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Caccamo resigns with 'great regret'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, an outspoken fiscal conservative and U.S. Marine who said curtailing government spending and trimming elected officials' salaries are among his proudest accomplishments in office, confirmed Wednesday "with great regret" his intention to resign effective Aug. 31.

Caccamo, GE Aviation's global business director for mission systems, cited the demands of a

job promotion as his reason for stepping down after nearly seven years, saying he would rather resign than fail to fully represent his constituents. Moreover, he said it is time to put his family, his faith and his career first.

Caccamo, 39, called his decision to step down a year early "bittersweet," but said it was the right move.

"I have always had country and (Marine) Corps at the top of my list, and now it is time to give God and family their deserved place, as both have certainly stood by me in my

darkest hours and have helped me in my greatest accomplishments," he wrote in a letter he e-mailed Wednesday to his board colleagues and township directors.

Caccamo lost his job in 2009 when GE Plastics was sold to an overseas entity, but said the "traumatic event" gave him a deeper understanding of the pain many residents faced amid an economic downturn. He found another job, but has since returned to GE.

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Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo said he'll resign effective Aug. 31.

Woman carves out woodworking career

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Sharon Newton bought her first table saw 25 years ago.

The rest is furniture-making history.

"I had always wanted to do woodworking," she said. "I love wood. I love the way it looks, and I like making things."

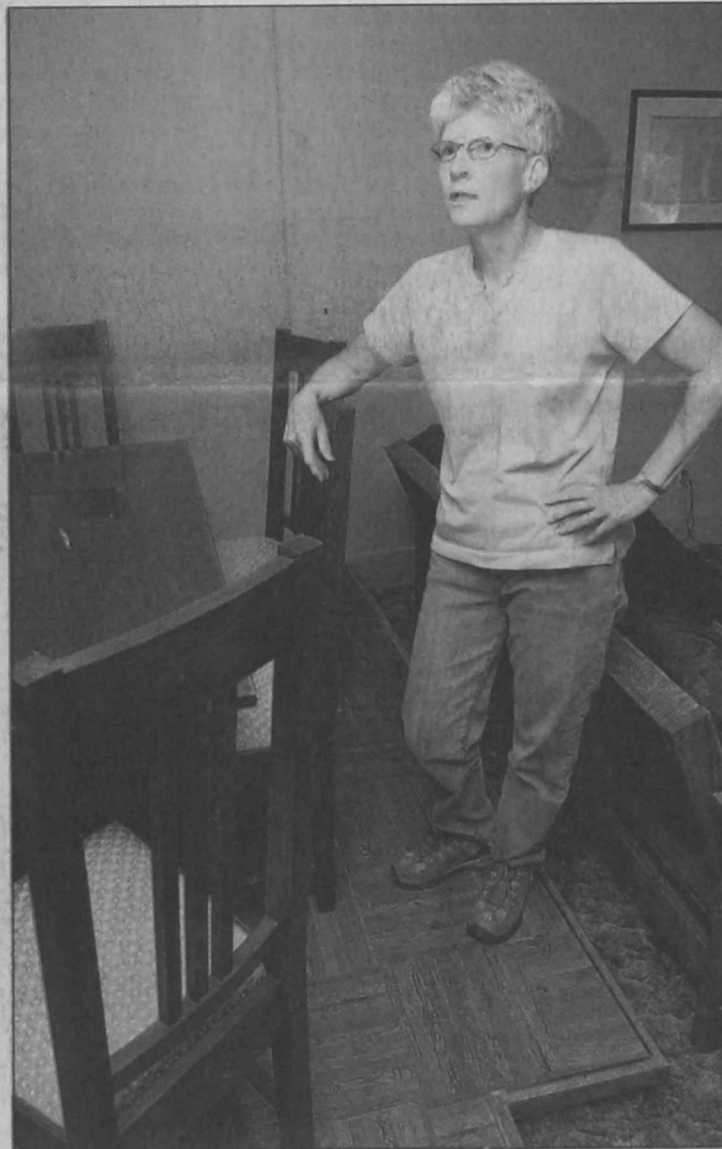
She has made Queen Anne jelly cabinets, a Shaker 10-drawer chest, Chippendale footstools, Ethan Allen night stands, portable church communion boxes, a bed for her brother's wedding gift, coffee tables and the cherry dining room set that she, husband Steve and sons Aaron, 21, and Charlie, 18, use at home.

Even as a youngster, Newton took toys apart, put them back together, made model cars and took a shop class in junior high school.

Newton, 52, grew up in Ann Arbor, attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids and earned her master's degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan. She worked for the U.S. Department of Defense and had private-sector jobs with Vector Research and General Dynamics before she quit to raise her two sons.

Dabbling at first

Along the way, Newton dabbled in woodworking, and she still has



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Sharon Newton built her family's dining room set from cherry wood.

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Canton firm pulls out, cuts 84 jobs

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a blow to the local economy, Durcon Inc. announced Tuesday it will close its Canton facility Nov. 1, idling 84 employees and consolidating its U.S. manufacturing operations inside its headquarters in Taylor, Texas.

Durcon, which makes laboratory work surfaces for medical and research facilities and classrooms, plans to pull out of its plant at 8464 Ronda Drive, south of Joy Road, and sever ties it has had with Canton since the late 1970s.

Local employees, who make \$10-\$30 an hour, will receive severance packages and assistance with job-search skills, the company announced, and workers will have opportunities to apply for jobs in Texas.

"This decision is not a reflection of the dedication, commitment or performance of our employees in Canton, but is based upon operational changes which will allow Durcon to best meet the needs of our customers in an increasingly demanding marketplace," company President and CEO Charles Heinzelman wrote in a statement. "We understand the impact this decision will have on our employees, their families, our supplier base and the communities in which we live and work, and we

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Lunch and a tour

The Canton Rotary will meet Aug. 15 for a picnic lunch and a tour of the Canton Historical Museum.

Those in the community who would like to know more about Rotary and the historical society can join the group at noon at the picnic shelter on Heritage Parkway west of Canton Center Road and next to the handicap-accessible playground. Visitors should bring a brown bag lunch.

After lunch, visitors will walk or drive to the museum and tour the exhibit, "Who's Farm Do You Live On?"

For more information, call Susan Kowalski at (734) 968-1436.

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Panel OKs Colbeck recall bid

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Petition language aimed at recalling state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, a freshman Republican from Canton Township, was approved Wednesday by the Wayne County Elections Commission.

The green light from the two-member panel means the Committee to Recall Patrick Colbeck will begin gathering signatures on its petitions in a little over a week, barring any appeal from Colbeck, said Mary Kelley of Northville Township, who filed the recall language. Colbeck's district includes Northville,

Canton and Plymouth townships, as well as the city of Plymouth.

Recall proponents object to Colbeck's support in March of legislation that allows the state officials to appoint emergency financial managers for communities or school districts deemed to be in financial trouble.

"The citizens don't want unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats taking control of our schools and communities after Lansing has imposed massive budgets cuts to drive them into budget crises," said Kelley, who attended the brief

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State Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, just elected in November, is the target of a recall effort.



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Caccamo, a Republican, won his first election in 2004 and captured his second four-year term in 2008 as the top vote-getter among candidates battling for four part-time township board trustee positions.

"He has been great," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "He is a very bright guy, and he is business-oriented. He has made a great contribution to the community."

LaJoy said he and the remaining board members will have a 45-day window to choose Caccamo's successor.

Caccamo, during an interview, recapped his time in office:

- He called for less government spending, specifically in what he called non-essential areas such as recreation offerings. He said strides have been made to rein in finances, though "I wish we had done it sooner."

- He said he supported televising study sessions and other efforts to make local government more transparent.

- He supported reducing elected officials' salaries, which since 2008 declined from \$127,073 to \$109,597 for the supervisor, \$103,730 to \$93,850 for treasurer and clerk,



Caccamo

idents who opposed the new Hindu Temple of Canton on Cherry Hill Road — and he encouraged their involvement — he said they "shook my hand" even though he ultimately voted to support the project. "The law was very clear on what we had to do."

- Caccamo said he strongly opposed a one-time proposal to replace the Fellows Creek Golf Course with a shopping center.

- Though it forced him to take a one-year leave of absence from the board, Caccamo, a U.S. Marine in the 1990s, returned to service in 2006-07 as a mobile strike platoon vehicle commander in Iraq. He also did intelligence work. He said he believes his constituents understood his need to serve his country.

Caccamo said his resignation means he can focus on his career and his family — wife Kay and sons Carter, 4, and Dominic, 2 — though he has been "very, very lucky" to have served in office.

Reflecting on his years in office, he said some of his supporters have become active in the Tea Party and its push to reduce government size and spending.

"You could say we had our own Tea Party in Canton before it went mainstream," he said.

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CAREER

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toys such as a Volvo bus and a semi-trailer she made for her sons when they were young. She made everything from race cars to a xylophone for them.

"She's good," son Charlie said.

Newton and husband Steve — a General Motors Corp. engineer-turned-pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Canton — made their home here three years ago. They have lived in places such as St. Louis, where he attended Concordia Seminary, and Nebraska, where he had his internship.

Newton works out of her basement, and her woodworking talents are apparent throughout her home. Her attention to detail is eye-catching, such as a Chipendale footstool with shaped, cabriole legs complete with Philadelphia-style trifid foot. She sells her work and said she can design furniture to accommodate most budgets.

Other than her engineering background, Newton said she gained



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Sharon Newton uses hand tools as well as power tools. Here she planes a board.

confidence in woodworking by attending classes in the late 1990s taught by noted woodworker Joe Trippi of Livonia, who helped Newton hone her skills using hand tools and building period-piece furniture.

She uses a variety of wood — cherry, quarter-sawn white oak and red oak, poplar, ambro-

sia maple and Hawaii koa, among others. Every piece she creates is perfectly finished using just the right shellac, stain, top coat — whatever best suits a given project.

No rushing

Newton never rushes her woodworking.

"I get a lot of personal satisfaction from it," she

said. "It's good to see a piece come together."

It all happens in her basement, stocked with wood, a table saw, a band saw, a scroll saw, hand saws, chisels, screwdrivers, a router, hand planes and other tools.

"I built my own work bench," she said, smiling.

Newton buys her wood mostly from area retailers, and she estimated she works some 20 hours a week in her basement, which she fondly calls "the shop." She doesn't keep furniture in stock. Rather, she makes it as she receives orders.

To see her work, go to www.newtonwoodwork.com. She also may be reached by e-mail at sl@newtonwoodwork.com or by phone at (314) 267-1125.

Although she no longer works in the engineering industry, she certainly uses those skills for what she says is her true calling. Her background in engineering has served her well.

"I still like numbers and math," she said, "but woodworking is my passion."

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are working diligently to ensure all affected employees are provided the best assistance possible during this transition."

The company's decision will idle 84 employees and also affect outside contractors it hires.

Reached in his office, Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy called the news "extremely disappointing" due to the job losses. He also said Durcon and Wayne Pedlar, a Canton resident and the local division's general man-

ager, have supported the community by being involved in organizations such as the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

"We are very sorry to see them go," LaJoy said.

Pedlar, who is losing his job alongside other employees, said Durcon's decision had nothing to do with Michigan business taxes or any of Canton's policies. In fact, amid hopes in late 2009 of expanding, Durcon had received a tax abatement from the Canton Township Board of Trustees for a 50-percent tax break on new

equipment, or personal property.

Durcon, which has customers from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to Saudi Arabia, has announced it needs to consolidate its operations to become more efficient amid a still-tough economy.

In accordance with the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, Durcon has provided written notice of its Canton closure to the township, the state of Michigan's Workforce Transition Unit and each of the affected employees.

Durcon is billed as a

global leader in providing high-quality epoxy resin in work surfaces, Cordell Bennisson, vice president of operations, wrote in a statement.

"The consolidation of our U.S. operations will allow us to further leverage our supply chain and lean manufacturing strengths, and will ensure we continue to provide innovative solutions, products and services that exceed our customers' expectations and facility growth in new markets," Bennisson said.

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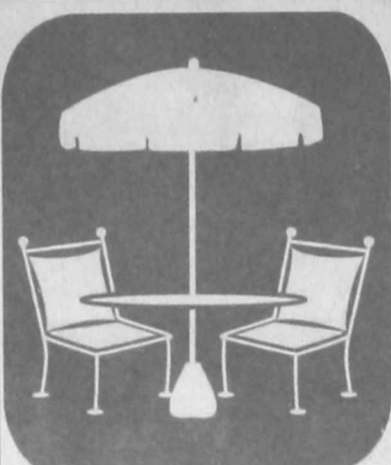
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Park officially goes to the dogs

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

As dogs barked and untimely rains fell, Canton officials, employees and residents Tuesday evening celebrated the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony of a six-acre dog park that already had opened its gate to more than 1,000 canine members.

The dog park began welcoming patrons in late May, but the official ribbon-cutting event was delayed due to a rainy spring season that saturated the grounds. Coincidentally, another heavy downpour early Tuesday left the area soggy yet again, but it didn't halt the ceremony.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, standing on a makeshift stage as rain fell, championed volunteers such as Friends of the Canton Dog Park for their three-year effort to champion the project and raise \$37,000.

"Dog lovers far and wide let us know of their desire to have a special place in Canton where



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Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy cuts the ribbon with a little help from Kim Michael, Trustee Pat Williams, County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, Debi Greene and Debbie Lawless.

they could allow their four-legged family members to run free in a safe environment," LaJoy said. "Our newest park in Canton does just that, providing a year-round secure environment for dogs to socialize and exercise."

LaJoy presented long-time dog park volunteers Debi Green, Kim Michael

and Debbie Lawless with bouquets of flowers to show the township's appreciation for their efforts. Shortly before the ceremonial ribbon was cut and a park plaque unveiled, LaJoy also lauded township employees who have been involved in the project.

Wayne County Kevin McNamara helped

secure an initial \$30,000 for a chain-link fence that surrounds the park and divides it into areas for larger dogs over 20 pounds and small dogs that weigh less.

McNamara said additional county parks funds totaling \$40,000 have been approved for a paved driveway local officials hope to install in



Debi Greene is one of the movers and shakers behind the project.

coming months.

"It will be this fall," Abe Vinitski, parks and golf supervisor, said.

The township also hopes by fall to install a small well to provide a water source at the off-leash dog park, along with an electronic entry device allowing members to enter.

The dog park will be open year-round from dawn to dusk. Township residents pay \$25 for an annual membership that covers up to three dogs; non-residents pay \$50.

With more than 1,000 dogs as members, Vinitski said the number has far surpassed the 500

canines that local officials had hoped to welcome by year's end.

Holiday Market of Canton sent cupcakes decorated with dog-paw icing to the event, and Three Dog Bakery of Plymouth handed out other treats and cards for "pupcakes."

Robin Krugler of Canton brought her Australian shepherd named Sydney.

"I love the dog park, and Sydney loves it," Krugler said. "We come here every Saturday and Sunday and sometimes in the evening."

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COLBECK

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hearing in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building in Detroit. Colbeck did not attend.

County Probate Judge Freddie Burton Jr., chairing the elections commission, said the petition language was approved as to its clarity, not as to its veracity. The petition simply cites Colbeck's vote in favor of Public Act 4 of 2011 — the emergency financial manager legislation — as the reason for

the proposed recall.

The committee needs approximately 27,000 petition signatures, from voters in Colbeck's district, to put a recall question on the ballot. Kelley said recall proponents are hoping to get the question on the ballot for a February 2012 special election. Once the committee begins collecting signatures, it has 90 days in which to gather the required amount.

Kelley said the committee has a goal of 40,000 signatures.

Calls to two Colbeck

spokeswomen Wednesday afternoon were not returned. Colbeck has 10 days in which to file an appeal to the commission's decision.

In addition to Burton, county Clerk Cathy Garrett was the other elections commission member present Wednesday. Burton was filling in for Milton Mack Jr., the chief probate court judge, and another regular member, Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz, also was absent.

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CRIME WATCH

Gunman escapes

An alleged gunman got away though no shots were fired during an incident that happened on Annapolis Circle, in a mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

Police initially went to a gas station at Michigan Avenue and Lotz and met with an alleged victim who said he had gone to Annapolis Circle to get repaid for a \$20 loan he made to a friend.

The victim along with another male went to the home and, while sitting in a car, was about to collect the money from the debtor when, according to a police report, a suspect came from "out of nowhere," produced a gun and threatened to kill the men.

The victim who had gone to recoup his money pushed the gas pedal and sped off.

Police went to the scene and initially received conflicting reports of what had happened. While there, one officer saw the suspect with a gun, but the gunman fled before he could be captured.

Home invasion

A woman called police after she saw a home invasion suspect inside her garage about 7 p.m. Monday in the 1400 block of Fairfax, northwest of Lilley and Palmer.

The woman was looking out her kitchen window when she saw a suspect, described as a teenage white male, walking from Fairfax toward her garage. She then heard him in the garage.

With her husband in the living room, the woman opened the garage door to confront the intruder, who ran away. Her husband got into his vehicle to chase the teen, caught up with him near Lilley and yelled for him to stop. Police also arrived, and the teen was caught and taken into custody.

The woman checked in the garage and said nothing appeared to be missing.

Counterfeit call

Canton police went to the Emagine Theater southeast of Ford and Lotz roads amid reports a man there had tried to use a counterfeit bill. The incident happened about 11 p.m. Monday.

The man told police he had gotten the money from his job at a Dearborn Heights pharmacy. He said he didn't realize it was fake and wouldn't have used it had he known.

Dumpster fire

Canton police went to Field Elementary School, on Haggerty south of Cherry Hill, following reports of a Dumpster fire about

4 a.m. Monday. An officer could see flames visible from the top of the Dumpster.

Canton firefighters arrived and doused the flames. No suspect was seen near the fire.

Apartment break-in

A man who was watching his girlfriend's apartment while she was in a hospital contacted police after he learned someone had broken into the residence between 6 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

The incident happened in the 44800 block of Trails Court, southwest of Joy and Sheldon roads.

The man said he returned to the residence and found that someone had stolen a television from the living room. He said the front door was locked but it appeared someone had gotten inside a sliding glass door. Officers found pry marks on the door.

Gun drawn

Canton police momentarily drew a handgun after stopping a motorist who got out of his car, even though he wasn't supposed to, during a traffic stop on Ford Road near Haggerty, according to a police report.

Police stopped a black Toyota 4Runner that had stopped on the shoulder while traveling westbound on Ford Road from I-275. The incident happened about 11:50 p.m. last Thursday.

Police got behind the vehicle and turned on a patrol car's emergency lights, prompting the driver to get out of his car and begin to approach the police car. Not knowing his intent, police drew a weapon and ordered the man to get back in the car.

Police ultimately learned that the man didn't speak English well and had been in the United States for a short time from India.

Drug warrant

Canton police arrested a man who was wanted on a warrant for heroin possession out of Monroe.

The arrest occurred just before 3 a.m. last Thursday near Michigan Avenue and Hannan while a police car was on patrol.

A traffic stop was made on the man's vehicle after he failed to stop before pulling out of a fast-food parking lot in a 2010 Ford Fusion.

After learning he had a warrant for his arrest, police took him into custody and turned his car over to a friend who was with him.

—Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Police posers face trial

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two suspects are facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid accusations they posed as police officers and robbed two men at the I-275 rest area in Canton.

Christopher James Kish, 31, of Livonia, and Bruce Jacob Norton, 25, of Tennessee, have been ordered to stand trial following their preliminary examination Friday in 35th District Court.

Police have said the incidents occurred shortly before 3:30 a.m. July 21 and led to charges against both men including two counts of unarmed robbery, two counts of larce-

ny from a person and one count of impersonating a police officer.

Though not wearing police uniforms, a police report indicated that two suspects flashed a badge, claimed they were police officers investigating suspicious behavior, walked two men from a rest stop vestibule to their vehicles, searched them and took their money.

Canton police quickly captured the suspects after receiving a phone call about suspicious behavior occurring at the rest stop.

If convicted, Kish and Norton could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison. Dur-

ing their July 22 arraignment, both men were ordered jailed with a \$25,000 cash bond.

Canton police say the arrests happened after authorities received a call about two suspicious men lurking amid shadows of the rest area prior to allegations they posed as police officers and robbed two men.

The badge they showed the victims apparently weren't real police badges. According to police, the victims were told they were being searched because police needed to scour the area to search for drugs and money.

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Streets, basements hit by flooding

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Torrential rains pounded Canton early Tuesday, causing flooding for the second time since late May.

Up to four inches of rain fell across Canton from midnight to 6 a.m., flooding an unknown number of basements and streets in water-logged subdivisions, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

"The (Rouge) River, the creeks and the streams are just full," he said Tuesday evening — a problem that caused neighborhood ponds to swell and spill into neighborhoods because they couldn't drain properly.

It appeared the worst flooding occurred

between Ford and Geddes roads from Canton Center west to the township line.

"We know there were basements and streets and yards flooded in Cherry Hill Village," Faas said.

He estimated that 2 to 3 feet of water flooded some village streets, such as McKinley.

Flooding closed the west portion of Pheasant Run Golf Course and most, if not all, of Fellows Creek Golf Course.

The township issued an advisory warning motorists to beware of flooded streets and imploring residents to use caution on sidewalks and other areas that might be flooded.

Faas said 3-4 inches of rain fell during a six-hour


period, exceeding what is considered a "100-year" rain event.

Township Engineer Tom Casari has said the 100-year rain means the statistical probability of it happening in a given year is 1 percent.

Yet, Tuesday marked the second time it has happened since late May, when waters rose so quickly that some major roads and intersections, such as Ford and Canton Center, were impassable to motorists.

At that time, Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said some drivers didn't want to get out of their cars until police officers helped them.

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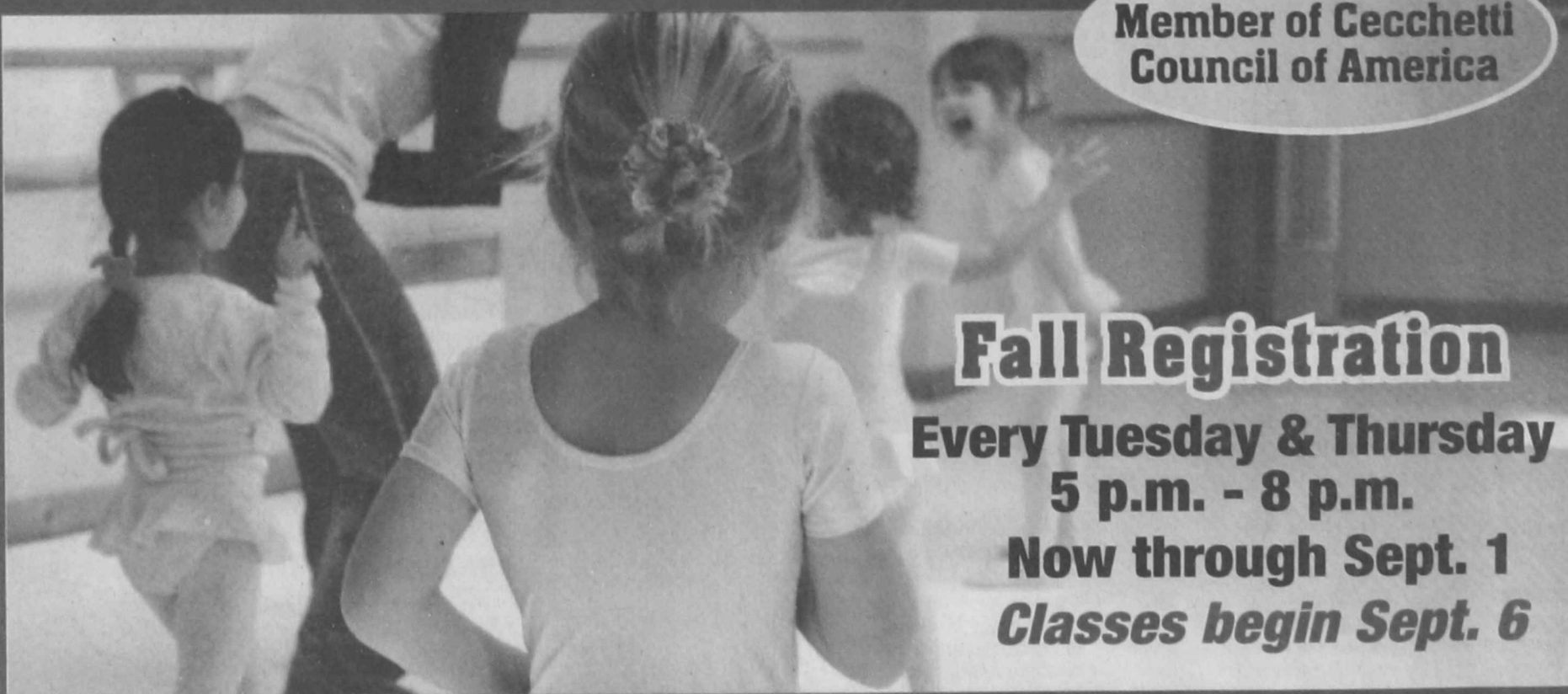


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Caleb Grady, of Livonia, tries out a wooden broadsword.

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Scottish heritage shines at Highland Games



Jon Snow, at right, of Troy, helps John Stonier, of Livonia, tune his bagpipes. They are warming up for competition with the Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums.



Derek Marshall, of Livonia, marches off for competition with the Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums.



Ryan Bidwell, of Canton, is Honour Guard captain for the St. Andrews Society of Detroit.



The Wayne County Sheriff tug-of-war team wins its first match. Pictured are Brian Rinehart, Brandon Barber, David Ethridge and Charles Carlson.

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

The 162nd Highland Games converged on Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Saturday.

An organizer estimated 12,000 spectators watched heavy athletics, including the caber toss, tug of war and stone put; highland dancing; and bagpipe playing.

Cathy Hasse, a chair of the Highland Games and a representative of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, said the crowds were entertained by 17 pipe bands. The tug of war featured teams representing the U.S. Army, Marines and also included the Wayne County executive's office with County Executive Robert Ficano cheering on his team.

Hasse said the heavy athletics are a crowd pleaser. The stone put is similar to today's shot put, but a stone is used. The caber is a 20-foot log that weighs about 120 pounds. The participant uses both hands to balance it and then uses his shoulders to heave it forward end over end.

The children enjoyed Wee Bairns, an area of children's games, and re-enactors kept busy informing the children about Scottish history.

One 5-year-old asked Hasse if she was



Matt Sypniewski, of Westland, earns a Marine Corps hat for completing pull-ups in the Marine Corps Challenge. Sgt. William Shepherd counts the reps.

"like the president," and inquired if she was in charge. She told him she was, and he had a suggestion.

"It's hot," he said. "Could you get some fans?" He said his father had some fans and that they could cool off the crowd.

"He had a kilt on and it was the first time



Six-year-old Hayden Levy colors his shield. He's watched by Dad, Phillip Levy. They are from Farmington Hills.

he wore it," Hasse said. "It matched his father's kilt. He had a big smile on his face."

Hasse said the organizers enjoy scheduling the event in Livonia and commended Mayor Jack Kirksey, Green-

mead, the Livonia Police Department and Schoolcraft College for their assistance. "It works out well with the shuttle from Schoolcraft College," Hasse said. "Greenmead is a nice place to be. There's a very bucolic setting there."



Hannah Coaster, 10, of Canton, cools off her Boxer, Dharma, in one of the wading pools at Saturday's Bark for Life event in Canton. Hannah also did the walk with her family and their other dog, Boston Terrier Sophie.

'Bark' relay honors canine caregivers

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When 9-year-old Lauren Pollock took the stage for her speech at the inaugural Bark for Life cancer event in Canton Saturday, she was less than a week removed from some of the best news a cancer patient can get.

Clean scans. And, at the event designed to honor canine caregivers for the help they provide during cancer treatment, Lauren told everyone about all of the dogs who've helped her along the way.

There's the family's Golden Doodle, Brady, and her grandparents' Havanese, Bailey. There's her aunt's Havanese Harley, and their beagle, Cooper. And, at the end of her treatment in 2009, her parents surprised her with the family's newest addition, a mini-teacup Yorkie, Libby Lu, who the doctor allowed Lauren to sneak into her last few treatments.

"I'm so thankful to have

been surrounded by my precious pups during my treatments," said Lauren, who made the trip with mom Judy from Goshin, Ind. "I have always been a huge animal lover, but during my cancer, I was so thankful for my dog buddies because they kept me company when I couldn't be at school."

It's that kind of love and companionship that prompted Cathy McFry to organize the first Bark for Life, which took place Saturday at Heritage Park in Canton. McFry, who is battling Stage 4 anal cancer and Stage 3 thyroid cancer, said her own dog, Bo, has so important to her battle.

That's why she contacted the American Cancer Society and told them she wanted to organize the Canton event.

"Through my journey, Bo has meant everything to me," McFry said. "There were many times when maybe I wouldn't even have gotten out of bed, but he'd need to go outside or eat. We

became very co-dependent, Bo and I. He's been a comedian, and he's been a great hugger, and a great listener."

McFry, who also takes part in the Relay for Life, said while that event honors human caregivers, she wanted to recognize canine caregivers, as well. She set a target of 100 dogs — "I'm pretty sure we got there," she said — and wanted to raise \$7,000.

Numbers weren't available, but McFry said the event had raised at least half that amount before it got started Saturday.

"It was important to honor the canine caregivers, because they mean so much to us on our journey," McFry said. "People and their dogs have a special relationship. It's not just cancer; it's anyone who's ill, or distraught or lonely. Dogs are just very special in the unconditional love they give you, and they deserve recognition, too."

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Groups band together for fourth school Blitz

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

As the Plymouth Salvation Army goes into its fourth "Back to School Blitz" to provide school supplies to needy children in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, Laurie Aren is hoping there really is strength in numbers.

As the economy continues to struggle and most charity organizations are scrambling for financing, the PSA and 21 other local civic groups, churches and other charitable organizations are combining their efforts to make sure kids have what they need when school starts next month.

"We reached out and asked because everyone is taxed in terms of funding," said Aren, director of family and community ministries for the PSA. "I thought everybody doing a little bit would be better than a few individual groups trying to do too much."

Aren expects the need to be higher this year than in other years, as families continue to struggle to make ends meet in a flagging economy. By mid-week, some 135 children had already applied. Aren said they're targeting some 350 youngsters.

She said 77 kids from 34 families had signed up in one week, with 14 interviews in a single day.

"The need is definitely there," Aren said. In addition to tradi-

BACK TO SCHOOL

What: Plymouth Salvation Army's Back to School Blitz
When: 1-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, in Belleville; 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Why: To provide backpacks, socks and underwear, and basic school supplies to children of families in need. Donors can drop off donations at either site on the scheduled days.

Contact: E-mail Laurie_Aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call (734) 453-5464 for eligibility criteria and other information.

tional school supplies, the drive aims to provide youngsters with clothing items — primarily new socks and underwear in all sizes — as necessary.

To help fill that particular need, the Plymouth Clothing Bank joined the ranks of Blitz participants.

Along with the clothing items, the Blitz is looking for items on the "School supplies wish list," including colored pencils, 24-count crayon boxes, one-subject notebooks, glue sticks, bottles of glue, markers, backpacks (especially for K-2 students), scissors (with rounded edges), yellow highlighters, one-inch, three-ring binders, red, black/blue pens, erasers, rulers, supply boxes/bags, composition books (wide ruled) and pocket folders.

The Canton AM Rotary Club has been working with the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank for some nine years, but this is the first time the Rotarians will be involved in the blitz. Club President Joan Noricks said her club hopes to contribute at least 50 backpacks to

the effort.

"We're excited about this," said Noricks, who also heads the Canton Community Foundation, which is also involved in the Blitz.

"The Salvation Army definitely knows how to do this, they've got the method for interviewing applicants and people are familiar with going to them for help. I think the best thing is everyone's coming together. We can definitely strengthen the community."

Increasing the number of organizations involved in the Blitz was "very strategic," Aren said, designed to "strengthen the safety net" in the community.

"Everyone was doing little pockets of help," Aren said. "This will strengthen other types of assistance and give everyone a better appreciation of what various groups can bring to the table."

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Teresa Ramsay said her Shyre Coffeehouse is family owned, with no corporate structure, allowing the shop to be as "dynamic as our customers."

Coffee shop mirrors dynamic customer base

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Shyre: We are a full service coffeehouse. Our menu includes brewed and iced coffee and tea, espresso beverages as listed under our business specialty, smoothies, and limited sweet snacks.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Shyre: When I got laid off last year, I realized I really wasn't that fulfilled in my previous job. So I started thinking about what I would love doing every day for the rest of my life.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Shyre: To be honest, my first choice would have been my hometown of Wayne. But Wayne already had an independent coffee shop, and I didn't think the demographic could support two coffee shops. Canton was the next logical choice because I spend a lot of time in Canton and I have a brother and a sister (and numerous nieces and nephews) who live in Canton.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Shyre: Our business is unique because it is truly a family owned and family run local business. We are not bound by a strict corporate structure and therefore our menu is as unique and dynamic as our customers and our prices don't need to support huge corporate structures. We can offer you what you want at a price you can afford. We also have the ability to react to our customers needs and wants as regards environment. Need a place to host a book club? We can do

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Your hometown: Wayne

Business opened when? June 25, 2011

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Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (we will open at 6:30 a.m. when school starts)

Your business specialty: Espresso drinks, including lattes, mochas, cappuccinos and frappes. We've also gotten great feedback on our smoothies and desserts, especially our genuine Scottish Shortbread.

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Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Shyre: Being open for only six weeks, we haven't experienced many big changes yet. I will say that after two weeks of zero customers between 6-7 a.m., we did change our hours to open at 7. Being here until 9 every night, that extra hour of sleep has meant the world to me!

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Shyre: Our neighbors and customers from the immediate surrounding areas have been extremely positive and supportive. I don't think we could have found a better neighborhood if we'd actually been able to talk to each customer beforehand. I hadn't even dared to hope that people would be so receptive and supportive.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Shyre: I think the economy has made it

a little more difficult to open a business. However, it did make us more careful. I really did my homework, for about 18 months, before we opened the door. On the other hand, a delicious coffee drink or smoothie is a great and inexpensive way for our customers to treat themselves.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Shyre: When you begin your planning for your new business, just concentrate on the next thing that needs to be done. Dwelling too much on the big picture can be overwhelming. But doing the next thing on the list, every day, will get you there. I laughingly say that had I known then what I know now, I would have been too scared to do it. But little by little, we did it.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Shyre: To a large degree this is up to our customers. We have a strong desire to be what the community needs. For us, we are looking to add an oven and possibly a coffee roaster so we can bake our sweets and roast coffee on site.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kroger days

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

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Robert M. Bilkie, Jr., CFA, President of the firm, said "Sigma aims to attract investment professionals with impeccable integrity, broad and deep analytical skills, and an ability to communicate well with clients. Suzanne Antonelli possesses all of these attributes and we are pleased that she has elected to join us."

Antonelli is a graduate of the University of Michigan where she was awarded a BA in Economics. In 2009 she earned the certified financial planner professional designation and is a member of the Financial Planning Association of North America.

Plenty of options for disgruntled NetFlix fans

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Last month wasn't a good month for NetFlix subscribers or anyone involved in the public relations function for NetFlix.

In July, the media company decided to raise rates by \$6 per month for subscribers currently enrolled in the NetFlix program, which allows for unlimited streaming media plus one DVD rental by mail at a time.

NetFlix said the increase was necessary because the original rate of \$10 per month wasn't cost-effective.

Users who receive media through online streaming didn't incur any rate increases. The rate increases for traditional users, however, splintered the fan base enough that negative sentiment could be seen across a variety of social networks and blogs.

Many subscribers posted on Facebook and Twitter that they were immediately cancelling their service and, with a 60-percent increase, rightfully so.

But when you think about it, \$16 per month for unlimited Internet movies isn't terribly bad. After all, it wasn't too long ago when a new release from Blockbuster cost a customer \$5 or more.

In fact, NetFlix is just one of many options TV and movie lovers have that wasn't available five



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

or 10 years ago.

In the last decade, TIVO and digital video recorders have become mainstays in

American homes. They provide much more convenient options than the VCR — as do cable companies such as WOW and Comcast, which offer on-demand new releases and free-on-demand for older media.

TV networks have also tried to lure viewers and advertisers to their sites by offering full episodes on their websites. Networks such as ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, MTV and more each offer full episodes of their most popular shows.

Hulu is another option for TV fanatics, or former NetFlix users who want to watch TV when it is convenient for them. The website offers streaming video of many popular television shows, including *30 Rock* and *Family Guy*.

For those looking to score the best legal deals on movies, though, the best option may be one of the most old-fashioned. Renting a movie from Red Box rentals costs as low as \$1 per night for new releases.

Red Box rental boxes require a credit or deb-

it card for payment, but they are conveniently located at retailers such as Walgreens or Kroger.

Red Box also offers low late fees. The late fee for a \$1 new release is only \$1 per day and coupons are sometimes available by shopping in stores where kiosks are available.

Family Video, which has a number of metro Detroit locations in cities including Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and more, also offers reasonable movie rentals, around \$2-\$3 per new release.

Driving to your local Family Video or Red Box may not be as convenient as flipping on your computer or Internet-enabled television, PS3, Nintendo Wii or Xbox, but depending on how often you rent, it may be a better value.

So if you are one of the many irked NetFlix subscribers or former subscribers unwilling to pay \$16 a month for your monthly rental plan, consider the other websites and rental opportunities that are available.

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Eleanor Josaitis — the petite powerhouse who for more than 40 years has been one of Detroit's most beloved, most accomplished and hardest-working community leaders — died Wednesday morning at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

The 79-year-old mother of five became the brawn behind Focus: HOPE, the social services organization she cofounded in 1968 with the late Father William Cunningham. It spawned opportunity and optimism in Detroit's riot-ravaged core.

Under Focus: HOPE's symbol of clasped hands, black and white, Josaitis labored to shape the organization's mission and grow it from a volunteer group crusading for civil rights into a highly respected nonprofit that feeds those in need and provides high-tech training for disadvantaged people.

"Mom was driven by a deep faith and an unshakable passion for justice," her eldest son, Mark Josaitis, said. He confirmed that his mother passed away about 3:45 a.m.

While Josaitis will be missed by family and close friends, the metro Detroit community at large also mourns her passing.

"Eleanor was a stalwart of community activism," Detroit Mayor Dave Bing said. "She has built a legacy of help and hope for this community."

Working tirelessly to improve race relations in metro Detroit and provide opportunities for low-income families, Josaitis collaborated with Cunningham to make Focus: HOPE the leading social justice agency in southeast Michigan.

"Along with Father



Josaitis

Cunningham, Eleanor Josaitis was driven by a moral imperative to unite our communities," former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer said.

Faith drove her mission

On the streets of Detroit and in the halls of power, Josaitis was a force to be reckoned with. Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton visited Focus: HOPE. Josaitis lobbied corporate titans and politicians from every party. She testified before Congress to secure funding for food and training programs for poor people. Until illness stopped her daily office schedule in late last fall, Josaitis conducted every orientation for new Focus: HOPE staffers and taught business etiquette to students in the training programs.

Josaitis died more than nine months after she was diagnosed with peritoneal cancer. She also struggled with fractures to her hip and spine. Even as she was ailing in recent months, she continued to personally sign letters of thanks to donors big and small.

In 1968, Josaitis and Cunningham cofounded a group they initially called Focus: Summer Hope, with the mission of keeping peace during that summer.

Together, Josaitis and Cunningham crafted a mission statement that remains unchanged today: "Recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person, we pledge intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty and injus-

tice. And to build a metropolitan community where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection. Black and white, yellow, brown and red from Detroit and its suburbs of every economic status, national origin and religious persuasion we join in this covenant."

Once the summer passed peacefully, Focus: HOPE began a food-distribution program. It also deployed teams of suburban women into Detroit food stores to track how some owners were gouging inner-city customers. Soon, the agency added

child care and focused on job training.

The agency now includes a Center for Advanced Technologies, a Machinist Training Institute and an Information Technologies Center. Focus: HOPE's food program serves about 43,000 people monthly in a setting that mimics a grocery store.

Besides her husband and her son, she is survived by two other sons, Michael and Thomas; two daughters, Janet Denk and Mary Lendzion; seven grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELEANOR JOSAITIS

Visitation for Eleanor Josaitis will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Madonna, 1125 Oakman Blvd., Detroit.

It's the small Catholic Church whose late pastor, the Rev. William Cunningham, along with Eleanor Josaitis, cofounded Focus: HOPE. The church is down the street from Focus: HOPE headquarters. There will be a scripture service at 7 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Madonna. There will also be one-hour of visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward, Detroit, before the funeral mass. The funeral mass will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral.

The funeral mass is open to the public.

There will be no burial. Her remains will be cremated. Arrangements are being handled by Spaulding and Curtin Funeral Home, of Ferndale.

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OUR VIEWS



The Michigan Philharmonic changed its name to better reflect its mission and its quality.

Sweet sounds Philharmonic has accomplished mission

When officials at the former Plymouth Symphony Orchestra announced the switch to the Michigan Philharmonic back in March, they said they wanted a name that reflected its increased professionalism and broadening reach.

It was serendipity the name change coincided with the labor strife that cost the Detroit Symphony Orchestra its season — “This was planned last fall, before all of that blew up,” said Don Soenen, president of the Philharmonic’s board of directors — but the name change has accomplished exactly what Soenen, music director/conductor Nan Washburn and the rest of the staff at the orchestra hoped it would do.

All you have to do is look at the summer schedule featured in the orchestra’s 66th season to see that.

Consider, the summer included:

- A Bollywood performance as part of Canton’s first Acts of Culture week.
- The orchestra’s first performance as part of Canton’s Liberty Festival.
- The orchestra was the choice to fill a performance left vacant by the labor troubles at the DSO when they played the Kensington Metropark in June
- They played the Fairy Tale Festival in July at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores in July.
- They tried to play their first patriotic concert in Plymouth’s Kellogg Park this summer, but Mother Nature wasn’t in a cooperative mood and rained them out after only 30 minutes or so. Even with rain in the air, that concert drew perhaps a couple of thousand people.

Sure, most of the schedule, at least this year, revolves around the Plymouth-Canton area, but that’s a good thing. The Philharmonic is staying true to its roots, while expanding its growth area at the same time.

Many of the changes are internal. For instance, the Philharmonic is a fully professional orchestra, composed of members of the American Federation of Musicians, paid union scale — “These are serious musicians, Soenen said — and the music they’re producing has never been better.

Many credit the success of the orchestra to its conductor, Nan Washburn, hired a dozen years ago to revitalize the group. Washburn has come in, made education a priority — she has developed an excellent partnership with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools — and demanded excellence out of her musicians.

Washburn’s presence lends credence to the professionalism of the orchestra, so much so that even she is in demand. When the Orchard Lake Symphony Orchestra was looking for a leader, they came looking to the Michigan Philharmonic and hired Washburn, certainly a nod to the quality of the Michigan Philharmonic.

Even while expanding their reach, Philharmonic musicians are continuing that “hometown” feel with their heavy schedule of local performances. They’ve got performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill upcoming, as well as their traditional holiday concert at downtown Plymouth’s Penn Theater.

It used to be “quaint” that Plymouth had its “own little symphony.” They were a source of pride within our community, but no one much outside the Plymouth and Canton borders had ever heard of them.

They’re not so little anymore, certainly not in terms of ability and stature. They wanted the name change to reflect their extended reach, their expanding mission and their exploding level of talent.

Mission accomplished.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What can the government do to stimulate job growth?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



“Get every politician out of office and start from there. Allow good plans to work. Quit the ... bickering.”

Robert Chamberlain
Canton



“Tax credits for small and/or new businesses.”

Julie Longo
Canton



“Maybe better tax advantages for people who have small businesses.”

Scott Murphy
Canton



“More stimulus — more money for infrastructure.”

Kulin Shah
Canton

LETTERS

Kroger rudeness

I feel my friends and neighbors in Canton need to be aware of a situation that occurred at the Michigan Ave. Kroger store in Canton.

On July 21, I went into the Kroger store to purchase a plant for my son to give his teacher for the last day of school. It was marked \$4. I got a few other things, paid and walked out of the store. When I got to my car, it dawned on me that I paid more than I should have. I checked the receipt and sure enough, the plant rang up for \$8.88. So back into the store I went. What happened to me with the customer service desk lady and the manager was absolutely humiliating.

When I showed the customer service woman (Linda) my receipt and the marked price on the plant she looked at me and began rubbing her finger over the price tag. She then told me she had to call the manager (Kelly) over for situations like this. The manager came over and before even talking to me she said “so how good is that sticker stuck on there? Are there any others over there marked that price or is that the only one?” I did not have a good feeling about where this was going so I spoke up and told the manager that I did not like what she was insinuating.

She ignored me and finally said “well she can have the difference in price, but she does not get

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the scanner law for this.” I pulled the Michigan Scanner Law up on my phone from the Michigan.gov site to show her that the item was indeed part of the scanner law. She began raising her voice so much so that the entire front end of the store was looking at me and said “Ma’am that is not part of Kroger’s policy.”

We went round and round for a bit, me telling her that it didn’t matter if it was Kroger policy or not, that it was a law and her continuing to yell and degrade me. She finally cut me off midsentence, told me the conversation was done

and she walked away. I have NEVER been in a store where a manager walks away from a dissatisfied customer before; especially one who told the manager that she didn’t like it being insinuated that she changed the price tag.

I immediately came home and e-mailed Kroger through their “contact us” section on the website. I never heard anything from them. I called about a week later and spoke to one of their corporate customer service reps. He told me that he was appalled at the situation and was going to immediately forward it to the people who head up the Michigan stores for them to contact me. He also wanted to put \$5 on my Kroger Plus card to pacify me.

I still have not heard a thing from any higher up at Kroger. I think that is a poor way to treat their customers. I used to go into Kroger all the time for things here and there, but not anymore. Not only will I boycott the Michigan Ave. store, but quite frankly, Kroger has left such a bad taste in my mouth that I don’t think I care to give them any of my money.

It has never been about the scanner law, it has always been about how I was treated during the situation and the lack of concern on Kroger’s part, after the situation.

Leah Kanaan
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Lansing Update with Sen. Colbeck: Keys to a recovery

By **Patrick Colbeck**
Guest Columnist

Last summer I talked with you as a candidate for the state Senate about my hopes for our state. I pledged to you that my campaign platform was not merely campaign rhetoric, but would in fact be my focus during my term of service. I would now like to update you on our progress to date on what I referred to as the seven keys for the 7th District.

Key No. 1 — Become the No. 1 Job Growth State in the Nation: I was one of the original co-sponsors of a bill to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax and supported legislation passed in the Senate that eliminates the MBT and its burdensome surcharge. Small businesses will no longer be taxed twice and corporations have a simple, flat tax rate of 6 percent.

I also launched the T.I.M.E.D. (Time is Money Economic Development) Initiative to take a fresh, systematic approach toward accelerating economic development projects throughout our state.

On the horizon is Labor Freedom, another major initiative that will help to add Michigan to the ranks of the highest job growth states in the nation.

Key No. 2 — Effective Health Care Solutions: I am leading the effort in the Senate for Michigan to join with 14 other states in pursuing a Healthcare Compact. This compact would allow Michigan to opt out of the onerous provisions

of the recent nationalized health care legislation that came out of Washington, D.C.

I am also promoting high-quality, lower-cost health care alternatives such as Health Savings Accounts that leave decisions about care between the doctor and patient, not a federal bureaucrat.

Key No. 3 — Cut Spending and Lower Taxes: We recently enacted a structurally balanced budget four months ahead of our constitutional deadline of Oct. 1. This budget features a real cut in expenses of more than \$700 million, but we need to do more to get government spending under control.

I have been a consistent voice for saying no to new taxes, including “no” votes on the senior pension tax, the freeze on the personal income tax reduction and the new health care claims tax. I believe our state has a spending problem, not a taxing problem.

Key No. 4 — Educational Excellence: We need to refocus our educational system on results. The purpose of education is to develop good citizens, not to preserve the status quo. Making changes to long-standing institutions challenges the status quo, but also results in a stronger education system for our children.

Legislators have shaken up this status quo by passing legislation requiring removal of ineffective teachers and prohibiting a last-in first-out hiring policy.

In addition, I have sponsored amendments to get up to \$2,100 per pupil out of administration and into the classroom, launched a Grassroots Education Focus Group and sponsored legislation to require instruction on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Key No. 5 — Respect Our Constitution: The first criteria I consider when voting on any bill is, “Is it Constitutional?” Our Michigan and U.S. Constitutions reflect the collective will of “We the People.” We need to ensure that we honor this will.

Key No. 6 — Adopt Real Transparency: I am spearheading transparency legislation that will make it easier for all citizens to see where every penny is being spent and reveal the true price of government. We will soon be able trace money to the core services that justify the existence of a government agency, support services that enable the delivery of these core services and one-time work projects.

Key No. 7 — Promote Honesty and Integrity: I have relentlessly pursued the truth on whatever topic is before the Legislature. This pursuit is not always popular. Some groups are extremely irritated when legislators ask simple questions like “How are we spending the money we do have?” or “How can we word this bill to apply equally to everyone?”

I represent all of my constituents, not a vocal few.

While you may not agree with every vote I make, I will do my best to ensure that my vote is an informed vote. I will always be honest about how I voted and why I voted the way I did. Please join us in tracking this recovery at our new website www.Morningin-Michigan.com.

State Sen. **Patrick Colbeck**, R-Canton, represents the 7th District, which is located in Wayne County and includes, among others, Canton and Plymouth. He can be reached at (517) 373-7350 or SenPColbeck@senate.michigan.gov.

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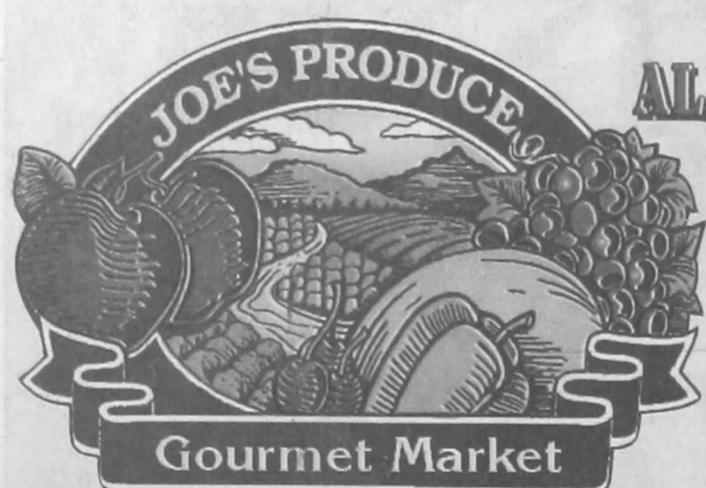
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Plymouth Wildcats varsity football coach Mike Sawchuk talks with his players on the first morning of pre-season workouts.

Prep grididders hit ground running

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Football is back, even if it's a "watered down" version such as Monday's no-pads-allowed sessions that the defending Division 1 state finalist Plymouth Wildcats were rolling through.

"Hopefully, every school in the state is doing this because if they're not they're cheating," said Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk with a smile, nodding toward his players as they went to work on a warm, muggy day wearing nothing but helmets, loose shirts and baggy shorts.

Other signs of the official MHSAA-sanctioned start of the 2011 football season were abound on the Wildcats' practice field — located off the west end of the high school.

Athletic trainer Joe Durocher was camped out, sitting in his jeep adjusting helmet straps and doling out advice to kids on how to best handle the heat and humidity.

"In this heat, they say you should drink four ounces for every 20 minutes of participation," Durocher estimated. "They should drink 100 ounces of water a day or else risk getting dehydrated."

That would just about cover the marathon two-a-days the Wildcats and other Observerland-area prep football programs are in the midst of this week.

"I'm from Florida, this is nothing," said Sawchuk, smiling yet again. "This is a nice day there. You just got to be smart and make sure that you build in your water breaks."

"You talk to the kids and try to educate them about it and tell them 'Hey, if you feel any



Garden City running back Randy Holloway busts through a hole during Monday's first practice.

type of dizziness or shortness of breath, go get a drink of water.' Just be smart."

According to the fifth-year Plymouth head coach, the shoulder pads come out of storage for Thursdays practices, giving players a couple days of heavy hitting before Saturday's annual Black and Silver Scrimmage on the

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Hawks prep for another big season

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

In his 50th year of coaching, John Herrington thinks the first day of football practice is harder on him than it is the players.

Herrington, who begins his 42nd season as Harrison's head coach, is no less enthusiastic about the game and the job.

"It's exciting to start and to see what we can do with these kids," Herrington, 71, said. "If they would quit with the minor irritations, like not having their physicals, that would be great."

"But we have great talent coming back, and the kids are enthusiastic. We have a lot of great assistant coaches, so we're ready to go."

The Hawks were 14-0 last season and won the Division 2 state championship — their 13th overall.

With seven starters back on offense and six on defense, they'll be one of the state's top-rated teams again this year. Harrison is ranked No. 16 in the nation by max-preps.com.

"We're ready for it," Herrington said. "Expectations are high, but the first two ballgames — those guys are good, too. It should be a fun year."

The Hawks open against Division 1 semifinalist Detroit Cass Tech in the Big Day Prep Showdown Saturday, Aug. 27, at EMU, and they play OAA rival Southfield the following Thursday.

"It's going to be a tough turnaround, because they have real good teams at both those places," Herrington said.

Harrison has three future Big Ten players in two-way lineman Mario Ojemudia (U-M), tight end Devin Funchess (U-M) and wide receiver Aaron Burbridge (MSU).

Ojemudia and Burbridge were All-Observer, first-team picks last year, as was senior quarterback Jake Vento, who has been moved from slotback. Vento and junior wideout Gairus Coleman also are NCAA Division I prospects.

"If you've got three Big Ten players and don't have a good year, they'll be looking at me," said Herrington, who is 375-87-1 at Harrison with an 81-14 play-off record.

On the first day of practice Monday, the Hawks worked on offense in the

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John Herrington

Top players

Four Observerland players have been named to the Under Armour Girls High School All-America Watch List for the 2011-12 season.

Maddy Doyle (Mercy), Alexandria Hines (Ladywood), Alaina Turner (Canton) and Haley Schneider (Farmington) are among the 646 players from 38 states on the list that will serve as the starting point for the Under Armour All-America selection process.

Doyle is a 5-foot-8 outside hitter, Hines a 5-10 setter, Turner a 5-10 middle blocker/outside hitter and Schneider a 6-4 middle blocker/rightside.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association will name 48 players as Under Armour All-Americans in November, with 24 on the first team and the other half on a second team.

Each of the 24 first-team players will be invited to play in the Under Armour All-America Volleyball Match & Skills Competition on Friday, Dec. 16, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

Having an athlete on the watch list does not automatically nominate her for postseason honors. For more information on the Under Armour All-America awards program, please visit avca.org/awards.

Toure saluted

University of Detroit Mercy senior forward Ya Ya Toure (Schoolcraft College) recently appeared on TopDrawerSoccer.Com's list of top 100 senior college prospects for professional soccer.

Toure, who had a team-high nine goals to go along with one assist as a junior, ranked 17th among forwards and 55th overall by college player expert Joe Mauceri's Big Board.

Toure became just the fourth player in Detroit Mercy history to be named Horizon League Newcomer of the Year. He was also a third-team All-Great Lakes Region pick and first-team All-Horizon League honoree.

Morton likes course, earns O&E title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Shellie Morton had never played Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course before Saturday, but found to the course to her liking as she fired a blistering 3-under 69 to win the Observer & Eccentric Women's Open.

The 30-year-old Morton, who recently returned from an LPGA Qualifier in Daytona Beach, Fla., shot 35-34 highlighted by a pair of eagles on the back nine.

"Both were par-5s," said Morton, who played two seasons at Michigan State (1998-2000). "On No. 10 I hit my drive and then a 5-hybrid to the green. It's funny. It was a long putt, 10 feet or more. I just tried to get it close and then it trickled, trickled . . . drop. It was so crazy."

"The same thing happened on No. 16. I had a shorter shot. My drive was kind of behind a pine tree and I hit a left-to-right 6-iron to get onto the green and had about and 8-foot putt and it turned right into the hole. It was crazy."

Morton is getting reac-



The top three finishers in the O&E women's golf tournament championship flight included first-place winner Shellie Morton (far right), third-place finisher Cindy Hill (middle) and runner-up Deb Horning (left).

quainted with the game after taking a sabbatical following her collegiate career.

She works Allegis Group Services in Troy as a documentation specialist and technical writer, but some day has aspirations to play on the LPGA Tour and will find out in January if

she's eligible to compete in Futures Tour events.

"The main thing I've been working on the past month or so is working on my approach shots," said Morton, who was a MHSAA state finals top-five finisher four times, includ-

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Spartan hoop coach resigns

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson lost one of its own Monday when alumnus Mike Allie officially stepped down as varsity boys basketball coach after four seasons.

Allie, who played and served as an assistant for the Spartans, compiled a record of 61-30, including Class A district titles in 2009 and 2011.

He also guided Stevenson to the KLAA Kensington Conference Central Division titles the past two seasons and was named Observerland Coach of the Year in 2009.

Last season was Allie's best as the Spartans finished 19-4 before losing to eventual Class A state runner-up Detroit Southeastern in the regional semifinals, 52-45.

"Stevenson basketball has been part of my life for the past 14 years and will remain part of me forever," said Allie, who took during the 2007-08 season for Brad Miller. "The memories I'm taking away from my experiences as both a player and coach in this program are priceless. I'd like to thank the students, parents, coaching staff, our fans, alumni, administration, and all those who have supported our program over

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O&E tourney

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 or call (248) 476-4493.

Hole in one

Canton resident Kevin Brady aced the 110-yard 17th hole July 10 at Buck's Run Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant.

It was the 50-year-old's first hole in one in his 25 year golfing career. Brady used a Pitching wedge and finished with a 18-hole round of 95.

Abraham's 25th year could be golden for MU spikers

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There's always constant when it comes to Madonna University women's volleyball.

MU should be contenders once again in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, be nationally ranked and the schedule will be daunting.

As Jerry Abraham embarks on his 25th season as MU head coach, the Crusaders could be knocking on the door to return to the NAIA Nationals for the first time since 2008.

The Crusaders finished 29-9 a year ago, including 14-2 in the WHAC as they captured their 12th conference regular season title in 14 years.

Nine players return along with six newcomers as MU lost only Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill) to graduation.

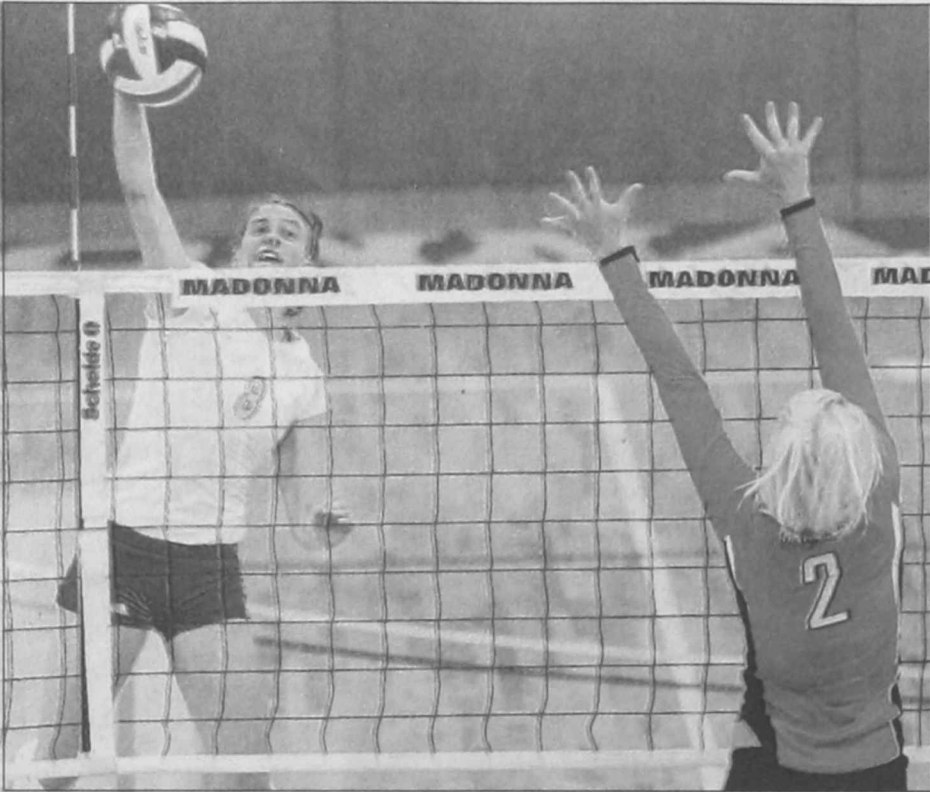
Dempsey, an undersized outside hitter, was second in kills (468 total) and first in digs (488 total), while Gatt, a back row specialist, had 240 total digs.

"I just think we're confident and have the ability to fill some spots that we lost," Abraham said. "It all depends on us bringing in the new kids, having them mesh fast and blending in with the veterans and get this thing going right away."

"But the thing I like about it is that we have excellent depth defensively. We have a good blend of veteran returners, along with a talented group of newcomers. I think they've mesh in short pre-season that we've had so far and you can see the veteran kids are bringing the younger ones along. We had a great spring and a great summer conditioning program."

Honorable mention All-America Karie Altman, a three-year starter, returns to middle. The 6-foot senior tri-captain, the Crusaders' "go-to player," according to Abraham, led MU with 488 total kills and 126 blocks.

WHAC Setter of the Year Evia Prieditis, a red-shirt sophomore with 1,549 total assists (11.4 per set), also returns to the starting lineup along with starting libero Amanda Koszela, a fifth-year



Senior tri-captain Karie Altman (left) returns for her fourth season as a starter for the Madonna University women's volleyball team.

senior and tri-captain, and senior outside hitter Megan Fricke (436 kills), also a tri-captain.

Also returning are Riga, Latvia natives Anastasija Baranvoska, a 6-foot junior middle hitter (210 kills), and red-shirt sophomore Anastasija Seremetjeva, a 5-11 outside hitter.

Seremetjeva played only four matches last season after going down with a knee injury which required surgery.

"I think the key to this season is an old cliché," Abraham said. "We have to stay healthy in a couple of spots. Megan (Fricke) hurt her knee in the spring and Anastasija (Baranvoska) off a knee injury, but both are strong."

"Anastasija is wearing a brace, but is O.K. to go. She's on schedule. She made our running workout (Monday) and it will take a couple of weeks. She's a pow-

erful outside-hitter who we truly missed last year. She was instrumental in our offensive plans last year and is a terminating type of attack player. She hits hard."

Other returnees include 6-3 sophomore middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland), outside hitter Lauren Mora and right-side hitter Miranda Sechler, the latter whom saw action as a starter.

Freeman could hold the key to MU's postseason aspirations.

"She's made tremendous progress and we hope she's an impact player on the block or attack," Abraham said. "We're counting on her for a big second year. She hits hard, and with her size, provides a big block up front."

Abraham has six new faces led by 5-10 outside hitter Samantha Geile, who

helped Fruitport to the Class B state championship title last fall.

"She's a strong kid who can play anywhere on the front row," Abraham said. "She has a good chance to compete as a starter. She hits the ball and is a feisty performer. She's a blue collar player."

Abraham also reinforced his back row with the signing of liberos Cassie Castro (Saline), Amanda Obyrcki (Allen Park Cabrini) and Roxy Duzey (Sterling Heights).

"They're all around 5-4 or 5-5, all fast and talented," the MU coach said. "They were the most valuable players on their high school teams and all have the ability to play defensively. We have more depth on defense, no doubt."

Also in the fold is 5-9 outside hitter Taylor Dziewit, an All-Region XII player from St. Clair Community College, along with 5-11 middle- and outside-hitter Kayla Vogel of Hastings.

"Taylor can play the left or the right side," Abraham said. "She has a fabulous jump, great arm swing with a big attack. She can play all the way around and has the ability to start. She also has that two years (college) experience."

MU will try and unseat Indiana Tech as the defending WHAC playoff champion under a new scheduling format. Eight teams the Crusaders will play this season advanced the NAIA Nationals last season.

MU opens its season Wednesday, Aug. 24 at home against St. Francis (Ind.).

"Last year was probably the best conference from top-to-bottom since I've been here as far as overall talent," Abraham said. "It should even be better this year honestly. It's going to be really competitive. We only play everybody one time. The new format I'm not in favor of - I'm here to say. We're playing Indiana Tech on the road and don't get a chance to play them at home. We had to pick up more non-conference games and pick up one more tournament. We beefed our schedule up. It's going to be more competitive. It's lots of volleyball, but I think we'll be ready for it."

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Leading the way in the first flight (from left) were low gross third-place finisher Sarah King, low gross champ Arlene Shields, low net runner-up Barb Coury and low gross runner-up and low net winner Elaine Crawford.

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ing a runner-up finish as a freshman at Cranbrook. "I've been having a problem getting on greens in regulation, so I did a lot better with that today and I was pleased with my score."

She was also pleased with the way 5,350-yard Whispering Willows layout played on a hot and muggy day.

"I hadn't played here," she said. "Last Saturday I took a cart out, my mom (Sally) and I and we rode around and mapped out the different holes. It's really nice, really well-conditioned. Very fast greens, I was kind of surprised with that. Usually courses like this are slower, but it was really nice, well kept and maintained. I'll definitely play in this again next year."

Morton, who says she averages 240 yards off the tee, captured three Golf Association of Michigan events earlier this summer and added a third in the Ann Arbor Invitational.

"I've been working on my game and I'm definitely improving," said Morton, who first picked up a club at age 8 and began playing in competitive tournaments at 11.

Morton captured the championship flight by nine strokes over

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Aug. 8 at Whispering Willows Championship flight: 1. Shellie Morton, 69; 2. Deb Horning, 78; 3. Cindy Hill, 83; 4. (tie) Suzanne Madej and Jennifer Pattison, 86 each; 6. Lauri Poniekiewski, 89; 7. (tie) Kathy Konel and Ellen Howell, 92 each; 8. Pat Witek, 96; 9. Jane Kersjes, 98. **Low net:** 1. Horning, 68.

First flight: 1. Arlene Shields, 86; 2. Elaine Crawford, 90; 3. Sarah King, 91; 4. (tie) Cynthia Pinkard and Barb Coury, 96 each; 6. Annette Wisehard, 97; 8. Kathy Brennan, 99; 9. Lu Stockton, 101; 10. Donna Haapala, 102; 11. (tie) Susan Merrick and Susan Mortimore, 103 each; 13. Shellee Andrews, 105; 14. Denise Buechel, 106; 15. Monica Oliver, 113. **Low net:** 1. Crawford, 67; 2. Coury, 69

Livonian Deb Horning, who shot a respectable 78. Horning also took low net honors with a 68.

Ypsilanti's Cindy Hill was third low gross with an 83, while defending champion Jennifer Pattison of Farmington Hills and Suzanne Madej tied for fourth with 86 each.

The first flight was an all-Livonia affair as Arlene Shields took low gross honors with an 86 followed by Elaine Crawford and Stevenson High golfer Sarah King with 90 and 91, respectively.

Crawford was low net with a 67, while Plymouth's Barb Coury was second low net with a 69.

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Glenfield contributes to World Series title

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The Michigan-based Compuware Girls Fastpitch Softball Club 12-and-under team is sitting on top of the world today thanks in part to the contributions made by Garden City resident Kaylen "K.K." Glenfield.

The eighth-grader-to-be at Garden City Middle School proved to be a spark plug for Compuware when it captured the 12U 2011 World Series held July 26-30 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

In addition to setting the table for the team's offense as its leadoff hitter, the speedy Glenfield provided dependable glove work at shortstop and in center field.

The team finished with a stellar 47-7 record, including a 33-3 mark in Michigan tournaments.

More than 200 teams from 20 states competed in the World Series' five age brackets. Compuware won eight games over the five-day tournament, including triumphs over teams from Ohio, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

"Most of our girls have played together for two years now," Compuware coach Edward Ewald Jr. said. "The girls persevered in 100-degree Chattanooga heat."

"It is extremely difficult to win a tournament of this caliber, competing against teams from the South. Compuware



Garden City resident Kaylen Glenfield helped her Compuware fast-pitch softball team capture a 12U national title.

is extremely proud of the girls' accomplishment."

Compuware rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the semifinal game against the Florida Cruisers to prevail 4-3.

"Our girls gained confidence from that victory," Ewald said.

The team then upended the Ohio Classics on Friday and Saturday to claim the title.

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morning, defense in the afternoon.

"In the morning, we went through our inside plays after drills," Herington said. "We worked on sprint-out passing and the punt team."

"We had weights and a lecture. We

put in our base defense and some base coverages in the afternoon. Then, we put in blitzes and ran inside plays against our inside defense."

"It's great, but it's still touch football. It'll feel good on Thursday. As soon as we get the pads on, some kids will step up and some will move down the line. But we'll find out when that happens."

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

But first things first. Sawchuk liked the pace of Monday's workouts.

Assistant coaches, including 2010 state finalist Tony Rhodes, oversaw various stations.

Rhodes' group worked on maintaining a low stance during one exercise. The players started at Point A, crouched under a four-foot-high trampoline.

On the signal, they retreated from beneath the so-called agility screen and caught a pass from Rhodes before moving on to Point B — a ropes course to run forward and shuffle sideways through.

Sawchuk said the various stations enable players — who arrive in top shape to begin with — to really get after it.

"What we're trying to do, like we always do, is we want to be faster, faster, faster. everything up-tempo," Sawchuk explained. "Get in, get out, do it as fast as we can, quality reps, not waste time, not have kids stand around."

That approach stands to reason for someone whose T-shirt reads "All Day, Every Day" on the back.

"Our motto is nobody's going to out-work us and nobody's going to be in better shape than us," Sawchuk added.

Adding that supreme work ethic to a roster filled with players who had a major taste of success in 2010 could mean more trouble for Plymouth's KLAA rivals.

"Everybody on the team has to buy in like all the kids bought in last year," Sawchuk continued. "You don't just show up and expect to get there because you got there last year."

"There's a lot of work involved. Since the off-season they've been working their tails off. We'll see."

Stevenson transition

On Monday, the new varsity coach was on one side of the field and the new JV coach was on the opposite end at Livonia Stevenson.

Matt Fielder, who served last season as the defensive coordinator, takes the over the reins from old head coach, Tim Gabel, who just so happens to be the new head JV coach.

Gabel, who posted a 103-56 in 16 seasons, including a trip to the 2007 Division 1 state finals, resigned shortly after the 2010 season.

"I think Tim had a lot (other) interests and wanted time to do other things," the 35-year-old Fielder said. "He liked the actual coaching, but being a head coach took up so much time."

After some subtle coaxing from Fielder, Gabel agreed stay on staff as the JV coach. It will prove to be an added bonus.

"I coached JV football under my dad (Jim)," Fielder said. "Tim's a good friend and I love to coach with him. It doesn't hurt to have Tim as a resource. He'll be a good sounding board."

The last time Gabel coached a JV team was 1992 when he had only 17 show up the first day. On Monday, he had a total of 43.

"The time commitment is probably one-third," Gabel said. "It doesn't feel like football season. You just spend way less time, but I'm happy to be there. I still like being around the kids, but I just don't have all of Matt's responsibilities."

And how did the first day a training camp go for the new coach?

"Opening day is one of those situations that you want to go perfect, but you have to work for it," Fielder said. "We did a lot of work in the offseason, so we were able to establish some things and they came ready to work. As far as Day One I thought we're moving forward and moving in the right direction."

—Brad Emons

Talent to soar

As usual, Redford Thurston will be relying on quality over quantity during head coach Bob Snell's 23rd season at the helm.

"We've never had a ton of numbers, but the kids who do come out know they're going to get an opportunity to contribute," said Snell. "Unless you can't defend yourself or you're going to put a teammate in danger of getting hurt, you're going to play here. That's why kids rarely if ever miss practice here. They know they're going to play."

Although the Eagles lost a good chunk of last season's 9-3 squad to graduation, Snell is upbeat as he looks ahead to the fall.

"I'm excited because we have a lot of new kids we're going to have to coach up," said Snell. "Last year we had a lot of returners, so it was more fine-tuning during this time of year. This year we're going to be spending more time coaching the fundamentals so that these kids are ready once the season starts."

Among those returning for the Eagles is 6-foot-1, 205-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back Eric Wilson, who has drawn interest from several Division 1 college programs.

—Ed Wright

Guarded optimism

Last fall, Garden City knocked on the door of success during head coach Scott Murray's first year at the helm, finishing 2-7 with a couple more near-misses.

This year, the Cougars are determined to knock the door down.

"The thing I'm most excited about is the experience we have returning from last season," said Murray. "This team's overall character is very good, too, and I love their work ethic. I love the fact that these kids don't complain. They do what they're told and the work hard to improve."

Familiarity with Murray's system will be a huge asset for the Cougars — especially compared to year one of his regime when everything had to be taught for the first time.

"You can already tell that this year is going to go smoother," he said. "Last year at this time, we weren't able to do nearly what we're doing now. We're running play-action and throwing the ball now in our first practice; last year we were only able to work on our belly plays."

The Cougars' summer was dotted with weekly speed and agility work, and a few seven-on-seven competitions.

"You're allowed to play in seven seven-on-seven games, and I think we did four," said Murray. "But we picked quality teams to play against — Plymouth, Michigan Collegiate, Wayne and Allen Park. We tried to seek out speed to see how we matched up. I thought we competed very well. The kids are working hard and just trying to get better."

Day one of new era

First-year Redford Union head coach Tony Crawley learned a lot about his 25-player squad on Monday as the Panthers worked out for the first time as a team at Hilbert Middle School.

But the veteran head coach learned a lot about his new home base in the weeks leading up to Monday's inaugural practice.

"North Redford is the true definition of community," said Crawley. "I can't tell you how impressed I have been by the members of the community who have offered me support — from the Blue & Gold Club to the players parents, it has been amazing. I've even had local business owners ask me what they could do to help."

The Panthers' transition to a new system will be smoother than expected thanks to the basic structure of Crawley's offense of choice.

"I like to run the basic 'I' formation," Crawley said. "It should go smooth because it's the same offense that Hilbert Middle School and the Redford Rangers run, so a lot of our players are familiar with it."

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the years.

"Looking back on all the success we've had, I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to coach such fine young men. These kids dedicated themselves to the program and did everything they could as a team each year to change the basketball culture here at Stevenson."

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said the varsity position job posting application period ends on Thursday, Aug. 11.

"Mike has decided to pursue different career positions," Hyman said. "He

decided to resign on his own. He wants to be a college coach some day. I talked with him on the phone and he's pursuing college opportunities, or perhaps work at a basketball skills center. But he wants to pursue a college opportunity."

Allie is not a faculty member at Stevenson, but is a collegiate soccer official who has done games in the Big Ten.

"I'm not sure where basketball will take me from here, but I've always aspired to coach at the Division I level and will do whatever it takes to fulfill that goal," Allie said. "For me, there was never going to be a right time to step down, but I felt it was necessary in order to move on to the next chapter of my life. I have great confidence in the future of this program and our continued progress in building a basketball tradition at Stevenson."

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Ending summer with a bang



The Motor City Giants 10U travel baseball team wrapped up a highly-successful season in late-July by taking first place in the End of Summer Roundup tournament at Bicentennial Park in Farmington. Pictured are (front row from left) Garrett Colasinski, Liam Radomski, Ben Wright, Thomas Dono, Jack Savage, (second row from left) Justin Kuhn, Ben Spencer, Jacob Kash, Lucas Binguait, Ivan Krohta, (back row from left) coaches Frederick Binguait, Dave Colasinski, Tom Dono and Ryan Smith.

No. 1 dunker



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Livonia Stevenson's 6-foot-9 Jalen Reynolds (left) captured the slam dunk contest in 2011 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-Star Festival Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Reynolds, headed to Brewster Academy (N.H.) in the fall, won in the finals over Romulus guard Ray Lee (far right). Presenting the awards were Westland John Glenn boys basketball coach Dan Young (middle). Reynolds scored nine points and Canton's Dietrich Lever added seven as the White routed in the Black in the A-B boys game, 114-82. Tyrin Wade of Lansing Sexton was MVP of the White team with 20 points, while Mr. Basketball Dwaun Anderson (Suttons Boys) took MVP honors for the Black with 23 points.

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Canons, a Christian rock band from Tecumseh, is among the performers at Heart Beats 2011, Music With A Message, the free concert presented by Plymouth First United Methodist Church.



Concert melds message, music in Kellogg Park

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

"Heart Beats 2011, Music With A Message," Plymouth First United Methodist Church's free summer concert, will return to downtown Plymouth Saturday, Aug. 20.

Jan Seamonds, a member of the organizing committee, expects the contemporary Christian music will draw a mix of families, teens, older adults and kids to Kellogg Park.

"This is our third year for the concert but only our second year in downtown Plymouth," Seamonds said. "The first year we were in Heritage Park in Canton, but we didn't have the same foot traffic as here."

"There are so many people in the park. It's that small-town atmosphere with a lot of people milling about. We

thought it would be a great place to reach out to the community."

The setting was a hit, drawing members of other churches, residents, and downtown regulars to the concert last year.

"Our observation is that there are lot of young people hanging out at Kellogg Park. The idea is to give them an opportunity to listen to Christian rock bands," said Cathy Montgomery, program secretary at the church.

The family-friendly event this year will run from 5-9 p.m. and will include four bands:

- Canons, a Christian rock/worship group from Tecumseh
- Saltz and Beck Band, from Canton Friendship Church, plays a variety of musical styles, from country and jazz to southern gospel to 70's rock.
- Matthew Moore,

influenced by groups from Blindside to Chris Tomlin, writes and performs contemporary Christian rock.

• Chosen, plays a variety of Christian music styles, and performed at the concert last year. The group will play several songs during Sunday worship service, Aug. 21, at the church.

Seamonds said the church will give away free bottles of water at the Heart Beats 2011 concert, offer free face painting and balloon creations for kids.

"The teenagers love the face painting, too," Montgomery said. "Last year we had a lot of people show up. There were kids running around and a lot of mixed ages. We're trying to touch the community."

For more information about the concert, call the church at (734) 453-5280.



A band entertains with rockin' music and Christian lyrics at Plymouth First United Methodist Church's outdoor concert last year.



Families enjoy Plymouth First United Methodist Church's free concert last year in Kellogg Park.

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CUDE, ANN

Owner of Chuck's Service Center in Plymouth passed away at her home with her family at her bedside on August 7, 2011. Born in Salem, Michigan to parents Raymond and Eva Speers. Beloved wife of 46 years to the late Charles. From 1960-1974 Ann and Charles operated Chuck's Marathon Station located on the northeast corner of Main and Mill St in Plymouth later Chuck's Shell Station located on the northeast Sheldon Rd and Ann Arbor Rd in Plymouth. In 1974 they opened Chuck's Service Center located at 285 N. Main in Plymouth and is still proudly serving the Plymouth Community. Ann was blessed with five loving children; Joe (Laura) Cude, Sherry (Jim) Brandt, Susan Callen, Gail (Mark) O'Neill and John (Lynne) Cude. Proud grandmother of Eric, Scott, Melissa, Erica, Katie, Christian, Megan, Mark, Sean, Shane, Ryan, Kyle, Jonnie Rae, Becky, Rachael, Ronnie, the late Mary, Jared, Patrick and Makenzie. Great grandmother of Caryn, Kayleigh and Lilia. Dear sister of Dee (Mary Lou) Speers, George Speers, Ivan Speers and the late Neil Speers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will held Thursday 11am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to husband at Parkview Memorial in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter, Inc 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911 Share memories at schrader-howell.com

MOELLERING, MICHAEL

August 3, 2011, Age 58. Husband of Laura. Loving father of Maddy, Lindsey and Jane. Dearest son of Paul and Evelyn. Loving brother of Tom (Dianne) Moellering and Michelle (Gene) Walker. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mike will be dearly missed by family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, Friday at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Mike Moellering Memorial Fund for his daughters, 40461 Newport Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com.



PRIMO, WENDY FULLER

Age 53, died on August 3, 2011. Loving mother of Dante. Beloved daughter of Edythe Fuller and the late Herbert Fuller. Dear sister of Alison (Gary) Mellon and Lisa (John) Weyer. Preceded in death by sister Christina Cambric. Cherished friend of Joseph Slanda. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorials suggested to Sasha Farm or the Alzheimers Association



NEWTON, JEAN

Age 90, August 8, 2011. Loving wife of 68 years to the late Joseph. Dear mother of Betty (Ronald) Beiser, Robert (Jacque), Richard, Nancy (Richard) Piechowski. Grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of six. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shrine Crippled Children. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

TOSH, IRMA ELIZABETH

Age 86 of Canton, MI. August 6, 2011. Beloved wife of Warren for 62 years. Loving mother of Dennis (Edith) and Diana (Dennis) Slevin. Wonderful grandmother of Eric (Emily), Elizabeth (Brian), Jason (Katie), Amanda, Jonathan (Chelsea) and Matthew. Great grandmother of Jayden and Alexa. Dear sister of Betty and Corine. Visitation was held Monday, August 8th, 3-8pm. Service was held Tuesday 11am at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel. Internment at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

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Click up your heels at annual tap dance festival

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Denise Caston of Ferndale begged her family for tap lessons when she was 3 years old.

Craig Fuchs of Canton was 7 when he started tapping.

Both will bring years of dance experience to the 4th Annual Motor City Tap Fest, Aug. 18-21 in the Old Main building on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit.

The festival will include master classes, a jam session and a performance, "Masters of Tap," by elite tap teachers and dancers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 in Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

"I think it's great to have a tap festival in Detroit again," said Fuchs, a recent Wayne State dance graduate who is coordinating festival events at the university. "There was a tap festival in the 1990s. Then for a few years there was no festival at all. When Denise started it a couple years ago, it was great and it has grown really fast."

Caston, who grew up in Clarkston, danced with the Radio City Rockettes in New York, before returning home to create a tap festival in Detroit. She also founded Detroit Tap Repertory, a performing group that includes Fuchs.

The festival draws participants from across the country, with a wide range of tap dance skills. Its faculty includes veterans of Broadway, television and film.

"One was on *So You Think You Can Dance* a few weeks ago.



Robert L. Reed incorporates a handstand into a routine. He'll teach technique and stylization at Motor City Tap Fest.

Another, Gregg Russell, was nominated for an Emmy," Caston said.

Starting out

This year, for the first time, the festival will welcome both children and adult beginners to classes. The Youth Camp is designed for tap students 12 and under with less than four years of tap training. Cost is \$60. Youth Camp classes run 12:45-2 p.m. and 2:15-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

"I'm excited to offer 'absolute beginner' class for adults," Caston said. "If you're an adult and have never tap danced before but you'd love to try it, I've added the class for you.

"You don't have to be a Gregory Hines," she added. "You don't even need a pair of tap shoes." The beginner class costs \$25 and runs 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Master class teachers include Caston, Russell, Karen Callaway Williams, Star Dixon, Rod Ferrone, Robert Reed, Claudia Rahardjanoto, Ardie Bryant, Bril Barrett and Sarah Reich. The festival honors veteran tap dancer Ardie Bryant.

Fuchs has assisted at the festival in the past, but this is the first year he's coordinating classes, the student showcase and the jam — "everything that goes on in the rooms at Wayne State."

He trained in classical, modern, swing and salsa dancing while at the university, but says tap was his passion.

"The program at Wayne is very centered on modern, but as I went on I found myself doing more and more tap, even though there is no academic focus on tap," he said. "In Detroit tap is still on its way up. Denise has helped a lot with her Detroit Tap Repertory group."

Fuchs, who grew up in Westland, will move to New York — a hub of tap — after the festival to begin carving out a living as a dancer. He'll be back in Detroit over Labor Day weekend to dance with the Detroit Tap Repertory at the Detroit International Jazz Festival.

"We usually perform early in the day and we still end up stopping traffic," he said.

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Denise Caston of Ferndale founded Motor City Tap Fest.



Craig Fuchs of Canton is coordinating dance festival events at Wayne State University. He'll perform with Detroit Tap Repertory during the Masters of Tap show.

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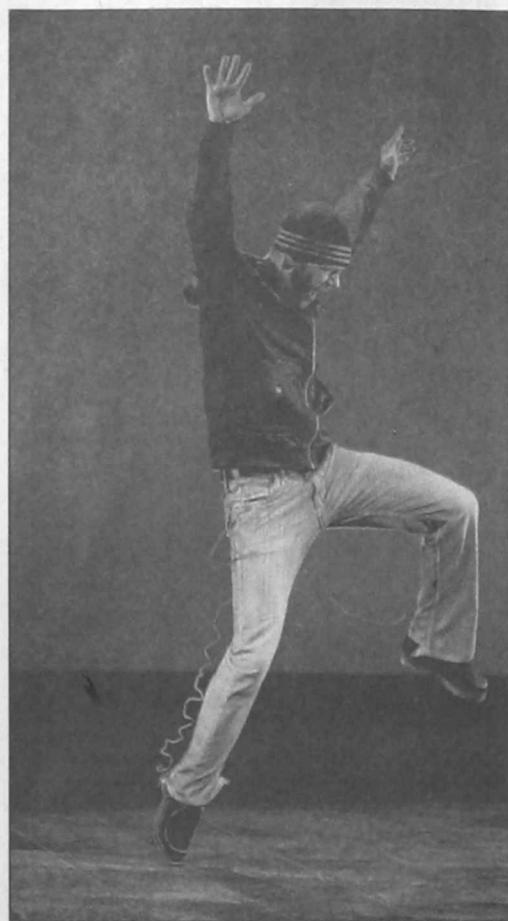
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Gregg Russell is among the dancers who will teach and perform at Motor City Tap Fest.

Red Hot Chili Peppers debut album at theaters

You can be a part of the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert in Cologne, Germany, without leaving Wayne County.

The band will debut its new album *I'm With You* in a concert that will be captured live and presented the same day on select movie screens at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 and re-broadcast Thursday, Sept. 1.

Tickets are available now for \$15 at AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Hagerty, Livonia and for \$17 at Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, Canton. The program will run 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Red Hot Chili Peppers, singer Anthony Kiedis, bassist Flea, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer will perform the new album in sequence, followed by some of their greatest hits. The live concert performance will be shown, via satellite, to more than 450 theaters in the U.S.

I'm With You will be released in the U.S and Canada on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

For more information visit www.FathomEvents.com.

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Musical feet

Fuchs' senior solo performance at Wayne State earlier this year involved 10 minutes of tap dance.

"People weren't sure how I was going to pull it off. Dancing takes a lot of endurance. But I did it. I got a lot of good feedback."

Fuchs, who also choreographs, said he enjoys tap because it "is one of the only styles of dance where you get to make music while you're dancing."

Although tap dance may bring to mind "lightning-fast feet," it also includes a variety of styles, such as the relaxed "soft shoe," and sand dancing.

"Sand dances are awesome. Instead of tapping

your feet, you brush your feet across a floor covered in sand.

"A lot of tap is improvisation. It's rooted in the same sort of tradition as jazz. It's one thing I like about tap. You can't go to a music jam downtown and bust out your ballet slippers like you can with tap. That's what makes it fun. You can do it socially, as well."

Tickets start at \$25 for the Masters of Tap show. Visit www.dso.org and click on events and tickets to purchase them.

Cost for the festival tap dance jam at 8 p.m. Aug. 18 is \$5 and \$10 for "Tap Jam 101" at 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

The student showcase at 8 p.m. Aug. 19 costs \$10. Individual classes are \$30 for one class up to \$220 for nine classes. Class observation tickets range from \$20 for one day to \$50 all four days. Visit www.motorcitytap-fest.com



Carol Lipinski, (left) plays Sr. Mary Cecelia, Joanna McKay, is Sr. Mary Justus and Karen Curtsinger is Sr. Mary Ignatius in the Still Got It Players production of "Murder Can Be Habit Forming."

Convent comedy opens in Canton

Still Got It Players will stage *Murder Can Be Habit Forming*, a light-hearted mystery comedy, Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 17-20, at the Village Theater in Canton.

Debbie Lannen directs the troupe of senior citizens that includes Patricia Watson, Carol Lipinski, Robin Hoover, Marion Busa, Beth Brooks, Linda Trigg, Joe Arcel, Tom Strock, Jack Galazka, Lee Thomas, Philip Lukasik, Nana Allen, Ray Frasier, Richard Pientak, Dee Morrison, Lana Collins and Terry Vivani.

The play tells the story of bus passengers who seek refuge in a convent during a blizzard. The Reverend Mother Mary Cecilia provides them lodging for the night, but soon realizes that a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer" is among her guests. Luckily, police detec-

tive Patrick McDougal is on the bus and takes charge of solving the case.

Performances are at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 17-18; 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, age 19-59, and \$13 for seniors and students.

Call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or visit online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or www.spotlightplayers-mi.org. Tickets also are available at the box office, which opens one hour before show time.

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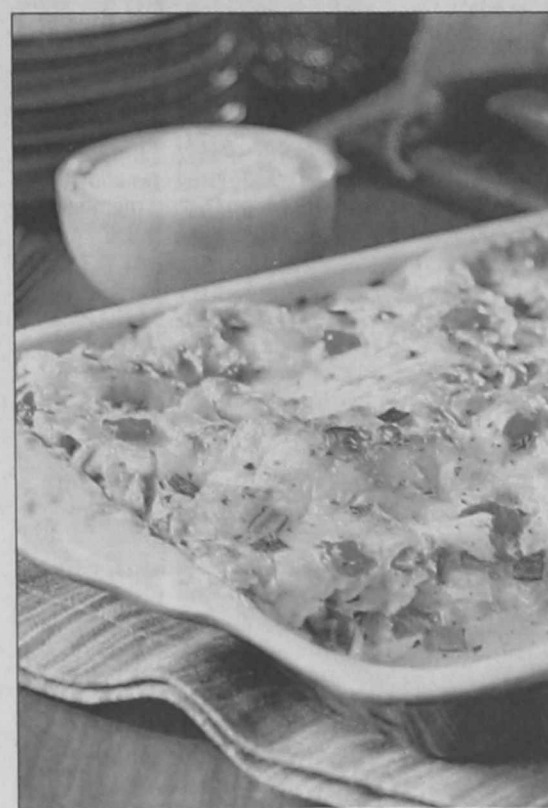
Easy Jalapeño Poppers



Creamy Green Onion Mini Meatballs



Hot Chicken Wings with Cucumber Ranch Dip



King Ranch Chicken

King Ranch Chicken

Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 packet of Lay's Dip Creations Country Ranch seasoning mix
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ medium white onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons canola or vegetable oil
- 18 6-inch yellow corn tortillas
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chicken stock
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 pound Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

- $\frac{1}{2}$ 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chilies, such as Rotel; drained
- 1 4-ounce can green chilies, drained
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound chicken, cooked and cubed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375°F.
Put the drained tomatoes and drained chilies in a medium bowl. Sauté the onions and bell peppers in the 2 teaspoons of oil until the onions turn translucent and the peppers are tender (2-3 minutes). Add to the bowl of tomatoes and chilies and mix to combine.

Blend chicken stock, sour cream, dip mix, salt and black pepper until smooth.

Spray the bottom of a 9-by 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray and cover the bottom of the pan with 6 yellow corn tortillas. Sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ of the chicken and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the vegetable mixture on the layer of tortillas. Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ of the sour cream mixture over the vegetables and top with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the shredded cheese. Repeat twice, beginning with tortillas and ending with a layer of cheese.

Cover with foil and bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until hot in the center and cheese is melted.

Easy Jalapeño Poppers

Makes 8 poppers

- 8 medium sized jalapeños
- 4 ounces ($\frac{1}{4}$ pound) Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 8 slices of bacon
- 8 short wooden skewers or wooden toothpicks
- 1 packet Tostitos Dip Creations Freshly Made Guacamole prepared according to instructions
- 3 avocados

Create a slit in one side of the jalapeños using a small sharp knife. Do not cut all the way through the ends. Remove the seeds and membrane for a milder popper.

Stuff a pepper with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cheese. Wrap with a slice of bacon and secure the bacon with a skewer. Repeat with the 7 other peppers.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Sear poppers on all sides over high heat in a nonstick pan until bacon is golden brown. Transfer to a baking sheet and bake for 8 minutes.

Serve hot with the guacamole on the side.

Hot Chicken Wings with Cucumber Ranch Dip

Makes 4 servings

- Wing Sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot sauce
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Cucumber Ranch Dip
- 3 tablespoons Lay's Dip Creations Country Ranch seasoning mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup buttermilk (optional)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons cilantro
- Pinch pepper

Wings
16 chicken wings
3 tablespoons canola oil
Preheat oven to 425°F.

To make sauce: Add hot sauce to a pot and bring up to medium heat.

Add butter and whisk until melted. Set aside.

To make dip: Add ingredients to a bowl and mix thoroughly using a rubber spatula. Set aside.

To make wings: Add wings to a sheet tray and toss with oil. Bake for 20 minutes.

Once the wings are done in the oven, remove them from the sheet tray and dump them into a bowl.

Add the hot sauce and toss until wings are evenly coated.

Serve the chicken wings along with cucumber ranch dip for dipping.

Creamy Green Onion Mini Meatballs

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- Sauce for Meatballs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Daisy brand sour cream
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1 packet Lay's Dip Creations Garden Onion seasoning mix
- Mini Meatballs
- 2 tablespoons Lay's Dip Creations Garden Onion seasoning mix
- 1 pound ground beef (preferably 80:20 ground chuck)
- 3 tablespoons Italian bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon green onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 egg
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons green onions, chopped — optional garnish

Preheat oven to 425°F.

To make the sauce: Add heavy cream, sour cream and cream cheese to a sauce pot on medium heat. Whisk until ingredients are melted. Then add one packet of dip mix and whisk until smooth. Hold over low heat.

To make meatballs: In a mixing bowl, add all ingredients and mix thoroughly. Roll the meat mixture into golf ball size meatballs. Place the meatballs on a sheet tray lined with parchment paper and bake for 15 minutes.

Once baked, add the meatballs to meatball sauce and toss to coat. Serve hot. Garnish with chopped green onions if desired.

SIMPLE PARTY TIPS

- For simple starters, set out bowls of spiced nuts and marinated olives, or a fruit and cheese platter. Mix up a batch of your favorite dip and serve with pre-cut veggie sticks or your favorite chips. Pre-packaged dip seasoning mixes are a quick way to deliver fresh taste with less fuss.
- Take advantage of store-bought items. A crusty loaf of bread from a local bakery or a fresh fruit tart from the grocery store will add a lot of flavor and style without adding extra work for you.
- Be resourceful. If you want a nice centerpiece for the table, use what you already have. A pretty bowl filled with bright lemons or oranges brings color and fresh fragrance to the table in no time.

— Courtesy of Family Features

MSU student builds career success through internship

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Stephen J. Short II, 21, of Troy is getting some great on-the-job training this summer through an internship.

Short, a 2008 Troy High School graduate, will be a senior this fall at Michigan State University in construction management.

At the spring 2011 meeting of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Charitable & Educational Foundation Board, Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. suggested that the foundation sponsor a summer intern from Michigan State University's Construction Management program to work with a BIA member company.

"I'm learning in this internship," Short said. "I do think it could benefit me in school also." He's getting paid, which helps with tuition, books and other college expenses.

BIA leaders are glad to offer the internship.

"This will serve the dual purpose of offering the intern hands-on experience in our industry, and giving our members and our foundation the opportunity to help shape the future of home building in our area," said Komer in a statement.

BIA's CEO, Michael Stoskopf, contacted the MSU Construction Management Program and obtained resumes. He also located a builder who was interested in participating in the program: BIA's 2010 Builder of the Year, Pinnacle Homes.

Short was tapped to fill the position that is funded half by BIA's Foundation and half by Pinnacle Homes. Short became interested in construction while working for his father's plumbing business.

He praises his superintendent, Ben Reyff, as good to work with. "Ben has told me that residential is a whole different animal as compared to commercial," said Short, the son of Maria and Stephen.

Short is working at Pinnacle's Country Club Village Community in Rochester Hills. His responsibilities include checking on the daily progress of home construction. "He is doing a great job," said Reyff. "He is taking a lot of initia-



Stephen J. Short II (left), intern, John DePorre, Pinnacle Homes, Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer Building, and Michael Stoskopf, BIA's CEO.

tive and helps us to keep track of jobs to be done. This is an opportunity for him to see the whole process of home building."

Short's dad is a plumbing contractor and the younger Short began working summers with him around eighth grade. "More of the management part, the management and scheduling of the project" is what he's getting this summer at the internship, running through around Aug. 19.

"So far, it has been a good experience," Short said of the internship. Much of it is similar to his MSU coursework.

"I can actually say that it's very similar." At MSU, students trained in a computer scheduling program not totally used at his summer internship.

"All the other courses I've taken definitely went right along with what I'm learning in this internship," Short said.

John DePorre, president of Pinnacle Homes, said in a statement, "Our involvement in the internship program through BIA has been a terrific experience. This program has allowed Pinnacle Homes a cost-effective way to recruit a highly qualified and motivat-

ed student to assist our field managers with their day-to-day tasks, thus allowing our field managers to pursue other projects. It's also nice to fulfill a professional responsibility by providing Stephen with real work experience, and in return be on the receiving end of some fresh, new ideas Steven has brought to Pinnacle Homes."

Short said, "I'm actually not completely sure of what I'm going to do yet" after college graduation. He may work with his dad or in another professional capacity.

BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation was established in 1991 to promote and improve the availability of affordable housing opportunities for low-income families throughout Southeastern Michigan and to create a viable opportunity for BIA members to give back to their communities by volunteering their professional talents and skills, and making cash and in-kind contributions to help meet the needs of those less fortunate.

The foundation's mission is to engage in activities that promote and improve housing opportunities, combat commu-

nity deterioration, and inform and educate the general public and members of the construction and property management industries on issues relating to affordable housing. Since its inception, the foundation has raised and distributed nearly \$1.6 million to housing-related nonprofits including Lighthouse of Oakland County, Southwest Solutions, Jewish Family Service, Michigan Colleges Foundation and others.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.

The BIA contributed to this report.

Chinese project massive effort

Q: I understand that there is a great deal of redevelopment in China as well as the building of the "Three Gorges Reservoir." What have they done with the people that lived there?

A: Since the state still runs the show in China, notwithstanding its capitalistic economy,

they have literally displaced the people that lived in the city where the dam was built. In a recent article in the Beijing

English newspaper, the government indicated that improving the living standards of people displaced by the construction of the Three Gorges Reservoir, "while increasing economic and social prosperity will be a top priority for the government." According to the government, it will increase industrial restructuring, boost employment incentives, and improve the social security aid being offered to the residents. The government also claims to vow to protect the environment, take steps to prevent geological disasters over the long term and better manage the effects of the project on the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River. The main body of the Three Gorges Dam is located in the town of Sandouping, in central Hubei province. Apparently, since 1993, when the project was started, 1.35 million people have been moved to make way for the construction of the largest hydroelectric dam in the world.

Q: I have heard about a recent case in the Supreme Court regarding people who are front lot owners who property abuts a public road running parallel to the lakeshore. Do they or do they not have riparian rights?

A: In the 2000 Baum Family Trust vs. Babel case decided by the Supreme Court of Michigan in 2010, the court indicated that the front lot owners whose property abuts a public road running parallel to a lakeshore have riparian rights in the lake, as similarly situated persons have always had in Michigan. The Court also indicated that when the public road is dedicated to the county, it does not receive title in the nature of private ownership but takes a "base fee" or "nominal title" only, therefore, it does not obtain beneficial ownership of the land or the usual rights of the proprietor, therefore, the county could not exercise rights to the road because such uses would be incompatible with the underlying dedication. In that case, it was the Charlotte County Road Commission.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 25-29, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
16249 Birwood Ave	\$124,000
Birmingham	
908 Bennaville Ave	\$115,000
2286 Dunstable Rd	\$220,000
435 Lewis Ct	\$193,000
612 Park St	\$430,000
1010 Smith Ave	\$410,000
736 Southfield Rd	\$1,031,000

Bloomfield Hills	
1362 Bramblebush Run # V-81	\$180,000
1900 Tiverton Rd	\$1,060,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # D1	\$33,000
739 Windemere Ct	\$448,000
Bloomfield Township	
7341 Chula Vista Ln	\$325,000
1180 E Square Lake Rd	\$242,000
1719 Hickory Bark Ln	\$270,000
211 N Glenhurst Dr	\$509,000
4396 Pine Tree Trl	\$445,000
4896 School Bell Ln	\$200,000
3500 Sunnydale Rd	\$315,000
3591 Wabek Rd	\$259,000
Commerce Township	
8400 Cascade St	\$84,000

710 Grand Traverse St	\$22,000
8643 War Bonnet Dr	\$122,000
Farmington Hills	
21262 Cass St	\$19,000
21304 Colwell St	\$74,000
35100 Hillside Dr	\$112,000
29644 Middlebelt Rd Unit 250	\$52,000
34601 Thornbrook Dr	\$192,000
32274 W 12 Mile Rd	\$51,000
21227 Waldron St	\$54,000
30934 Westwood Ct	\$170,000
Franklin	
25 Riverbank Dr	\$425,000
Milford	
3860 Dabate Ct	\$160,000
450 W Maple Rd	\$397,000

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51236 Luke Ln	\$234,000
24009 Ripple Crk	\$125,000
23515 Stonehenge Blvd	\$53,000
27087 Victoria Rd	\$259,000
23115 W Le Bost	\$147,000
South Lyon	
26521 Mallard Ct	\$60,000
Southfield	
26262 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$41,000
21978 Frazer Ave	\$35,000
17021 Maryland St	\$86,000
White Lake	
956 Hidden Cove Dr	\$163,000
1395 Waverly Dr	\$73,000

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43121 Barchester Rd	\$145,000
7637 Embassy Dr	\$233,000
44555 Fair Oaks Dr	\$156,000
45623 Hanford Rd	\$200,000
49956 Jackson Ln	\$285,000
185 Morgan Dr	\$103,000
2134 Preserve Cir W	\$133,000
3914 Ravensfield Dr	\$90,000
3271 Riverside Ct	\$135,000
42940 Saxony Rd	\$95,000
43538 W Arbor Way Dr	\$45,000

7059 Weatherfield Way	\$212,000
7551 Wheaton Dr	\$160,000
Garden City	
32415 John Hawk St	\$37,000
Livonia	
29452 Bobrich St	\$45,000
14826 Country Club Dr	\$138,000
11355 Denne St	\$65,000
38111 Elsie St	\$104,000
34444 Fargo St	\$299,000
14834 Ingram St	\$78,000
27670 Oakley St	\$244,000
16658 Penn Dr	\$170,000
16830 Pollyanna St	\$153,000
14405 Riverside St	\$144,000
16805 Wayne Rd	\$163,000
Northville	
44725 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$275,000
18750 Beck Rd	\$450,000
44507 Broadmoor Blvd	\$330,000

44615 Broadmoor Cir N	\$350,000
16116 Crystal Downs E	\$437,000
15869 Johnson Creek Dr	\$129,000
16049 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
39586 Muirfield Ln	\$229,000
49496 N Glacier	\$208,000
40778 Rayburn Dr	\$262,000
326 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$205,000
42653 Savoy Ct	\$82,000
41074 Stoneleigh St	\$120,000
777 Thayer Blvd	\$410,000
1068 Washington Cir	\$100,000
Plymouth	
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46070 Forestwood Dr	\$285,000
47575 Katherine Ct	\$325,000
42024 Micol Dr	\$85,000
460 Ross St	\$150,000
9393 Village Manor Dr	\$275,000

Redford	
11316 Crosley	\$30,000
10045 Grayfield	\$34,000
9111 Kinloch	\$55,000
8883 Riverview	\$38,000
15170 Salem Ct	\$62,000
13988 San Jose	\$55,000
14234 San Jose	\$8,000
25994 Southwestern Hwy	\$15,000
20550 Sumner	\$25,000
11367 Wornner	\$45,000
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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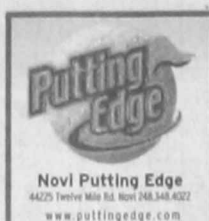
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