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Traffic is expected to get even more snarled than usual in the Ford Road/1-275 area, as MDDT crews plan to close the ramp from westbound Ford Road to southbound 1-275 and the ramp on eastbound Ford Road to northbound 1-275 for nearly three months beginning Tuesday.

Exchange helps teachers **Culture shock** understand customs



Maggie Wunderlich of Canton presents Principal Yutaka Hoshino of Tachiai Elem an aerial photo of Dodson Elementary School spelling out the school's partie

By Brad Kadrich

One of the things Maggie Wunderlich noticed when visiting schools during her 12-day sojourn to Japan was the complete dearth of both cafeteria staff and custodistic staff of the cafeteria s

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Court ruling could affect Orlewicz murder sentence

By Brad Kadrich

James and Kim Sorensen have endured countless sleepless nights in the nearly five years since their son, Dan, was killed by Plymouth Township teenager Jean Pierre Orlewicz in the Can-ton garage of Orlewicz's grand-

Court made another decision that's keeping the Westland cou ple up nights.

The court, in a 5-4 decision written by Justice Elena Kagan

effectively struck down Michi-gan's sentencing scheme, ruling it's unconstitutional for children under the age of 18 to be sen-tenced to a mandatory term of life in prison without any chance of parole.

Young defendant
Orlevicz was 17 in November 2007, when he lured Dan
Sorensen to his grandfather's
garage, stabbed him to death,
then dismembered and disposed
of his body, Orlewicz and his
accomplice, Alex Letkemann,
stood trial in the spring of 2008;



ean Pierre Orlewicz was 17 when he as convicted of first-degree murder nd sentenced to life without the ossibility of parole for the November 007 murder of Dan Sorensen.

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Canton man charged in holdup at Game Play

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eniered and bond set at \$50,000 cash'surety.
Police responded to a robbery at the Game Play store, 35607 Warren Road, at about 9-45 p.m. The crott of police that a man and a small child were the only customers when a man, fressed in black with a bandana over his lower face, entered.

Armed with a silver handgun, the man ordered all three to go the the man ordered all three to go the they complied, the employee said they complied, the employee said

the gumman told him to get up and go to the cash registers. With the gun pointed at him, the employee said he put the cash reg-ister drawer on the counter. The gunman then asked for a sec-ond drawer and then followed the employee into a back room to get it.

employee into a back room to get it.

The employee told police the gunman took \$500 from the business and also grabbed a small breast cancer donation jar from the properties of the properties of the properties of the store.

A witness then called police and reported the suspect had gone to the Game Stop store on Warne Road just south of Warren Should had agreed to drive him around doing errands when he offered to pay her. She said she had driven him to Walmart in Canton and then to Value City on Warren Road in West-

land.
When the man got out of her car, the woman said she saw him pull a silver handgun from his backpack.
When he returned 4-5 minutes lat-

er, she said he was carrying a jar wrapped in a scarf.

The man then directed her to the Game Stop store on Wayne Road. The woman said she turned into the nearby Ram's Horn restaurant parking lot and was told to wait. Once the man was out of sight, the woman said she cauled 511 and to wait for police.

From the back pack left in the car, police recovered a breast cancer collection jar containing \$22, three cell phones, various pieces of identification, a plastic coin donation box and marijuana.

The suspect wasn't located and for the suspect wasn't located and for the suspect wasn't located and for the suspect who could help locate him. That resulted in police conducting surveillance in the area of Seyen Mile and Telegraph in Detroit. About 215 a.m. July 7, Westland officers spotted the suspect as a passenger in vehicle that hade crillowed the vehicle to Joy and Ravine in Westland where he was arrested.

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AROUND CANTON

Date/Time: Monday, July 16, 5-6 p.m. Location: Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., in

Canton
Details: State Representative Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

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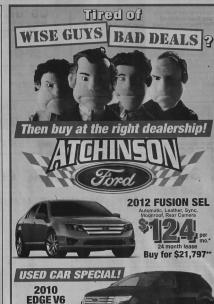
P-CCS will be accepting nonresident students who live in Wayne County in the following programs:

- Afternoon, half-day Kindergarten (limited to 12 students) at Hoben Elementary Talented and Gifted, Third Grade (limited to
- 20 students and testing is required) at Dodson International Academy, Ninth Grade (limited to
- 10 students) at Plymouth High School

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Jacobs, didn't return a call seeking comment, but has reportedly already petitioned the Michiegue Supreme Court's
ruling for consideration in Orlewicz's case.
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Maria Miller, spokesperson for
Wayne County Prosecutor Kym
Worthy, said the prosecutor's
office wouldn't be commenting
on the ruling at this point.
"We are not addressing what
"We are not addressing what
case yet?" Miller said. "Currentby our office is working with the
Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council and the Michigan
Prosecuting Attorneys Association to formulate a uniform policy that will be applied by the 83



James Sorensen of Westland, with wife Kim in court, are con-cerned that the Supreme Court ruling could open the door to a "Sympathetic parole board" releasing Jean Pierre Orlewicz, who was convicted of killing their son, Daniel.

elected prosecutors across the state."

Case by case .

The court's ruling, which effects more than 300 cases in Michigan, doesn't mean every juvenile defendant will automatically be re-sentenced. According to Raymond Cassar, the Farmington Hills attorney who represented Lethemann, cases such as Orlewicz's will be tak en up on a case-by-case basis. Attorneys will have to make

their arguments, presumably before the original sentencing judge, before decisions are rendered.

Cassar, a veteran defense attorney, said the ruling doesn't mean juveniles sentenced to life without parole will automatically be back on the streets any time soon.

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ing to Sorensen, showed "a real bias" toward the defense. "We know (Berry) would do the right thing. ... She made it clear he belonged in prison the rest of his life, and that's where he should stay." Sorensen said. "(Morrow) is the one who violated our constitutional right to be in the hearing. He seems to have a propensity to not follow the law and go his own way."

No trust

"In (Morrow's) hearing, there was an obvious bias toward the defense. The treatment of the prosecution and the prosecution witness was appalling. Sorenses added. "If it came he would confirm the life sentence with parole, left alone without parole, left at lone without parole, left with great agrees with the general principle of the ruling.
"In many circumstance." In absolutely agree with the court, "Cassar add Lenty iveniles should not be subject to

life without parole, because they're juveniles. They clearly don't think like an adult would, because they don't have adult more than the second of the seco

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congested roadways in the area — the 1-275/Ford Road interchanges will put up double lane closures on both northbound and southbound 1-275 between Ford Road and Palmer, causing traffic shifts on Ford Road, Fellows Creek and Palmer, closures will take place Tuesday, the northbound closures will take place Tuesday, the northbound closures will take place Tuesday, the northbound closures will take place the should closures will take place the state of the place of the pla

While township engineer Bill Serchals said drivers will eventual the work has been described by the second of the work, he acknowledged. "It's going to be a difficult summer." "What happens usually with a traffic shift like which is that within a few days to a week, traffic patterns will modify and earl route." Serchals said controllers of the work of



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High praise, but no review, for Hughes

By Brad Kadrich

It's been a tumultuous year for Plymouth-Canton schools officials, one that has includ-ed stressful contract talks, the decision to close a school, a fight over a banned book and questions over myriad other issues.

issues.

But it has also included high achievement on standardized testing such as the MEAP tests, the district's marching band played in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, a soccer team won a state title and an entirely new leadership team was put in place.

entirely new leadership team was put in place. Though it opted not to do a formal review, the district's Board of Education nevertheless complimented Superintendent Jeremy Hughes for steer-dent Jeremy Hughes for steer dent Jeremy Hughes for steer d



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
While Plymouth-Canton's Board
of Education declined to give
Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes a formal
review, they did praise him for
his efforts since taking over.

the design of a technology plan that will serve the district for

asset to P-CCS."

Board members also complimented Hughes for his resources and contacts throughout southeast Michigan and the state. Hughes was praised for hiring a completely ly new team of central office administrators, creating an administrators, creating and the state of the central office administrators, creating and a fine of the central office administrators as part of his own evaluation and added world language-es, all-day kindergarten and a Young 5 program at the elementary level. He also brought several improvements to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, including the development of three Academies. He was a supplied to the compliments and acknowledged a lot of things got done during the year, but largely praised the members of his administrative team. "I appreciate the board's remarks and their compliments, but the real key to what happened here this past year is more the result of a team effort of the composition of the compliments, but the real key to what happened here this past year is more the result of a team effort of the composition of the compliments of the real key to what happened here this past year is more the result of a team effort of the composition of the compos

very few superintendents get to do — bring in a whole new to do — bring in a whole new to be a superintendent of the pople approach of the power of the manner of the pople approach of the power of the and lot got done because of them and not me. If all like to think! I had something to do with it, but it really has been a team effort, and a lot of good things have happened.

Thistie has a transportation of the board that hive a five his contract, said Hughes did a commendable job, though there are areas of improvement.

"I thought he did a solid job," Maloney, said. "There were some things he did really well, and other things that are a work in progress. We had a good discussion about things worked on over the next six months.

"The good thing that came out "The good thing that came out "The good thing that came out."

months.

"The good thing that came out of it is we agreed as a board we want to work harder as a board to develop specific and measurable objectives for (Hughes)," he added. "We're confident if he knows exactly what the

board wants, he'll do his best to deliver it."
Hughes has had a long and successful career in education, including several properties of the horizontal properties of the con-tion's deputy superintendent/ chief academic officer for five years. He spent 13 years as superintendent of the Dear-born Public Schools and also spent 10 years as superinten-dent of Haslett Public Schools near Lansing.
Hughes served Plymouth-Canton as a consultant three years ago to restructure the

Canton as a consultant three years ago to restructure the leadership model of its high school complex, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "(Hughes) is one of the most experienced and respected educational leaders in Michigan, and we feel so fortunate to have him come out of retirement to help our district," board Vice President Adrienne Davis said. "I believe he has air would take most others several years to execute."

Salem grads make television debut on E! Entertainment

Viewers tuning in to El Entertainment's new series, "Openme Act." Monday, vily 16, will find a distinctly local flavor when four performers from Canton, who make up the group Them's Porseven, and to open the control of the control



TwentyForSeven members — and Salem High School graduates — include Rajiv Dhall on vocals and guitar, Blake Hayes on guitar and vocals; Matt Pastor on bass, keys, and vocals; and Corey De Luca on drums.

You Can Dance," along with his Artist Develop-ment Team comprised of country superstar Mar-tina McBride; platinum selling artist Pete Wentz; singer and BMI Songwrit-

er of the Year award-win-ner Jason Derulo; produc-er Antonina Armato from Rock Mafia; and Nick Cooper, a vocal coach who has worked with recording artists such as

Beyonce and Katy Perry.
Formed in 2010, TwentyForSeven was surprised
with a chance to open for
Gym Class Heroes in El
Paso, Texas, based solely
on their music videos and
performances uploaded to
their Youtube channel
TwentyForSeven TV.

The group didn't even know they were being considered for this opportunity until the show's host came face-to-face has been a solid to the show's host came face-to-face has been a solid to the show the state of the show the solid to the show the

continue to wow audiences today with their feisty covers and energetic warms of the covers and energetic watch to the covers and energetic watch Toward For Sevens journey from undiscovered sensation to national opening act with no audiences of the covers of the covers

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- Application 1495, 9448 Corinne. The applicant is in the R-1 zonir is requesting two variances.

 The first is for 18 feet of 5 foot high section of fence.
 The second is for 32 feet of 6 foot high section of fence.
- Application 1496, 11636 Francis. The applicant is an R-1 zoning district and is requesting three variances.

 - The first is for a rear yard setback variance of 45 feet for an existing master bedroom.

 a side yard variance of 7.4 feet for an addition to the existing master bedroom.

 The third is for the lot width being only 50 feet wide while 60 feet wide is required.

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Wayne High students shine in JROTC

By Sue Mason

Thirty minutes or so of standing tall and straight and doing commands is definitely not the easiest thing to do. Just ask Crystal Fletch-

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fixit."
Fletcher competed against more than 1,000 cadets from around the country. Judges looked at how cadets execute commands over the course of a half hour. The cadets were eliminated one by one until only one cadet remained. They were allowed two short breaks.

were allowed two short breaks. Teams from more than 1,600 schools from peter and the short street and to long the short street and to long the short street and the short street



Crystal Fletcher does a salute on her way to winning the unarmed knockout drill at the 2012 U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Drill Championships.

"The first sergeant helps us out," he said. "It's about precision and how sharp we are. It's about showmanship. I look forward to winning competitions, being in the top 10 and teaching the cadets."

Junior Darren Hombire, is commander of

Burton headed up the 2011-2012 drill team and said the unit has set a goal of being in the top 10 in the country next year. "The first sergeant helps us out," he said. soccer and volleyball and working, she's decided to

socci and volvey out and socci and volvey out to be back. I need to focus on sports, "the said." I plan to go to college and play soccer."

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Junior Darren Hombirg is commander of the Raider Team which repeated as Michigan champions this year. The team finished sixth in the anaton in 202 and like the drill team is setting its possible of the command of the comma

Good program

"Ive also learned some cool skills," he said. "I got a recommendation from my friend that it was a good program. Ive been on drill for three years. It's a lot of effort, determination and sacrifice. I'd recommend this to my friends, it's that good of a

son is handling it while Hombirg is out of town. However, Hombirg planned to write him let-ters to keep the team training for next year's nationals. "I'm not ready for get-ting up at 5 clock, but in training for nation-ing a third instructor," said Hombirg who also is the battalion's operations officer. "I have to plan and execute all the train-ing schedules for the bat-talion."

ang schedules for the bat-tation."

"These cadets get real world experience, they get real world leader-ship experience," said LaHaine. The things the cadets learn here, they Like Piercher. Hombirg is glad he made to deci-sion to join JROTC which for him "is like family."
"I wouldn't have friends, "I wouldn't have friends, I'll didn't have ROTC," he said. "JROTC is like fami-

ill, we're here to encourage each other!
Hombirg brought in sillian Matheson who liked
Hombirg brought in sillian Matheson who liked
the scholarship option. It's
turned out to be "more
than I ever hoped for."
"I thoroughly enjoy it."
"I thoroughly enjoy it."
were hard, but I realized
they were for me. I've
already met my goal of
being the public affairs
officer."

officer."

Matheson also has her career plan in place. She plans to enter the Army as a nurse right after she's out of school. She'll go to an eight-day camp and be certified as a nurse assistant. She took classes at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and believes that puts her ahead of the other enlistees.

ahead of the other enlist-ees.
"Twe been in ROTC so long that I can't see me doing anything else," she Ninteeen cadets grudu-ated in June, and Laffaine is proud of them. Going through the program has prepared them for their future.
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Wunderlich took part in the trip after applying following an open house she attended at Ringo-kai, the Detroit Japanese School. She heard a pitch about the program and thought it sounded interesting. She has a brother-in-law in Japanese of a couple of Japanese de Japanese she was a construction of the program of the pro

whorth the trip
And after observing
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And after observing
and participating with
Japanese students and
schools, she believes she
got her money's worth.
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aware of where (Japanese students) are coming from will help me
have been aware of where (Japanese students) are coming from will help me
have been "Winderfich and.
"They're dealing with
culture shock, and now I
know how different it is.
That will help me, too."
Wunderlich and the rest

of the group got a taste of that, too. After landing

Critical pairing
As the director of instructional equity for Farmington Pub-





While in Japan, Canton's Maggie Wunderlich sat in on a calligraphy class by a Japanese Culture teacher at Wakazono Junior High School in Toyota-Shi Aichi She painted the word "peace" in Kanji.

lie Schools, Naomi Khalil oversees the dis-tricts English Language Learning and diversi-ty of Japan was of special interest to her. Khalil called a lot of Japan's school practices "phenomenal" She said teachers work from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and don't take breaks. She said the relation-



ship between teacher, student and parent is a critical one in Japan.

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perhaps a little easier by the uniformity of curriculum and policy across with a many policy across which will be perfectly an experience of the same wherever students go to school. Unlike American schools, where curriculum and even textbooks can be as diverse as the across the same where we have a considerable of the same experience of the same experience of the same experience of the country exactly the same," Wunderlich said.

"Here there are so many choices. I think that would be really difficult for a kid who is used to following a routine." Khalli said such practices are possible because the Japanese culture is so ness, the said, allows the country to "silf function as a very united society." "That's a challenge (the U.S.) will always have as a country of seith diversity. Khalli said. "The ability to take away and apply things (learned on a challenge, because we are not dealing with a homogenous society." While acknowledging teachers in the U.S., and particularly those with whom she works in Plymouth Canton, Wunderlich whom she works in Plymouth Canton, Wunderlich and she was impressed ment of the teachers with their students in Japan. All in

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All in They eat lunch with their students, and take part in both before- and after-school activities. She went to a Satur-day basketball game for one of the host family's daughters, and there was a teacher, coaching the team

aware that the control of the contro

takes for their children's education is impressive, she said.

"What screams loud and clear is that we do a very noble job in this country of trying to educate everybody as best as we can," Khalii said. "There's far more inclusion of all types of children in our schools, but I think we

could learn a lot about humility and responsibili-ty from the Japanese cul-ture. They're very hum-ble and willing to learn from others, and they val-ue high levels of person-al and communal respon-sibility." Wunderlich got a taste of the Japanese culture

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Special election draws interest from some

So, who wants to run for Congress's Assertions who wants to run for Congress's and a U.S. citizen for 7 years can run for Thad McCotter's old seat and serve the final few weeks of his term. They cannot run if they are a felt-in the final few weeks of the final few weeks of his term. They cannot run if they are a felt-in they cannot run in the past 20 years. Interested office seekers can file pettitions with 1,000 signatures of registered voters before July 201 frey want to run in for the 11th Congressional District Candidates without party affiliation can file pettitions by Aug. 7. Residents in the current IIIh District will be voting in a special electric by and again on Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. State electron offi-



Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj of Canton said he won't run in the special election, instead focusing "on talking to voters throughout Michigan's new 11th Congressional District in an effort to ensure that their views and values are represented for a full term in the next Congress."

cials estimate the cost of the special election to local communities will be \$650,000. Local clerks estimate the election will cost some \$10,000 in Plymouth, \$30,000 or more in Plymouth Township and between \$65,000 and \$75,000 in Canton Township.

the waters in the Aug.
7 primary election, in
which voters will decide
between a Republican
candidate listed on the
ballot (Kerry Bentivolio),
two write-in Republican
candidates (Nancy Cassis
and Drexel Morton) and
two Democrats (Dr. Syed
Taj and Bill Roberts).
McCotter resigned Friday, ending his term six

months early after what he called a "nightmar ish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation of the control of the minimum signatures required to run. On Thesday, It. Gov. in Gov. Rick Snyder's absence, called for a special election in the 11th Congressional District to fill the vacancy ceal-

Congressional District to fill the vacancy creat ed by McCotter's resig-

ed by McCotter + 1-20 mation.
So far, both Republican candidates in the Aug.
7 primary election said Thursday that they are running in the Sept. 5 primary election.
Kerry Bentivolio, who is listed on the ballot as a Republican candidate, said he will run as

a write-in, according to his campaign spokesman. Robert Dindoffer: "We have more than 50 unpaw doubleter circular to the control of the contr

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he is not running.

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj said he appreciated the encourage of the encourage of

ager. "We're still on the fence." Reuter said.

Author has legal expertise, local ties

By Julie Brown

Ed Draugelis finds his background in law and police work has served him well as a novel stent published "The God Symposium" in 2005, a story of a Dominican nun leaving her order: She has controversial views about Jesus, and is making a statement at a symmosom of the consequence, and the consequence of the consequenc

Draugelis who are who are pen plein the syndrosium. Draugelis syndrosium. Draugelis shock a murder mysfery published by Hot House Press in 2008. "Of Bread and Angels" will come out in 2013, published probably by Oak Tree Press in 1llinois. They published his cur-street with the syndrosium of the published his cur-street with the syndrosium of the published his cur-street with the syndrosium of the syndros

is said.

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I was really talking about the small towns in Indiana, "he said. Then annee of the city of Muncie is based on an Indian annee. "It's one of the first areas our country puraces on the work of work of

ville Downs I still do legal work for," he said. He'd represented the Plymouth school dis-trict as well. His writ-ing began, not counting legal briefs, in the ear-ly 1803. "I started off with that musical play in 1982. That went in the Marquis The-ater in Northville. I'm

embarrassed by it now."
It was called "Monterey."
He later wrote at least
a dozen children's plays.
"They were part of
games and toys, basically,
that were sold. I'd get letters from Canada mostly, They were very popular there."
"I've been writing for
a long time, including

briefs. I really write a lot now as a retired attorney. In fact, you just pulled me away from my com-puter, 'D'raugelis said. He's married to Diane and the couple has three grown children, an attorney Nick, pre-med Wayne State University student and ballet teach-er Sarah, and Jake Alex,

who runs a company he founded that does contracting for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The couple has nine "fabulous" grandchildren. "Inshalla" is what he's working on now, a story of the Arab-American experience in Dearborn. The book will include

what happened to Arab-Americans locally after 9/11. His work as a police officer contributed to his research for the book under way, another fic-tion title. "It has to be fiction or they'll string me up by my thumbs," he said.





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MESP good choice for college expenses

By Rick Bloom

Guest Columnat

Q: Dear Rick: About 15 years ago you recommended the Michigan Education Savings Plan (HESP) to save for my childs college delucation surplised at how much money! have saved. My sow mill be going to college in the fall and we have some questions about using the MESP. Do we have to use it in his freshman year or came wealt? Can it be used for room and board even if he dear difference! If he chooses to attend a community college versus a four-yea university?

A: One of the beauties of the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) and, in fact, most



money, there are no requirements that the money be used when your child flick Bloom of the property of the pro

even if your child is staying off campus. There are, however, some limitations on the amount. In fact, one of the beauties of the MESP is that you can use the money for any qualified education expense which not only includes tuttion and room required fees. For example, at some universities it is required the structure of the st

trade and technical schools. The bottom line is that the MESP is extremely flexible and

The bottom line is that the MRSP is extremely Textible and it allows you to use the money to fit your individual situation. One of the reasons I like the MRSP is its flexibility. Not only as to the uses for the money but also where it can be used. In other words, it doesn't have to the substitution of the control of the

ity as possible to pursue their dreams. I believe the MESP accomplishes that. We live in a competitive world and it will become more so doubt it will become more so at time goes on. One of the ways to compete is to have a good education and we all known bow expensive that on and we all known to be a supposed to the control and the supposed to the control and the MESP is a great way to go. Good luck!



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dents in grades six through 12. In 400 words or less, students are question. "How does a citizen's right to vote help make America the great-est country in the world?" Warren and his daughter, Leah, 13, co-founded means to celebrate America's core principles and history in a meaningful way. Today, many state institutions, from courts to schools, now recognize to schools, now reco

Sept. 11, the anniversary of the terrorist attacks, and Sept. 17, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. "Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's sponsors ship of a Patriot Week away for our students to learn more about the blessings of liberty," said Warren. "This is an important step in furthering the cause of Patriot Week and renewing the Cause of Patriot Week and renewing the Cause of Patriot Week and renewing the Cause of Patriot Week cale bright of the Cause of Patriot Week cale bright of the Cause of Patriot Week cale bright of Week cale bright of Patriot Week cale bright of Week cale bright of Patriot Week cale bright of Week cale bright of Patriot We

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

Public Test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System For the State Primary Election Tuesday, August 7, 2012

LEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M 10 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 4:00 m, on Friday, July 20, 2012 at the Charter Township o ymouth, Clerk's Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road ymouth, MI 48170, for the August 7, 2012 Statimary Election

For further information contact the Clerk's Office Phone (734) 354-3224.

Joe Bridgman, MMC Township Clerk

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Meeting dates: July 17, August 14, September 11 October 9 & 23, November 13, and December 11

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Plymouth man's unique sports car rolling to Concours

A blue paint job and a battered front end couldn't hide the leg-endary Italian sports car for which Mark Sas-sak had been searching for years.

sak had been searching for years.
"I couldn't run fast enough," Sassak said Monday, describing the moment in 1999 when he was shown a photo-graph of the 1966 Biz-zarrini 5300 Spyder S.I. "I knew it had to be the car."

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yer.
"She knew I wasn't coming home without it," said Sassak of his wife, Allison, who is





on the wheels.

also a car buff
Fully restored and
repainted as close to its
original silver as anyone can determine, the
Spyder will be among
the hundreds of classist on tisplay during this year's Concours
d'Elegance of America, which is scheduled
for Sunday, Aug. 29, at
Phonout Township
the best in Show award
at the Le Belle Mac-



The cockpit design is simple and a tight fit for most drivers.

The cockpt design is simple: chine d'Italia in Mt. Pocono, Pa. It is the only proto-type for the Bizzarri-ni Spyder, and was built for the 1966 and to show the control of the control But only two production models were made, and Sassak has one of those, to. His 1968 Spyder, a blazing red, has gar-nered awards at many shows, including at the

da eight fit for most drivers.
Concours when it was at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

"I had GM all at Meadow Brook," All and Meadow Brook, "Sassak said. The Concours moved to St. John's beginning with last year's event.

"This is an absolute passion," said Sassak, who is partial to Italian Lection.

The Spyder, Sassak said, and Factures that were unusual or unique for their day; an aluminum body molded over a



Bizzarrini are Italian, but pow from a Chevrolet Corvette.

from a Chevolet Corvette. tubular steel frame, lots of magnesium in the car to reduce weight, disc brakes on all four wheels, and a three of the designed to keep weight evenly balanced as gas is consumed. With a 35-gallon capacity, the car has a range of about 400 miles, he said.

The engine is a 400-horsepower Chevolte. Sassak becam: inter-when he first spotted his red 1968 model, which had been owned by his father,

who owned a tool and die company, then by a brother.

"I knew deep in my heart that I'd own that car one day," he said. a substantial of the said of t

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m. PRIMARY ELECTION

The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing for the Dytical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing impaired Equipment, for the Presidential Primary Election to be held or TUESDAY, AUGUST, 72,012. The testing is scheduled for PRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012, at 10.00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 225 Farmer Greet, Plymouth, MI 46170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234 ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is hardiscensed.

Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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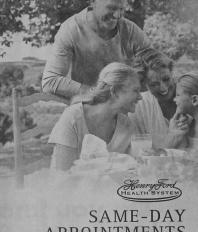
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viewing inct to be used for bidding purposes on line at view.wasdirim.com/resources/

Copies of the Contract Documents for bidding purposes must be obtained at the office of Wade Trim Associates Inc., 28251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, starting Thursday, July 12, 2012, upon making a payment of fifty-fire (485.00) Dollars if pick-up or sixty-five (885.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only — payable to Wa Trim, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

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Car show raises \$4,000 for Skill Center

Seventy cars recent: ly filled the lawn of the Western Wayne Skill Cenanual Cenanual Casis: car show. In its eighth year at the former Henry Ford. Junior High School, the car show raised some \$4,000 for the center. Car show and the law special education or the context of the

cars, ranging from classics and hot rods to mussics and hot rods to muscle cars and dragsters.
There was music by
the Six Foot Poles and
the presentation of the
Dave Gladwish Memorial
Award. The award honors
Dave Gladwish who was a
longtime race announce
at Detroit Dragway and
at Detroit Dragway and
of cancer in 2003.
This year's recipient
was Stan Shelton, vicepresident of the Wayne
Chamber of Commerce,
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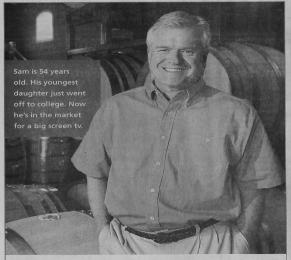
he donates above and beyond.
"He's one of the guys who is always there to help out," said Nicholson. "Stan has been shooting pictures and helping out at events. It was my plea-sure to nominate him and give him the award."







dron checks out the 1912 Buick that the owner



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Legion Riders stop in Garden City as part of Scholarship Fund Run

Hundreds of American Legion Riders from
across the country will
roll into Garden City at
1130 am. Aug. 22.
They will have lunch at
the founding chapter of
the American Legion Riders at Post 350 on Middlebelt for a few hours
before moving on to Coldwater and then Indianapthe Cold Cold Cold Cold Cold
according.
A three-mile escorted
procession is expected

A three-mile escorted procession is expected north on Middlebelt from 1.94 in support of the riders volunteering for the American Legion Scholarship Fund Run, which gives scholarships to children whose parents have died on active duty since 9/11

externia.

"One hundred percent of the funds raised go into the scholarship fund," Dold said. "It starts from a different point each year. This year leads to be starts from a different point each year. They keep telling us it's to honor us, but we are looking at it the other way around. They are honoring us by coming to our post. We are looking at it the other way around. They are honoring us by coming to our post. We are looking at it the other way around. They are honoring us by coming to our post. We are looking and work of the company with the properties of the properties of the properties. The scholarship run begins in New York. Fang Wong, national commander of the American Legion, is expected to be in Garden City. He to the American Legion, Born in Canton, China, Wong immigrated to the United States as 12-year-old in 1960.

Born in Canton, China, Wong in 1960, served 25 months in Wetnam, and retired Citzen in 1963. Wong wolunteered for the U.S. Army in 1969, served 25 months in Wetnam, and retired warrant officer in 1989. Through his American Legion post in Chinatown, Wong helped direct relief efforts in the afternath of 1911.

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to Legion information.
And that number continues to grow each day.
The Legion is actively working to ensure that all those children who want a post-secondary education will be provided one. Students who qualify and are interested in the secholarship apply in their or working the provided one of the continues of

ship Trust Fund, which earns interest to be used for scholarships. Current-ly, the fund's principal is \$5.7 million. In 2012, \$49.950 in aid was distrib-uted to students. The trust fund's principal remains untouched actions. Scholarships are funded by the inter-est. The fund has awarded

\$291,895 in aid since 2004. The Garden City American Legion Riders hope to make a monetary donation to the scholarship run when run participants arrive Aug. 22. A special comedy night is planned at Albert's on the Alley, on Middlebelt, north of Ford. The adult comedy night is 7p.m. Sunday, July 29, and will

be hosted by Kevin Kramis and will feature Mike Green, an award-winning Fox sportswriter and performer. Tickets are available at American Legion Post 396 or at Albert's on the Alley. To make a donation to the fund, make checks payable to American Legion Riders Post 396 or

American Legion Legacy Fund and send it to American Legion Riders, Gar-den City Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135 For more information about the comedy night or the fund, call Dold at (734) 536-0373.

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Reynolds to coach Chargers

By Brad Emons

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Standing outside a makeshift boundary where the Hockeytown Winter Festival's ice rink will be located at Comerica Park is Plymouth Whalars coach, general manager and president Mike Vellucci. The Whalers and three other ONL teams will play an outdoor doubleheader on Dec. 29.

Comerica calling

Whalers to play in OHL twinbill at Winter Festival

By Tim Smith

By Im Smith Observed Subt Wiser William (1997) wait until late December rolls around, when his Plymouth Whalers will skake onto an outdoor hockey rink at Detroit's Comerica Park as part of the once-in-a-lifetime Hockey-town Winter Festival.

"I'm just excited standing on the field right now," the commerce of the comm



another doubleheader, set for Dec. 30 between alumin players of the Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs.
Those games prior the Those games are Bridge-stone NHL Winter Classic between Detroit and Toronto, New Year's Day at Michigan Stadium in An Arbor.
Also expected to skate earlier in December at Comercia will be the Canton the Pyrmouth variety boys lockey

teams (Dec. 18 or 19).

Future stars
Vellucci said fans of all four
OHL teams will flock to Comerica, but he would like more
casual hockey fans to come
out and watch future NHL

players get after it.
"I think it's great for aware
ness, it's just going to showcase the talent that actually

Chad Smith (left) over-sees a work-out by Green Bay Packers linebacker Frank Zombo Thursday morning at Smith's Dynamic Ath lete Perfor-mance fadility in Canton. Zombo is one of several professional athletes who have teamed up with Smith for his strength-and-conditioning synaetics.

'Dynamic' times for ex-decathlete

By Ed Wright

It must be incredibly tempting these days for Chad Smith to take a stroll or two down memory lane.

After all, the Canton resident competed in three U.S. Olympic Prials as a decathlete — and the 2012 Summer Olympic Games are just a few weeks away — and he served a successful and conditioning coach for the Los Angeles Kings, who captured their first Stanley Cup last month. But Smith has little time to reminisce. He's too busy helping area abletes — from proven NFL stars to decrease—compete in their respective sport's fast lane.

As the hands-on owner of Dynamic Athlete Performance, a state-of-the-art training facility located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, Smith shares

his athletic-enhancement expertise with a wide range of clients.

With a wide range of clients, and the wide range of clients.

Bay Packers linebacker Frank Zombo and Detroit Linos safety Ricardo Silva through an off-season workout—as he did Thursday morning—an hour later, he could be leading a youth soccer team in an aguity-building exercise.

"The best part about this job for me is seeing the athletes excel and learn," Smith said. "How eseeing them taken it and then seeing the results. That's exciting, It also makes me feel good when a parent tells me their young child woke up that morning and said, 'Are we going to DAP today?" Following a stellar prep football artack and field carrer at Vpsilant Lincoin High School, Smith trekked north to Ferris State University with a football scholarship.

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Roth in **Senior Open**

Senior Open
Jeff Roth, a 1975
graduate of Salem High
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prep state champlion,
led a group of golfers with Michigan ties
after the first round of
the U.S. Senior Open
at Indianwood Golf &
Country Club in Lake
Orion,
Inisited the
opening round Thursday tied for 50th place
with 1-over 71. He shot
The tournament
concludes today.

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It's not all about getting ready for another
hockey season for
members of the Plymouth Whalers. Consider
3-330 pm. Wedhesday,
when goaltender Matt
Mahalak of Monroe
will be reading to
youngsters at the
Canton Public Library
as part of the Summer
Reading Program.

Bucks blank Hamilton

The Michigan Bucks went into Canada for season Wednesday night and came away with a 5-0 win in Hamilton (Ontario) to remain on top of the Premier Development Legue with a 3-8 points as the Revenue of the Premier Development Legue with a 3-8 points as the River City Rovers, including the final season ends with two games this weekend against the River City Rovers, including the finale set for 2 pm. Sounder State of the River City Rovers, including the finale set for 2 pm. Sounder Arenas.

The PDL's all-time leading scorer, Kenny Uzoligwe, came to life with two goals (87th and 88th of his career) starting the Bucks. On defense, goalkeeper Adam Grinwis notched his seventh PDL with sone tie and five shutous: who clinched the division with a 5-1 hur July 7 against Cincinatti — will face the visiting Rovers at 2 p.m. Sunday on fan years and the preciation day, Ticket Sunday on the Real Colorade at the door.

The PDL playoffs will begin July 20-22, with the Bucks taking on the Real Colorade ray Chill taking on the Great Lakes Division second-place survivor. For more on the playoffs, wist the legue website at www.usboc.erc.com.

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By Tim Smith

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nament came up short last week at the 87th U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship in Midway, Utal. Midway, Utal. Midway, Utal. Midway, Utal. School graduate came away from the experience at mamonts Sodier Hollow Golf Course (7/17) yards) more determined than ever to crank up his game and hopefully turn prolater this yeal. With the same and hopefully turn prolater this yeal. With the same and hopefully turn prolater this yeal. With the same and hopefully turn prolater this yeal. With the same and hopefully turn prolater this yeal. With the same and hopefully turn prolater this yeal. With the same and hopefully turn year. With the same and hopefully turn year. With the same and hopefully turn year, with hopes of turning professional in the fall. "I was hitting the ball good," I was hitting the ball good," There were 156 guys and they cut to the top 64. It's pretty difficult to make it to make through to make have a was hitting the ball good." The week of the work of

Nearly did it
Johnson — who also golfed at
Schoolcraft College and Wayne
State University — nearly
pulled off the comeback that

A chip shot away

After missing shot at Masters, Johnson to focus on pro career



Chad Johnson, a Plymouth resident and Canton High School grad, made it to Wednesday's Round of 64 at the 87th U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship in Midway, Utah. Johnson then lost out by a stroke to Kyle

would have kept his dream alive at least for another day. But although he scored pars at the S89-yard 16th and 464-yard 18th holes, his opponent tallied birdles each time. I great he had been and he had a specific to drop. I was hitting it close all day and pitch close all day and pitch get anything to drop,"

Despite his disappointment, Johnson said it helped to be bolstered by the encourage-ment of his family (parents Steve and Margaret; brothers Jeremy and Jon) and friends. "People at home were refreshing the (tourney Web) page every minute to see what was happening;" be contin-ued. "So it's great that people

are supporting me like that at home."
Two of his friends happen to be golf pros — Dearborn's Joe Juszezyk and Grosse Pointe South's Ryan Lenahan.
"I talked to Joe quite a bit and Ryan quite a bit," Johnson noted. "Igot some support from them this week. My buddy Ryan called me and

said 'Hey man, great week, keep your head up. It looks like you're playing some sold golf."

Juszczyk and Johnson were teammates in 2007-08 at Wayne State. In 2008-99, olnnson was part of the first-ever Wayne State in 2008-99, olnnson was part of the first-ever Wayne State team the great of the first-ever Wayne State team the great of the first-ever Wayne State team the great of the first playing the senior year, the fifth best in WSU history.

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to match play at Soldier Hollow. There were 2,800 applications to take part in the tournament.

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Heart scored rounds of 73
and 68 et a sectional qualifier
in June at Purgatory Golf Club
in Indianapolis to make the
156-golfer cut.

"To make it in was the big
accomplishment in my career,"
Johnson said. "And to play as
solid as I did, to make it into
match play was really tough,
play was plus-4. And the
course is 7,700 yards so I got
seeded. I tied for 33rd after
stroke play and just to do that
was an accomplishment in my
mind."

But now he'll hit the reset
button "and see if I can make

it into the U.S. Am when I get home."
If all goes well, he said he hopes to turn professional in November and go to Arizona or Florida to play in some mini tours.
That hopefully would make his "big accomplishment" just the first of many to come in his career.



ED WRIGHT Westland resident Kirsten Smith qualified for the National Junior Olympics track-and-field meet in just her second full year of hurdling.

Westland teen hurdles her way to National Jr. Olympics

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Kirsten Smith's introduction to hurding was a
little humbling and a little
painful.
"My first day I was
learning how to threestep between hurdles hard's the goal of every
hurdler," reflected Smith,
a 16-year-old seniort-obat Westland John Glenn.
Twent for it, but I was
too far back. I caught a
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I don't know if I can do
this. He told me to just
keep trying and that I'd
get better."
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On July 23, Smith will travel to Baltimore,
Md., the site of the 46th
USATF National Junior
Olympic Track & Field
Championships.
She qualified for the
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She qualified for the prestigious event by placing in the top-five in the "Young Women's" age group (16-18 years old) in the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles races at a regional meet held last month in Dayton, Ohio.
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Kirsten's attitude is
marzing." said Smith,
a former world-class
decathlete. "She doesn't
like to lose, which is what
vol love to see in an athlete. During an indoor
meet, she lost to one of
the fastest girls in the

country and she was mad at herself. She always wants to get better and she'll do what it takes to get better. What more could you ask from an athete?

A loydier Lold of long. Smith has invested a ton of sweat equity to shave time off a second from her 100-meter personal-best time and more than two seconds off her 300 best.

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Smith has set her goals high for her trip to Baltimore.
"It will definitely be

"It will definitely be intimidating, competing against the best girls from throughout the country," she said. "But I know I earned my spot, so I'm excited. I really want to make it to the finals."

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Rams take thumping

After a two-run double by J.P. Maracani propelled the Michigan Rams to a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning Wednesday, the Motor City Pride answered with a four-run surge and went on to post a 7-and went on to post a 7-and went on to post a 7-breach at Birmingham Seabloin. The bost Pride (4-12) were paced by Mike Miljigan (3-for-3, two RBI) and A.J. Dokey (2-for-

4, two RBI) while Chase Poindexter homered and scored three runs. Maracani was the bright spot for the Rams (12-14-1) in the Livo-nia Collegiate Baseball League tilk He finished with two doubles in four at hats along with his two at bats along with his two RBI. Donnie Eaton and Miles Sorise collected the only other hits as the Rams finished with just four for the contest.

Taking the loss was starter Josh Payzant, who gave up four runs (two earned) in 2.1 innings. He was followed on the mound by Keith Paslean and Colin Gerish. Earning the victory was starter Josh Wedesky, who went six strong innings. Closing it out was closer Tyler Haggerson, who loaded the bases via walks but managed to via walks but managed to escape the jam.



12U Predators prevail

The 12U Predators of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association won the North Farmington West Bloomfield Summer Classic Baseball Tournament held on June 24 in Farmington Hills. Members of the team included: (front row, from left) Zach Ziroll, Derek Goderis, Kevin Amell, Jake Semik, Alex Neeley and Chase Neeley, timiddle row, from left) Owen Korff, Azon Keyl, Ryan Lambrix, Cody Tapp, Noah Hayden, Andrew Putlock, Max Korff and Evan Lambrix, Goder Kow, from left) Coaches Tom Korff, Mark Goderis, (fiften Neeley and Dave Lambrix.



Coach-pitch champs

The Westland Youth Athletic Association Red Sox, bouncing back from a first-round playoff loss, captured the WYAA Coach-Pitch League title on June 30 including two wins on the final day to cap a 5-0 tournament run at Marshall Upper Elementary School. Members of the Red Sox, who also captured the regula season title, include (ftront row, from left): Chase Lindon, Donavan Cullen, Brock O'Connell, Brockly Rockly Rockly Rockly Rockly Rockly America, and Asma Cullen, Brock O'Connell, Brockly Rockly Rockly Rockly Administration, and Kam Kuban; (back row, from left): coaches Brian Sur nor, Kurf Kuban, Ken Smeltzer, John Winn and Bryann Elliott. (Not pictured is player Alexis Mackey.)

DYNAMIC

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He later transferred to the University of Tennessisty of Tennessiste dormitory as Peysame to Manning and Proke the school's record in the decathlon.

Smith's first brush with international competition came in 1996 when it first of the US Olympic Track and Field trials. He advanced to the Olympic trials two more times — in 2000 and 2004 — before returning from the sport following the S004 Olympics in Athens, 2004 Olympics in Athens, 2004 Olympics in Athens, 2011 2002. Smith was

2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.
In 2002, Smith was ranked No. 2 in the United States and No. 16 in the world after he registered 8,133 points in the decathion.
Injuries hampered him during the Olympic-qualify. Was great in the years between the Olympics, he said, smiling. "I was kind of like Dan Marino with the Dolphins. I had a pretty good career, but I never won though I never made it to the Olympics, it was an unbelievable experience."



Canton resident Chad Smith holds a notebook that includes the 2007 workout regimen of Los Angeles Kings star Dustin Brown. Smith, a former world-class decathlete, was the Kings strength and conditioning coach for two seasons.

nags strength and confidion track and field, Smith accepted a position at a fifness store in San Diego.

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A few years later — ou of the San Diego blue — he received a phone call that forever altered his

he receives that forever aliered us-life.
"The L.A. Kings called out of nowhere and asked me if I'd like to interview for their strength coach position." Smith said. "My uncle, who lives in Brighton, knew Ron Hextall was the Kings assistant GM. My uncle told them about me and they called

Chad Smith was a world-class decathlete, qualifying for three U.S. Olympics trials.

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During the summer of the 2007, he was hired as the 2007, he was hired as the continuous control of the 2007, he was hired as the tioning coach.

"Marc Crawford, who was their bead coach at the time, understood that the decathlon demands speed and power—and you had to be able to go you had to be able to go you had to be able to go summer of the 2007 of the 2007

L.A., the Kings improved from the most-injured team in the National Hockey League to the least-injured team. Along the way, he befriended several young players, including current standoust Dustin Brown and Drew Doughty. "Dustin just send me a picture of him with the Similar Sim

led to Smith getting let go in the summer of 2009. "I decided then that I was going to head back home and live and work closer to my family," Smith said. In November 2010, he purchased Velocity Sports Performance and later changed the name to Dynamic Athlete Performance.

Dynamic Athlete Performance.
"Canton is such a huge sports community," he said, when asked about his choice of destination. "The Olympic skarter train here, the high school hockey teams play here and people love sports in this area. It's a part of."

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ockey." The OHL, one of three

The OHL, one transcarding junior circuits, is a longtime pipeline of talent to the NHL.

Among recent Plymouth Whalers to reach the NHL is Boston Bruins standout forward Tyler

NHLIS Boston Francistandout forward Tyler Seguin. Vellucci laughed when asked if people still are surprised to learn Seguin played two seasons at Compuware Arena, located some 25 miles west of the center of Hockeytown.

town.
Vellucci, also president
of the Whalers, echoed
what Saginaw Spirit Pres
ident Craig Goslin said
during the press confer-

ence.
"Yzerman, Shanahan, Ciccarelli, Gretzky, Lemieux, all of those
guys played in the Canadian (junior) league, "Vellucci said. "So it's pretty exciting that if (fans)
come to the game, they're
going to see a future
NHLer."

On sale soon
Whalers fans will want to visit www.plymouth-whalers.com for information on how to purchase tickets for the OHL outdoor games, communications director Pete Krupsky said.
"I know this, if you buy

WHALERS IN THE 'D'

What: The Plymouth Whales will be one of four Ontain Net League teams to particular to a construction of the 2012 Mockey town Winter Festival. When: Saturday, Dec. 29, against the London Knights. Also that day will be a game between the Windows Spiffiers and details about times for the construction of the

a season ticket, you def-intely will get a tick, et to this," Krupsky said. "If not, you'll have to go through other means." Krupsky said details about ticket prices and how to purchase them will "all be formulat-ed in a very short peri-od of time. But 1 can tell you, buy a season tick-et, you're coming to this game."

"We're going to work along with Olympia "We're going to work along with Olympia Entertainment here and Tom Wilson and the Ilitch family," Vellucci said about ticket availability to Whalers fans. According to Wilson (no relation to the Whal-ers player of the same name), tickets for the OHL twinbill will go on

sale Aug. 1.
Also that date, tick-ets will be available for the Great Lakes Invita-tional (Dec. 27-28) and the American Hock-ey League game Dec. 30 between Grand Rapids and the Toronto Marlies.

Wings' alums pumped

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Detroit Red Wings season-ticket holders will have first crack at Alum in showdown tickets Aug. 1, with the general public sale set to begin mid-duggust. Red Wingston Helm of the season with the seas

for the day to drop the puck."
Kocur added that Detroit will get a unique opportunity to show the world how much hockey means to the region. "It's one of the great." "It's one of the greatworld," he said. "We claim it's the best. There's a lot of good ones. But Hockeytown's just going to be rocking all month."

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Salem wrestling

Assistant variety coach and former state champion Jeremy Henderson will conduct a summer wrestling camp from \$30.8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, at Salem High School. The camp is open to all incoming seventh-through 12-graders that are attending or going to be attending Salem High. All current Salem wrestlers are required to attend the camp, which will concentrate on technique and conditioning. Included in the \$25 cost is a camp T-shirt. For more information, e-mail Henderson at jhendy 18-96gmail com; or visit www.wrestling.salemncoks.com.

Wildcats baseball

The annual Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is slated for 12:30-3:30 p.m. both Tuesday-Wednesday, July 17-18, at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The clinic is for "young aspiring ath-letes" looking to "improve their baseball fundamentals by receiving age-appro-priate instructions from the 2012 Plym-outh Wildcats baseball coaching staff and varsity players." There will be individual stations for pitching, hitting, catching, infield and provided the property of the property of the Boys and girls entering grades 2-5 are invited to register. The camp is limit-ed to the first 100 to sign up, Register ASAP at www.baseball.plymouthwild-cats.com.

cats.com.

Camp cost is \$20 if pre-registered and \$25 the day of the clinic. Cost includes a snack. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the clinic.

Wayne football

Wayne Memorial will be staging summer football camps.
For more information, call new varsity football coach Lee Grizzell at (313) 408-8765.



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Quite a year for PCA track

The summer can't go fast enough for Plymouth Christian Academy track and field coach Jennifer Lemieux, who oversaw a talented squad that feature from the Class D state finals. Lemieux said the Eagles also set a dozen PCA records along the Coach and the Class D state finals. Lemieux said the Eagles also set a dozen PCA records along the Coach and the

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NEW COACH

venson from 1996-98 and also spent time coaching in both the Canton Ama-teur and Livonia Hock-ey Association youth pro-grams before becom-ing an assistant under a Stevenson under David Mitchell during the 2007-08 season. Churchill athletic direc-

tor Marc Hage said 11 applied for the vacant sockey position brokey position brokey position were interviewed. "He's very enthusiastic, he's got some I.HA (Livonia Hockey Association) ties, he's been a board member, which will be nice for that relationship," Hage said of Reynolds. "He wants to keep a lot of stuff that Pete had in place, a lot of hisp run-ciples and core values. In a nutshell, I see him as a

young Pete Mazzoni when we hired him 12 years ago, a guy who has a lot of the same teachings and thinkings, along with ideas he can bring to Churchill.
"He's a Livonia guy, a Stevenson guy and I'm always appreciative of someone who is from our school system and wants to apply. It's nice to have that extra connection."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Maybury run

The 2012 Roadrunner Classic, sponsored by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saurday, July 21 at Maybury State Park (use the Eight Mile Road extrances are not only to an apwed trail will be at 5 p.m. followed by the 8-kilometer run-walk on a paved trail will be at 5 p.m. followed by the 8-kilometer run-walk on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m. Registration and packet pickup will be 3 p.m. race day hour, face painting and handson activities. Post race activities include pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

Cash awards will be to the overall male and female, along with the male and female, along with the male and female masters winters. Registration frees are \$25 and \$5, respectively. For more information, visit www. northvilleroadrunners.com, or call Bart Gregoroff at (734) 748-2555.

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GCYBSA tryouts

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball
Softball Association will be hosting severage to the commit of the committee of the commit of the committee of the commi

assigned.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at www.gcyb
sa.com. For more information contact
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Hawks golf outing
The Farmington Harrison Football Boosters Club will host its annual
fundraising golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday,
Aug. 5 at Cattails Golf Club, located at 57737 Nine Mile Road in South

Lyon.

Cost is \$100 per player and \$400 per foursome in the Texas Scramble format. There will be a steak dinner following the golf.

Registration forms are available at www.gohawks.org or those who are interested can contact David Race at (248) 376-1358.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Ath-letic Association football will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Com-pound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

Fort).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8). Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-6440.

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8). Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization. To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart 5599% sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

Coaches wanted
Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom pon coaches for the fall of 2012.

An afternoon and weekend bus driver is also wanted to take teams to games. If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Divine Child jobs
Dearborn Divine Child High School
has head coaching wacancies for girls
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professional who allows Madonand the WHAC to reach higher
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willingness to help." WHAC commissioner Rob Miller said.



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Local charity works with second African tribe

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Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills says she doean't question where God sends hereven in the mission gets a bit waterlogged.

"We were on a peninsula and almost had to be evacuated by helicopter because of a storm," Bonvallet said, recalling the same of the

villagers to sew, garden and raise chickens. Bonvallet and other members of her charity, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, this year achieved a three-year goal to help residents of the remote Shangan Village and remote Shangan Village and the state of the remote Shangan Village and the prepared to move the villagers from the path of migrating wild animals, Bonvallet and other Helping Hands volunteers, supplied them with shoes, clothing, mosquito nets school supplies and more during three annual visits.



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The South African villag-es are a step up, by U.S. stan-dards, from the remote Shan

gaan Village in Mozambique. "They have electricity. So that will be easier. I'll be able to hold sewing classes. That (sewing) will become an

income for them," said Bonvallet, Helping Hands founder and president. "My daughtter is very creative and she
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and clothes because my personal belief from the Bible is
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and clothes because my personal belief from the Bible is
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clothe them. So, we'll do some
of both."

She said the organization
will help villagers build small
businesses by supplying farm
implements, seed, fencing
and opinity. The high school
and other supplies.
"Our big thing is we'd love
to build them a building that would contain two classmons," Bonvallet said. The
additional space would allow
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They are very wave that
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Buying overseas
Benvalet figures it will
take a year of fundraising
before the volunteers can
return to South Africa.
"Almost all the money goes
toward our goals. We do not
take a salary. The money
translates into wheelbarrows,
clothing, shoes, medical and
school supplies."

Please see AFRICA, B6



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AFRICA

Bonvallet shipped donated goods to Afri-ca for her first mission trip, but the method was costly and became entangled in red tape overseas. Since then she has fundraised and buys all goods in Afri-ca

ca. She's available to speak with civic groups, churches, businesses and private gatherings about her mission. She has a 20-minute DVD that shows volunteers in strip.

action.

Bonvallet's church,
Kenwood Church of
Christ in Livonia, has
chosen Helping Hands
Touching Hearts as a
Vacation Bible School
mission this year.
"Adventures on Promise Island" is open to all
ages — from nursery to
dult — and runs 9:30
a.m.-noon. Sunday for

a.m.-noon, Sunday, for five weeks beginning July 15. The church is located at 20200 Mer-

The organization The organization also welcomes dona-tions to Helping Hands Touching Hearts Char-ity, 27565 Spring Val-ley Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Call Bonvallet at (248) 514-3022

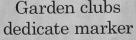
"There's a joy in helping someone who can't pay you back. If I help one person and lift them up, in a smal way, I've lifted up the entire world."



Girls carry water on their heads. They are members of the Shangaan Tribe, which Helping Hands Touching Hearts assisted for three years.



Women won't have to carry items on their heads after n



Members of three Farmington area gar-den clubs will dedicate a Blue Star Memori-al marker, noon, July 20 at Memorial Park, locat-ed on Grand River Ave., and Oakland in Farm-

and Oakland in Farmington.

The brief ceremony will begin with a flag ceremony presented by Farmington Hills Girl Scout Troop 44149 and will conclude with taps played by Chuck Wilder. The dedication, which is open to the public, coincides with Founders Week in Farming-

ton. Participating garden clubs are Farming ren Garden Club. Hill and Dale Garden Club and North Farmington Garden Club. The Blue Star Memorial markers are a prorial markers are a protable for the Memorial parkers are a protable of the Memorial are installed in public places throughout the United States. The concept of a Blue Star memorial harkens back to World War II when families of a blue star in their windows to honor their loved ones in the war.

REUNIONS

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Class of 1927
Syear reunion, Sept.
21-22, at the Holiday Inn
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35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to clhs1977@hotmail.

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50th class reunion, Sep 29 at the 1-Under Bar 8 Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee

tend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud620 and 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates fro
January and June gradua-tions for SOth reunion, 6 p.
Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North
Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

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50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mum



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TWO PROBLEMS AT ONCE

Farmington gears up for Founders Festival, July 19-21

The 48th Downtown Farmington Founders Festival will pack old and new activities into a two-day event this year. Farmington's largest annual event will start with a pre-glow Thurs-day, July 19, and contin-ue with the festival, July 20-21.

to be there as in pickous years.

The Downtown Farmington Founders Festival is the city's biggest annual event, bringing in 150,000-200,000 people. The festival takes place in and around the downtown Sundquist Pavilion and Riley Park, on Grand River east of Farmington Road.

With the theme "Go Play in the Streets," it features events for all

ages.
They include a Go
Green area, a parade
starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, a carfaters marketplace, Movie under the
Stars, a Go Plagyround
Kids area, a beer tent
kids and adults.
The festival is a showkids and adults.
The festival is a showcase for the city as well.
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sales and city and community groups join in the
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Shuttles for parking The Farmers Market

will be open on Saturday, Instead of being in
the Sundquist Pavilion,
it will be set up in the
Downtown Farmings to south
Center parking for south
Knowless and that
something new this year
will be a pet adoption
group, Home Furfeer,
in the Go Green area,
behind the Maon River
Temple at Grand River
Center of Farmington will hold its annual Founder's Festival
Parade and Fun Run on
Saturday, July 21. The
Fun Run will begin at 9
a.m. with the parade following. Grand River
Corchard Lake and Shiawassee from 8:45 am.
until approximately 12
p.m.
The parade starts at

p.m.
The parade starts at
Grand River and Power Road and proceeds
west on Grand River
to Liberty Street, one
block west of Farming-

ton Road.
Visitors may use
municipal parking lots
or a shuttle system.
"Given the number of
folks we anticipate com
ing, we always encourage them to park in a
designated lot and take
the connecting shuttle
downtown," Knowles
said.

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Shuttles are a variable at Sellers Buick GMC, 38000 Grand River Ave. between French and French a

Shuttle service is from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Satur-day.



Kiddie rides are thrilling in the Kids Zone at R

Walking in circles



Life Coach Kathy Igoe will lead a meditative walk through an outdoor labyrinth, 8-10 a.m., Saturday July 21 and Saturday, Aug. 18 at Heritage Park in Farmith, and July 18 and Saturday, Aug. 18 at Heritage Park in Farmith is an indirect part to a clear extension and is intended to be a reflective and relaxing one participants will meet near the North Shelter at Heritage Park and should dress for the weather in comfortable clothes, and bring a pen and journal if distred. In case of inclement weather, the labyrinth will be held inside the Nature Center. The cost for each labyrinth event is 315 per person, 310 for residents. Per-registration is available online at https://ecreg.fripov.com.Heritage Park is located at 24515 Farmington Road, between 10 Mille and 11 Mille. Call the Nature Center, at (246) 477-1155, visit www.igoecosh.com or emal asimons/#hgos.com for more information about the Outdoor Meditation Labyrinth.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com.

Butterflies
Learn how to maintain a butterfly garden the next meeting of the
Southeast Michigan Butterfly AssoSoutheast Michigan Butterfly Assoday, July 18, at Nankin Mills Nature
Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Westland, Get tips on how to improve your
butterfly plantings and increase the
number of the creatures you attract
to your yard, \$3 for non-members.
Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor
Trail. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578
or www.sembabutterfly.com.

Belleville Walk
The Belleville Area District Library
will present its seventh annual Garden Walk, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday,

July 22. The theme is "The Decorated Garden" with an emphasis on using art and other objects as food popular of the objects as food popular of the objects as food popular of the objects. The Garden Market Place returns to the library lawn this year. A Garden Walk ticket is not necessary to shop the Market Place. Advance tickets are available for St. Library, Antiques on Main, and Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist until July 21. On the day of the Garden Walk, tickets are \$12 and available only at the Belleville Artea District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belavailable at the library on the day of the walk. Call (734) 699-3291 for additional information or visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us for a copy of the broduce. All proceeds from the garden walk benefit the library.

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Laird-Giovanni

Melissa Jean Laird and Sean James Giovanni announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Dorothy Laird of Novi, is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in human resources and Human and Cancer, while also pursuing a master's degree in Dietetics. Her fiance, so not James and Colleen Giovanni of Parmington Hills, graduated in 2004 from Detroit Catholic Central High School. He is a record producer and owns and operates the Record Shop recording studio in Nashville, Tenn. Melissa Jean Laird and Sean James

An October 2013 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



Bailey-Weidner

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Timothy Bailey and
Joan Smykowski of Livonia announce the engage

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He plans to complete the degree in summer 2012. He has accepted a faculty position with Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.

The couple resides in

Dearborn, but will move to Rolla at the end of July

2012.
Although the final arrangements have not been made, a wedding tentatively is planned for October 2013.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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ADULT ACADEMY
Time/Date: 7.p.m., Monday-Thursday, July
30-31 and Aug. 1-2
Location: 5t. Paul's Preshyterian Church,
27475 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The Rev Paul Sturkel will lead adult
learning. The series is "Theology for the
Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by
"incarnation," and Other Conversations"
Contact: (734) 422-1470
BBILE TAIK. BIBLE TALK

BIBLE TALK
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, July 15 and 22
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155
S Main, Plymouth
Details: These one-hour meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Christ.
No collections will be taken. Ministers are
Matthew Jensen and Jason McInally
Contact; (515) 851-2939

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship
Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and
Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyo Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480.

contact: (1/34) 927-6686 or (7/34) 404-2480.
COMMUNITY FUN DAY
TimeDate: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 28
Location: Community Free Will Baptist
Church, 3303 1 Kerry Hill, Westland
Details: Free food, bouncy houses, Westland
Tier Trud, Kage spainting, games, silent auction and more
Contact: (7/34) S24-310.

Contact: (734) 536-1210

CONCERT

CONCERT Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 19 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne Details: Spoke Folk Christian music concert; free will donation Contact: (734) 728-3315

FAMILY AND FRIENDS NIGHT

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 Location: Grace Church, 31133 Hiveley, Westland

Westland
Details: Beverages and a light meal (sandwiches or pizza) and outdoor games such
as volleyball; ring toss, and water balloons,
and indoor board games such as dominoes,
crabble. Monopoly, and crads will also be
provided. Participants may bring their favories. All are welcome. Adults. 18 and up, pay
52; children, 6-17, pay 51 each; and children,
5 and under, are free.
Contact: Cheryl at (248) 756-3592
MONUE MILET.

MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18
Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500
Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Way" will be screen. A brief
discussion will follow the film. Admission is
free and refreshments will be served
Coming up: See "Monsignor Quistoet" at
Summer Movie Night, 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 at the church
Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-5950

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mille one block west of Inkster
Road, in Livonia

Details: An 8- by 10-feet space can be rente
for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no
resale. Profits vill go to mission work in the

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TimeDate: 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m. July 23:27
Location: 51. Matthew Lutheran Church and
School, 3885 Veroy, Westland
Details: The theme is "Incredible World Amazement Park." Kids will experience the worder
ment Park." Kids will experience the worder
travel back to the beginning, they will put
on their "Bible glasses" and get a closer look
at God's design features in animals. Kids will
make crafts, play water games, relays and
more. Aimed at age 3 to 6th grade.
Contact: (734) 425-0251
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Sky - Everything is Possible with God" is the theme. Aimed at children, age 3-5th grade. Preschoolers must be potty-trained. Free CD of music from the week. Cost is \$10 per child, \$25 for families with

three or more children. Registration forms are available in the church office. Church office hours are 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday-Friday Call ahead to assure someone can help you Contact: Pam Gunderson at (734) 422-0494, Et. 14, or visit rippc.children@yahoo.com VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TimeDate: 93 am. moon, July 39-Aug. 3
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,
27475 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "VSD Olympic" is aimed at children,
age 3 through 5th grade and will include
stroy time and lesson, music, crafts, recraaregistration is available now child and
registration is available now.

Contact: (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21 Location: St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beer Daly, Redford

Daly, Recford Details: Mass followed by social hour and snacks. Sign up to bring food items such as vegie tray, fuj, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. RSVP by July 12 to let organizers what dish you!l make.

Contact: Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 442-3866

WORSHIP IN THE PARK Time/Date: 11 a.m., July 15, 22 and 29 Location: at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road in Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church hosts the service. Bring a lawn chair to the event Contact: (734) 459-3333 August

CROP WALK MEETING

CROP WALK MEETING
Time/Date: 7 pm., Wednesday, Aug. 1.
Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5836
N. Sheddon, Canton: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5836
Ober January Charles of Church, 5836
Walk on Oct. 7 may send a representative to this orientation meeting. Attendees will receive Walk materials and strategies for recruiting walkers
Contact Donna Gray of (74) 812-7698; digrayee@stoplob.lnet

SUMMER RETREAT

Time/Date: 8:30-11 a.m. Aug. 1 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livenia.

In Livenia

Details: The retreat is aimed at moms and will begin with Mass, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme is "Whole and Holy: The total Carboic Woman." A children's ministry is available at 52 per child per meeting. The retreat will discuss spirit. Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness. The series is open to all and registration is required Contact. (734) 261-1455 Est. 207 or www.liveniastmichel.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TIme/Date 9 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10
Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34:65;
Seven Mile, Livonia i
Details: SPLA5H VBS is for kids entering pre
school (potty-tained) through 6th grade in
the fall of 2012. Registration fees are \$ 5 for
one child, or 31 by per family and veil include
snacks, and more. Pick up an application at
the church or register by phone
Contract Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822

ONGOING

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Men's Bible study
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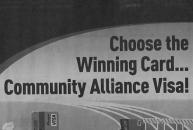
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Shabini compiled the list based on annual median earnings, ranked from highest to lowest. This means that for each position, half of all worker arm more than the salary listed and half earn less. Earnings may vary drastically based on level and years of experience, location and other factors.

Following is a list of the 20 best-paying jobs of the 21st century*

1. Oral and maxillofacial

 The surface of t maxillofacial regions to treat diseas injuries or defects. Annual median earnings: \$166,400-

2. Orthodontists examine, diagno and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies. The design ar fabricate appliances to realign teeth and jaws to produce and maintain normal function and to improve appearance. Annual median earnings: \$166,400-

3. Physicians and surgeons wor in a number of medical and surgical specialties. They include allergists, cardiologists, dermatologists, amounts of the surgeon of the surge

emergency physicians, gastroenterologists, opfithalmologists, pathologists and radiologists. Annual median earnings: \$165,279

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9. Natural sciences managers plan, coordinate and direct research, design and production activities. They may supervise engineers, scientists and technicians, along with support personnel. These managers use their knowledge of engineering and natural sciences to oversee a variety of

ities. ual median earnings: \$116,020 Annual median earnings: \$116,020
10. Computer and information
systems managers plan, direct or
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11. Petroleum engineers devise methods to improve oil and gas extraction and production and determine the need for new or modified tool designs, and they oversee drilling and offer technical

managers, Annual median earnings: \$165,080

5. Dentists diagnose and treat problems with relefand tissues in problems with relefand tissues in problems with relefand tissues in the provide instruction on diet. Proshing, flossing, the sus of fluoride and other aspects of dental care. They remove tooth decay, fill cavities, examine X-rays, place protective plastic sealants on children's teeth, straighten teeth Annual median enangings: \$141,000

6. Architectural and engineering managers plan direct or coordinate activities in such fields as architecture and engineering or research and development in these fields.

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7. Prosthodomitats construction all these fields.

8. Podiatrists diagnose and treat disorders, diseases and injuries of the foot and lower leg. Annual median earnings: \$118,030

12. Marketing managers plan, direct or coordinate marketing direct or coordinate makeling policies and pragrams, such as determining the demand for products and services offered by a company and its competitors and identifying potential eutomers. They develop pricing strategies with the goal of maximizing the company's profits or share of the market while ensuring that its customers are satisfied. Marketing managers oversee product development or monitor trends that indicate the need for new products and services.

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16. Political scientists the origin development and operation of political systems and may study topics such as public opinion, political decision-making and ideology. They may also analyze the structure and operation of governments and other political entities. Political scientists may conduct public opinion surveys, analyze election results or analyze public document. 27. Polysicists conduct research in 28. Polysicists c

Annual median earnings: \$107.420
17. Physicists: could research into physical phenomena, develop theories could be sized of behaviors and cuprements and devise methods to apply physical beas and theories. Annual median earnings: \$106.370
18. Financial amanagers plan, direct or coordinate accounting, investing banking, insurance, securities and other financial activities of an organization, Annual median earnings: \$103.3910
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19. Airline pilots, co-pilots and flight engineers pilot and navigate fixed-wing, multiengine aircraft, usually on scheduled air carrier routes, for the transport of passenge

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*The top two jobs in dentistry are marked as \$166,400-plus because the BLS doesn't report on salaries higher than that. According to Shatkin, the American Dental Association reported in 2009 that the median earnings of dental specialists were more than \$342,000.

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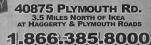
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