms, boasting the latest technology.

St. Mary Mercy President and CEO David Spivey described the project as "building a new hospital from the inside out," also the theme of Wednesday's event because the project will renovate current semi-private inpatient rooms at the north end of campus to private rooms.

Guests listened as Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, former president of St. Mary Hospital and a member of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System



Emergency Medicine Program Director Bruce St. Amour, DO, Graduate Medical Education, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, signs the beam. Nearly 700 names of employees, physicians, volunteers and community partners adorned the beam.

Board, traced the hospital's long history of service to the community and the transformation of services over the last 52 years.

Special guest Tom Celani, president of Heart of Livonia and co-chair of the philanthropy campaign for the new building, presented a check for \$50,000 — the first installment of a \$200,000 gift — for the hospital's "Generations Together" Fund Campaign. Celani's father, Ben, was a founder of the nonprofit Hearts of Livonia which raises money for local charities.

The three-story South Pavilion is expected to open no later than early October 2012. The north-end renovation of current inpatient rooms should take another 18 months after that, according to hospital officials.

"This new design will not only promote patient and family-centered care, but will also address present-day needs and technology trends of the future," said Jennifer Kennedy,

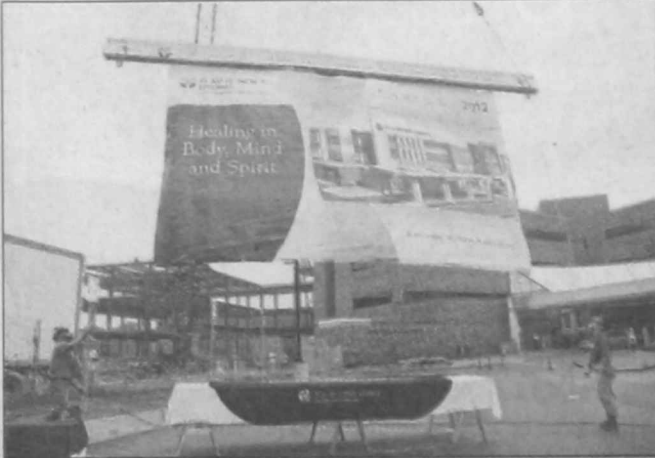


Celebrating the expansion and future of St. Mary Mercy at the Wednesday event were Donna Hammar of Hearts of Livonia, Tom Celani, president of Hearts of Livonia; Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar, former president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital; Carol Cassie, co-chair of the Generations Together Philanthropy Campaign and a member of the development committee at St. Mary Mercy Hospital; Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, former president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital; David Spivey, St. Mary Mercy President and CEO; David Parr, former chairman of the board of St. Mary Mercy and St. Joseph Health System; Norm Nickin, of Hearts of Livonia; Jack Kirksey, Livonia mayor and Louis Hallal, MD, St. Mary Mercy Chief of Staff.

director of marketing and public relations at St. Mary Mercy. "This will allow us to better serve the body, mind and spirit of our patients, enhancing the patient care experience."

### EXPANSION HIGHLIGHTS

The first floor will be a 45,000-square-foot Emergency Center consisting of 55 treatment rooms, more than doubling the space of the



The ceremonial beam, 27 feet long and weighing more than 500 pounds, was hoisted atop the steel structure by workers from Granger Construction.



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The first floor will also contain classrooms for the hospital's Graduate Medical

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The north-end portion of the project — current inpatient rooms on the third, fourth and fifth floors — will be redesigned and renovated into private rooms.

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## New faces abound for Madonna men's soccer

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When head coach Eric Scott opens practice Monday for his second Madonna University men's soccer season, he may need name tags.

With eight new recruits and 15 other players gone, the second-year coach will more than likely have an extended "getting acquainted" period.

"We lost (seven) a lot to graduation, so my assistant Ken Shingledecker had to go out and recruit hard and I thought we did a good job for the most part," said Scott, who is coming off an 8-6 season. "We did a lot in the Catholic League and the east side. I'm happy with where we're at."

There are, however, some veterans who return.

Forward Mustapha Olorunnimbe, native of Lagos, Nigeria via Oakland Community College, is back as the team's top scorer (nine goals, three assists). He was a second-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference selection along with junior midfielder Franco Giorgi.

Others who have starting experience that return include sophomore midfielder Brandon Hess (Livonia/Detroit Catholic Central), senior midfielder Andrew Kidder and sophomore midfielder Jacob Rosiek.

Among the other returnees from

last year's roster include sophomore goalkeeper Erich Richter, junior forward Steve Templeton and sophomore midfielder Ali Rida.

Junior defender Cayle Lackten, who hails from Ancaster, Ontario, also returns after taking a year off. "Last year they were getting used to the environment that was created on my part," Scott said. "A lot of it was new and it was hard to jell overnight."

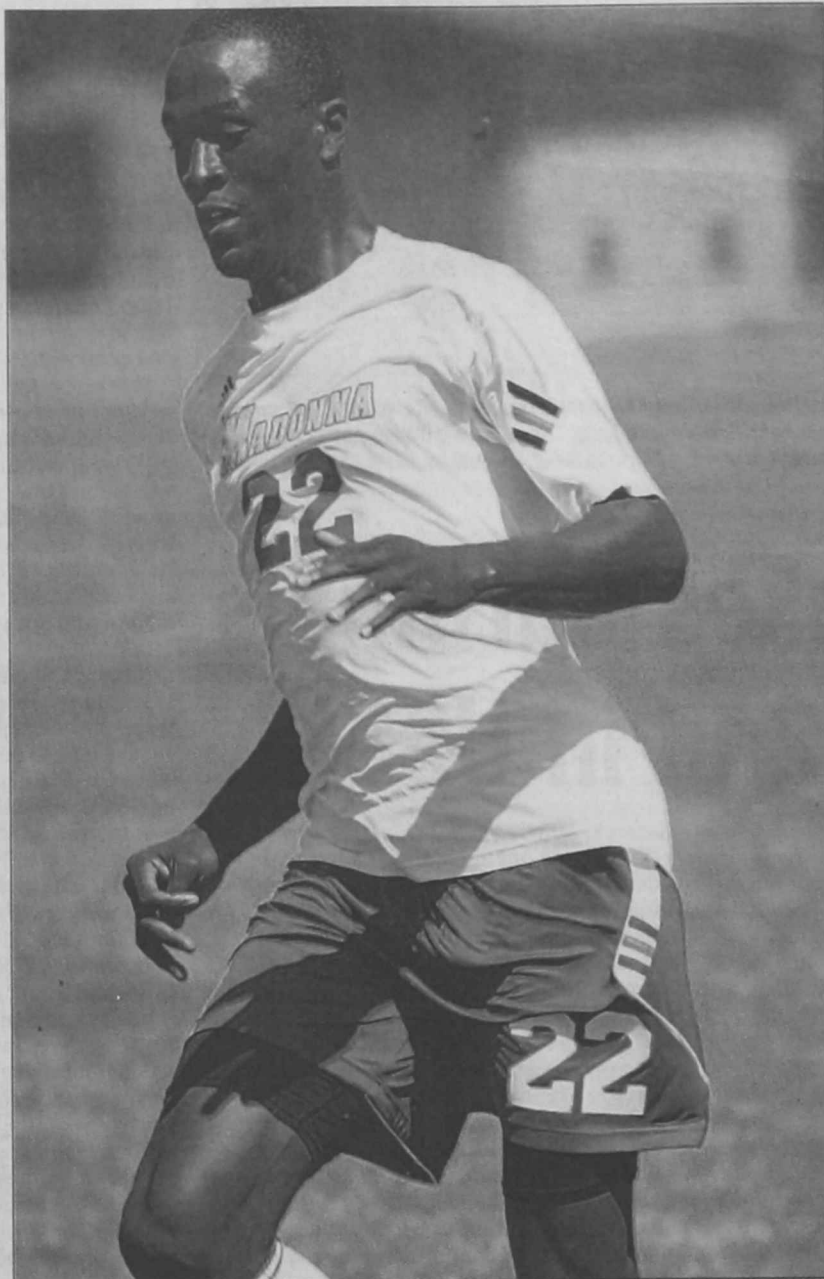
The Crusaders, who finished 3-3 last year in the WHAC (fourth place), will have nearly a month to put the pieces together.

They'll have scrimmages Aug. 25 (at Saginaw Valley State) and Aug. 30 (at Albion College) before the official season opener Wednesday, Sept. 7 at home against Lawrence Tech.

How the Crusaders will fare this season may depend on the eight newcomers led by a pair of highly-touted transfers from Schoolcraft College - midfielder Joe Carver and forward Dane Laird (Farmington Hills Harrison).

The two combined over the past two seasons with the nationally-ranked Ocelots for 16 goals and 17 assists.

"They both play with high pace and energy, something that we didn't have last year," Scott said. "They played in a program where they were always in a high attack mode. Laird is a former hockey player who knows how to get to the goal fast. He'll also

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Lagos, Nigeria native Mustapha Olorunnimbe, a sophomore, returns as the Crusaders' top scorer with nine goals and three assists.

## SIDELINES

## Titans sign trio

University of Detroit Mercy track and field coach Guy Murray announced the signings Thursday of three first-team All-Observer picks.

Added to the men's squad is North Farmington's Shammah Carter, the 2011 Oakland Country runner-up in the 110-meter hurdles and two-time MHSAA Division 1 semifinalist in the same event.

Carter posted the area's best time (14.6) in the 110 hurdles and ranked fourth in the 300 hurdles (40.1).

Meanwhile, twins Jacquelyn and Josephine Zolynsky of Farmington High will be joining the women's team.

They were part of the 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 Division 1 state qualifying relay teams in 2011 and the 1,600 relay quartet in 2010.

Josephine and Jacquelyne posted bests this season of 1:00.63 and 1:01.3, respectively, in the 400 dash.

## Hildebrandt top GK

The Michigan Bucks' Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson) was named Goalkeeper of the Year in the Premier Development League during the Final Four PDL banquet hosted Friday in Tampa, Fla. by the United Soccer League.

Hildebrandt, an Oakland University senior, began his PDL career in the PDL five years ago while still in high school during a game in Cleveland, Ohio.

He registered a PDL high 12 wins and 12 shutouts on the season, while making spectacular saves in nearly every match.

Hildebrandt is the first Bucks keeper to ever earn Goalkeeper of the Year.

He was also named to the All PDL XI squad along with teammate Stew Givens, the Defender of the Year, as one of the top 11 in the 64-team league with nearly 2,000 players.

Givens led the defense that only yielded nine goals in 16 regular season games this season and did not allow a goal at home until the playoffs as the Bucks fell to the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill in the Central Conference final, 2-1.

Givens and Hildebrandt were joined by another OU product, Tom Catalano, on the All Central Conference team.

Gary Parsons, in his third season, was named PDL Coach of the Year after leading the Bucks to a 12-2-2 record and a Great Lakes Division title.

The former Oakland University mentor is the third different Bucks coach to earn the title joining Steve Burns (1997) and Joe Malchino (2000).

## O&amp;E men's golf

Registration is on for the 2011 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open, a 36-hole medal play event Sunday-Monday, Sept. 4-5, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 and is limited to the first 120 golfers. There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes in three different flights (championship, first and seniors 55 and up). Entries close 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

Visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com) or call (248) 476-4493.

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## Schmitt defends U.S. freestyle title

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So much for jet lag.

Less than a week after capturing a gold medal in the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay at the FINA World Aquatic Championships in Shanghai, China, Canton's Allison Schmitt returned home to successfully defend her individual 200 freestyle title Wednesday at the 2011 ConocoPhillips National Championships in Palo Alto, Calif.



Schmitt

The University of Georgia junior, representing the North Baltimore (Md.) Aquatic Club, made the halfway turn in ninth place before rallying for the win in 1 minute, 57.94 seconds.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Power tumbler Casey Skinner of Livonia, wearing her bronze medal, is headed later this year to Birmingham, England for the World Age Group Trampoline & Tumbling Championships.

## Power tumbler hits World stage Skinner is England-bound

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was mission accomplishment for Casey Skinner, who some day envisions competing in the Olympics.

And now the training will only amp up a notch for the Livonia Stevenson High junior, who has qualified for the Trampoline & Tumbling World Championships, Nov. 16-19, in Birmingham, England.

Skinner captured a bronze medal in power tumbling for Girls 15-16 at the USA Gymnastics Junior Elite

Championships held July 8-10 at the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio, Texas.

"From here on out I'll be working on new passes because it's an international competition and I'll need to go in there with something else so I can compete," Skinner said. "It's going to be more intense because there are no Worlds next year. As far as the competition this year I had to do what I have to do to medal and placing."

In the Junior Elite power

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## 'Run for the Hills' gathers up steam in popularity

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Big-name marathons have nothing on Farmington's Shiawassee Park as far as Ed Anderson is concerned.

And the director of the second annual Run for the Hills figures he has plenty of company as this year's event on Saturday, Aug. 20, draws near.

Anderson, a Farmington Hills resident, said registration numbers for this year's event are about 800 — twice the amount in 2010.

"I think everybody that came last year had a really good time," Anderson said. "First off, the race courses are really scenic and quite nice for the runners. Everybody got free pizza and bagels at the end. People felt they were

really well-taken care of.

"We heard nothing but a lot of good feedback from all of the runners, that they liked the course and the way the community sort of embraced the whole race. They said 'We're coming back next year.'"

They'll be coming from other states and countries to participate in the myriad races slated for Aug. 20. Those

include: a 5k walk; 1k, 5k and 10k runs; and 5k and 10k team races.

Also back will be Eric Green, who captured the 10k race in 2010 and eventually was named Michigan Runner of the Year, Anderson said.

"He already vowed to me that he's never going to miss the race,"

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Members of the 13-and-under Great Lakes Cardinals, the USSSA AAA World Series runner-up, include (front row, from left): Tyler Laurentius, Grant Hartwig, Seth Hubbard, Ravi Mahanti, Trevor Friday, Frankie Bellino, Andrew Hejka; (back row, from left) coach Frank Bellino, manager Dan Hejka, Cameron Stella, Myles Ivory, Cameron Shaughnessy, Zachary Prystash, coaches John Shaughnessy and Emile Mahanti.

## Great Lakes Cardinals wind up 2nd in USSSA

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Make way Albert Pujols, Lance Berkman and Chris Carpenter – these Cardinals can play a little baseball, too.

The 13-and-under Great Lakes Cardinals recently completed 49-10 season, including a runner-up finish, July 20-24, in the USSSA AAA World Series in Liberty, Mo.

The Great Lakes Cards went 7-2 during the AAA World Series before losing to Paducah (Ky.) in the finals.

Ravi Mahanti (Farmington) was the team's leading hitter during the tournament with a .678 batting average, while Andrew Hejka (Canton) was right behind at .619.

Seth Hubbard (Canton) collected 12 of his team-leading 60 RBI during the nine-game World Series and Hejka, a shortstop, was named the tournament's top defensive player.

The Cardinals also captured Liberty Park Classic in Sterling Heights along with the Sylvania (Ohio) Fourth of July Tournament this season.

"Everybody put aside their individual accomplishments and accomplished something for the team," said manager Dan Hejka, who was coached the Cardinals for five seasons. "It was all about teamwork."

Grant Hartwig (Plymouth) was the team's leading hitter for the season at .432 followed by Hejka (.403) and Mahanti (.397).

The pitching staff was led by right-handers Cameron Stella (Plymouth) and Hartwig.

Stella went 8-0 with a 1.88 earned run average. He struck out 57 in 41 innings.

Hartwig finished 8-3 with two saves. In 63 innings he fanned 88.

Rounding out the Cardinals squad is Tyler Laurentius (Canton), Trevor Friday (Farmington), Frankie Bellino (Canton), Myles Ivory (Ypsilanti), Cameron Shaughnessy (Plymouth) and Zachary Prystash (Northville).

Hejka's coaching staff includes Frank Bellino, John Shaughnessy and Emile Mahanti.

The main core of the Cardinals will move on next season as the 14-and-under USSSA Major team.

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tumbling, Skinner took first during the prelims with scores of 30.4 and 31.2 and before winding up third after posting a total of 62.7 in the finals.

Royal Oak's Miranda Kerr, a teammate of Skinner's at AGT Flip City in Warren, captured the gold with 63.0, while Brittney Bernard of the Oklahoma (Tulsa) Extreme won the silver with 62.8.

"I think I did the best I could and left everything out of the floor," said Skinner, who was working around a left ankle injury. "I was better in the prelims than I was in the finals, but overall I was proud of what I did. I made my goal, which was to make the national team and go to worlds."

Skinner was given a hero's welcome after her trip to the Junior Elite Championships.

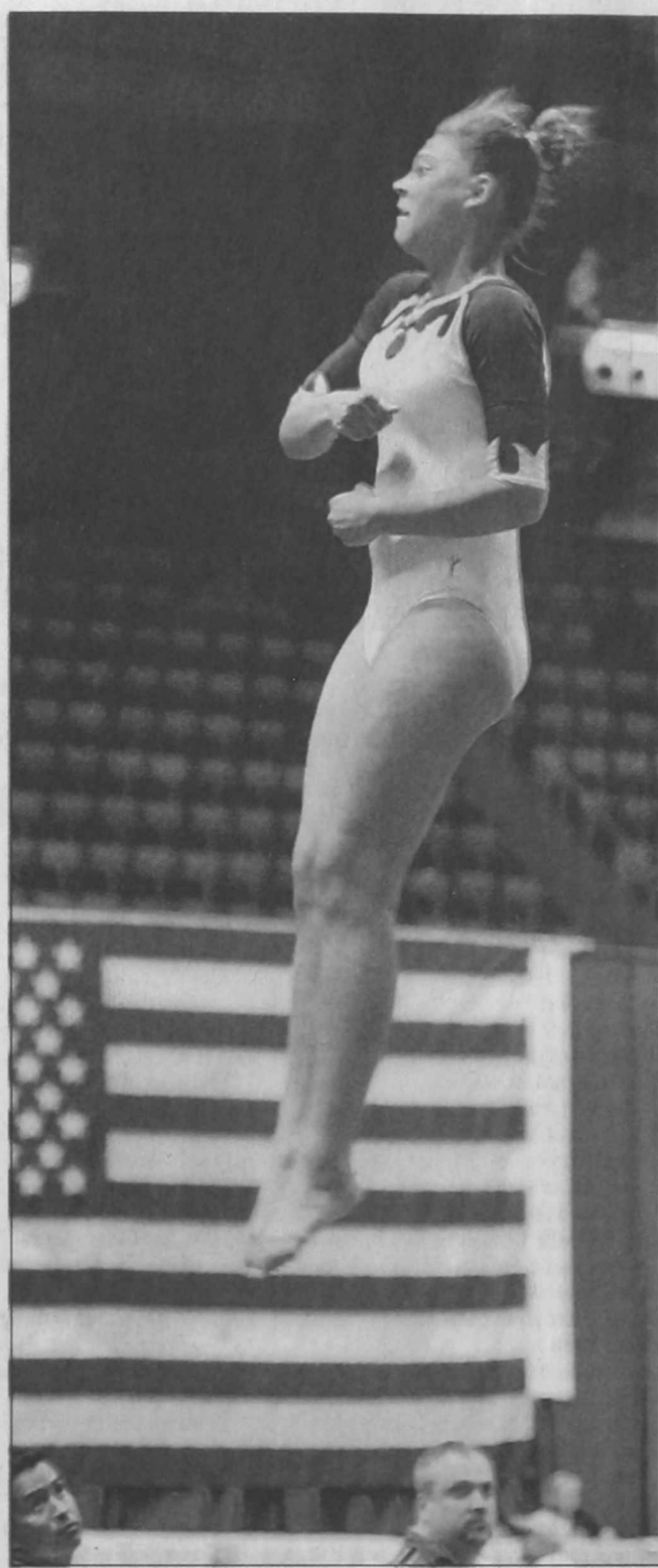
"When I came home there was banner that said: 'Flipping around the world, but she still trips on the carpet,'" she said. "It was nice to come home and see that. My dad (Ronald) made it and it was kind of cute."

Although Skinner is now one of four members of the USA's World Age-Group Competition Team for 15-16 power tumbling, funds are not provided by USA Gymnastics and she now must raise \$3,000 to make the trip to England.

And it starts with a bottle drive and garage sale, which is set for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18-19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20-21, at the Skinner's home, which is located at 16805 Wayne Road, just two houses south of Six Mile, in Livonia.

Donations are also welcome by calling Anita Skinner, Cassandra's mother, at (734) 516-0661; or by e-mailing anita-frita@hotmail.com.

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Livonia power tumbler Casey Skinner performs a full-out straight during USA Gymnastics Elite Trampoline & Tumbling Championships held last month in San Antonio, Texas.

## Stingrays make waves at YMCAs

July proved to busy and highly productive month for the Farmington Family Stingrays swim team coached by Rich Bennetts and Mohamad Bachrouche.

On July 26-29, four Stingrays competed in the 2011 YMCA Long Course Nationals at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta.

The Stingrays were led by Marina Borri, who placed seventh in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:15.86); 15th, 200 breaststroke (2:43.95); 24th, 400 individual medley (5:15.18); and 34th, 50 breast-

stroke (36.09).

The 400 medley relay four-some of Olivia Rath, Borri, Miranda Shelly and Lauren Folkert also placed 15th (4:34.34).

The Stingrays also added a 26th in the 200 medley relay (2:06.66) and 49th in the 400 freestyle relay (4:16.14).

Shelly was 33rd, 200 butterfly (2:28.6); 40th, 100 butterfly (1:07.01); and 41st, 50 butterfly (30.62);

Folkert placed 41st, 200 backstroke (2:28.6); 65th, 50 backstroke (33.43) and 100 backstroke (1:10.23); and

110th, 200 freestyle (2:18.02).

Rath added a 36th, 50 backstroke (32.68); 69th, 200 backstroke (2:31.46); and 82nd, 100 backstroke (1:10.84).

At the Michigan Long Course State Championships held July 22-24 at Jenison High School, 15-year-old Nick Leshok took 11th in the 200 IM (2:20.76); 12th, 100 breaststroke (1:13.73) and 50 freestyle (25.92); along with a 19th in the 200 freestyle (2:04.74).

Teammate Miranda Doecker also competed in the 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle events.

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Catherine Breed and Alyssa Anderson took second and third with times of 1:58.86 and 1:59.31, respectively.

At 100 meters, Schmitt was next to last in 59.20, but finished the final 100 with a negative split in 58.74.

"I was trying to change my race strategy from Worlds," Schmitt told Universal Sports TV commentators Rowdy Gaines and Ted Robinson from the Stanford University pool. "I tried to bring it back and stay out of wakes. It was definitely fun and I tried to bring it home the last 100."

Schmitt is the American record holder in the 200 freestyle (1:54.96 set July, 2009 in Rome). In Shanghai, she placed sixth in 1:56.98.

Last Tuesday, Schmitt placed fourth in the 400 freestyle (4:09.43) at the National as Ashley Steenvoorden won the race in 4:07.63 followed by Chloe Sutton and Elizabeth Beisel in 4:08.52 and 4:09.25, respectively.

In Thursday's 800 freestyle relay, the Athens (Ga.) Bulldog Swim Club placed first as Chelsea Nauta, Morgan Scroggy, Shannon Vreeland and Megan Romano were clocked in 7:58.14.

Schmitt's North Baltimore foursome, including Elizabeth Pelton, Camryne Morris and Kelly Offut, took second in 8:00.51.

In Shanghai, Schmitt anchored the 800 relay four-some of Missy Franklin, Dagny Knutson and Kathryn Hoff to a gold medal in

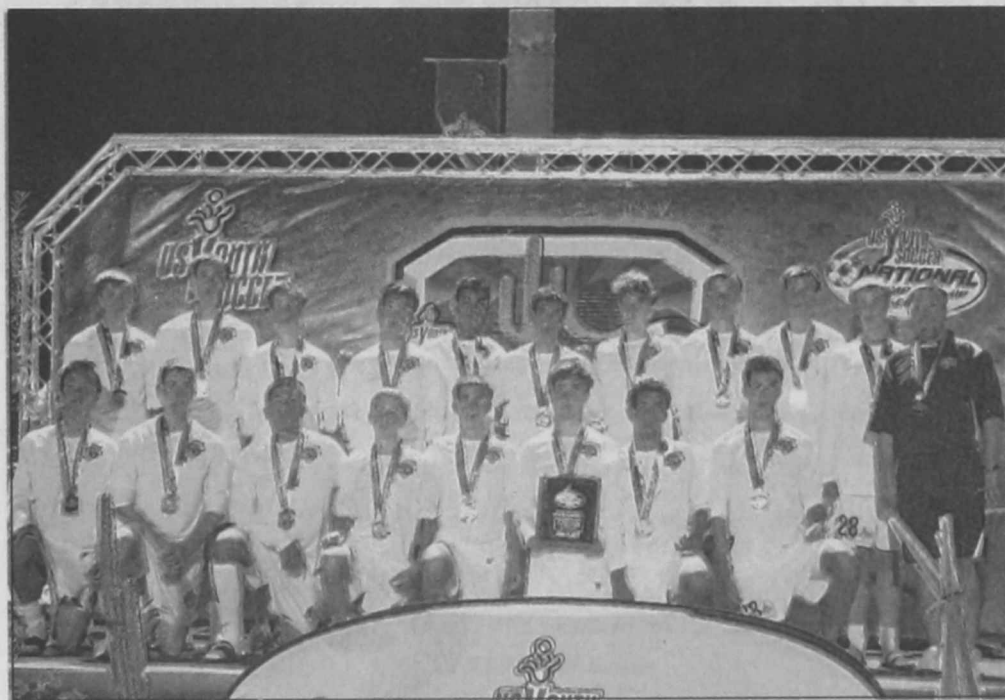
7:46.14 edging second-place Australia (7:47.42) and third-place China (7:47.66).

"It was a lot of fun," said Schmitt, who won a bronze medal in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. "It was a great feeling. It's the first time I've been on the gold medal relay for the U.S. so it's really exciting."

Schmitt is a three-time NCAA champion (twice in the 500-yard freestyle and once in the 200 freestyle), along with being a National champion in the 400 freestyle (2009).

She was also a silver medalist twice in the 2009 FINA Worlds in the 200 freestyle and 800 freestyle relay.

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Members of the Michigan Jaguars, coached by Barry Scott, include Zachary Bock, Jason Carmack, Lui Fakhoury, James Hague, Travis Hamers, Clay King, Matthew Kiura, Ken Krolicki, Vikram Mathias, Nathan McLean, K. Scott Michael, Nichola Oakley, Griffin Parks, Antonio Pisto, Matheo Plate, Philip Ritchie, Joseph VanHouten and Michael Winters.

## Michigan Jags U-15 National runner-up

Electricity fill the air as the 2011 US Youth Soccer National champions were crowned July 30-31 at the Reach 11 Sports Complex in Phoenix, Ariz.

The under-15 Michigan Jaguars, who train out of Total Soccer in Wixom, finished runner-up losing 3-1 to the Chicago Fire Juniors.

The Jaguars are comprised of players from Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Ypsilanti and Commerce Township.

Canton's Griffin Parks staked the Jaguars to a 1-0 lead in the fifth minute of the championship match only to have Michael Catalano, Christian Hanock-Berhanu and Brian Werchek answer with three second-half goals for Chicago.

The Jaguars opened tourney play with a 2-1 victory over FC Dallas Premier (Tex.) on goals by Ken Krolicki (18th minute) and Travis Hamers (27th minute).

Grant Norris countered for Dallas in the 41st minute.

A pair of goals by Alan Winn gave Solar Chelsea 96 (Tex.) a 3-0 win over the Jaguars in the second round.

The Jaguars then reached the finals by defeating the San Diego (Calif.) FC Gauchos, 4-1, on goals by Lui Fakhoury, Parks, Zachary Bock and Michael Winters.

The 2011 US Youth Soccer National Championship Series began in the fall of last year with more than 10,000 teams competing in state, regional and national qualifying tournaments.

The field was paired down to 60 through the state and regional Championships and then the top two boys and girls teams at each age (14-19) battled it out in to determine who would be crowned champion.

The Jaguars qualified for the Nationals in March by winning the US Youth Soccer National League. They finished with a 5-1-1 record, beating top teams from Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Carolina, New Jersey and Texas.

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provide good leadership."

Forward George Sami and defender Sean Koza, both from Birmingham Brother Rice's 2009 Division 1 state championship squad, could provide immediate help along with Kyle Karmo, a stable and steady defender from Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep.

All three have considerable experience at a high club level

playing for the Wolves East Academy team.

Scott, meanwhile, also signed goalkeeper Scott Poole (Madison Heights Lamphere) along with center-back Nicholi LaRocca (Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley) and midfielder Ryan Williams (Auburn Hills Avondale).

"I'm happy with this year's class and a lot of them could start," Scott said. "We had to

reload with another big class. If they work hard, I think we can get back to where Pete (Alexander) and Tino (Scicluna) had it, then we can scale back a little next year with some high quality kids.

"I know the guys are excited to come to practice. I've gotten messages from them and they're ready to come back."

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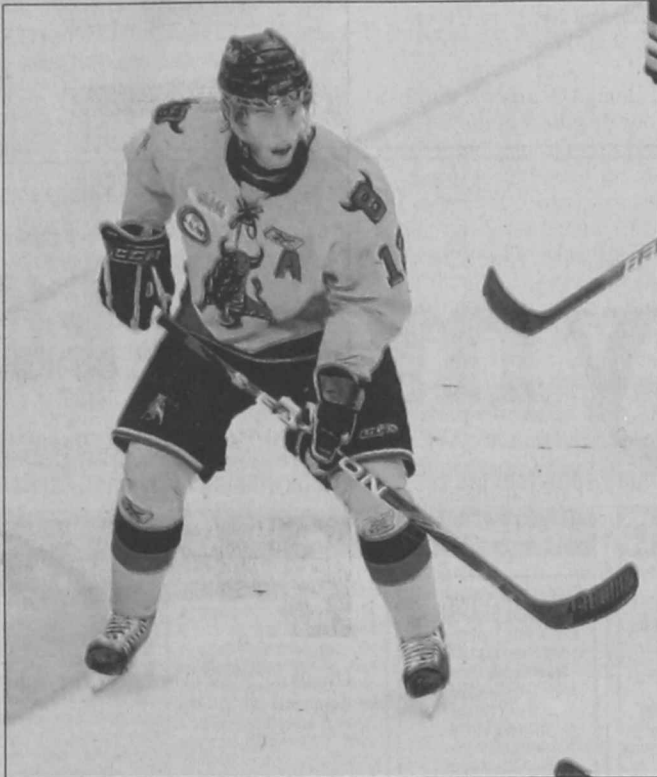


Cobras strike

The Westland Cobras 12-and-under team recently captured the Pony Bronco district title by defeating host Walled Lake, 15-10. The Cobras advanced to the Grand Ledge regional final before losing to Tri-Village, 9-4, and finished with a 5-1 tourney record. Members of the Cobras include (front row, from left): Kevin Behrendt, Evan Kuczmarski, Drake Snyder, Brett Stern, Joe Targosz, Chris Nehasil; (second row, from left) Daniel Dawes, John Savage, Shane Ciucci, Jack Ores, Wyatt Smith, Daniel Quaine, Christian Bagnall; (back row, from left): coaches Tom Ores, Ron Targosz and Rick Stern.

New Whaler

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers announced the acquisition Thursday of 20-year-old forward Andy Bathgate from the Belleville Bulls. In return, the Whalers send third-round picks in the 2013 and 2014 OHL Priority Selection draft back to Belleville. Bathgate was the Bulls' third-round pick (54th overall) in the 2007 OHL Priority Selection and was taken by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the fifth round (151st overall) in the 2009 National Hockey League entry draft. Bathgate enjoyed his best offensive season in the OHL last season for the Bulls, scoring 25 goals and 35 assists for 60 points in 64 games. The acquisition of Bathgate gives Plymouth five overage players (1991 birthdays) on the roster including forwards Bathgate, RJ Mahalak, Jamie Devane and Peter Neal, along with defenseman Beau Schmitz.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for the LBSA and Livonia Travel Baseball at for the 2012 season are for the following age groups at Bicentennial Field No. 8:  
Under-8: Sunday, Aug. 14 (4-6 p.m.) – manager Bill Schaffer, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;  
Under-9: Sunday, Aug. 14 (noon-2 p.m.) – manager, TBD, crumberger@yahoo.com;  
Under-10: Sunday, Aug. 14 (2-4 p.m.) – manager Aaron Rumberger, Livonia Lakers, crumberger@yahoo.com;  
Under-11: Sunday, Aug. 14 (6-8 p.m.) – manager Matt Fournier, Livonia Longhorns, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;  
Under-13: 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.  
Please contact the team managers directly with any questions or if you are unable to make the listed date to schedule an individual evaluation.  
• Tryouts for the 11-and-under 2012 Canton Cobras will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 and 21 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth.  
The Cobras will play in the KVBSA along with two fall tourneys and eight spring and summer tournaments.  
For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@woway.com.  
• Tryouts for the 15-and-under 2012 Great Lakes Cardinals will be from noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Massey Field, located at Haggerty and Plymouth roads, in Plymouth.  
The Cardinals will be a tournament team only with three-to-four tourneys scheduled following the high school baseball season.  
For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@woway.com.  
• Tryouts for the 13-and-under Canton Storm will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 and 28 at Griffin Park.  
Players from Plymouth-Canton entering seventh grade and no older than 13 by May 1,

2012, are eligible.  
For more information, e-mail Robert Brooks at RobBr@mpc-inc.com; or call (313) 770-5666.  
• Age-group tryouts for 2012 Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams will be Sunday, Aug. 21 at Heritage Park for the following times:  
8:30-10:30 a.m., 9-and-under; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 10-and-under; 12:30-2:30 p.m., 11-and-under; 2:30-4:30 p.m., 12-and-under; 4:30-6:30 p.m., 13-and-under; 6:30-8:30 p.m., 14-and-under.  
Players are encouraged to attend both tryout sessions per age group, but must attend at least one session to be considered for the team. The age group is determined by the player's age on April 30, 2012.  
For more information, contact Canton Cardinals baseball commissioner Alan B. Zidzik at (313) 805-2756.

• 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 tourneys.  
If unable to attend tryout dates an evaluation can occur before Aug. 13.  
For more information, call (734) 377-3123; or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.  
• An open baseball tryout for the newly-formed 11-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be from 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.

City Golf Challenge

The 52nd annual 2011 City

Golf Challenge, Western Wayne's oldest amateur golf tournament, will be Saturday, Aug. 13 at the newly redesigned Fellows Creek Golf Course.  
The event on the 27-hole championship course starts at 8 a.m.  
The cost is \$50 (includes cart).  
Each city must have at least five golfers to be entered in the Challenge with Westland defending its title against teams from Wayne, Canton, Livonia, Belleville, Romulus and Plymouth.  
Entrants will be competing for individual awards based upon flights and divisions from each city during the first nine holes. Men and women of all ages will also be competing for each city's top awards.  
For more information, e-mail Bill Hawley at bhawk@woway.com; or swinkelman@ci.wayne.mi.us.

Experienced golfers

Golfers with two or more years of experience can learn to swing with balance from an uneven lie from PGA professional Tami Bealeart from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road (off Ford Road), in Superior Township.  
Included in the \$20 cost are practice balls and golf tips (\$10 additional for golf and cart following class).  
To reserve a spot (by 3 p.m. Monday), visit TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238.

Hickory Creek golf

Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at 3625 Napier Road (at Ford Road), in Superior Township, has three upcoming golf events starting with the junior scramble from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.  
Also on tap is Ladies Night Out "Margaritas on the Range" from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 (cost \$20 if registered by Aug. 15), and the Glow Golf & Fish Fry from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.  
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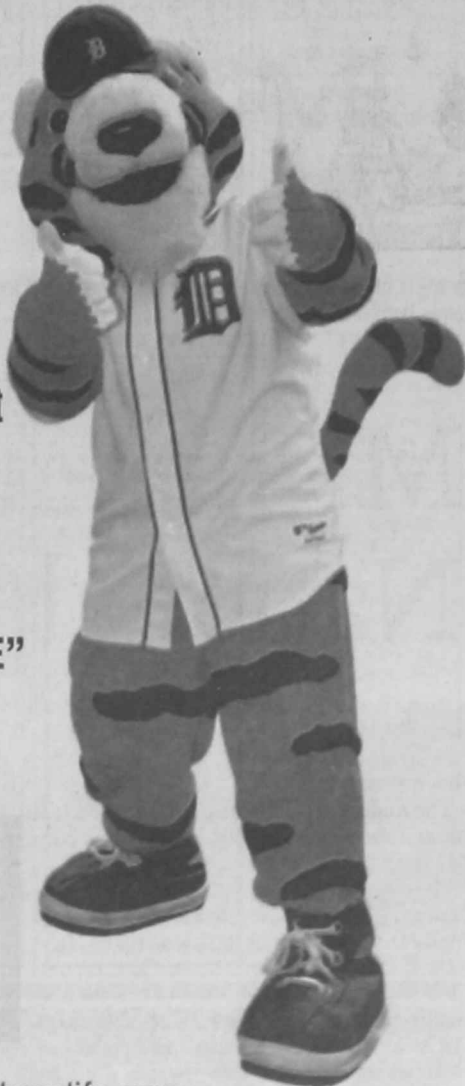
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# RUN

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Anderson added. "He just fired me an e-mail a couple days ago, and he said he's going to be there for sure."

Just like in 2010, all proceeds from the event will go to Special Olympics.

"I've been a longtime runner and ran a lot of big races, (but) now I'm retired," he said with a laugh. "So obviously I have time, and I had a very strong interest not only in creating a nice event for the town but also to help out Special Olympics. Last year I gave \$5,000 to them from the event."

## TEAMING UP

Individual events should be spirited, but ramping things up a bit are the five-runner team races.

"The team races are a way to generate a little more spirit," he said. "Instead of going to a running race by yourself, you make a team with four other runners and you're going to the start line with five people on a team."

"And then you just simply add the times of the five runners and the team that has the lowest combined time obviously is going to be the winner."

The concept is catching on, too. Last year, there were only three teams, which Anderson said wasn't shocking given Run for the Hills was just getting started.

"But this year, I'm thinking we're probably

going to have 15 or 20 teams," he continued. "I can see it eventually growing to, maybe 100 teams."

"I think it's going to get continually more popular because it's a lot of fun to run as a team."

Anderson, a veteran runner who also is founder and director of Tri-County Lacrosse, sees potential beyond this year for Run for the Hills.

"This year we'll double last year and next year there's no reason to think next year we don't double it again," he noted.

Anderson, who competed at the Boston Marathon during his running career, thinks the venue itself has a lot to do with that.

"From what I can see of the running course, and Shiawassee Park, just the whole venue is just going to continue to get more popular," Anderson said. "It really is a great place to run. I've been to a lot of races that have grown in popularity that, I don't think they have as nice a venue as Farmington."

All races will begin and end at Shiawassee Park, which is located near Farmington-Shiawassee roads. Runners will go as far north as 11 Mile and as far east as Orchard Lake.

Registration fees for those signing up until Aug. 19 are as follows: 1k, \$15; 5k/10k, \$30; team, \$125. The cost to sign up will go up slightly on the day of the event.

For more information about Run for the Hills, go to [www.farmingtonrunforthehills.com](http://www.farmingtonrunforthehills.com).

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GREG SADLER

Participants of the 2010 Farmington Run for the Hills race get started at Shiawassee Park. The second annual race takes place Saturday, Aug. 20.

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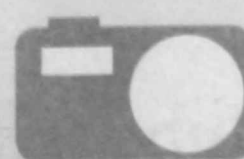


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## Comedy and tragedy

Young actors  
combine  
serious, silly  
Shakespeare

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Motor City Youth Theatre (MCYT) will stage two versions of *Macbeth* in less than 90 minutes and all for the price of one ticket next week-end.

Director Nancy Florkowski combined adapted scripts from two different series of Shakespeare's works, added a narrator (her husband, Fred) and chopped the running time to one hour — while still maintaining the 17th century-style language.

A cast of 10 young actors will bring the tragedy to life Aug. 12-14, on stage in Livonia.

"After that, the kids will do a 10-minute version that I wrote, that they embellished and it's hilarious," Florkowski said.

At rehearsals last week the group worked with a Wayne State University graduate student on stage fighting and practiced making Shakespeare's lines their own.

*Macbeth*, both the silly and serious versions, marks MCYT's third Shakespeare production with an all-kid cast. Florkowski enlisted families for *Midsummer Night's Dream* when she produced it outdoors six years ago in both Redford and Livonia. Adult actors brought *Hamlet* to



Fiona Koenig (left) and Kayden Bryce, both of Livonia, are the spooky apparitions who plague Macbeth.

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**Where:** Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, west of Inkster Road, south of I-96, in Livonia

**Details:** Tickets are \$8 each, \$12 per couple, \$15 per family; available 7-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and before each show

**Cast:** Sara Borsodi, 10, Redford Township; Shannon Stork, 15, Farmington Hills; Alina Steinberg, 15, Birmingham; Megan Troost, 13, Livonia; Katy Lewalk, 11, Redford; Saskia Koenig, 9, and Fiona Koenig, 7, both of Livonia; Chailyn Bryce, 10, and Kayden Bryce, 8, both of Livonia; and Amelia Fanelli, 16, and William Fanelli, 9, both of Farmington Hills

**Crew:** Steven Barber, sound and lights and his mom, Cindy Barber, stage manager. Both are from Livonia

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the parking lot at Grantland Street Playhouse — MCYT's home — the following year and then took a job at the Bard with *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* a year later.

When Megan Troost heard Florkowski next wanted to direct youngsters in a seri-

ous version of *Hamlet*, while coaching adults in a *Macbeth* comedy, she had her doubts.

"I never thought kids could do it," said Megan, 13, who will enter the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Churchill High School in Livonia this fall. "But they can. These kids are amazing.



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"Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble," say witches Shannon Stork of Northville, Megan Troost of Livonia, and Alina Steinberg of Birmingham.

Even the little kids, they blow my mind on stage."

Megan performed in both the youth-fueled production of *Hamlet* two years ago and in *Midsummer Night's Dream* last year. She plays Lady Macduff, among other roles, in *Macbeth*.

### LOYAL ACTORS

Like Troost, most of Florkowski's young Shakespeare actors are MCYT regulars. Shannon Stork, 15, a Farmington Hills resident and Alina Steinberg, 15, of Birmingham, have worked with Florkowski for nearly four years.

"It's like a family here. I just keep coming back," Alina said. She also has performed with the Village Youth Theater in Birmingham and acts in school productions at Groves High.

*MacBeth* is Shannon's sev-



Director Nancy Florkowski has fun directing the cast of youngsters.

enth full scale show at MCYT. She was "underwhelmed" the first time she saw the theater's playhouse, a remodeled VFW hall in an industrial side of town, but quickly fell in love with the program.

"It's a huge confidence builder and it's a lot of fun," she said. "It's a pretty small building but if you are here and experience the people, the

quality of the teaching, how much fun it can be, you realize it doesn't have to be huge to be great theater."

Florkowski and company have poured "blood, sweat and tears," into the building since acquiring it five years ago. They built a stage, painted walls, added the sound system and are busy working on refurbishing rest rooms. Florkowski also

plans to spruce up the basement and add an elevator.

"It's really a perfect black box theater that people would kill to have and we're lucky to have it," she said.

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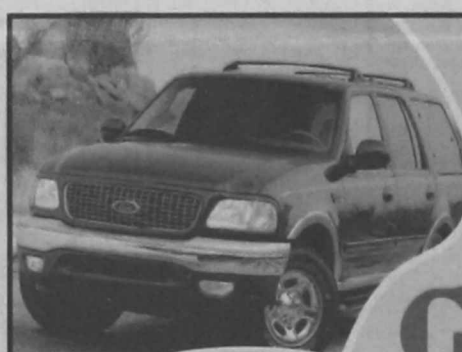
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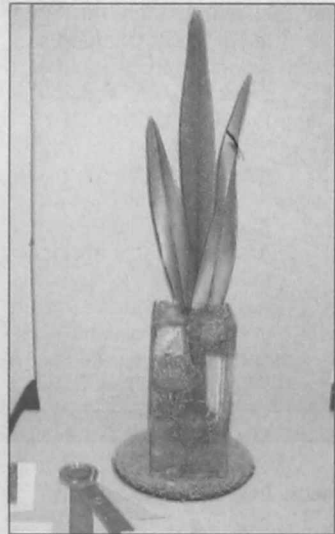
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## Garden club shows flowers, plant exhibits

Livonia Garden Club's "Another Op'nin' Another Show" drew more than 800 individuals last month to the Livonia Civic Center Library's atrium. Club members displayed flower arrangements and horticultural exhibits during the two-day show. Judges from around the



Della Hayden won a Blue Ribbon and Tri Color Award for this arrangement, which was displayed at the Livonia Garden Club's flower show.

state awarded prizes to winning displays and several members of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra played a selection of tunes from Broadway musicals.

The Livonia Garden Club was founded in 1969 to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening, natural resources conservation, civic beauty and better horticulture practices. The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. It encourages prospective members to attend at least two meetings before applying for active membership.



Louise Scanlan, a former Livonia Garden Club president shows her award-winning Woolly Thyme, Crassula and Festuca Amethystina. She won the Horticulture Excellence Award, Grower's Choice Award and a blue ribbon.



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Wayne State University theater grad Steve Carson, teaches Amelia Fanelli (Macbeth) and Alina Steinberg (McDuff) basic swordplay. Amelia is from Farmington Hills. Alina is from Birmingham.

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help teach the theater's classes and camps beginning this fall. Florkowski also created an adult music theater troupe with a show planned for early 2012.

"The kids from Wayne State who are my classmates are so excited. I said, 'guys, you help me form a company and it's yours.'"

After 32 years teaching special education and drama, followed by retirement six years ago, Florkowski, 62, went back to school last fall.

"I was a freshman in the theater department. I had to

audition and do everything the kids do. I loved it."

She hopes to add an undergraduate degree in theater from Wayne State to her educational resume, which includes master's degrees in youth theater and special education. Florkowski performed in three student shows during the 2010-11 school year and studied theater for a month last summer at the Mxat Theatre in Moscow, Russia. The Wayne State University program enabled her to undertake intense work in dance, acting, movement, song and Russian film studies.

"Usually people wait to do this until they are a senior, but I'm 62 and not waiting for anything."

## Celebration marks women's voting rights; author to speak on prominent GOP leader

Author Sara Fitzgerald will be the guest speaker at an event marking anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

The program, sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies and Michigan ERAmerica, will run 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at One-Under Restaurant and Banquet Hall, 35780 Five Mile, between Farmington Road and Levan, Livonia.

It is co-sponsored by Business and Professional Women/MI, Coalition of Labor Union Women, League of Women Voters/MI, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit, Women's Officials Network, and Zonta International.

Fitzgerald authored *Elly Peterson: Mother of the Moderates*, a book about the first woman to serve as chair of the Michigan Republican Party. Peterson

also was the first woman to run for U.S. Senate from Michigan. A staunch supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, she served as co-chair of ERAmerica.

The luncheon costs \$25. Cost after Aug. 13 is \$30.

Make checks payable to Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies (MiCERS) and mail to 21697 McClung, Southfield, MI 48075-7804. Questions? Call (248) 355-5233 or (734) 425-3572.



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Groups offer inoculations, feral cat training

**LOW-COST VACCINATIONS**  
Tail Waggers 1990 will offer two opportunities to get dogs and cats inoculated locally and at low cost this month. Clinics run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 at Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebelt, in Livonia; and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Wags to Whiskers, 44711 Five Mile, Plymouth. Vaccines for rabies, distemper and bordetella will be available for a package price of \$30 or \$12 for individual vaccines for dogs. Rabies and distemper for cats are priced at \$12 each. Microchips will be offered for \$30, which will include registration, and heartworm tests

will cost \$18 and will be available only on Aug. 7.  
Tailwaggers 1990's low-cost vaccination clinics are open to everyone living in any city, regardless of income level.  
**FERAL COLONIES**  
The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) will hold its third workshop for residents who want to help reduce the number of homeless cats and provide feral cats with much-needed care. The workshop will teach residents how use a "Trap-Neuter-Return" (TNR) strategy, which has proven to be the most effective and humane way of handling feral cats. The program, launched

in May, aims to sterilize thousands of feral cats in the coming years.  
The program helps individuals learn what it takes to manage a feral cat colony near their home or place of employment. Caretakers will be trained on proper techniques and equipment to humanely trap feral cats, that they'll bring them to the Michigan Humane Society for sterilization and care. Afterward, the animals will be released back to their habitat.  
The workshop is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Michigan Humane Society's administrative office, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, in Bingham Farms.



Register online or get more information at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) or by phone at (866) MHUMANE (648-6263).

Plymouth theater holds open house, auditions

Parents and children will get a chance to meet new instructors and learn about the Plymouth Uptown Players' (PUPS) children's theater program from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, in Plymouth.  
Refreshments will be served, and instructors and their assistants will perform improv at the open house. Anyone who attends the open house will receive \$10 off PUPS fall registration fees.  
The Plymouth Uptown Players is an experimental theatre group that is made up of elementary and middle school aged children. The program, which began in the mid-1990s, teaches children everything about producing and acting in a play including costumes, sets, directing and working together as a team with other cast members. Children may audition for the group's productions each fall and spring. All children who audition receive a part, and casts generally are divided by age group. The program culminates in performances, open to the public, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Some of the casts are invited to perform for local elementary schools as well.  
PUPS instructors for fall 2011 are Katelyn Sigworth and Cara Bosco. Sigworth joins the PCAC with more than six years of experience

working with children's theatre groups. She was instrumental in the founding of the PCCS middle school drama workshop program, and Second Stage Players at Canton High School. Bosco recently graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and an additional major in psychology. She has performed in a variety of theatrical productions and recently worked at The Williamston Theatre where she earned her Equity Membership Candidacy.  
Registration for the PUPS program begins Sept. 1. The cost for the program is \$150 per actor, along with an annual \$30 PCAC membership fee. Auditions are 5-9 p.m. Sept. 8. Actors can drop in anytime during the audition period to try out. The first PUPS rehearsal is Sunday, Sept. 11, with times and days to be determined based on cast sizes. Final performances will take place Dec. 9-11.  
The open house, auditions, rehearsals and performances will take place at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.  
More information about the PUPS program and the Plymouth Community Arts Council is available at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) or by calling the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

REUNION CALENDAR

**Belleville High School**  
**Class of 1971**  
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.  
**Dearborn Fordson**  
**Class of 1954**  
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.  
**Dearborn High School**  
**Class of 1976**  
35th reunion, Saturday Aug. 13. For details visit <http://www.dhs1976.myevent.com>.  
**Dearborn Heights Robichaud**  
**Class of 1961**  
50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.  
**Dearborn Heights Crestwood**  
**Class of 1981**  
30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaia) Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.  
**Detroit Cody**  
**Class of 1961**  
50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callar Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.  
**'50s and '60s**  
Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

**Detroit Henry Ford**  
**Class of 1971**  
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.  
**Detroit Mackenzie**  
**June Class of 1961**  
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.  
**Class of 1962**  
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.  
**Detroit Northwestern**  
**Class of 1950-51**  
Three-day event, Aug. 12-14. Anyone interested may contact Marlene Oleson Hanna at (313) 937-8233.  
**Class of 1971**  
Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnhshs40th71@yahoo.com  
**Farmington High School**  
**Class of 1961**  
A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.  
**Ferndale High School**

**Class of 1961**  
4:10-4:25 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522.  
**Garden City East & West**  
**Classes of 1966-67**  
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.  
**Garden City High School**  
**Class of 1986**  
25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.  
**Garden City West**  
**Class of 1981**  
30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (734) 751-2424.  
**Ladywood High School**  
**Class of 1961**  
Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacq@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.  
**Livonia Bentley**  
**Class of 1961**  
Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twm1.rr.com.  
**Livonia Franklin**  
**Class of 1966**  
45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and

contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.  
**Plymouth High School**  
**Classes of 1951-52**  
Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.  
**Classes of 1965-66**  
6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170.  
**Redford Union**  
**Class of 1971**  
6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Tickets purchased before July 31 are \$38. Tickets after that date are \$48. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUH571@yahoo.com  
**Class of 1962**  
Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012. E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at linda-tracy100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at padlinmadeline@gmail.com.  
**Royal Oak High School**  
**Class of 1951**  
A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fried Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjl Locke@aol.com

Bowling benefits senior bus campaign

Botsford Commons will sponsor a bowling outing 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.  
All proceeds will benefit the "Next Stop, Our Bus" campaign, a Botsford Foundation project that aims to buy a handicap-accessible bus for the Farmington Hills senior community.  
Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids and reservations are required. The price

includes two hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. Pizza only is \$5. The event also will include a bake sale and 50/50 drawing.  
The "Next Stop, Our Bus" campaign is close to the heart of Botsford Commons residents.  
"I would be truly unhappy if I couldn't make it to the local elementary school to read with the children," said assisted liv-

ing resident Sherry Hamilton, referring to one of the many community outreach and charity projects in which Botsford Commons residents participate. "This bus is about our lives touching the community and impacting others."  
Merri-Bowl Lanes is located at 30950 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For questions or to donate an item for the bake sale, call Colleen Kashawlic at (248) 426-6943.

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## AUG. 7-10

### Card party

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10

**Location:** Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, between Farmington Road and Drake, West Bloomfield

**Details:** The card party and buffet luncheon will raise money for the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section's programs for victims of domestic abuse and other projects. Cost is \$40 per person. Players will make their own foursome, bring cards, Mah Jong or games, and send in payment for an entire table

**Contact:** RSVP to (248) 355-3300 Ext. 0

### Crafters needed

**Time/Date:** Accepting applications now

**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product

**Contact:** (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpoffice@arounddetroit.biz

### Preschool

**Time/Date:** For the 2011-12 school year

**Location:** 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool is enrolling now for children who will be 3-5 years by Dec. 1

**Contact:** Call (734) 464-0211 ext. 208 or e-mail to tinytotslivonia@yahoo.com

### Widowed Friends

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, Aug. 10

**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Italian buffet dinner is \$12

and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Stay after for games, conversation

**Contact:** RSVP by Aug. 7 to Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348

## AUG. 11-17

### Lunch and Learn

**Time/Date:** Following 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service on Aug. 13, 20, and 27

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads the series on "New Perspectives in Jewish Law. Topics are "Can a deaf person use sign language to have an aliyah?" on Aug. 13; "Are we obligated to immunize our children?" on Aug. 20 and "Should a nonprofit organization return donations of ill-gotten gains?" on Aug. 27. No knowledge of Hebrew is required

**Contact:** (248) 851-6880 or www.cbahm.org

### Rummage sale

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 18-19

**Location:** St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** Held outdoors at the church

**Contact:** (313) 538-1142

## ONGOING

### AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

### Classes/study

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

**Faith Bible Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

**Location:** 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

**Also ongoing:** "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits.

**Contact:** (734) 464-7990

**Men's Bible study**

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church**

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Nicole's Revival**

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**Ward Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Clothing bank**

**Canton Christian Fellowship**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth

Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

**Food Bank**

**New Hope Church**

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Contact:** Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

**Moms**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children.

**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

**Pet-friendly service**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

**Prayer**

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

**St. Edith Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 7000 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together, prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** (734) 459-3333

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11:30, 2:00, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15  
FRI/SAT LS 11:35

Ⓢ **COWBOYS & ALIENS (PG-13)**  
11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30  
FRI/SAT LS 12:00

Ⓢ **CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13)**  
11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20  
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11:10, 4:30, 7:10

Ⓢ **3D HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART 2 (PG-13)**  
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FRI/SAT LS 11:50

Ⓢ **HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART 2 (PG-13)**  
12:30, 6:25

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12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45  
FRI/SAT LS 11:55

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# CALENDAR

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## St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturdays

**Location:** In the church rectory conference room, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** St. Monica's Prayer Group is open to all women who want to support one another in praying for their children, regardless of age.

**Other prayer sessions:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday, includes parish prayer and Eucharistic adoration, with Benediction service following.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

## Preschool

### Ward Preschool

**Time/Date:** 2011-12 school year  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec. 1.  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

## Singles

### Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce; those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

**Contact:** The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lef@dwo.org

### First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

### Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

**Contact:** (313) 534-0399

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

## Song Circle

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

## Support

### Apostolic Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA-I-C Older Americans Act.

**Contact:** (734) 261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

### Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, ext. 244

### Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

### Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at (734) 981-2519

### Riverside Park Church of God

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a

specialty in dementia care. Includes a planned program that includes a variety of health, social and support services in a protective setting. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** (734) 367-4220 or (734) 464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or e-mail to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-8451.

### St. John's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. the first and third Friday

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.  
**Contact:** Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

### Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m.

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

**Contact:** Margaret at (734) 838-0322

### Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** (313) 387-9797; www.oa.org

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

**Contact:** Child care, (248) 374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.

wardchurch.org/celebrate

## Thrift store

### St. James Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

### Way of Life Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** (734) 637-7618

## Tour

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** (313) 579-2100, ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

## Worship

### Adat Shalom Synagogue

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** (248) 851-5100

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

### Congregation Bet Chaverim

**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial

soloist Robin Liberator

**Contact:** www.facebook.com/betchaverim or e-mail to betchaverim@yahoo.com

### Due Season Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.  
**Contact:** (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

### Faith Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages

**Location:** 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

**Contact:** Visit www.livonfaith.org

### Garden City Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m. youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m. informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday.

**Location:** Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

**Contact:** (734) 421-7620

### Good Hope Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

### Grace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

**Location:** 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

**Contact:** (734) 637-8160

### His Church Anglican

**Time/Date:** 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna

**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Contact:** www.HisChurchAnglican.org; (248) 442-0HCA

### Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.

**Location:** 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 427-1414

### New Beginnings United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford

**Contact:** (313) 255-6330

### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615 or www.newlife-communitychurch4u.com

### Plymouth Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

**Details:** Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.

**Contact:** (734) 453-5534

### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service.

**Location:** 37775 Palmer, Westland

**Contact:** (734) 722-1735

### Riverside Park Church of God

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

### St. John Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m. Sunday; and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service Sunday.

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

### St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** Contemporary service, held 11:30 a.m. fourth Sunday of the month

**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 422-6038

### St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 422-1470

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## MILESTONES



Stanley and Janet Durst of Livonia

## 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Stanley and Janet (McMath) Durst of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 19. They were married in 1951 at Evergreen Village Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Their children are Daniel Durst of Livonia, Jennie Durst McIntyre of St. Clair Shores and the late Peter Durst. They also have three grandchildren.

Stanley was retired from employment with the State of Michigan 28 years ago. Janet is

a homemaker. Both volunteer at Fort Street Presbyterian Church where they help feed the homeless.

The Dursts marked their milestone anniversary with two celebrations. They dined with their children and grandchildren at Rocky's in Northville and a party with extended family was held at the home of a nephew in Novi. Janet is of Scottish descent, so the couple also renewed vows in a mock royal wedding ceremony. All women in attendance were asked to don festive hats during the ceremony.

## OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Audrey M. Sim and Albert G. Urpsis, Jr., both of Royal Oak, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mrs. Alexander J. Sim of Northville, is a 1986 graduate of Farmington High School and Albion College. She holds an M.D. degree and is in private medical practice.

Her fiancé, son of Albert G. Urpsis, Sr. and Allison Withey of Royal Oak, formerly Farmington Hills, is a 1986 Farmington High School graduate. He graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma and works for St. John Health System's



Sim-Urpsis

Neurological Recovery Systems.

An October 2011 wedding is planned at Meadowbrook Country Club.

## 2012 WEDDING PLANNED

Megan Reed and Ryan Koch, both of Royal Oak, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Lee and Linda Reed of Grosse Ile, graduated in 2011 from Western Michigan University and is employed by Sachse Construction in Birmingham.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Susan Koch of Commerce Township, formerly of Plymouth, graduated in 2009 from Western Michigan University. He is employed by Chrysler Corp., in Auburn Hills.

A wedding is planned for 2012.



Reed-Koch

## JULY WEDDING

Kristie Wyler and Todd Yerman were married July 23, 2011, on the Front Porch of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

The bride, daughter of Rita and Bill Wyler of Westland, is the owner of Metro Dance Company, Plymouth.

The groom, son of Mark Yerman, Lawrence Chevalier and Fran Yerman, all of Columbus, Ohio, is director of business development for Hart Associates.

The couple took a honey-



Yerman-Wyler

moon trip to Saint Martin. They reside in Plymouth.

## SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Jay Melancon of Plymouth and Beverlee Melancon of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Melancon Arbury, to William Franklin Snodgrass, son of Henry Snodgrass of Edinburg, Texas, and Mary Pat Wright of Texarkana, Texas.

Laura grew up in Howell and graduated from the University of Michigan. She lives in Fort Collins, Colo., and is a financial adviser for Edward Jones Investments.

Bill lives in Thornton, Colo., and is a program manager for LMKR in Denver, Colo.

They plan to marry in September 2011 in Estes Park,



Arbury-Snodgrass

Colo. The couple will make Fort Collins their home after the wedding.

## FINN ARRIVES

Finn Francis Cahill was born July 26, 2011, at University Hospital, in Augusta, Ga.

He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20.4 inches.

Finn joins his parents, Courtney Cahill and Lindsay Satchell, and big brother, Alistair, 2, at home in Aiken, S.C.

His grandparents are Terry and Kay Satchell of Hendersonville, N.C., and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills.



Finn Francis Cahill



BURKHART, RICHARD C.

Age 84, Aug. 1, 2011 of Canton. Beloved husband of Lucille. Loving father of Richard, Jr. (Judy), Sandra (Flem) Stiltner, Linda (Eric) Partridge, Edward (Margery) Burkhardt, Karen (Tom) Miller and Mary Ann (Greg) Ferrell. Proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Dear brother of Ernest (Esther), Doris (the late Lou) Schoop, the late Homer (Lois), Paul (Pat), the late Edna (Lester) Cummings and William (Gayle). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Wednesday 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service was held Thursday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Crosswalk Community Church of the Nazarene 38600 Palmer Rd. Westland, MI 48186. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



BUSH, BARBARA J.

Of Plymouth, Mi age 65 passed away July 2011. She was born in Dearborn, Mi, the daughter of Clyde & Blanche (Lark) Thrasher. She grew up in Dearborn and met her husband Donald E. Bush at the Dearborn Youth Center. They dated for five years and married on June 11, 1966. Barbara attended Detroit Business College and worked as a legal secretary and as an executive secretary at ARA Food Service before becoming a co-owner in O. & D. Bush Jewelers, for 30 years. Barb raced Corvettes with her husband at local, state, and national level, participating in autocross and tracks racing across the country. She earned many club and regional championships. She was a member of the Corvette Club of Michigan, and the National Council Corvette Clubs, for 35 years and the legend Corvette Club. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Donald Bush of Plymouth, Mi and daughter Tammy Cameron of Concord, N.C. and son in law Dave Cameron. Her brother Ken (Linda) Thrasher of Sterling Heights, Mi. A funeral service was held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Memorials may be made to http://www.pancan.org/ or mail to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network 1500 Rosecrans Ave Ste 200 Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266-3721 in Tribute of Barbara J. Bush. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.



CRITCHER, ISABELLA L.

Age 91, August 4, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William Critcher. Loving mother of K. Norman (Rosemary) and Ronald (Mary) Copeland, Connie (Bob) Laurin, Bill (Joie), Harold (Sharon) Critcher, and Carolyn (Dave) Miller. Also survived by 27 grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Tuesday 11AM. Visitation Monday from 4-8PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John Providence Hospice, Paralyzed Veterans of America or Pendergast Center For The Blind and Disabled. Please share a memory at: www.rgharris.com



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DRAY, JAMES ANTHONY

Of Redford Township and Plymouth, Michigan passed away peacefully July 27, 2011 in Naples, Florida where he had been residing the past year. James was born November 14th, 1922 in Buffalo, New York. James honorably served his country in the United States Air Force as a B24 tail gunner during World War II. He flew thirty-seven missions for which he received decorations. He attended Wayne State University and accepted a position with Michigan Bell Telephone where he distinguished himself with a thirty-seven year career before retiring. He served as a Post Commander at the Plymouth VFW and was a member of the Optimist Club and Plymouth Elks. His greatest achievement centered on the family his wife, Lorraine, and he built together with their two daughters. He adored his three grandchildren and enjoyed watching and supporting their growth into successful individuals. He loved shopping, winter in Michigan, golf, the shooting range, and afternoon coffee at McDonalds. He is preceded in death by his wife - Lorraine (Green) Dray. He is survived by his two daughters: Valerie (Dray) Mathews, Son-in-Law David Mathews, and Grandson James Mathews from Chicago, Illinois and Cynthia (Dray) Gayer, Son-in-Law Thomas Gayer, Granddaughter Lorraine Lee Gayer, and Grandson Thomas (TG) Gayer from Naples, Florida. A Memorial Service will be held Monday August 15, 2011, 12 noon at The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Friends may visit at church beginning at 11am. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth with Military Honors. Memorials may be made the American Diabetes Association. www.diabetes.org To sign the guest book: www.schrader-howell.com

HANCE, BRUCE D.

August 4, 2011, age 86. WW II Veteran and lifelong supporter of Denison University. Husband of the late Nancy. Dear father of Deborah Paulick (Rodney) and Cindy Van Dusen (Tom). Grandfather of Jennifer, Jessica, John, Joseph, and Patrick. Brother of Virginia Becker. Memorial Service to be held at a later date. Memorial Tributes to Denison University Annual Fund, P.O. Box 716, Granville, OH 43023, Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, or Charity of the Donor's Choice. A. J. Desmond & Sons (248-362-2500).

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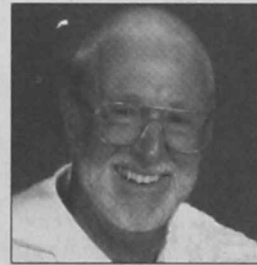


LEE, ARTHUR, J.

Age 90, January 29, 1921-August 1, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Jeanne. Father of Michael (Sharlene), Suzanne (Bill) Bowman, Gordon J. and Shirley A. (Peter) Santino. He is the grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 5. WWII Navy Veteran and retired from Ford Motor Livonia Transmission. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile today, Thursday 4-9 pm and 10 am Friday before procession to Parkview Memorial. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

MIKA, VICTOR

Age 65, July 28, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Stanley & Margaret. Survived by his loving siblings, Marge (Raymond) Gabel, Mike (Joyce), Tony, Stan (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews. Best friend of Wally and Sue Pociask. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Memorial gathering Thursday 2pm until the Memorial service at 5pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com



McCULLY, JR.

DUDLEY "SKIP" LISLE

Born in Pittsburgh, PA on November 19, 1933, Skip, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on July 20, 2011 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI. After earning a Masters in Automotive Engineering from Chrysler Institute, Skip became one of the original "Ram Chargers" in 1957 developing the record breaking C/Altered "High and Mighty" drag racer. In 1964 he joined the Pontiac racing program and did design work on the Pontiac GTO and Super Duty 455 Engine Program. He was active on stage with Avon Players in Rochester, the US Power Squadron/Birmingham as Boating Instructor and Commander in 1998, and later with "Three Lakes Assn." (TLA), in water quality research and loon management on Lake Bellaire. Skip is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy, son, Dana Lee, and daughter Alicia and husband, John Taylor. He was a proud grandfather of Darrin Lee, Megan Leigh, Michael Douglas and Mason Alan McCully, Trevor Duncan and Aaron Hung-Ta Taylor. A revised time/date for his Memorial Service is 7PM, Wed. August 17, 2011 at Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "TLA", PO Box 689, Bellaire, MI 49615, "Grass River Natural Area", PO Box 231, Bellaire, or the "Loon Network", PO Box 117, Alden, MI 49612.



RUCKER, WILLIAM JAMES, SR.

Age 88, of Beckley, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2011 at his residence. Born July 1, 1923 in Ashland, KY, he was the son of the late John Garrett and Mildred Pratt Rucker. William was President and Chairman of the Board of Mt. Eagle, Proud Eagle and Northern Eagle Distributors. He was a member of the Beckley Presbyterian Church and a U.S. Army veteran of WW II. He was a Kentucky Colonel for 58 years and was looked upon as a Kentucky gentleman who wore a suit and tie everyday of his working life, lived by his word and did business with a handshake. He never believed in retirement and worked up until a year before he died. William had a love for thoroughbred horse racing and loved to attend the Kentucky Derby which he did for 60 consecutive years. He is survived by his wife to whom he was married for 55 years, Patricia Ann Johnson Rucker, son, William James Rucker, Jr. of Beckley; daughters, Cynthia Rucker Parkes of Winchester, VA, Catherine Rucker Parkes of Grand Rapids, MI and Carol Jo Rucker Butera of Dearborn, MI and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2011 at the Beckley Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robin Debnam officiating. Friends may visit with the family at the church from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Friday. Pallbearers will be Bradley Parkes, William James (BJ) Rucker, III, Brian Rucker, Patrick Parkes and Chad Parkes. On line condolences may be left at www.calfceeth.com. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Southern West Virginia, P.O. Box 1472, Beckley, WV 25802 or The Beckley Presbyterian Church, 203 S. Kanawha St. Beckley, WV 25801. Arrangements by Calfee Funeral Home, Beckley.

ROLLINS, DEBORAH "DEBBIE"

Aug 4, 2011, Age 41 of Westland. Beloved daughter of Chris and Renee Rollins. Loving sister of Bradley. Dear granddaughter of Edward and Patsy Rollins. Dear niece of Karen (Michael) Gossett, Matthew (Sarah) Rollins and Nicole Rollins. Dear friend of Cynthia Barton. Debbie will be deeply missed by "Tiger". Funeral Tues 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Visitation Sun 3-9 PM and Mon 3-9 PM. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West.

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SMITH, ALMA

100, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at Brownsboro Hills Healthcare Center in Louisville, Kentucky, with her great niece and her great, great niece at her side. She was born October 26, 1910, to Prince Garfield and Mary (Mead) Huston. Reared on a farm near Salem, Indiana, she moved to the city with her parents and graduated from Salem High School in 1929. She received her bachelor's and master's degree in mathematics from Indiana University. After graduation she was involved in the development of the personal computer and was recognized as an expert and teacher in the emerging field of computer science. From 1943-1956, she was employed by General Motors and taught at Oakland Community College from 1965-1975 in Birmingham, Michigan where she and her husband, Warren made their home until his death in 1987. An active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham for thirty years, she was known for her beautiful needlepoint and was a member of the Needlework Guild, an accomplished organist, and an avid bridge player. In 1988, she became a resident of the Franklin United Methodist Community in Franklin, Indiana. For many years, she continued her interest in playing bridge, raising flowers in their greenhouse, and greeting newcomers. She was a lady of great generosity and strength. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ernest C. Huston, and Elmo F. Huston, and a sister, Virginia H. Cauble. She is survived by two nieces, Ernestine Huston Thompson of Augusta, Georgia and Mary Jane Huston Bennett of Louisville, Kentucky, and a nephew Ronald Cauble of Berkeley, California; two great nieces, four great nephews, eleven great, great nieces and nephews, and three great, great, great nieces. She chose to be cremated and her ashes buried with her late husband in the Memorial Garden of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. The family would like to thank the staff at Franklin United Methodist Community and Brownsboro Hills Healthcare system for the care they gave to her. Arrangements entrusted to: Arch L. Heady-Cralle Funeral Home, Louisville, KY. www.archlheadycralle.com to leave a condolence with the family.

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## Parents can stress nutrition, safety at physical exam

Annual physical exams are the perfect time for parents and family physicians to collaborate and teach children healthy lifestyle practices, according to University of Michigan family physicians and pediatricians.

Although exams are primarily designed to assess youngsters' physical health, visits can be used as a time for conversation.

"For children between 5 and 12 years old, the counseling aspect of the annual physical is important because children in this age group are establishing patterns of behavior that may last a lifetime," says Dr. Margaret Riley, clinical lecturer of family medicine at the U-M Medical School. "It's important for children to be counseled on leading a healthy lifestyle by their parent or guardian as well as their regular physician."

Discussions also help children develop a positive and trusting relationship with their doctor, Riley says.

Along with the routine physical exam, Riley suggests that parents, physicians and children should talk about healthy lifestyle practices and accident prevention. This includes discussing the importance of eating a proper diet and getting regular exercise, limiting screen time, getting adequate sleep, and the dangers of high risk behaviors. Discussion of each topic varies according to children's age, and should be tailored to the individual child's needs.

### • Dietary counseling

Parents and physicians should take advantage of annual visits to remind children of the value of eating fruits and vegetables and limiting sugary beverages and processed foods.

"It's important that children are educated early on about the importance of eating healthy food like lean meats, whole grains, low fat dairy, beans and fish," Riley says. "Teaching children portion control will also help them to avoid becoming overweight."



### • Physical activity

Although it's up to parents to ensure children get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day, family physicians and pediatricians can encourage kids to stay active by offering a straightforward explanation of the benefits of exercise.

"Physicians can explain to children how different activities help keep their muscles, heart and bones strong," Riley says. "Demonstrating to kids that even fun activities like playing tug-of-war and swimming help keep them healthy will encourage them to remain active."

### • Screen Time

"The more time children spend in front of a screen, the higher their risk of obesity," Riley says. "This includes time spent watching television, playing video games or using the computer."

The average child spends 7.5 hours a day in front of a screen, but the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than one to two hours of quality programming each day for school-aged children.

"To minimize the risk of obesity, it's critical that parents and physicians work together to encourage kids to cut down on time spent in

front of a screen," Riley adds.

### • Sleep

Inadequate sleep can lead to behavioral issues, difficulty concentrating at school, and has been linked with obesity.

"Children 5-12 years old need an average of 11 hours of sleep nightly, and getting enough sleep will help them feel their best," Riley says.

### • High-Risk Behaviors

According to a 2007 survey of youth in the U.S., 24 percent of those younger than 13 had their first drink of alcohol, 15 percent had smoked an entire cigarette and 8 percent had tried marijuana.

"Screening for high-risk behaviors should occur during annual visits for those 11 years and older," Riley says. "Early screening reduces the risk of substance abuse related injuries, motor vehicle crashes and substance dependence in adulthood."

### • Safety

Accidents are the leading cause of death in children ages 5-12, and many injuries are preventable and predictable.

"Motor vehicle accidents and drownings cause the majority of injuries in children," Riley said. "Families should be counseled on traffic safety including seat belts and bike helmets, and children ages 5 and up should be taught to swim."

For more information, visit [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org).

## Walk raises money for diabetes research

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is accepting registration for its fundraising walk, Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes planned for Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Detroit Zoo.

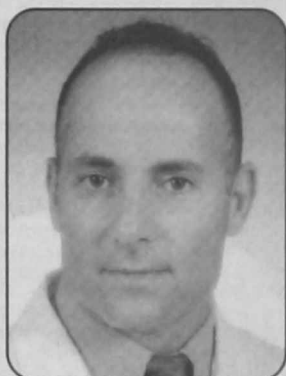
Nearly 26 million Americans — over 1 million in the State of Michigan — have diabetes. Although an estimated 18.8 million individuals have been diagnosed, another 7 million are unaware that they have the disease. If current trends continue, one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050.

"Diabetes is a devastating disease that touches us all," said Christina Johnson, ADA special events manager. "Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is such a wonderful event for friends and co-workers to come together and help change the future of diabetes. The camaraderie and spirit that is enjoyed by participating in this event is priceless."

To register, volunteer, sponsor or find out more information, visit [diabetes.org/stepout](http://diabetes.org/stepout) or call (888) DIABETES.

The American Diabetes Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides diabetes information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Founded in 1940, its mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

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# Overcoming The Unemployed "Stigma"

**Michael Froehls, author of "The Gift of Job Loss"**

In the movie "The Company Men," several managers get laid-off. One of them is afraid that the neighbors will find out. He dresses up in the morning, and then leaves home in a suit, only to return for dinner as if coming back from work. Apparently, he perceives the social stigma of unemployment to be higher than the many negative consequences of his behavior -- living a double life, missing opportunities within his network, and the inconvenience and inefficiency of scheduling an unproductive day. In short, a behavior that is emotionally destructive, wastes time and does not achieve positive results.

Let's take a closer look at the issue of social stigma. It comes in two parts and either one or both might apply to you:

1. Your own perception: You blame yourself for job loss. Or you feel like a victim. Either way, you are in shock. You might even think that your worth as a human being has declined. You believe there is social stigma attached to your situation without even knowing whether this is the case or not.
2. The perception of others: People might look down on you. Yes, for someone who has never experienced job loss and doesn't understand today's job market, unemployment is your fault.

The good news is that you can largely overcome both issues. Once you conquer your own fear and act accordingly, you will also raise the probabilities of overcoming any negative perception of others.

How to overcome your own negative perception

1. Understand the facts. Losing a job is nothing unusual during your 30-40 years of work until retirement. You have to expect it. Your risk of being dismissed is independent of your level of hierarchy, education or skills. Even your performance might not matter. If a merger happens, or a cost cutting program eliminates your unit, your job is history. Bad luck. Don't blame yourself. Move on.
2. Don't view yourself as unemployed. Don't call yourself "unemployed." View yourself as somebody "between jobs," somebody who is given time in exchange for losing a job. You might not even know at the time of lay-off whether employment, self-employment, or something else is in your future.
3. Use your time strategically. Don't just apply for jobs and watch TV the rest of the day. Use your time wisely. Perhaps, you would have



better job prospects if you were certified in your field? Go for it. Want to check out a different city with better opportunities in your area of expertise? Your time has come. Always postponed becoming fluent in a foreign language? Learn one now. Never had the time to shed unwanted weight? Put in the effort now. The options to use your time to lay the

groundwork for your personal and professional future are countless. The benefits could be amazing. By staying active, you are less likely to feel sorry for yourself. You acquire new skills and become a better job candidate. Your energy and

emotional well-being will show in the confident way you act in front of others. This includes the HR managers who will be impressed by you.

How to overcome the negative perception of others?

1. It does not matter -- disregard the noise around you. Who cares what others think? Whether you are unemployed, belong to an ethnic, religious or political minority, or whatever perceived shortcomings you have, there are always people who look down on you. Disregard them.

You can't please everybody. And should you come across companies that do not like to hire unemployed applicants, view it as their loss.

2. Change the perception of others through your actions. Notwithstanding the above, you will be surprised by how you can turn social stigma into admiration, even inspiration. If you use, let's say, a few months of your time between jobs to invest in your job skills, get healthy, help a charity, and enjoy a long-postponed dream vacation with your spouse, you will be surprised at how others now might perceive you as smart and driven. Why? You were strategic and used your time wisely, while others just waited for better things to come. Your positive attitude plus the results achieved will make you a stand-out job candidate. In sum, don't let perceived or real social stigma of unemployment weigh you down. Your attitude and actions can help you overcome your own negativity and the views of others. Your odds of landing your desired job have just gone up.

*Michael Froehls, PhD, is an independent management consultant and former global executive. He is the author of "The Gift of Job Loss." After losing his job during the recession, he used his time strategically by traveling, learning, and spending quality time with family. See [www.thegiftofjobloss.com](http://www.thegiftofjobloss.com).*

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- 5 1201, to Tiberius
- 9 Finish a dress
- 12 Involving the mouth
- 13 High spirits
- 14 Ignored a diet
- 15 Give the eye
- 16 Biannual event
- 18 Pit stop purchase
- 20 Must
- 21 Neon or nitrogen
- 22 Quick lunch
- 23 Trapshooting
- 26 — Butte, CO
- 30 Hoop site
- 31 Boathouse gear
- 32 NASA counterpart
- 33 Rainwater catcher
- 36 Contact
- 38 Polish
- 39 Little one
- 40 Ladder cousin

- 43 Action movie series
- 47 Spiny animal
- 49 Pavarotti piece
- 50 Not Dem. or Rep.
- 51 Old name for Sudan
- 52 Kan. neighbor
- 53 GPS
- 54 Egg on
- 55 Soften

## DOWN

- 1 Ill-mannered person
- 2 Jason's vessel
- 3 Benefit, often
- 4 Vehicle on runners
- 5 High plateaus
- 6 Filly's football
- 7 BTU kin
- 8 Dr. Scholl product
- 9 Nixon chief of staff
- 10 Write on metal

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 11 Bump into
- 17 Mild rebukes
- 19 Floor pad
- 22 Chilly comment
- 23 Min. fraction

- 24 Chiang — shek
- 25 RN stations
- 26 Little Engine verb
- 27 Reception
- 28 PC key
- 29 Telegraph syllable
- 31 Moon, in verse
- 34 Spruce
- 35 California motto
- 36 Small Old-World deer
- 37 Petroleum byproduct
- 39 Very snug
- 40 Carpenter's wedge
- 41 Lean toward
- 42 Sums up
- 43 Capsule, maybe
- 44 Survey finding
- 45 Barbecued dish slathered with sauce
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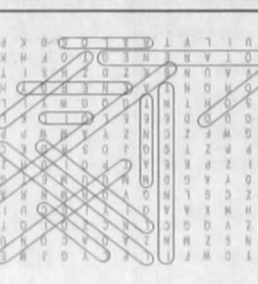
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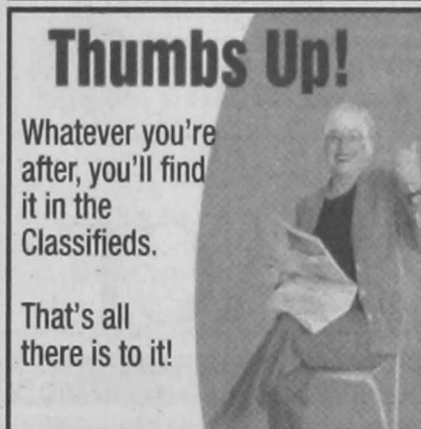
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By Dale Buss

Sales of Ford's newest U.S. models are mounting nicely. More Explorers already sold in the first half than all of last year. Focus sales were up 9 percent for the period despite second-quarter availability constraints. And Fiesta became Ford's third-best-selling nameplate during the first six months from basically nothing as it got its start a year earlier.

But even more important to Ford executives than the encouraging sales results is who are buying Explorer, Focus and Fiesta, and how much they're spending. U.S. purchasers are loading up these vehicles to a remarkable extent, and they are a younger cohort -- and more often from the West Coast - than Ford has enjoyed in decades.

"It's full steam ahead," said Robert Parker, group marketing manager for Ford, who professed that he's not even concerned that a full supply of Japanese-brand small cars and fuel-efficient crossovers expected in the second half will slow the momentum being enjoyed by any of the Ford nameplates. "We'll hit our stride when everyone else is also hitting their stride. We've compared extremely favorably with the competition and with the technology we have that the

competition doesn't have. We'll break through to a new set of buyers and retain the buyers we already have."

Overall inventory of the new Focus, launched earlier this year, has been turning in just 11 days, compared with a typical healthy level of 30 to 45 days, Parker said. Throughput for the Titanium version, the highest level for Focus - with leather seats, reverse camera and rain-sensing wipers -- has been just six days. "It's a better place to be than the alternative," he said.

The key has been how Focus has been drawing the younger buyers targeted by Ford, and how they've been driving away from dealerships with heavily contented cars. More than one in six Focus sales is to Millennial consumers, Ford said, more than for the Hyundai Elantra and equal to the fast-selling Chevrolet Cruze. And it is drawing more buyers ages 33 through 55 than before, while purchasers 56 years old and up are declining as a percentage.

"The design is getting attention," Parker explained, with Focus's hatchback rear end proving "a breakthrough for more Eurocentric buyers, people who were buying a European hatchback. Now we're on their radar. That includes more



The 2012 Explorer has become one of Ford's hottest sellers.

Ford's 2012 Focus is catching on with younger buyers who are purchasing them loaded.



higher-income buyers and import owners. But overall more important, he said, is "the technology inherent in the vehicle," especially Sync. The "take rate" for Sync in Focus is 75 percent, driven in part by customers enthused about how they can bring their own music on iPods and other devices into the car and just plug it in.

Fiesta is no slouch either. In June, it enjoyed a rousing 18-percent share of subcompact-car consideration on Edmunds.com, near the level it has had since its debut in mid-2010. Meanwhile, Fiesta's share of segment sales rose to 12 percent in June (and had been as high as 16 percent in March) from just 3 percent at launch. In the fevered environment for sales of gas-sipping cars in the first half, Fiesta's days-to-turn fell sharply, to 38 days at the end of June from 66 days at the end of March.

One way that Ford aimed hard at Millennial consumers with Fiesta was to make it much easier and more reliable for them to order accessories to trick out their rides. That has included putting Ford-authorized accessory wheels and interior

packages right on the dealership order form for the car. As a result, for instance, about 10 percent of Fiestas are ordered with an expensive "piano black-and-white" interior. And overall, more than 25 percent of Fiesta buyers throw in pricey accessory options.

As with Fiesta and Focus, higher contenting for the new Explorer version has become the norm, Peterson said, about 40 percent for the robustly appointed Limited series. Transaction prices are up about 10 percent over those for the model it replaced. The take rate for MyFord Touch in Explorer has reached 92 percent. More than 45 percent of all vehicle trade-ins for Explorer are conquests, with nearly 12 percent of the trades coming from luxury brands, Ford said. About 15 percent of purchasers of the new Explorer were getting rid of an older version of the SUV, up from 8 percent for the previous version.

Many consumers also are attracted by a 3mpg improvement in Explorer's fuel economy to a level that Ford said is segment-leading. "Every bit of fuel economy is a big deal right now," Peterson said.

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