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An early Christmas

Heidi Bushey is the top prize winner in the Hometown Life INSPIRE "Christmas in July" contest. The Canton resident won \$250 and says she may spend it on school clothes for her teens, or possibly a late-summer trip to Cedar Point.



Bushey

Other prize winners are Teresa Long of Westland (\$125) and Maria Cameon of South Lyon (\$75). Nearly 800 entries were submitted. The winners were selected in a random drawing of all entries that correctly identified pages on which the holiday beachball appeared.

Soul food

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, the Canton Mosque is hosting an event called "Food to My Soul."

Guests will hear from local Muslims about what Ramadan means to them and will get to experience many traditional ethnic foods from around the Muslim world.

The event takes place 8-9:30 p.m. at the Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer. The event is open and free to all. The event is sponsored by the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs.

For more information, call Christina Rountree at (248) 413-7520, or Syed Karmatullah, (248) 703-1881.

Legacy talks

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will continue its discussion of legacy costs during a study session scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The session follows earlier talks aimed at how the township can begin to address long-term costs such as retiree health benefits.

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Greer Roberts builds a word.

Giant board game spells library fun

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

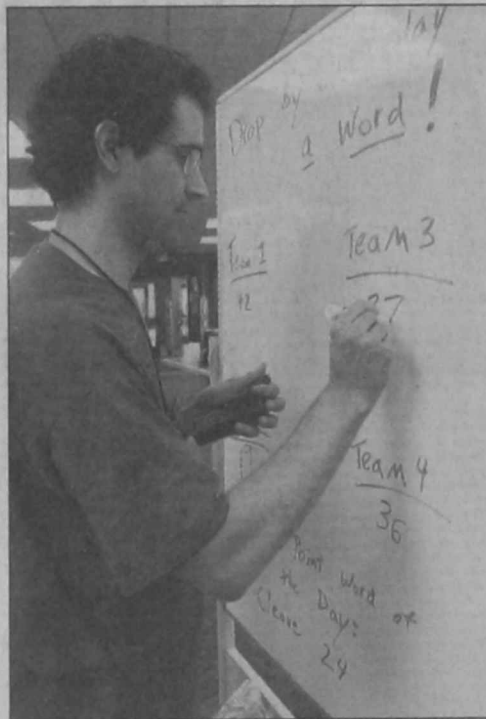
Call it Scrabble on steroids. It did, after all, flex its game-board muscle across the Canton Public Library floor. Spell it B-I-G — but aim for the triple word score.

"It's fantastic," said 47-year-old Canton resident Byron Roberts, who played against daughter Greer, 15, as four teams gathered around the board. "It's a lot of fun, and it's a good use of library space."

The board measured just over 10 feet by 10 feet, made of laminated paper squares woven together. It came with 8- by 7-inch cardboard letters with a fake wood-grain exterior. They stood on cardboard letter holders painted black.

Brad Bachelor, teen department librarian, created this jumbo Scrabble game with help from his co-workers.

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Librarian Brad Bachelor built the big game and kept the score.

Officials: Housing market 'encouraging'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Amid encouraging signs for Canton's housing market, as many as 151 new homes could be built after the township board Tuesday approved final site plans for three separate developments.

"It's extremely encouraging," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

The latest news comes as the

housing market here and elsewhere continues to struggle to recover after a sharp downturn halted development in 2005.

Yet the township board's latest decision could potentially usher in a flurry of new site condominiums — essentially single-family homes. Consider:

- The second phase of The Hamlet, south of Proctor between Denton and Ridge, received final site plan approval for 40 new homes.

- The Hamptons Estates, south of Cherry Hill between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, won approval for 61 homes.

- Torrey Hill, southeast of Saltz and Beck, could see as many as 50 new homes.

To be sure, not all the new homes are likely to emerge at once but, rather, will be phased in gradually. Still, local officials view the latest signs as positive.

"It's good news for Canton," Municipal Services Director Tim

Faas said.

Faas singled out Canton, Northville Township and Novi as communities where the local housing market has witnessed encouraging signs.

"We've always said that Canton is a great place to come and raise a family," Faas said.

He also cited a comparatively low crime rate, good schools and efficient services as reasons

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Schools race draws big crowd

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

As co-founder of the Legislative Action Network working to benefit Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Sheila Paton has gotten an outsider's view of the issues facing her hometown school district.

Now she wants to take a stab at it from the inside. Paton, a Plymouth mother with two children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools, decided to join the race for four seats in the November Board of Education election. She joins at least eight other confirmed or likely candidates — including three of four incumbents — in the crowded field. Deadline for entry is Tuesday.

"I've thought about it and think we're approaching a very exciting time for our district," Paton said. "There is a lot of change on the horizon and I would like to be part of those discussions and help with some of those decisions."

Paton co-chaired the LAN with fellow Plymouth mother Denize Zander, now her campaign manager, and said she isn't sure what election to the board would mean to her involvement with the LAN. "I would definitely miss that," she said.

She joins a burgeoning field of candidates. Those who've already filed:

- Incumbent Trustee Nancy Eggenberger, a former board secretary, and former board president and current Trustee Steven Sneedman.

- Stephanie Goecke, who started a "concerned citizens" group during the debate over the fate of former Supt. Craig Fiegel.

- Canton resident Mike Andro, a former candidate for Canton Township trustee.

- Plymouth City Commissioner John Barrett, a longtime administrator in the Farmington school district.

- John Nichols, a former candidate and parent who was outspoken in his criticism of the decision to consider closing Fiegel Elementary School.

- Abdullateef Muhiuddin of Canton, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School.

Current board President John Jackson, seeking his first full term on the board, said he's in. He was expected to file his petition late Friday or Monday morning.

"I think four years of experience, and the training I've gone through, is what the district needs to get us through these tough financial times we have so we can deliver high-quality education for our students," Jackson said. "I think I'm the one who can do that. School board is something you can't just walk into day one and be highly effective. I think I've shown I can do that."

Likely out of the race is current Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, who has said at open meetings that, due to the pressures and time constraints of running the family business, she'd likely stay out of the race if viable candidates got in.

The non-partisan race will be decided Nov. 8.

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Vet summit sign-up underway

Online registration is now open to attorneys and legal advocates for the two-day Veterans' Summit 2011 scheduled for Sept. 14-15 and hosted by the Canton Community Foundation.

Attorneys and legal advocates who work with veterans to obtain benefits through Veterans Affairs may register online at www.cantonfoundation.org.

The first day of the two-day program is specifically for attorneys and legal advocates, who are eligible to receive four credit hours of legal continuing education, required for certification by the VA. Registration for attorneys and accredited claims agents is \$150, while tickets for veteran service officers and Michigan County Counselors - who are not required to obtain continuing education credits - are complimentary.

The forum's second day is devoted to providing information about benefits and programs available to veterans and their families. Registration for veterans will take place later in August.

For the second consecutive year, the Canton Community Foundation has received a grant to sponsor the edu-

cational forum for veterans and legal advocates. Awarded by the Holbrook Charitable Trust, the grant enables the foundation to again host the popular event at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

The 2010 summit narrowed the gap in Michigan's lack of continuing legal education required of veteran advocates to maintain accreditation to work with the VA, foundation president Joan Noricks said. The event drew more than 30 veteran and legal advocates and more than 150 veterans and family members.

CCF's upcoming program will target the approximately 350,000 veterans who live in metropolitan Detroit and the close to 150 attorneys and Veterans Service Officers who work with veterans. As with the 2010 seminar, the first day of the event will be devoted to the professionals.

The second day will focus on the benefits for which veterans and their families may be eligible.

For more information, contact CCF at (734) 495-1200 or info@cantonfoundation.org

AROUND CANTON

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

CHARTER ACADEMY MEETING

Date/Time: Thursday, Aug. 23, 6 p.m.

Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road, in Canton

Details: Canton Charter Academy has scheduled a parent information meeting, where Principal Cathy Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer period. Tours of the school will be available.

Contact: To RSVP for the meeting, call (734) 453-9517.

BOOT CAMP

Date/Time: Today (Sunday), 9-10 a.m.

Location: Canton Farmers Market, Preservation Park, Ridge Road south of Cherry Hill in Canton



Wish you were here

Bob and Ruth Lamoureux of Canton recently vacationed in Nashville and Memphis, Tenn., and took their Canton Observer with them. One favorite photo was taken (with their Observer) outside the front entrance when they visited Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley. The visit also included a stop at the studios of Sun Records, where Presley recorded his first song. The Lamoureuxs said they "enjoyed the city very much and plan to go back to see what we missed." If you're going on vacation, take your Canton Observer along, then send a photo of you with the paper to editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Details: Boot camp returns to the Canton Farmers Market. Market manager Tina Lloyd is urging market-goers to get their exercise in before shopping the market. Also, learn today about the benefits of honey and bees from Bob "The Bee

Guy" Jastrzebski, who will have a workshop near the porch of the Bartlett-Travis House 10:30 a.m. to noon. Musician Mark Reitenga will perform on the Bartlett-Travis porch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Michigan Fresh Roasted Coffee also returns to the market.

Grant 'Targets' reading program

The Canton Public Library announced the renewal of a \$2,000 Target grant to be used to continue to support the Family Reading Night program.

"Our partnership with Target continues with the awarding of this grant, which allows the Canton Public Library and the Friends of the Canton Public Library to maintain our commitment to early childhood literacy and improving lives in our community," said Eva Davis, library director.

More than 2,000 people have participated in the Target Family Reading Night program since its 2009 inception. The program offers stories, games and snacks to families with children ages 4-9 and provides a book for the family to take home and share.

It encourages early childhood literacy by demonstrating techniques and supplying a book for families to model at home.

The Friends of the Canton Public Library also sponsor this program.

"At Target, our local grants are making a difference in communities across the country," said Laysha Ward, President, Community Relations, Target. "We're proud to partner with the Canton Public Library as part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen communities where our guests and team members live and work."

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Market battles road work, economy

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A few customers mill around Mary's Farm Market, bagging up sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, peaches, onions and other produce, as owner Mary Hauk thumps a watermelon to teach a patron it should sound firm, not hollow.

Hauk's market, an 18-year fixture on the southwest corner of Ford and Beck roads, sells produce grown on a 2,000-acre family farm off Ridge Road, where Hauk and her brother Richard teach some of their children to become fourth-generation farmers.

"I grew up doing this," she said. "I love it."

It's August, and a gentle breeze blows across the market's outdoor area, a welcome reprieve from a severe July heat that, along with a second Ford Road project in as many years, tested Hauk's patience.

She blames road-construction projects, especially last year's widening of the Ford-Beck intersection, for hurting her business amid already-tough economic times. Just weeks ago, a shorter-term road microsurfacing project caused other snags.

"When they shut these roads down, people choose alternate routes and become creatures of habit," Hauk said. "A lot of people don't know I'm still in business. It's been one thing after another."

Township officials have said the state of Michigan road projects have been necessary. They said the Ford-Beck intersection needed widening to accommodate an increase in traffic — fueled by Canton's 18-percent population growth during the past decade.

Moreover, they have said the microsurfacing project was done along Ford Road throughout the township to try to maintain the bustling east-west thoroughfare.

Hauk said many customers drifted away amid last summer's road project. She said she closed down in late September, abandoning her autumn sales of pumpkins, squash, straw and seasonal decorations — never mind the Christmas trees, hand-made wreaths, grave blankets and other items that didn't get sold into December.

"People thought I had closed for



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Mary Hauk said people become "creatures of habit" when they start avoiding her market because of road construction.



Jan Hunter of Westland shops for the first time at Mary's Market in Canton. She heard the sweet corn was the best.

good," Hauk said.

Yet her family continues to grow and sell produce. What they don't grow — cherries from Up North, fruit from Detroit wholesalers — they bring in.

On a postcard-worthy Thursday afternoon, Jan Hunter of Westland stopped by Mary's Farm Market after her husband told her he had



At Mary's Farm Market, stacked wood boxes used for produce.

driven by the place.

"I heard the corn is really good here," Hunter said, picking out ears and stuffing them in bags. "I'm here for the sweet, bi-color corn. That's the kind we like. The smaller the ears, the better the corn."

As summer winds down, Hauk hopes others, like Hunter, will realize she's in business.

"The season is almost over," Hauk said, "and some people still don't know I'm open."

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W-W's Walker-Winter to get Muth Award

Wayne-Westland's Walker Winter Elementary School in Canton will be on the receiving end of the 2011 Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award when the Wayne-Westland school board meets Monday evening.

The annual award, sponsored by the Middle Cities Education Association, honors K-12 schools in Michigan's urban school systems that demonstrate leadership in school improvement, specifically improvements that reflect gains in student achievement. Middle Cities Education Association is a coalition of 33 urban school districts in Michigan.

"The Wayne-Westland community is a leader in education in Michigan," said Ray Telman, executive director of Middle Cities. "The educators, students and parents are committed to high-quality practices and always strive to improve. Their dedication to student success is exemplified by their work at Walker-Winter Elementary School. We are proud to highlight their achievements."

Schools applying for the award were required to provide information on how teachers, administrators and staff worked together to address such school improvement issues as professional development, student achievement goals, and community involvement among other areas.

Walker-Winter was selected for the award based on its school improvement efforts and provided the evidence and data necessary to prove their efforts were successful in helping improve student achievement. It's the second Wayne-Westland school to receive the award. In 2010, Middle Cities selected Hoover Elementary to receive the Muth Award.

"This award is not only an honor for Walker-Winter, but it is also an honor for our whole district," said Wayne-Westland Supt. Dr. Greg Baracy. "It is a testament to our educators' passion and hard work on behalf of our students."

The Muth Award is named in honor of Robert Muth and his wife Patricia, who instituted the award endowment in 1989 upon Robert Muth's retirement as executive director of Middle Cities Education Association.

This isn't the first state honor Walker-Winter has received. In 2007, it was chosen by the state Board of Education as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School. The award recognized the school for demonstrating a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years.

The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

— By Sue Mason

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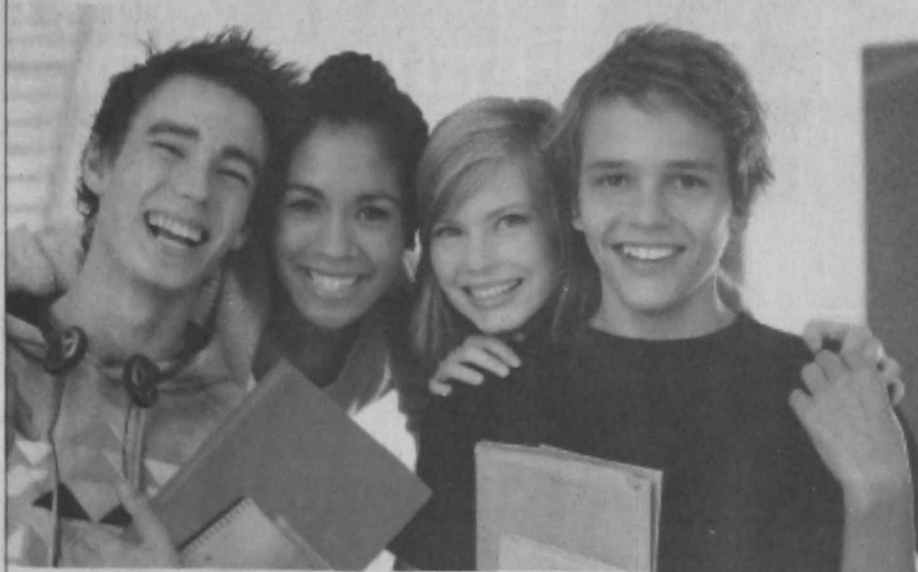
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District expands choice options

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When initially opening its borders to first-through fifth-grade children of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employees currently attending school in other districts failed to produce the numbers for which administrators had hoped, the district has now expanded the policy.

The district has now opened its doors to children of employees who currently reside outside the district, regardless of grade.

The decision was made, Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's

interim superintendent, said in a letter to employees, because the district has "not experienced the extra enrollment we had anticipated." The most common response to the proposal, Hughes wrote, was that many employees had more than one child, but not all in grades one through five.

"The most common answer we received was that staff did not want their children attending two different school districts," Hughes wrote.

Back in June, the district's Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to open its doors to employees. Administra-

tion officials were hoping to gain some 150 students, which would have produced a little more than \$1 million in revenue, according to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services.

However, director of community relations Frank Ruggirello said the move drew "fewer than 10" new students. After announcing the expanded policy in an Aug. 5 letter, Ruggirello said, "at least a dozen" had enrolled in a half-day Monday alone.

The district did an in-house survey of employees earlier this year to determine inter-

est in bringing their children into the district. According to Hughes, some 300 employees responded to the survey; of those, 103 employees expressed an interest in the school of choice option.

However, Hughes cautioned, a similar study in Northville schools produced similar results, with more than 100 employees expressing interest, but only 17 students actually enrolled.

Other options had included opening the boundaries to students from any district within Wayne RESA, or opening to students not only from Wayne RESA, but also from intermedi-

ate school districts contiguous to Wayne RESA (the only one is Washtenaw).

Trustee Steven Sneedman, while urging administrators to be conservative in their estimates about the budget impact, said he felt the schools of choice option was a benefit to employees.

"I really think it's a value to our employees and to the district," Sneedman said. "I consider the employees part of our community. They work here, they spend a good part of their day here, whether they live here or not."

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Number crunching



Cheryl Zuzo's Bentley Elementary first-graders went above and beyond the call of duty in the teacher's 'Everyday Math' program, which uses number scrolls to teach students to master numeration. Zuzo sets club goals — 10,000 for Rainbow, \$5,000 for Gold and 1,000 for Silver — then rings a bell and announces the success each time a student achieves a goal, drawing applause from fellow students. Gold Club students this year included Bridget Boczar, Grant Pierfelice and Yesha Ravel. Silver Club students were Zainab Ali, Grace Boczar, Madison Botts, Bryce Clark, Julia Dowswell, Ravon Gillum, Kai Henkel, John Howard, Ellen Huang, Zachary Kanaan, Jeren Lemanek, Jeremy Mallia, Rishi Patel, Krutika Patil, Angelina Rizqalla, Serenity Schaecher, Emma Stapleton, Alex Stockford, Jesse Thomas, Zachary Yourman and Braden Zamenski.

Student teaches about dangers of tobacco

Shayla French, a fifth-grader from Plymouth and the Michigan winner in the 2011 Tar Wars poster contest, traveled to Washington, D.C., recently to participate in the national poster contest and awards ceremony.

Tar Wars is a tobacco prevention program that brings local family physicians and health care providers into schools to teach students about the effects of tobacco on the body and how different messages in tobacco advertising influence people. The program is administered by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The Tar Wars awards ceremony was held July 12-13 in Washington, D.C., where the original artwork was on display. French's poster was titled "Take the Pledge, Be Tobacco Free." French was awarded 10th place and an Honorable Mention in the national poster competition. French was a fifth-grade student at Bird Elementary School last year.

As part of the Tar Wars program, the state winners saw the sights in the Washington, D.C. area and visited their U.S. representatives and senators.

Digital images of the first-place, runner-up and honorable mention posters can be downloaded from www.tarwars.org. Poster artwork is also displayed in



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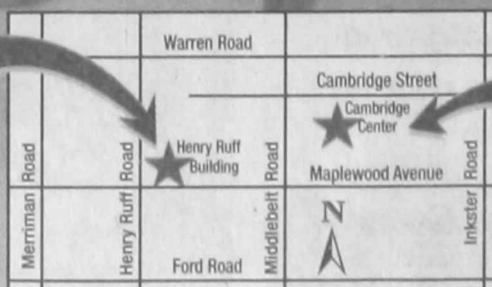
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Group hosts Maupin fundraiser

Motor City Trivia, a group that sponsors trivia games at locations across metro Detroit, has stepped up to help raise money for the family of Elizabeth Maupin, the late Canton mother of four who was killed July 21 while she was walking her bike across Haggerty Road on the north side of Michigan Avenue.

Motor City Trivia is hosting a fund-raiser 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Buffalo Wild Wings on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty.



Maupin

Buffalo Wild Wings has agreed to donate to the Maupin family 20 percent of proceeds from purchases made during the fund-raiser, though a coupon has to be filled out and brought in.

To get the coupon, go to www.motorcitytrivia.com and look under the Motor City Trivia tab for special events and fund-raisers.

Many of the staff at Motor City Trivia knew Maupin, according to the website. "We were deeply saddened by her sudden passing, leaving behind four children all under the age of 5," a statement on the website says. "We would like to do something to help her family and are asking the Motor City Trivia community to assist us."

Exhibit showcases wedding gowns

Explore history through the bridal fashions of yesteryear as the Canton Historical Society presents "A Century of Wedding Gowns" Sunday, Aug. 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Visitors can journey down memory lane as gowns from the past 115 years are modeled by members of the Canton community during this special fashion show.

Exhibits of wedding memorabilia from past eras will be on display starting at 2 p.m. Visitors will also be able to bid on items donated by local businesses in a silent auction. The fashion show is slated to begin at 2:30 p.m. A special dessert and punch reception will follow this period fashion show offering opportunities to meet and have pictures taken with the "brides."

Proceeds from the fashion show featuring the styles of our ancestors will benefit the Canton Historical Museum's textile preservation project. Tickets for this afternoon of historic fashions are \$15 and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org; by phone at (734) 394-5300; at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road; and at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information about this "A Century of Wedding Gowns" Fashion Show at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

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LaJoy said new development also has continued in places such as Cherry Hill Village, on the township's far west side.

"We've maintained a vibrant community," he said. "We're still attractive to people who want to buy single-family homes."

Meanwhile, Faas said Canton had issued 43 permits for single-family homes through July 31 of this year — already a 60-percent increase over last year's 27 permits.

Moreover, Canton this year has issued a total of 3,598 building permits, which include decks, fences and other amenities as well as homes. That's almost as many as the 3,636 for all of last year.

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With field built, players come

Three years after the dream became a vision and the vision became a plan, and three months after the shovels hit the ground, the Miracle League of Plymouth is ready to welcome players and their families to the field.

The league has registered more than 60 players and raised more than \$1 million, leaving the league less than \$50,000 short of its \$1.1 million fundraising goal.

The success continues Saturday, Aug. 20, when the Miracle League of Plymouth celebrates opening day of the special needs ballpark, located at 357 Theodore in Plymouth.

"From day one, we looked to the 'Field of Dreams' for inspiration," development co-chair Bob Bilkie said. "Our special needs community needed a place to play, and we have accomplished that with the opening of the Bilkie Family Field at the Miracle League of Plymouth."

Opening day will allow the players and their families an opportunity to



Special guest Jesse Lindlbauer joined the hitters at the second annual Dale Rumberger home run derby to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth. The event raised some \$4,000.

visit the field and take a lap around the bases. The Detroit Tigers Foundation's concession stand will be open, serving the baseball staples, along with Miracle League of Plymouth flags.

"This is a dream come true, and we could not have done it without the support of our local communities," League Commissioner Deb Madonna said. "The Miracle

League of Plymouth represents the best qualities of this community — the hard work, dedication and loyalty. This is a celebration three years in the making."

The Miracle League of Plymouth will support at least two teams for the inaugural season, with the first game to be held Aug. 27.

Kelly Hermann, whose daughter, Maggie, will be one of the players, said she's "very excited" for opening day.

"Children like Maggie do not get the opportunity to play regular sports, and this field will give

her that chance," Hermann said. "As a parent I could not ask for a greater gift than to see the beaming smile on her face when she gets to do this. She is so incredibly excited to 'run' the bases, just like her brother."

The Miracle League organization was founded in 1998 in Rockdale, Ga.

There are now more than 250 leagues throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico, servicing more than one million special needs children.

Madonna said The Miracle League of Plymouth will service families of western Wayne County,



Maggie Hermann celebrates at home plate on the brand new "Field of Dreams" built by the Miracle League of Plymouth, which celebrates its opening day Aug. 20.



Tyler Wolfe takes a test-drive around the bases on the new Miracle League field with grandpa Kevin Finnerty.

providing an opportunity for special needs children to engage in athletic activities.

The Miracle League of Plymouth will support a

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

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Hope College

Hope College officials announced a list of graduates who have been awarded graduation honors for outstanding academic accomplishment during their four years of study. **Danielle Silletti** of Canton graduated Magna Cum Laude. **Emily Baracy** and **Jessica Zomermaand** of Canton both graduated Cum Laude.

Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University officials announced the Dean's List for the Winter 2011 semester.

Bethany Grysko of Plymouth made the list with a grade-point average of 4.0. Qualifying for the list with grade-point averages between 3.25-3.99 were **Ellen Baracy**, **Bryanne Belovary** and **Amy Markey**, all of Canton, and Plymouth residents **Katherine Bedenis**, **Monica Doyle**, **Samantha McPartlin**, **Rachel Pawlowski**, **Kaitlyn Silver** and **Kelly Waite**.

Northwood University

Three students from Plymouth were among students who recently received a four-year bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University in Midland, Mich. The students were **Matthew Czajkowski**, **Alison Spohn** and **Andrea Spohn**.

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am like a lot of people who are frightened about the economy. I sold all my investments a while ago and I've just been leaving the money in the bank. At the present time, I have about \$400,000 in my bank account. I have a pension and Social Security and I only pull out \$3,000-\$4,000 a year from my account. I know it's not the smartest thing to leave money in the bank, but it makes me feel comfortable. I don't want to invest in the stock market and I don't like annuities. I'm not happy with the interest the bank is paying me, but it's better than nothing. Is there anything I can do that's better than just leaving my money in my checking account?
P.S. I am 72.
A: My philosophy has always been never invest in anything that keeps



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

you up at night. The fact that you are not comfortable with stock market investments or annuities means that you should avoid these. It doesn't matter whether I think they'd be a good for you or not — the key is what makes you feel comfortable. Investors need to avoid investments that they either don't understand or ones that they don't feel comfortable with. In your situation, since the type of investment that you feel comfortable with is one that is guaranteed and has no principal fluctuation, CDs are the

most appropriate. Even though CDs are not paying high rates of return, that is only one factor to consider before deciding on an investment. As opposed to leaving the money in your checking account, my advice is to ladder CDs. Laddering CDs means you're buying CDs with different maturities, thus, you're diversifying within the CD area. In laddering CDs, I recommend that you purchase CDs that mature in six months, one year, 18 months and two years. I don't recommend that you go over two years based upon the fact that you are not getting a sufficient premium to lock your money up for longer periods of time. In addition, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernacke made it clear that they have no intention of raising interest rates until

at least the first half of 2013. In laddering your CDs, you do not have to use the same bank. It will probably make sense to use two different banks so that your money is totally federally insured. At the present time you will be insured up to \$250,000 per institution. Therefore, by using multiple institutions, 100 percent of your money will be federally insured. There is no question that the last few weeks have spooked investors. The volatility over the last few weeks has been incredible. I tell investors the only way to be successful is to have a game plan that takes into account volatile times. However, as an investor you have to be honest with yourself. Never invest in anything that you do not understand or that you do not feel comfortable with. In the long run, it will make you a better investor and, most importantly, allow you to sleep at night. Good luck!

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Former foster child wins Sparky Anderson Award for clothing drive

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Shirley Brown, a Livonia sixth-grader and former foster child who collected a classroom of clothing for other foster children, has won the Sparky Anderson Award for Youth in Philanthropy.

Shirley will receive the award Nov. 17 from the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at its National Philanthropy Day banquet and awards event at the Detroit Renaissance Marriott.

"I'm just so proud of her," said her adoptive father, Tim Brown. "She worked so hard and gave up all that free time."

Shirley, 11, a student at Johnson Upper Elementary School, came up with the idea for the clothing drive after her teachers urged her and her classmates to think of a project for the Youth Making a Difference program.

When the Wyandotte police took her and her younger brother from their parents almost nine years ago, they were naked, sick and lying in the own vomit. The officers had to put adult-sized T-shirts on the then toddlers just to remove them from their home because they couldn't find any children's clothing to dress them in.

"I knew how it was when I was little," she said, explaining why she held the clothing drive. "I didn't have any clothes."

Shirley, a Westland resident, got her entire

school involved, sending a letter home to every one of the 600-plus students.

She and four classmates spent their recesses and lunch periods for several weeks sorting the clothing by sex, size and season — with help from two teachers.

The clothing was donated to Orchards Children's Services, the agency through which Shirley was adopted. Her father had to use a trailer to haul all the clothing to Orchards.

Shirley said although the award is nice, she wasn't expecting one. "I just wanted to put some clothes on children," she said.

She also wants to credit her parents and friends for their assistance. "It was my idea, but I had a lot of help," she said.

'Amazing spirit'

Shirley was nominated for the award by Gilda Hauser, campaign director for Orchards Children's Services, based in Southfield.

"I couldn't think of anyone better," said Hauser, who included with the nomination form a copy of an article the *Livonia Observer* published April 24 about Shirley's clothing drive. "She's just an outstanding example of giving back; it can't not touch your heart."

Shirley has also participated in fundraising for the Kids Helping Kids Walk, part of the Children's Charity Coalition, and speaks to potential donors at Orchards Chil-

dren's Services about her experiences and desire to help other kids.

Shirley plans to become part of Orchards Youth Board, a children's philanthropy and volunteer group that organizes fundraising and community events for foster children and families in need. She is just waiting to turn 13, the minimum age to be on the Youth Board.

Hauser said Shirley is an inspiration and example for others to follow, not just for children but for adults, too. Her "amazing spirit and kindness in wanting to help others" is evident to all those who come in contact with her, she said.

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Shirley Brown is being honored for organizing a clothing drive to benefit foster children. "I knew how it was when I was little," she said. "I didn't have any clothes."



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IN THE SERVICE

Army promotion

Martin F. Smith was recently promoted to Warrant Officer after completing the U.S. Army's Warrant Officer Candidate School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

His next assignment will be at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Smith served active combat duty in Iraq in 2003-2004 and has been in the Army for nine years. He has been stationed in Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Iraq; Germany and at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Smith is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School and is the son of Martin and Sue Smith of Canton.

Basic training grad

Air Force **Airman 1st Class Kyle A. Patru** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Patru is the brother of Shelby Patru of Canton.

Artillery grad

Army **Pvt. John E. Watkins** has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Watkins is the son of John and Kimberly Watkins of Canton.

Infantry completion

Army **Pfc. Robert J. Amyx** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Amyx is the son of Charles Amyx of Plymouth.



Sr. Mary Cecelia (Carol Lipinski, from left), Sr. Mary Justus (Joanna McKay) and Sr. Mary Ignatius (Karen Curtsinger) in a scene from the Still Got It Players' production of 'Murder Can Be Habit-Forming.'

Senior troupe presents murder-mystery

Murder mystery lovers should mark their calendars for "Murder Can Be Habit Forming," a Still Got It Players production being presented this week at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Still Got It officials said audience members will love "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" by Billy St. John, a clever and well-crafted spoof presented by the all-senior-citizen acting ensemble.

"I especially like when grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform," director Debbie Lannen said. "They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'Never stop. You can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active.'"

In the play, when a bus load of passengers is stranded by a blizzard in upstate New York, they find their way to an old mansion in the woods, now St. Mary's Convent,

where the Reverend Mother Mary Cecilia provides them lodging for the night.

Unfortunately, she soon realizes that among her guests is likely to be a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer" whose victims are all named Mary. Though most of the sisters have been stranded in Buffalo, the four nuns remaining with her all have the first name Mary, as do two of the women on the bus.

To add to the list of potential victims, one passenger is a flamboyant actress whose TV character is named Mary and another is a retired school teacher who was formerly a nun named Mary. Before the night is over, the killer strikes.

Which person from the bus could be the Mary Murderer? The college professor? The newspaper columnist? The bus driver? Luckily, police detective Patrick McDougal was also on the bus and takes charge of solving the case.

Providing as many laughs as chills, "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming" is a light-hearted mystery comedy that reveals the very human side of the nuns as they attempt to stay one step ahead of the killer.

Performance dates and times are Wednesday-Thursday at 1 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults 19-59; \$13 for seniors 60 and older and students under 19.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets can also be purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour prior to show-time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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Canton soldier among 'Black Jack' inductees

By Sgt. Justin A. Naylor
2nd Brigade Combat Team,
1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The sergeant is the Army."

Whether leading troops, operating multimillion dollar equipment, or conducting and leading missions, junior non-commissioned officers can be found nearly everywhere there are soldiers.

A group of 20 soldiers serving with 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, "Black Jack," 1st Cavalry Division, officially became members of the storied Non-commissioned Officer Corps during an non-commissioned officer induction ceremony at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, July 26.

This ceremony was a chance for us to put the spotlight on our junior non-commissioned officers as they become members of our time-honored corps, said Master Sgt. Stanley Love, senior operations non-commissioned officer for 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd AAB.

NCO legacy

Like the Non-commissioned Officer Corps, the legacy of the non-commissioned officer induc-



Cpl. Aaron Eichel, a Canton native and a gun truck commander with 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Advise and Assist), 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Division-North, stands at the front of a line of soldiers preparing to cross a symbolic marker during a non-commissioned officer induction ceremony at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, July 26. After crossing the yellow line with the sergeant rank sewn on it, the soldiers were said to officially be members of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps.

tion ceremony has an historic past.

The origins of the ceremony are commonly traced to the Royal Prussian Army of Frederick the Great. In the Royal Prussian Army, before a soldier could become an non-commissioned officer, he was required to

stand four guard watches.

During the first watch, a junior soldier would visit the guard and receive a gift of bread and brandy. During the second watch, non-commissioned officers from the soldier's unit would come and be treated to beer and tobacco. During the third watch, the unit's first sergeant would receive a glass of wine and a piece of tobacco on a tin plate from the guard. During the fourth watch, the soldier was officially considered an non-commissioned officer.

"These fine soldiers are about to start one of the greatest journeys of their lives, and that journey is part of something that is larger than any one of us," said Com-

mand Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey, senior enlisted leader of 4th Infantry Division and U.S. Division-North.

By becoming members of the Non-commissioned Officer Corps, soldiers now are charged with the responsibility of leading, training and being role models for our great soldiers, said Dailey.

"Take care of your soldiers," he said to the junior non-commissioned officers. "This is a practical requirement, not a feel-good obligation."

Dailey encouraged the new non-commissioned officers to also remember that the skills of leadership do not come by just being promoted; one must work on them every day. Start with the

fundamentals and practice them until you gain a degree of excellence, and then strive for even higher proficiencies, he added.

Canton man

For the soldiers inducted, the ceremony offered a chance to carry on a long tradition.

"Being in the ceremony made me feel proud to be part of something bigger," said Cpl. Aaron Eichel, a Canton, Mich., native, and a truck commander with 2nd AAB.

Since joining the Army three years ago after serving four years in the Marine Corps, Eichel said the knowledge he gained from his non-commissioned officers has been invaluable.

"They taught me every-

thing I know," he said.

Eichel said now that he is part of the Non-commissioned Officers Corps, it is his chance to pass that knowledge to his soldiers. "I have the satisfaction of watching the soldiers in my truck excel and progress, and know that I had something to do with that."

Although the inductees are all now members of the Non-commissioned Officers Corps, leaders at the ceremony warned them that they should not stop there.

They should strive to go as far as they can," said Love. "They should want to be a command sergeant major or sergeant major of the Army. They should always be willing to learn more and strive for the next rank."

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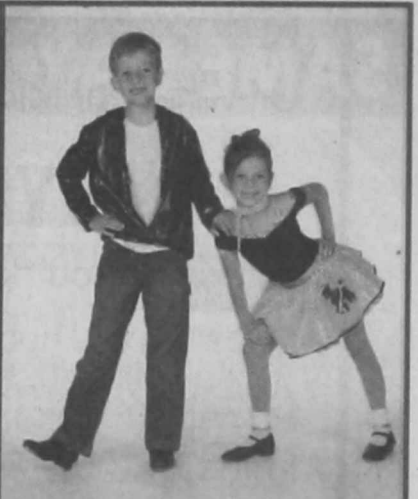
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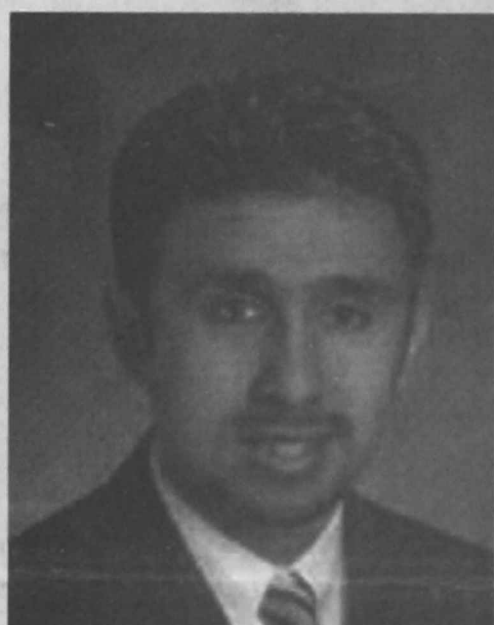
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Sluggers swing for fences and a good cause

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Prep baseball players from the region gathered Aug. 6 to rip round-trippers for the Miracle League of Plymouth — and they didn't disappoint anyone in their quest.

The second annual Home Run Derby for the Miracle League was bigger and better than the debut attempt in 2010, with 18 players from Kensington Lakes Activities Association high schools taking part at Salem's varsity baseball field.

Recent Plymouth graduate Mike Nadratowski and Hartland's Jake Lowery got past the first three rounds to make it to the finals. When they finished taking their cuts, Lowery was crowned the der-

by champion after clubbing a total of 20 dingers.

"It was a great event that not only our community was involved in, but surrounding communities that will utilize the Miracle League of Plymouth," said derby chairman Ted Barker, also a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. (which established MLP in 2010).

Barker said approximately \$4,000 was raised by the event, with that money to benefit the ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field at 357 Theodore Street in Plymouth. That field is slated to open later this month to accommodate the first MLP games played by children with special needs.

Unlike the debut derby in 2010, Barker said all partic-

ipants were allowed to complete the first two rounds.

All 18 batters had their two rounds totaled, with the top six moving on to the third round.

Lowery, Nadratowski, Canton's Ryan Bazner and Chris Perkovich (a 2011 graduate), Salem's Brett Ramirez and Livonia Stevenson's Brendon Hayes made the cut.

All six were given 10 outs to hit as many home runs as possible. An out was recorded for any swing that did not culminate in a home run.

Also participating in the derby were: recent Canton grad Braden Price; Livonia Churchill's Dan Cameron and Ben Matigian; Livonia Franklin's Joe Barczuk and Travis

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JOHN KEMSKI

Mike Nadratowski, a recent graduate of Plymouth High School, takes a healthy cut during the Aug. 6 Home Run Derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth. Nadratowski reached the finals before getting edged out by Hartland's Jake Lowery.

Coach makes comeback from cancer

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

As a longtime football coach, Todd Schultz has experienced many times the optimism and excitement that comes with the start of a new season.

Those emotions and his appreciation for a fresh opportunity run even deeper this year. In a real sense, he has a new outlook on life, not just football.

A year ago at this time, North Farmington's varsity head coach was diagnosed with cancer. Following chemotherapy treatment, Schultz is well again and still coaching the Raiders.

"Last year, football kept me grounded," he said. "It's the game I love; it's North Farmington. Going to that every day helped me get through this."

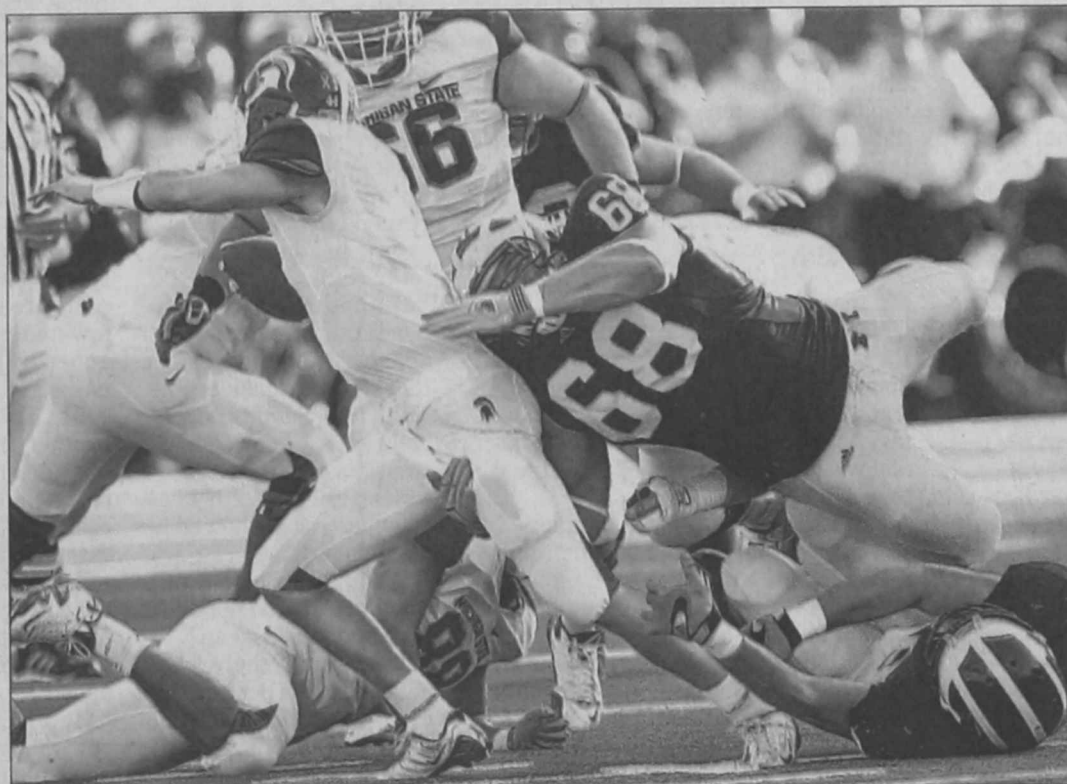
"This year, I'm really looking forward to it, because I know I'm not battling cancer at the same time. That was my balance. I had school and football, and I had cancer. Now, it's just school and football."

Schultz, 46, was on his way to a two-day practice last year when his doctor called with a biopsy result and diagnosis.

He focused his mind on football to get through that afternoon session, waiting until he got home to tell his wife, Chris, the news in person.

Schultz had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. There were four tumors, includ-

Please see COACH, B2



Redford native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad Mike Martin (68), a senior at Michigan, is an Outland Trophy candidate for the 2011 season.

Be like Mike

Redford's Martin is role model on the field and off

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

One pancake was enough for Mike Martin, thank you.

On Sept. 13, 2008, the Redford Township native and highly rated freshman defensive lineman from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central was sent to the turf by a Notre Dame blocker in just his third collegiate football game.

Using gridiron terminology, Martin was "pancaked." "Defensive linemen are never supposed to cross their feet, but I crossed mine on that play," Martin said. "I got folded up. The next day at practice when we were watching film, the coaches replayed it over and over. I got the message."

Martin hasn't been pancaked since.

Three years, 36 games, 108 tackles and 6.5 sacks later, Martin is a run-stuffing, quarterback-terrorizing force on the Michigan defensive line.

In July, his name was placed on the 65-player "Watch List" for the Lombardi Trophy, an award that is presented annually to the country's top inte-

rior lineman.

And when conversations regarding the 2012 NFL Draft heat up, Martin's name usually surfaces like cream in coffee.

"My time here has really flown by," Martin said. "I can't tell you how excited I am about this season. This team is really coming together and the seniors are determined to make sure we have no regrets once it's over."

New direction

Martin is savoring the re-energized atmosphere created by the January hiring of new U-M head coach Brady Hoke.

"Coach Hoke has a huge understanding about what it means to play football for the University of Michigan," Martin said. "He's created a lot of excitement and the guys are anxious to play for him. Every practice is upbeat with a quick tempo. It's been a lot of hard work, but it's been fun, too."

"The biggest thing coach Hoke harps on is team, team, team. We've learned a lot about Bo Schembechler and

why Michigan was successful when he was here."

Not long after he was tabbed to lead the U-M football program, Hoke hired former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Greg Mattison to join his rebuilding project.

Armed with a Hall of Fame-caliber resume that also includes successful coaching stints at Florida and Notre Dame, Mattison didn't waste any time enhancing his new players' minds with sage advice.

"Coach Mattison's most important message is that if you're not fundamentally sound, you're not going to be successful," Martin said. "He's already taught us a lot of new techniques that will help us become better football players. I'm standing up more (on the line) and moving around — whatever it takes to be in the best position to make plays."

Well-rounded man

Martin's extraordinary pursuit skills aren't limited to the

Please see MARTIN, B3

MU lands Flaim

Madonna University women's basketball head coach Carl Graves announced Thursday that Taihlor Flaim (New Boston/Airport High School) has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic careers at MU beginning this fall.

Flaim earned letters in basketball, softball and volleyball for the Jets during her career. She was named to the All-Huron League first team in addition to the all-region and all-west teams. Flaim also picked up the Jets' most improved player award.

Last season against Carlson, Flaim posted 30 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks to go along with a 21-point, 12-rebound and five block performance against Huron.

The Crusaders open the 2011-12 season Oct. 29 with an exhibition game at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Whalers return to WSDP-FM

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSDP-FM (88.1) as their radio home for the 2011-12 season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin its broadcasting schedule during Plymouth's season-opener Sept. 21 in Owen Sound and will carry the bulk of the team's games this season.

Pete Krupsky remains the team's play-by-play voice with Sean Baligian providing analysis of home broadcasts.

Acing it

Fox Hills continues to bring out the best in area golfers, with two more holes-in-one last week.

On Thursday, 48-year-old Chris Greco of Livonia used a 6-iron to ace the 165-yard No. 3 hole at the Fox Hills Golden Fox course.

Greco used a Titleist Pro-VI for his feat.

On Wednesday, Ypsilanti's Drew Fanelli, 27, sank a hole-in-one on the 185-yard No. 3 hole at the Hills course, using a 7-iron and Titleist NXT.

Local coverage

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 18, individual sports sections will return for readers of the Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland Observers. Sports editors are Brad Emons (Livonia/Westland), Dan O'Meara (Farmington), Tim Smith (Canton/Plymouth) and Ed Wright (Garden City/Redford).



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A former fullback at North Farmington, coach Todd Schultz takes an active role in a practice demonstration.

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O'Quinn builds Dynamic's 1-2 punch

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Talk about a one-two punch.

Talented brothers Robert and Rico O'Quinn are two of the big reasons why Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club is back on the map.

The O'Quinns, who live in Detroit and attend University High in Ferndale, have enjoyed a productive year with 16-year-old Rico coming away recently with a U.S. Junior Olympic title in the 114-pound class for Boys 15-16 after going 4-0 during the tournament held Aug. 1-5 in Mobile Ala.

Robert, 17, was the 2010 Michigan Junior Olympic champion at 132 pounds and now competes in the 17-34 open division. In early July, Robert went 1-1 in a last chance qualifier for the U.S. Olympic Trials in Cincinnati. His amateur record is 26-13 overall.

And if anybody knows talent and the fight game, it's Livonia's Paul Soucy, who has coached area talent for over five decades. Soucy, along with Canton's Chad Jaquillard, serve as coaches at Dynamic for the O'Quinns.

"He's very, very adept," Paul Soucy said of Robert O'Quinn. "He picks things up fast. We've had people come in this gym and compare him to Tommy Hearn's when Tommy Hearn's was younger. I mean this kid is awesome. He's going to be a world champ some day. I'm making that prediction."

"He's here every morning. We run at 6:30 as a group. I got four or five fighters out of a gym full of fighters. We go through all our routine, do our exercises, boxing and the whole works."

"He's got a good jab, a good stand-up boxer. He's also a good defensive fighter. He doesn't get hit as much as some of the fighters that you see. He's got it all together for his age."

Rico O'Quinn survived a close 29-27 decision in his U.S. Junior Olympics opening round victory over Kenneth Davis of Reno, Nev. before scoring decisions over Luis Santiago (Mass.), three-time J.O. champion Hector Valdez (Calif.) and Donovan Esterall (Colo.) to run his overall record to 36-6.

"He whipped everybody that was in there," Soucy said. "He never took a step back. He went forward, very aggressive and covered up nice if he missed his shots. He was just outstanding. He was very, very good."

So what separates the O'Quinns from the rest of the amateur boxers?

"He and his brother Robert are great listeners, and that makes Paul and my job so much easier," Jaquillard said. "What we coach and tell these guys what to do, they get in the ring and do it and that's why they've become so successful, I think . . . also their hard work and dedication they put in the gym every day. They work harder than anybody in the gym."

Robert O'Quinn remembers his initial encounter to the fight game.

"Paul (Soucy) came up to the recreation center by our house — we got to throw a couple of punches at him," Robert O'Quinn recalled. "We put on the gloves and got a little feel for boxing. He showed us the stance a little bit. That was the summer of '07. We didn't really get into it until '09, but we always wanted to get into it and we wanted to get into it. I was playing football, then stopped playing, and started boxing. I really caught onto it, caught onto it quick. I started loving it and stayed in the sport and been in it ever since."

And along for the ride every step of the way has been Rico.

"We push each other hard," Robert said. "When one of us see us running hard, the other is running right next to him. When one fight hard, and we see the other one fight hard. We go in there and encourage each other. We get in the ring, nobody works harder. We're the



Junior competitors (from left) Robert O'Quinn, David Fecteau and Rico O'Quinn have put Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club in the national limelight.

O'Quinn boys."

Rico qualified for the Junior Olympic Nationals by winning bouts at the regional held May 28-20 and at the state tournament, May 6-8, in Ann Arbor.

His first-round match the J.O. Nationals against Davis proved to be the stiffest test.

"In my side of the bracket I had all national champions and people who had been to nationals," Rico said. "One dude last year won nationals . . . he won the Silver Gloves. The other dude also won nationals this year and in the finals I beat him. I was beating up on those other boys, I was doubling and tripling their scores, giving them 'A' counts. My first fight I was kind of rusty. I was down the first round by a point, then I was down the second round by two points, so I changed my game plan up and went to Plan B, and it started working. At the end of the fight, I came up and was up by two points. It was the toughest because I was rusty."

Rico's style in the ring is unique.

"I don't get hit much, but sometimes I have to take a punch to give a punch because I fight a lot of taller guys," he said. "I'm like 5-6 (Robert is 5-9). I start out with my game plan to feel a person out sometimes, but sometimes I don't. I can bang and I can also box. A lot of people like to see my banging side of me because it excites the crowds. That's what I give them, but that's when I start boxing and I know I've got them."

Dynamic, located off the corner of Inkster and Warren roads, will be sending a contingent of six to the Ringside World Championships, which starts Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

The O'Quinn brothers will be joined by another up-and-comer, 12-year-old David Fecteau of Garden City who sports a 23-7 record.

Fecteau is a two-time junior state champion at 75 pounds and placed third earlier this year in the Silver Gloves Nationals in Kansas City. He will compete in the 80-pound class.

A pair of 18-year-olds also will get their feet wet with Garden City's Justin Street (1-0) competing in the 141-pound class and Inkster's Greg Dowdell (1-1) vying in the 160-pound division.

And not to be outdone in the ring is the 165-pound Soucy, who at age 72 bills himself as the "world's oldest amateur boxer." He is one of seven competitors slated to compete in the Masters division.

"After seven years of hard work, it's so exciting to see the kids excel like they have," said Plymouth's Chuck Phillips, Dynamic Boxing Club owner. "State championships, regional titles and now again another national championship. I believe the future looks very bright for the Dynamic Boxing Club team."

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Having recovered from cancer, coach Todd Schultz relishes the opportunity to be on the practice field.

COACH

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ing one that had wrapped itself around his spinal cord.

Fighting back

Though the cancer was considered advanced, Beaumont Hospital oncologist Dr. Ishmael Jaiyesimi was confident it would respond to chemotherapy — "the big guns," as he told Schultz.

His optimism was borne out with a favorable test result in October that showed considerable reduction. Schultz underwent six six-hour chemo treatments and was given a clean bill of health when a January scan showed he was cancer-free.

"They took a biopsy of the tumor on the duodenum and it was clean," Schultz said. "There was a little bit of a benign cyst. The tumor near the spine had shrunk, the ones near the kidney and sternum were gone. (The chemo) did its magic; it was very exciting."

Schultz will receive a special drug with a track record for maintaining remission every two months for the next two years.

"With lymphoma, they say there's a higher percentage it will come back, but don't live your life that way, like you're always looking over your shoulder," Schultz said.

"Doctor Jay does a great job of telling you the way it is. He just says, 'You're doing great; everything looks great. I'm not counting on it to relapse any time soon. Just keep doing what you're doing.'"

Despite the cancer and chemo, Schultz continued to coach last fall and teach a half day. His treatments were administered on Fridays, and

Chris would drive him to the football games that evening.

Other issues

Schultz missed only one game when he developed meningitis and had to be hospitalized for a week. He had another health scare in January, resulting in an emergency appendectomy.

He thought the discomfort he had might be the flu, anxiety about test results or the by-product of his treatment. A follow-up test showed the appendix had ruptured, however.

"Dr. Jay said: 'Oh, brother, there's no cancer, but I don't know what this is!'" Schultz said. "I was really fortunate to have that scan at that time. I might have said, 'I'll just have to get through this,' and something really serious could have happened."

He added: "You can deal with an appendicitis if you have the clean bill of health of cancer-free."

Schultz received the results of his latest scan last week, showing he is still free of cancer. The news came just in time for the start of football practice.

"That has been very uplifting and quite a relief," he said. "I know that's not going to be a part of football season this year, and let's get back to good old Raider football."

"The perspective on life has changed dramatically — what to worry about, what not to worry about and what to enjoy. It's just a new perspective on things."

Family, football

After his experience of the last year, Schultz said he appreciates family and everything about football even more.

"I've always loved

this, but you don't realize it could go that quickly," he said. "I'm enjoying this season; I'm enjoying being out on the practice field. I always have but you step back and soak it in a little more than you have in the past."

Schultz' son Jack, 12, is the team's ballboy, and 8-year-old twins Allison and Sydney are apt to be future cheerleaders.

"I really enjoy having the kids around for football season again," Schultz said. "The girls went to a cheer champ last year, and their group did a little cheer at one of the games. That's when you look around on the sideline and say, 'This is what it's all about.' I get to enjoy all these things now without worrying about anything."

After he was released from the hospital last fall, Schultz toted an intravenous pump with antibiotics to combat the meningitis for four weeks.

"I had this bag that plugged into my port, carrying that all around practice," he said. "Now, I get to carry my clipboard with the practice plans."

"This year, I look forward to just coaching. I don't need to worry about anything but football and the latest things."

In talking about his experience, Schultz wants his story to be a positive message for others facing the same challenge.

"Hopefully, other people who get it can know they can fight it and live a normal life again," he said. "It's something we go through, but it's not going to change us; it's not going to define us. You can come back from it."

"I hope others can see there's hope and we can do it. We can take that attitude, beat it and enjoy life again."



TONYA BARKER

Participants of the recent Home Run Derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth pose with Canton High School student Jesse Lindlbauer (wheelchair) who the event was dedicated to.

SLUGGERS

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Barnes; Plymouth's Tyler Gobel and Rich Guglielmi; Northville's Matt Stojkov; Salem's Drew Thompson, Scott Devine and Tommy Rodriguez; and Novi's Jim Eloff.

To make it an even more special day, the proceedings were dedicated to Canton High School

student Jesse Lindlbauer, who continues to recover from a brain abscess suffered last winter.

According to Barker, a big hit for everybody who showed up was Toledo Mud Hens announcer Kevin Mullan. He provided color commentary, while Miracle League co-chair Bob Bilkie chimed in with player interviews, scoring updates, music and general announcements.

Barker added that the 2012 derby again will be open to all teams in the KLAA, with alumni players also to be invited.

"We hope to expand to two fields at PCEP (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and raise monies for the ongoing maintenance for Miracle League of Plymouth," Barker said.

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ANNA-MARIE GATT | MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore forward Amanda Ferrick returns as the Crusaders' top scorer from a year ago.

MU women's soccer coach more confident

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University women's soccer coach Jeff Hodgson doesn't have as many concerns going into this season as he did a year ago.

It took nine matches before Hodgson notched his first victory in his inaugural season. And the second-year coach doesn't anticipate going without a win until Oct. 6 despite a demanding schedule that includes NCAA Division I opponents Butler University (Aug. 19) and the University of Detroit Mercy (Sept. 8).

"Last year we were so far behind," said Hodgson, whose team finished 3-6-7 overall and 2-1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. "You can already see it in the scrimmage matches. From where we were at last year, and where we are this year, we're just more advanced, and I think we'll have a pretty good year."

The Crusaders lost only four seniors to graduation and have added three talented newcomers.

The biggest loss was starting goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth), who posted a 2-2-6 record, but carried a respectable 8.67 save percentage and 0.93 goals-against average.

Senior Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), who played in six games last season, assumes the goalkeeper duties. She



Brda

while, no other player is listed as a keeper on the Crusaders' 15-woman roster, but senior Chelsea Shrewsbury will become the emergency back-up.

"There was just not another one out there to recruit, but she (Shrewsbury) is an ODP (Olympic Development Program) player who was a goalie," Hodgson said. "Last year we were about 10 deep, but this year we're 12-to-14 deep. If someone goes down with an injury, we'll not be quite as burdened."

The Crusaders scored only 15 goals last year (while giving up 25), but that should change with the addition of freshman forwards Kaitlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere) and Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario). Also in the fold is freshman midfielder Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario).

First-team All-WHAC midfielder Amanda Ferrick, who led MU with three goals and two assists as a freshman, could be the catalyst.

"Ferrick had a good year," Hodgson said. "If she can duplicate that and do a little more this year, we'll have a good year. And with the new players

went 1-4-1 and must improve upon her .641 save percentage and 2.45 goals-against.

Mean-

we should be a lot more dangerous."

Other returning forwards include senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), who scored two goals and contributed three assists; junior Jackie Vaquera and sophomore Lilliana Serratos.

Returning as midfielders are senior Nicole Rodriguez, sophomore Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson), senior Trisha Bender, sophomore Kristin Black and senior Andrea Mareel.

Junior Lauren Dostillio and Shrewsbury, a pair of third-team All-WHAC picks, will anchor the defense along with junior Chelsey Budlong (coming off ACL surgery).

"Chelsea (Shrewsbury) is a central defender who had a very good year," Hodgson said. "And if she has a good senior year, we should contend in our conference."

And by loading up early with two NCAA Division foes, along with non-conference matchups against St. Xavier (Ill.), the University of Windsor and Ferris State (all before the WHAC schedule starts on Oct. 1), Hodgson should be able to get a pretty good read on his team.

"We'll be challenged and we'll face adversity, but it's good to play teams better than you to see what's out there," the MU coach said.

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Still crazy about baseball

Even though high schools have begun practicing for fall sports, isn't it still baseball season?

Well, I guess I'm showing my age when I easily recall when seemingly every patch of green grass provided opportunity to lace line drives over the pitcher's head or — better still — over the makeshift wooden fence onto a bumpy neighborhood street.

OK, I confess. I didn't slam too many round-trippers. But getting together with other kids to play baseball from morning until evening was a way of life, along with buying packs of baseball cards by the fistful and also trying to stuff as much gum into the mouth as possible.

It's no wonder my dentist loves me.

What about 2011, you ask? Not much baseball can be spotted on make-shift diamonds, unless it is of the organized variety. Travel teams and Little Leagues still abound, as evidenced by the stream of requests from coaches to publish in the *Observer* photos of their teams after enjoying tournament success.

Sadly, more kids might be playing baseball on their gaming consoles than in the open air.

It's too bad, because to those boomers such as myself, baseball brought endless memories. That is, if I could remember them.

Can't make this up

Here comes the *Twilight Zone* part of this column.



Tim Smith

A stranger called out my name as we were traveling on an Amtrak train headed

to Chicago. It just so happens that we were teammates on a 1969 North Redford National Little League team.

By the way, baseball has never left my heart, even as I hit my mid-50s. With that in mind, it must be noted that the purpose of my July trek was to watch the Cubs play at Wrigley Field.

But all the aches and pains of middle age vanished into thin air as soon as I heard that stranger blurt out somewhere near Kalamazoo, "Is your name Tim?"

I took a look and we instantly recognized each other. Unfortunately, I didn't remember his name until he told me. Our faces haven't changed much, although just about everything else has. And his memory is far sharper than mine, or so it seems.

Instantly, Bob and I were 12-year-old kids again, talking about that great season of '69 when he was a pitcher and I was his catcher.

Each of us hit home runs over the fence at Volney Smith's No. 1 field (located near Lexington and Vassar in Redford) and were treated along with the entire team to ice cream cones afterward at the soft serve joint not too far

from there on Seven Mile Road.

I wish I could remember our coach's name, let alone the nickname of my team. (Braves? Pirates?) But give me a break. The Beatles were still together that summer. That's how long ago it was, OK?

I'm sure just about everybody who played baseball back in the day could recite chapter and verse about a favorite homer. Or about getting the always-cherished game ball as a result of said power display — rare though it was.

I told Bob that the ball I was awarded after my biggest game ever wound up getting mud-died and ruined playing catch out on Indian Street around 1973. Forever washed away from the game ball (but not my memory, for once) were details of going 4-for-4 and hitting a grand slam that precious Saturday afternoon four summers earlier.

But that's what you did in those days. Baseball came first, everything else (including memorabilia) came second. And as that out-of-the-blue reunion with Bob helped me realize, I still am a baseball crazy kid at heart.

Too bad I can't show that side of me too often. After all, as far as today's kids are concerned, that's just flat-out nuts.

Tim Smith, sports editor of the Plymouth-Canton Observer, is a Livonia resident who grew up playing baseball in Redford Township. He can be reached at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

MARTIN

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playing field.

In December, he's set to tackle a degree in communications in just 3½ years — a remarkable accomplishment considering the added demands of playing Division I college football.

"I eventually want to run my own business and be an entrepreneur," he said, looking ahead. "I've focused a lot on marketing at Michigan. I feel comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people and I'm pretty organized."

Although he won't turn 21 until Sept. 1, Martin is already making a remarkable impact in the giving-back-to-the-community department.

He offered his assistance at several youth football camps this summer — including Detroit Lion Ndamukong Suh's clinic in Walled Lake — and he's an active volunteer for Live2Give, a non-profit foundation whose primary purpose is to help revitalize Detroit.

An example of Martin's



Redford native Mike Martin hopes to lead a revamped Michigan defense for the 2011 season.

L2G mission work included speaking to members of Young Builders, a group of 18- to 24-year-old Detroiters who are working toward earning their GEDs.

"Mike is very passionate about giving back to the community, so it was a no-brainer to get him involved in what we're doing," said L2G co-founder and inspiration director Ryan Doyle,

who met Martin at U-M. "Mike doesn't do it for the publicity. He likes to get away from the cameras and get involved in the nitty-gritty stuff."

"His message to the young people he speaks to is, 'I'm from the neighborhood, too. I've shared your struggles and I want to help.' He's a great guy."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls golf tryouts

There will be informational meetings/tryouts for the Farmington Public Schools girls golf teams 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Coaches for both teams — Bruce Sutton (North Farmington-Harrison) and Dennis Zaleski (Farmington) — will be present at that time.

High school girls (grades 9-12) of all ability levels are welcome. The club is located at 11 Mile and Halstead roads.

RU soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Redford Union boys varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will be held Aug. 17-19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bell Creek Park, which is located on the northeast corner of 5 Mile and Inkster roads.

Players should bring shin guards and plenty of water. They also must have a completed physical form and an emergency form.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4234.

Churchill Team Night

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

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

Need CYO players

The Livonia St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization program has immediate openings for those interested in playing football this fall (grades 3-8).

For more information, call Steve Cooper at (248) 921-3772; or Jeff Sugg at (248) 921-3772.

Openings for grades 4-8 also remain for volleyball (girls) and soccer (boys and girls) and cheer (girls).

For more information, call John Michniak at (734) 732-5933.

Baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for the 2012 13U Canton Storm will be held Sunday, Aug. 21, from 12-2 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 1-3 p.m. at Griffin Park field No. 1. The Storm, an independent travel team, will be playing in the KVBSA as well as five spring/summer tournaments. The team will consist of kids from Plymouth and Canton who are entering the seventh grade in the fall.

Players can pre-register by sending an e-mail to robbr@mpc-inc.com. For more information, contact Rob Brooks at (313) 770-5666.

• Tryouts for the LBSA and Livonia Travel Baseball at for the 2012 season are for the following age groups at Bicentennial Field No. 8:

Under-8: Sunday, Aug. 14 (4-6 p.m.) — manager Bill Schaffer, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-9: Sunday, Aug. 14 (noon-2 p.m.) — manager, TBD, ccrumberger@yahoo.com;

Under-10: Sunday, Aug. 14 (2-4 p.m.) — manager Aaron Rumberger, Livonia Lakers, ccrumberger@yahoo.com;

Under-11: Sunday, Aug. 14 (6-8 p.m.) — manager Matt Fournier, Livonia Longhorns, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-13: Saturday, Aug. 20 (10 a.m. to 12 noon), Sunday, Aug. 21 (12 noon to 2 p.m.) — manager Brian Dewhirst, Livonia Titans, wd219@aol.com.

Please contact the team managers directly with any questions or if you are unable to make the listed date to schedule an individual evaluation.

• Tryouts for the 11-and-under 2012 Canton Cobras will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 and 21, at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth.

The Cobras will play in the KVBSA along with two fall tournaments and eight spring and summer tournaments.

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Ocelot spikers' future is bright

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Given its wealth of smarts and skills, the 2011 Schoolcraft Community College volleyball team should have no problem grasping or executing first-year head coach Rod Brumfield's game plans.

Brumfield replaced Rich Lamb, who resigned following last season due to added teaching responsibilities at Pinckney High School.

Of the 15 players on the Ocelots' roster, 13 have grade-point averages that are at or exceed 3.5 — an important facet in the often-heady sport they play.

"I use a three-point criteria when I'm recruiting players for our program," said Brumfield, who has coached upper-level volleyball for close to three decades. "In no particular order, we want players to excel academically, players who have a lot of support at home and, obviously, players who are skilled. We're not going to take

a player who is skilled if, for instance, she's going to be a discipline problem in practice."

With the regular season approaching faster than a 100 mph serve — Schoolcraft opens its season Aug. 26 at Columbus State — Brumfield said he has been most impressed by his team's versatility.

"We have a lot of dimension — most of our girls are capable of playing more than one position," Brumfield said. "Our depth is amazing."

The Ocelots' roster is filled evenly by returning players (seven) and newcomers (eight), the majority of whom hail from Observerland-area high schools. One-third of the team's roster polished their skills at nearby state power Livonia Churchill.

Returning sophomore Jessica Macari, a 5-foot-6 defensive specialist from Riverview High School, will serve as captain.

"Jessica brings a very stable presence to the team," Brumfield said. "Her work ethic and commitment are second to

none. She's just a great kid to have in the gym."

Two other returning defensive specialists — sophomores Taylor Kerr (5-6, Churchill) and Lauren Macuga (5-5, Canton) — are prime examples of Schoolcraft's incredible depth.

"Taylor is aggressive, athletic and she has cat-like reflexes," Brumfield said. "Lauren was a strong contributor as a libero last year and I anticipate even a stronger repeat performance this year."

A quartet of returning sophomores — Lauren Meadows (5-11, Waterford Kettering), Chrissy Maleske (5-8, Churchill), Amber Aldrich (6-0, Fowler) and Sarah Suppella (6-0, Churchill) — will bolster the Ocelots' front-row fortunes.

"I anticipate Lauren to be a big contributor to the team," Brumfield said. "Chrissy's physicality is second to none and her drive for success is unquestioned."

"I don't think Amber knows yet how good she can be. She'll

be a big part of our success. Sarah is definitely a gamer and I expect her to be a pivotal contributor to our success."

Among the first-year players are twin sisters Kara and Nicole Kempinski, both Churchill grads.

"Kara brings a lot of dimension to our program; she's the next generation of our back row," Brumfield said. "Nicole brings an energy to the setter position that everyone on the team appreciates."

Monika Rudis, a 6-1 outside hitter from Livonia Stevenson, has the potential to be one of the most dynamic freshmen in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"Along with being a great athlete, Monika has an amazing desire to be great," Brumfield said of his left-handed swinger.

One of the team's two first-year sophomores is Salem grade Kelly MacDonald, who joined the team after one year at Adrian College.

"Kelly is going to be our tro-

jan horse — she's going to surprise a lot of people," Brumfield said of his 5-6 setter.

The Ocelots' success will also depend greatly on the efforts of first-year players Brooke Rycerz, a 5-4 defensive specialist from Farmington High School; Brittany Sprinkles, a 5-9 outside hitter from Carleton Airport; Kayla Boose, a 5-5 sophomore transfer from Macomb Community College and East Detroit High School; and Nicole Molnar, a 5-8 right-side hitter from Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

"Brooke's work ethic is unquestioned," Brumfield said. "She has a level of talent that will help push us to the next level."

"Brittany comes to the court every day like a business woman — she just gets it done. Kayla brings maturity to the setting position; the hitters will love what she puts up there for them. Nicole is a talented, hard-working player who is getting better every day."

Blue Bombers complete mission

The 8-and-under South Farmington Blue Bombers won the Almont Youth Baseball Tournament championship July 23-24. The team went 5-0 over the two-day tournament, clinching the championship with a thrilling, extra-inning, one-run victory over Almont. The Blue Bombers are (front row, from left) Jordan Graham, Tyler Klimas, Davis Kent, Matthew Hanford, Brendan Klimas, Jimmy Moreau, (second row, from left) Ben Weber, Jeff Waun, Brendan Ebling, Steven Ihm, Gus Weak, Anthony Fett, (back row, from left) coaches Chris Weak, Jim Waun, Ray Klimas and Graham Fett. Not pictured is Zachary Rood.



Cairns misses PGA cut

Brian Cairns' first major golf tournament didn't turn out exactly as he would have liked.

The teaching professional at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth missed the cut for the third day of the 93rd PGA Championship at Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

Cairns, a 22-year golf pro from Waterford, shot a 15-over-par 85 on

Thursday and followed up with a 79 on Friday for a two-day total of 164.

That wasn't good enough to advance into Saturday's final round. But Cairns had impressive company as Tiger Woods also failed to make the cut after registering a two-day total of 150.

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Local charity aims to buy shoes, wheelbarrows for African village

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Sidney Bonvallet and her Helping Hands Touching Hearts charity clothed an entire African village this year.

Next year, the Farmington Hills woman will buy shoes for the 1,400 Shangaan tribe members who live in a remote village, Massingir Velho, in Mozambique.

"Less than a third of them have shoes and the ground is hard, hot and has sharp rocks," said Bonvallet, who became aware of the village and its needs when she and her husband, Wayne, visited the area two years ago.

Working in conjunction with their daughter, C.J. Christopher of Clarkston, their church, Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, and an increasing number of supporters, the Bonvallets collected enough gently-used and new clothing to give every villager at least one outfit. They distributed 70 pairs of shoes, 250 school tote bags filled with supplies, 300 mosquito nets, 289 homemade nguvas — a traditional tribal garment — and basic medical items during their 2 1/2-month stay in Africa earlier this year.

Supporters Linda Linder of Plymouth and Mike and Cathy McCarthy of Commerce Township accompanied them on the trip.

Helping hands

"It has been an amazing journey. We achieved all the goals we set last year," Bonvallet said. "But it wouldn't have been possible without all the people (supporters). The generosity of the human soul has been a journey in itself."



Two women of the Shangaan tribe watch as Sidney Bonvallet shows how to use a sewing machine. Bonvallet and her daughter, C.J. Christopher, have sewn hundreds of traditional garments, called nguvas, for villagers.

"We made over 200 totes and Kenwood Church filled them with supplies for us. We get mosquito nets for \$10 a piece and Mike and Cathy (McCarthy) bought 300 of them. That's a \$3,000 contribution."

Linder donated several valuable prints for the charity's garage sale. A neighbor gave four boxes of new shirts and jackets. Ratna Pasricha of Perfect Impressions in Farmington Hills, donated clothing and pens. A fabric store in North Carolina kicked in a commercial sewing machine and 250 new school uniforms.

By October 2010, Bonvallet had collected 92 boxes worth of goods. She spent \$7,000 shipping them to Mozambique, figuring they'd arrive in January when she, Wayne, C.J., the McCarthy and Linder planned to distribute the items.

The boxes were delayed in transit. But each team member had taken along addition-



Youngsters play on a crude piece of playground equipment.

al suitcases filled with goods and some items also had been mailed to the country.

"We had enough with what had been sent by mail and what we took personally for an initial distribution," Bonvallet said. Fearing the shipped boxes

would arrive too late, Bonvallet bought a sewing machine, fabric and started stitching. She and the others stayed in rental properties in Hazyville before taking the two-day trip to the remote village.

"It was our sweatshop," she

recalled, laughing. "It was a team effort."

The boxes arrived two weeks before the team planned to leave Mozambique, but it gave them enough time to distribute all contents.

Above and beyond

The Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor at Kenwood Church of Christ, says his congregation actively reaches out to help others.

"We've had many people get involved in a lot of things locally. But I wouldn't say that Wayne, Sidney and C.J. are typical," he said. "We don't have many people undertaking to clothe a village in Africa. They felt called to help these people. They've gone well above the commitment of anyone I've known."

Bonvallet hopes to reduce shipping fees by collecting more cash than goods this year. She wants to buy sandals — about \$3 a pair — in Mozambique when she returns to Africa.

"Our big thrust this year is shoes and wheelbarrows. Back and neck problems in the area are rampant. The women carry such heavy loads on their heads. They put water jugs on their heads that weigh 30 pounds. We want to get wheelbarrows and 20-liter jugs with lids."

Her husband and grandson plan to show the village men how to assemble the wheelbarrows, which also can be used to haul wood, produce and heavy objects. Meanwhile, she and her daughter will continue to give sewing lessons, with added beading instruction, to the Shangaan women.

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"We're hoping to persuade a doctor to go with us. A lot of the challenges they have in the village are the result of poor hygiene."

Upcoming events

Bonvallet is offering several ways supporters can help raise funds for the Shangaan tribe.

A garage sale is set for 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 18-21 at her daughter's home, 5431 Fernwood Drive in Flint Township. Bonvallet will offer collectible and garage sale items 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 1-4 at her home, 27565 Spring Valley Drive in Farmington Hills.

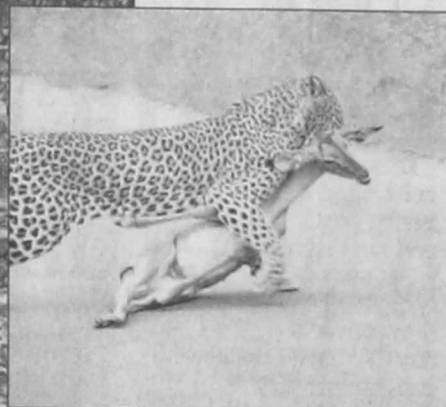
Michael McCarthy of Golden Lotus Massage Therapy will offer massages Sept. 10-11 at Bonvallet's home. All but three appointments have been filled.

A food and wine tasting is planned Oct. 12 at Uptown Grille in Walled Lake. Tickets are \$40 and include a five-course meal, five wines, and gratuity. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and include a silent auction.

Call Bonvallet for tickets at (248) 514-3022.



Cathy McCarthy (left) of Commerce Township and Linda Linder of Plymouth distribute tote bags to children of the Massingir Velho village in Mozambique.



A leopard heads to the bush with its prey. The Helping Hands Touching Hearts team saw leopards, lions, water buffalo and other wildlife while visiting with the Shangaan tribe.

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The Detroit Archers Club is located at 5795 Drake, in West Bloomfield. For driving directions and more information about the club, visit www.detroitarchers.com.

For registration forms and information on this and other BOW events, visit www.michigan.gov/bow, e-mail dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov or call (517) 241-2225.

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Walk/run benefits nursing care

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) second-annual "Run for the Health of It!" will offer runners and walkers the opportunity to raise funds for its pediatric program. The 5k run/walk is

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Couple marks milestone event on a cruise

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Dick and Ann McDowell celebrated their 50th anniversary with surf, sand and sun last month.

But most importantly for the Livonia couple, they shared their five-day Caribbean cruise with daughters, Susan, Kathy Grisa and Karen Marcott, their sons-in-law, Kelly Marcott and Dale Grisa, and grandchildren, Emily, Chloe and Eric Grisa.

"It was a great family experience," Ann said. "Dick and I suggested it. We decided in lieu of the party we wanted to do something with family."

The former Schoolcraft College president and his wife have cruised in Germany, the Mediterranean, Alaska, and other locations, but it was a first for their grandchildren, who swam with dolphins during a stop in Nassau, Bahamas.

The family also spent time at the beach on Half Moon Cay and dined together every evening on the ship.

"They enjoyed it so much they said they wanted to do it again. I said, yeah, in another 50 years," Dick said, with a laugh.

The couple initially met in a college history class and, with Ann studying chemistry and Dick majoring in biology, saw each other frequently around campus.

"She needed a ride home on the weekends. I had a car," he said, explaining that both of them lived in suburban Pittsburgh, Pa. They married May 27, 1961. Both were teaching high school science at the time. Dick recalled his wages were docked when he took a day off in conjunction with the wedding.

The couple spent sum-



The McDowell clan shows off a copy of the "Livonia Observer" during a cruise of the Caribbean last month. They are Emily Grisa, (left front), 17; Chloe Grisa, 12; and their dad, Dale Grisa. In the second row are Karen Marcott, (left) her mom, Ann McDowell, and Kathy Grisa. Standing in back are Kelly Marcott (left), Eric Grisa, 14, Sue McDowell and Dick McDowell. Ann and Dick were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, along with their daughters, their husbands and children.



Dick and Ann McDowell of Livonia on their wedding day.



Dick and Ann McDowell of Livonia on a previous cruise. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last month.

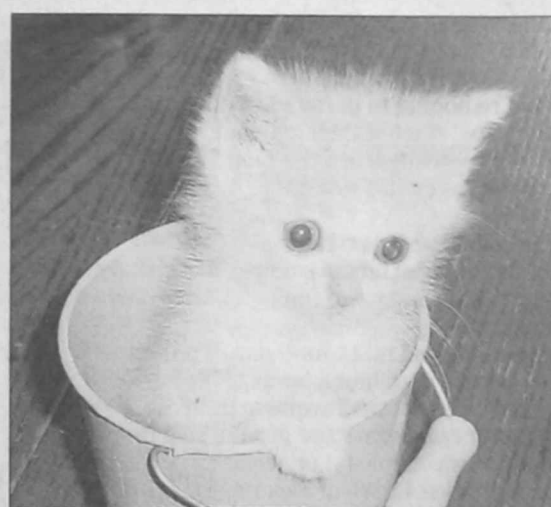
mers living in graduate housing at Purdue while Dick pursued a second master's degree. He earned a doctorate degree and worked as a division chair, dean and eventually a vice president at Community College of Allegheny County. The family moved to Livonia in 1981

when he became president of Schoolcraft College.

Although he is retired, Dick remains active at Schoolcraft College with its foundation and fund-raisers. He's also a member of the Rotary Club and chaired the St. Mary Mercy Hospital board for two years.

"The only thing that's different now is I don't have to get up and go to work in the morning. My wife and I also play golf. It is all the fun stuff we're doing now," he said. "We're positive people. After 50 years we still love each other and we're in it for the long haul."

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Exhibits of wedding memorabilia from past eras will be on display starting at 2 p.m., with a fashion show of wedding dresses following at 2:30 p.m. Desserts and punch will be served after the

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Tickets are \$15 and are available: online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org; by phone at (734) 394-5300; at The Village Theater; and at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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COLD HANDS

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The features of this condition are fingers that turn white, become numb and stay that way for minutes to a half hour, turning blue during that time, and then, as the numbness wears off, becoming red, with the fingers eventually returning to their usual color and feeling.

What sets off these events is cold.

The summer presents many opportunities for cold. For a person with Raynaud's coming from outdoors with its temperature of 91F into an air conditioned room of 73F represents a sufficient drop in temperature to set off an episode of white and numb fingers.

Sitting near an efficient fan will accomplish the same effect. Having a hand in the refrigerator's freezer compartment or repeatedly handling ice cubes as a bartender would, can bring on an attack of Raynaud's.

Treatment of Raynaud's in the summer is the same as in the winter: get the hands out of the cold and into a warm environment. It is best to put the hands under warm but not hot water. The reason to avoid hot water is that numbness of the fingers resolves slowly. It is possible to place the fingers in water that is too hot; not feeling the heat places the fingers at risk for a burn.

A person who experiences Raynaud's should see a doctor. In most instances the problem is just a phenomenon particular to the person. But in some instances, Raynaud's is associated with other medical conditions that doctors are trained to ferret out.

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

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

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

LUNCH AND LEARN

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

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

Details: Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads the series on "New Perspectives in Jewish Law."

Topics are "Are we obligated to immunize our children?" on Aug. 20 and "Should a nonprofit organization return donations of ill-gotten gains?" on Aug. 27. No knowledge of Hebrew is required

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Time/Date: Through Sept. 10

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, P.O. Box 871262

Canton, Mi. 48187

Details: Religious and cultural school open enrollment. Students (K-Bar/Bat Mitzvah) of all kinds of Jewish backgrounds and interfaith families always welcome. The congregation also holds services, 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton. For more information about the school open house, call Ilene Honiss at (734) 502-5197

Contact: betchaverim@yahoo.com or visit Bet Chaverim on Facebook

Aug. 18-24

GRILLING, CARS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Summer Steak Grill-out, with vintage cars on display. Kids also will get a chance to sit in a fire truck, police car, or construction vehicle at the Touch-A-Truck display. Grilled steak with all the trimmings is \$5.

Contact: (734) 422-0149

PICNIC, CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan and Delaware, north of Five Mile, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Put on your poodle skirts, slick your hair back and join the church for oldies music, food, bouncer/dunk tank, games, clowns, face paints, and plenty of fun at this community picnic and car show. Presented in conjunction with Clowns Around Redford. Partial proceeds will benefit Care Packages for Troops, Michigan Chapter.

Contact: Sue Makins at (313) 516-724

RUMMAGE SALE

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

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

Details: Held outdoors at the church

Contact: (313) 538-1142

UNDER THE STARS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. family picnic, followed by Shabbat service at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19

Location: Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Service under the stars with annual picnic

Contact: RSVP for the picnic to the Temple office at (248) 737-8700

Aug. 25-31

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Party for people who are in financial need because of job loss or reduction in income. There will be games, food, and

fun. Each registered child will receive free school supplies

Contact: Register at (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

KEEPING KIDS CATHOLIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta, will give a presentation on his latest book, "How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids." Michuta will offer a practical guide for keeping kids Catholic in a very explicit, hands-on way that explains both the pitfalls and strategies that threaten to turn children away from their faith

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

ONGOING

AWANA

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

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

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

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DEARBORN FORDSON**CLASS OF 1954**

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

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD**CLASS OF 1961**

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

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CREST-**WOOD****CLASS OF 1981**

30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaian) Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.

DETROIT CODY**CLASS OF 1961**

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

50S AND 60S

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

DETROIT HENRY FORD**CLASS OF 1971**

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

DETROIT MACKENZIE**JUNE CLASS OF 1961**

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

CLASS OF 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

DETROIT NORTHWESTERN**CLASS OF 1971**

Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class

legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnshs40th71@yahoo.com

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**CLASS OF 1961**

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

FERNDAL HIGH SCHOOL**CLASS OF 1961**

4:10-4:25 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school,

followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522.

GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST**CLASSES OF 1966-67**

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Doman-ski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**CLASS OF 1986**

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

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SOPHIA LOUISE**

Sophia was born on September 18th, 2008 and was granted her angel wings on August 9th, 2011. Jesus extended his hand to her and she accepted it. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Sophia had touched throughout her short, yet very memorable life. She is now dancing with Angels. Although she was so tiny and frail, she gave us all such courage and hope and reminded us of the preciousness of life. Sophia was the daughter of Jason and Carolyn (Kos) Cooper of Westland MI. She is survived by five siblings Bethany, Timothy, Haley, Madelyn, and Samantha. She is also survived by her grandparents Raymond Kos, William and Louise Caram, Terry Cooper, and her nurses Teri Wolf and Cynthia Gill. Sophia gave us a lifetime of love during her short time on earth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made via the donations link:

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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 Carryn, 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 be 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

FITCH, DR.

THOMAS CHARLES

74, of Southfield, passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at William Beaumont Hospital. Tom is survived by his wife Susan Bannon and his son Jeff Fitch, son-in-law Rick DiPaolo, his grandchildren Ricky and Ashley DiPaolo and Holly and Megan Fitch, his brothers Lawrence and William Fitch, and his half-brother Joseph Fitch. Tom was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Korean War. He dedicated his professional career to science education, and attained the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Illinois State University. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be made to the American Heart Association or Disabled American Veterans. A private service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.



GOEBEL,

CHARLES HENRY

Age 86, born October 16, 1924 in Garber, Oklahoma, passed away suddenly August 5th, 2011. Mr. Goebel graduated from Royal Oak High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Burma India Theater. After the service, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950 and began his career at the Wayne Oakland Bank where he later became Chairman. He was the husband of Jeanine Goebel, father of Mark Goebel and Karen Easley, and grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Christ Church Cranbrook. Donations may be made to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

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GRADY, BILLY

August 11, 2011. Beloved husband of Susan. Dear father of Michael (Linda) and Jeffrey. Loving grandfather of Zachary and step-grandfather of Kayla. Son of Samuel. Brother of Laverne (Conrad) Henry, Sue (Clyde) Truesdell and the late Ralph (Sharon) Grady. Funeral Monday at 11am from the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (West of Lilley Rd.) Family will receive visitors Saturday 6-9 pm and Sunday 12 Noon-9pm. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

HENSLEY, FAYE

Age 71, August 11, 2011. Beloved mother of Tommy (Stacey) Gwaltney, Tammy Henry and Kim (Roger) Wallington. Grandmother of Brittney, Chloe, Tia, Jacob and great-grandmother of Brooklyn. Sister of Patsy (Bruce) Williams. Aunt to Stephanie and Zachary and friend to many. Services will be announced later.



KIDSTON, ROGER G.

Of Kalamazoo. Age 79. Attorney, public servant, poet, author, pilot, sailor, builder, gentleman farmer, Marine and friend, died Sunday, August 7, 2011. Roger was born June 8, 1932, to Arthur and Gladys (Larder) in Detroit MI, was raised and went to school in Salem MI, and earned B.A. and law degrees from the University of Michigan. He was an assistant prosecutor in Bay City MI and a Judge Advocate General with the United States Army before practicing law in Kalamazoo. In 1969, he was named the first chairman of the elected Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners. In 1981, he and his associates set up Michigan's first tax-exempt public school foundation. He was the Kalamazoo Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1967; served as president of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Kalamazoo Arts Council; and was a member of the Kalamazoo County Republican Party, State Bar of Michigan, Kalamazoo County Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Michigan State Arts Council Committee on Community Arts Councils, Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Michigan Week Foundation Cultural Activities Board; and was an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and commanding officer of the Marine Corps Military Police Company in Grand Rapids. With his commercial pilot's license he flew to the Arctic Circle and many other locations. Roger was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bruce (Clara) Kidston and Alan Kidston; and niece, Sharon Kidston. He is survived by his children, Cheryl Kidston of Meridian, ID, Cynthia Keyes of Portage, Kevin (Sally) Kidston of New Hudson, MI and Emily Kidston of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Jacob, Allison and Kayla Kidston and Justin Keyes; great granddaughter, Leah Keyes; brother, Brian (Margaret) Kidston; and sister, Margot Riechle; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his longtime friend and companion, Jeannette Buck. Services will be held Thursday, 12:00 at the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick Street, where family will greet friends from 11-12 just prior to services. Interment with military honors will immediately follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to KWWA Wounded Warrior Fund, P.O. Box 51, Lewes, DE 19958

**MCDONALD,
VIRGINIA A.**

Age 82, August 10, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Harold Jr. Loving mother of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, Virginia Lee, Stephen, Joseph and the late James. Grandmother of Kristin, Jamie & Dusti. Visitation Sunday 2 -9pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Instate Monday 9:30am until 10am at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Family suggest memorials to: Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Steps to Enhance Potential (S.T.E.P) Workshop. www.santeiufuneralhome.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.rgrgharris.com.



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 eight. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shrine Crippled Children. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.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



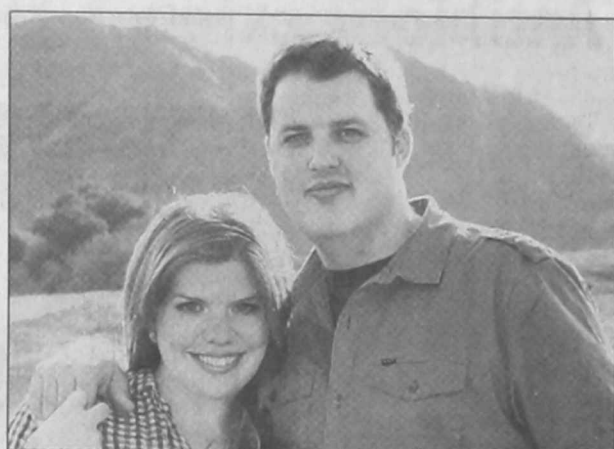
**STOUT, OTTO E. JR.
(1920 - 2011)**

90, born Sept 9, 1920, in Ozark, IL, died Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Stoneleigh Residence in Lansing, MI. Otto was preceded in death in 1999 by his wife of 57 years, Donna J., nee Marsh, Stout whom he married in historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI, on Sept 19, 1941; also preceding him in death were his parents, Rosa, nee McCuan, Stout and Otto E Stout; two brothers, Forest and Noel; and two sisters, Hettie and Gaynell. Otto was a US Navy veteran of World War II and worked for 34 years with General Motors as a Tinsmith at the Ternstedt plant in Detroit before retiring in 1974. An avid camper, he took his family on adventures to every state park in Michigan during the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. He was a member of Westland Historical Society and a longtime volunteer for Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane where he assisted with special construction projects and also became half of a Santa Claus/Mrs. Claus duo for many years with his wife Donna. During more than 35 years in retirement he oil painted, made "dot" pictures and built beautiful castles, doll houses and small chairs as gifts for family and friends. He lived in Europe with Donna for seven months in the mid-1970s, visited nine countries and was inspired to continue his many art projects. Thanks to his daughter, Nancy and husband, Bill, Otto and Donna spent many happy summers aboard a nine-meter sailboat in beautiful Mackinaw City marina where people often referred to him as the "Mayor of the Marina". Otto was an eternal optimist and he never complained about anything even in his final days with us. He was strong physically and mentally and took pride in providing for his family. He lived by example and was a true minimalist who was just happy to be here and happy to spend time with you. He always answered the phone with a cheerful greeting that sounded like the color, "Yelllllow!", and always ended with a "Toodledo!" People loved to be around him and hear his stories which were often so exciting that the listeners would later debate whether they were entirely factual or not because they were so extraordinary. He was well known amongst his grandchildren and great-grandchildren for his "wu wu" song which he had rocked each of them to sleep with in his rocking chair while holding them tight with his giant loving hands. If you spent any time with him then you already know that he turns everything into an adventure and that you can't help but see life the way he does when you are around him. Otto, aka "Papa", loved to end each day with a long look at the sunset. Surviving are his 5 grown children, Chuck (Pam) Stout of Belleville, IL, Jim (Lois) Stout of Dearborn, MI, Nancy (Bill) Bitz of Holt, MI, Hetty (Doug) Pate of Au Gres, MI, and John (Sandra) Stout of Lake Ann, MI; a sister, Mary (Joe) Bannasch of Lady Lake, FL; 17 grandchildren: Bil (Kelly) Bitz of St Johns, MI, Michelle (Clark) Warfle of Holt, MI, Dan Stout of San Diego, CA, Ron Stout of Edwardsville, IL, Jason (Carrie) Guss of Northville, MI, Lindsay Stout, David Stout, both of Oak Park, MI, Gina Guss of Royal Oak, MI, Jennifer (Cameron) Hastings of Edwardsville, IL, Shelly and Lisa Adams, both of Belleville IL, Erin (Matt) Bomer of Belleville, IL, April Pierce, David Nickerson, Anna Sauter and Christopher Stout, all of Traverse City, MI, Jeff (Naomi) Pate of Port Hueneme, CA; plus 9 great-grandchildren, Marley and Conor Bitz, Katelynn and Madelynn Warfle, Mia and Alexa Guss, Brogan and Harper Sauter and Natalie Bomer; and his loving caregiver and companion, Vera Campeau of Melbourne Beach, FL, and Lansing, MI. Toodledo Papa. Thank you for the adventure.

**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. Interment at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Milestones



Dunn-Fortin

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dunn of Towanda, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Erin, to Eric James Fortin, son of James Fortin of Detroit and Sherry O'Halloran of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Towanda High School and a 2005 graduate of Edinboro University. She is

employed as a senior creative developer for American Greetings in Los Angeles, Calif.

Her fiancé is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School and a 2007 graduate of Ball State University. He is employed as an audio engineer for Alfred Music Publishing in Los Angeles, Calif.

A May 2012 wedding is planned in West Hills, Calif.



Meara Anne SeGraves

Meara Anne SeGraves was born June 17, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor.

Meara joins her parents, Steve and Amy SeGraves and siblings Emily, 11, Benjamin, 9, and Brady, 2, at home in Canton.

Grandparents are Mike and Anne Anderzak of Livonia and the late Dave and Barbara SeGraves.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Shirley Brady of Ann Arbor and Clare Anderzak of Dearborn.

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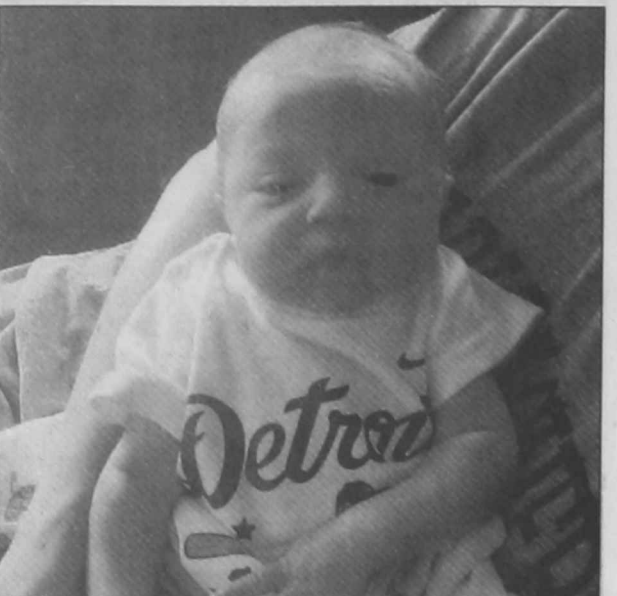
Molly Catherine Dinsmore and Brandon David Kilgore, both of Farmington Hills, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Mary-Sue Dinsmore of Troy, recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University and will begin teaching math in the fall at Alex and Marie Manogan High School in Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Sharon Kilgore of Canton, is studying accounting at Walsh College.



A November 2011 wedding is planned at Masonic Temple in Detroit.



Henry Stephen Wolicki

Henry Stephen Wolicki was born July 28, 2011 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, in Chicago, Ill.

Proud parents are Elizabeth and Mark Wolicki of Chicago, Ill.

Grandparents are Melvin and Rosalie Wolicki of Livonia and Stephen and Patricia Carlson of Chicago, Ill.

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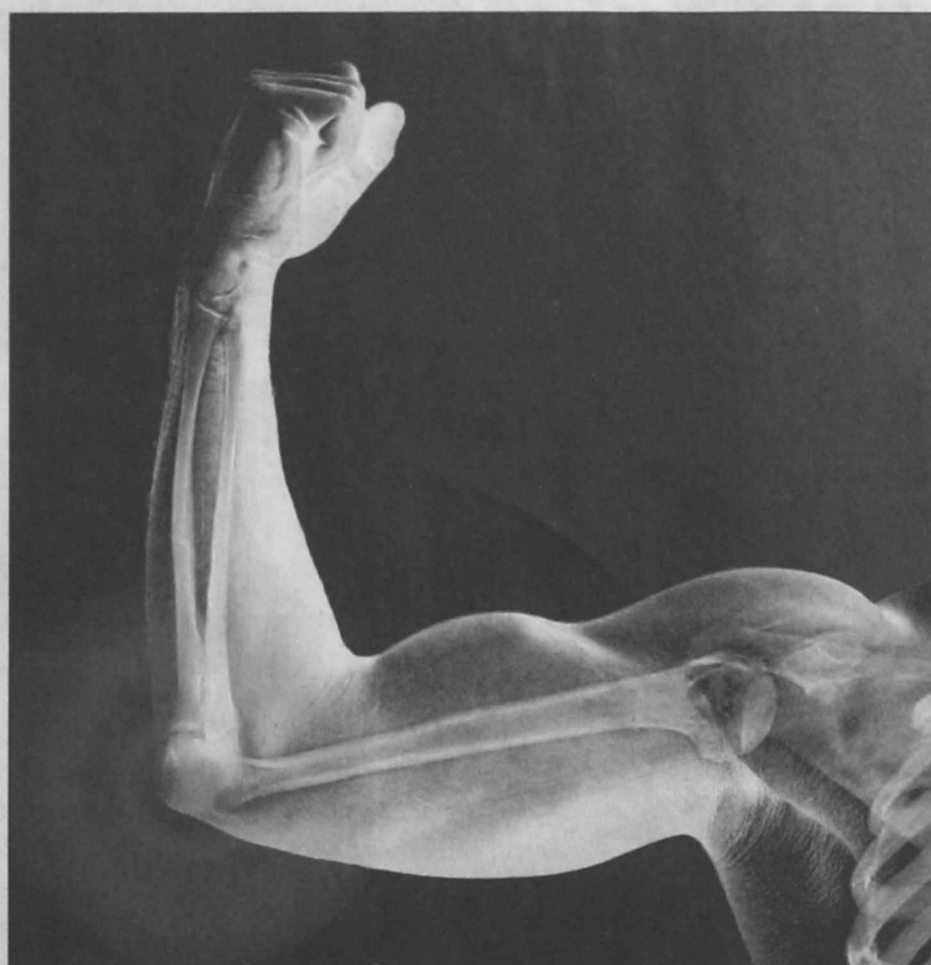
Anti-inflammatory antibiotic erythromycin can prevent and treat disintegration, however, there side effects associated with its long-term usage.

Dr. Weiping Ren, associate professor of biomedical engineering in WSU's College of Engineering, has found a solution. The details of his study, which found that erythromycin can be administered at the site of bone breakdown, rather than orally, are published in the August 2011 issue of *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*.

"Although oral erythromycin reportedly inhibits inflammation in patients with aseptic loosening, long-term systematic (oral) erythromycin treatment is not recommended," Ren said.

Used primarily for its antimicrobial properties, erythromycin is used to treat conditions like respiratory tract infections and whooping cough, both caused by harmful bacteria. In addition to fighting bacteria, erythromycin reduces inflammation, making it a successful treatment for aseptic loosening.

"But long-term systemic use of erythromycin raises concerns about various side



effects, including bacterial resistance, liver damage and gastrointestinal discomfort," Ren said. "We hypothesized that it may be advantageous to restrict erythromycin delivery to the inflammatory tissue around the implant to avoid these side effects."

To test his idea, Ren implanted metal pins coated with erythromycin in the inflamed tissue surrounding the prosthetic joint. He measured bone growth and implant stability, both indicators of how well the prosthesis integrates with the bone, and analyzed microscopic imag-

es of the periprosthetic tissue — the affected tissue surrounding the prosthesis.

Ren found that at very low doses — about a quarter of the dose used for killing bacteria — erythromycin effectively reduces aseptic loosening inflammation.

"At the same time, we confirmed that oral erythromycin can be effectively delivered into the periprosthetic tissues, supporting our hypothesis that oral erythromycin can be used as one of the nonsurgical treatment methods to extend implant longevity," he noted.

By extending implant longevity, localized erythromycin will safely treat aseptic loosening and reduce the likelihood that patients with the condition will need revision surgery. "Medical insurance costs will be greatly reduced, because revision surgery is much more expensive than primary surgery."

Ren collaborated with Dr. David C. Markel, chairman of the Detroit Medical Center-Providence Hospital orthopaedic residency program and chief of orthopaedic surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Botsford Hospital earns top ranking

Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills was recognized as a top "Community Value Provider" in the 2011 edition of the "State of the Hospital Industry," a report published by Cleverley + Associates in Worthington, Ohio.



LaCasse

The annual report assesses both financial strength and the quality performance of hospitals.

"We were honored that Botsford received both the Community Value 100 and Community Value Five-Star awards," said Paul LaCasse, D.O., president and CEO of Botsford

Health Care. "Our CVI scores tell us that our hard work in providing top quality and responsible care has paid off when our results are benchmarked against that of all other hospitals of similar size and teaching status."

The Community Value 100 award recognizes the top 100 hospitals while the Five Star Award is given to those scoring in the top 20 percent of their group; Botsford is ranked with other medium size teaching hospitals.

The 2011 awards are based on 2009 hospital data.

For more about Botsford Hospital, visit www.botsford.org, twitter.com/botsfordnews, facebook.com/botsfordhospital.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AQUATIC CLASSES

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

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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Companies Hiring This Month

Anthony Balderrama,
CareerBuilder.com Writer
15 companies hiring in August

We're well into the second half of the year and most job seekers have one goal on their minds: Find a new job. Luckily, according to CareerBuilder midyear forecast, opportunities are on the rise between now and year's end. For example, 47 percent of employers plan to hire new employees by the end of 2011, and 50 percent of all employers say their businesses are experiencing a shortage in skills.

Those two findings are already good signs for job seekers, but they're even better when you realize that for the previous eight quarters, employers have always hired more workers than they anticipated. If history is any indicator, we could see the number of employers hiring in the remaining five months of the year be even higher than anticipated.

That said, jobs don't just land on your doorstep. Ask any job seekers and they'll tell you: The job search is work. Some are more difficult than others, depending on the industry and location. Until we find a way to make those jobs land on your doorstep, we can at least point you in the direction of companies that are hiring in August.

Amedisys Home Health
Industry: Home health
Sample job titles: Occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech language pathologist, registered nurse, home health aide
Location: Nationwide

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.
Industry: Gaming and entertainment
Sample job titles: Beverage server, security officer, food and beverage

Location: Blackhawk, Col., St. Charles, Mo., East Chicago, Ind., Kansas City, Vicksburg, Miss., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jackpot, Nev., Las Vegas

Armchem International
Industry: Manufacturing and wholesale distributor
Sample job titles: Outside sales, inside sales

Locations: Baltimore, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham, N.H., N.C., S.C., Fla.

The Bartech Group
Industry: Engineering, information technology, finance and accounting
Sample job titles: Product engineer, electronic technician, scientist, manufacturing engineer, tech analyst
Location: Mich., N.J., Calif., Ga.

Burnett Staffing
Industry: Generalist
Sample job titles: Senior metallurgist/materials engineer, marketing coordinator, manufacturing engineering manager
Location: Texas
Career Systems Development
Industry: Education
Sample job titles: Residential

advisors, instructors, cooks, drivers, alcohol and drug counselors, counselors, administrative assistant, accounting managers, security officers

Location: San Diego, San Jose, New Haven, New Orleans, Cassadaga, N.Y., Limestone, Maine, Bangor, Maine, Laredo, Texas, Rochester

CompuCom
Industry: IT outsourcing
Sample job titles: Senior solutions architect, senior IT manager, enterprise territory sales

Location: Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles
Delta Airlines
Industry: Aviation
Sample job titles: Flight attendants
Location: Atlanta, Minneapolis, New York

Examination Management Services
Industry: Insurance
Sample job titles: Nurse practitioner
Location: Ohio, Pa., Fla., Ala.

GLC Group
Industry: Staffing/recruiting for health care, IT, finance, engineering, government
Sample job titles: Health care sales representative, health care sales representative, pharmacy technician
Location: Mich., Va., Fla., Calif.

Multiband USA
Industry: Telecommunications
Sample job titles: Satellite installation technician, call center manager, business intelligence designer, general manager

Location: Nationwide
NEW Customer Service Companies, Inc.
Industry: Customer service
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Location: Nationwide
Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Maryland Office
Industry: Government (military, science, technology, engineering, mathematics and public health)
Sample job titles: Mechanical engineer, nuclear engineer, chemical engineer, aerospace engineer, environmental engineer, microbiologist, epidemiologist, historian, anthropologist

Location: Nationwide
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Industry: Health care (care management and elder care)
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XSport Fitness
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Anthony Balderrama is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. He researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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CHRYSLER 300 LOOKS TO EXTEND BRAND REVIVAL

By Dale Buss

The 2011 Chrysler 300 has allowed the brand to mount a next act — beyond the stunning impact of the Super Bowl advertising spot on the debut of the Chrysler 200 last winter —



Dale Buss

with marketers spinning the 300 as an exemplar of Chrysler's new "earned luxury" positioning. But the improving 300 is fighting for share in a segment of the

market that has taken on dwindling relevance and seems to be in long-term decline.

"The 300 is still important to Chrysler's future, partly because the brand only has three models now, and the 300 is the one that Chrysler has positioned as the flagship for the entire Chrysler group of brands," said Ivan Drury, a U.S. sales analyst for Edmunds.com. "But the segment has shrunk considerably as a reaction to ever-increasing fuel costs."

Clearly the accelerated evolution of the 300 embodies some challenges for Chrysler. But executives prefer to focus on the opportunities driven into view by their biggest makeover of the nameplate — stretching over both 2011 and 2012 versions — since the

debut of the 300 platform in 2004 almost single-handedly revived Chrysler's fortunes.

For Olivier Francois, who was Chrysler's brand chief until last week's announcement of a new merged Fiat-Chrysler management structure, the goals for the 300 are to establish Chrysler's new "approach to luxury" and to gain recognition for the car as the segment's best in class. "We have had to re-launch the brand, and we want Chrysler as an American company — and that is about great cars that people enjoy driving," he said. "That is what the 300 is."

It's difficult to overstate the impact that Chrysler made with the "gangster-styled," rear-wheel-drive 300 when the company launched it seven years ago as a clean-sheet revival of a venerable nameplate from the Chrysler stable of past successes. The car rose to as high as 29 percent of Chrysler brand sales in



The 2011 Chrysler 300 is a restyled version of one of the company's biggest product winners of the past decade.

late 2006, according to Edmunds.com data, and to as high as 10 percent of the large-car segment of the U.S. market in early 2006.

Soon, however, the styling-based excitement wore off; gasoline prices turned erratic; the economy tanked; Chrysler sought a bailout; and the 300 was on cruise control, with little even in the way of cosmetic retouching each year or marketing support. The neglected nameplate's nadir came last November, when sales dipped to only about 1,300 units, and the 300 could command only less than 4 percent of a diminished large-car segment. After comprising 24 percent of Chrysler sales for all of 2006, the 300 was

down to 19 percent of sales for 2010 and just 14 percent of sales in the first half of this year.

Fortunately, at that point, Chrysler management already was well into executing Fiat's plan to overhaul much of the company's existing fleet in quick-and-dirty fashion through 2012, as a longer-term reconstitution of the Chrysler lineup has been hatching under Fiat's aegis. Chrysler refined the 300's design, invested in improving fuel economy and varying powertrain configurations, and pumped about \$1 billion into its Brampton, Ontario, plant to upgrade manufacturing of the car.

It was long past time for the 300 to be dealt with. The retro styling that had made it, and the PT Cruiser, such immediate curiosities to car buyers long since had lost its allure. So Chrysler designers softened the lines of the exterior overall and

backed off some of the more egregious aspects of the basic 2004 design; for example, the windshield of the 2011 300 extends about three inches further back, trimming the roof line, to improve front-seat visibility.

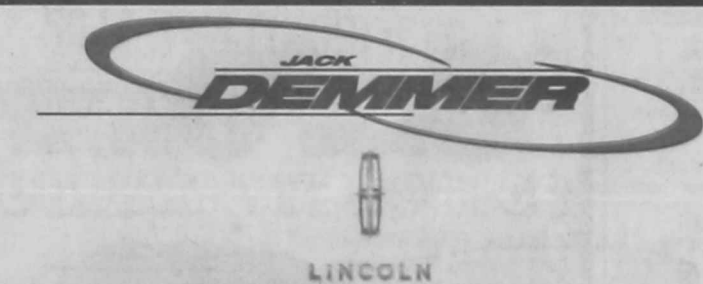
Interior appointments of the 300 were boosted, in keeping with a directive that Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne had imposed soon after his company's 2009 takeover for Chrysler to address immediately this huge area of weakness. Handing was re-tuned to curb a big-sedan feel.

And powertrains were upgraded. Fiat was retooling the 300 under the long shadow of the 2008 gasoline-price bubble, and was bound to introduce the 2011 version in the midst of this year's \$4-a-gallon spike, so fuel economy was top of mind. That priority is reflected in a new eight-speed transmission in the 2012 version that Chrysler says will boost fuel economy on the highway to 30mpg from 27mpg now even with the new all-wheel-drive option. There's also a new 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 in the 2011 version; the latter offers more power and better mileage than either of the two V-6s available in 2010.

"We took our most fuel-efficient engines and brand new technology and installed it throughout the [Chrysler] line," Francois said. "We're really tackling the problem... We want to be best in class for fuel economy in the V-6 part of the market."



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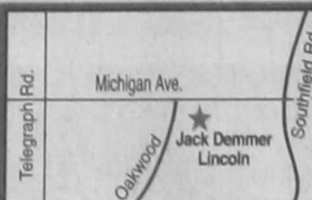
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