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Support up to curb fireworks laws

Township official long for reversal in Lansing

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

After voting to halt late-night fireworks even on national holidays, some Canton officials are hopeful state legislators may reverse laws that loosened restrictions on Roman candles, bottle rockets and other airborne devices.

"We're hoping that the Legislature will go back to the old way," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Elected officials in Canton and other communities have received a flurry of complaints, especially around the Fourth of July holiday, from residents who said loud fireworks rattled their nerves and

frightened their pets. State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, has heard the same complaints, but he said Lansing lawmakers haven't discussed potential revisions to fireworks laws that were relaxed in early 2012. He said legislators haven't been in session since late June - before many of the problems arose.

However, the state already has allowed local governments

to restrict fireworks from midnight to 8 a.m. on national holidays, the day before and the day after. The one exception is New Year's Day, when the ban cannot start until 1 a.m.

"I suspect that there will be those in Lansing who say let's wait another year, let's wait another season, to see how the local ordinances play out," Heise said, though he added "there does seem to be a

movement (among some constituents) of returning to the old law."

Heise said law-abiding fans of consumer fireworks could potentially lose out if those who violate existing laws "run it for everybody else" by ignoring the rules. Some fireworks proponents say Michigan residents used to cross state lines to buy higher-power

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BROTHERLY LOVE

Union carpenters build ramp for retired Canton member

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Beverly Langham, a diabetic who has suffered multiple strokes and a heart attack, needed a handicap-accessible ramp added to the Canton Township home she shares with her husband Chuck.

But Chuck, a heart attack survivor himself, knew he wasn't going to be able to build it.

So his brothers built it for him.

Not brothers in a sibling sense, but brothers in the "we're in this together" sense that often accompanies union membership. Langham, a recently retired member of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights, found out he could count on his union family.

Many union members joined in this week, building a new deck and adding a ramp to the front of Langham's College Park Estates home.

"As a union, we are here to help our members, however and whenever we can," said union member Ed Musser, a Livonia resident who organized the volunteer effort. "They needed a ramp built and we came out and gave them."

Langham recently retired from Garden City-based International Extrusion, which Musser said donated "about half the cost" of the \$3,000 project. Canton-based Mans Lumber gave workers "a great discount" on the lumber needed for the 6- by 12-foot deck and accompanying ramp.

The project, under the auspices of the union's executive financial treasurer Michael Jackson, included volunteers from Local 1045 (interior systems), Local 1234 (resi-



Volunteers from a variety of locals of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights helped put a ramp and a new deck on the home of a retired union member from Canton.

dential local) and Local 687 (commercial carpenters).

The project, and others like it, are part of the council's mission to help in the community. Charlie Jackson, the treasurer's brother, figures he's worked on some 200 decks in the last 20 years.

A 40-year member of the union, Jackson said volunteering for such projects is a no-brainer.

"We're supposed to help each other, I really believe that," Jackson said. "They don't allow us to do it, they encourage us to help. This is special to me, because (Langham) is one of our members."

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Chuck and Beverly Langham appreciated the effort by union volunteers to build a new deck and ramp on their Canton Township home.

School board approves team changes

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Dr. Michael Meissen took the job as Plymouth-Canton's new superintendent last month, he told Board of Education members he would have a 90-day plan to enact his idea of the direction the district should take.

This week, he put in place the biggest piece of that plan to date, reorganizing the responsibilities for the district's core team.

"The idea organizationally is to try and put in place a leadership system around the concept of a professional learning community," Meissen said. "In my mind, the organization



Killian

focuses on results for high levels of student achievement, using a leadership structure that is collaborative and develops processes that deliver that high level of results."

Among the major changes: Finance chief Brodie Killian has been promoted to deputy superintendent of business and operations and will now oversee the district's facilities and operations (such as maintenance and food service). His top assistant, Vicki Amore, has been named executive director of finance and accounting.

It's the biggest change in scope among core team members. Killian said his familiarity with the budget will make the decision-making process easier in his new areas of responsibility.

"It will be added responsibility, but from a decision process, the fact I'm closest to the budget will help develop quicker decisions and provides us the ability to push information

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Drugs, alcohol did contribute to Canton man's death

Wrong cause originally reported by county office

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A spokeswoman has apologized over a mix-up by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office caused her to err by telling the Observer the incorrect cause of death for Matthew Morris, a Canton man whose body was found after he was missing nearly three months.

Wayne County spokeswoman Mary Mazur said Morris, 36, actually died after mixing

alcohol and drugs.

"He died from alcohol and drug use and it was an accidental death," she said Thursday.

Mazur had earlier said Morris died of natural causes, specifically heart disease, but she said she was given inaccurate information when she inquired with the medical examiner's office about his death.

"Apparently there was an error in retrieving that file," Mazur said, calling it a case of "mistaken identity with someone who had a similar name" to Morris.

"It was an honest mistake

that was given to me by our chief investigator," Mazur said, apologizing for the mistake.

The latest information ruled Morris' death as information ruled from a mix of alcohol and drugs, though Mazur didn't immediately know what kind of drugs.

Morris' body was found April 1 in a marshy area in an industrial area on Westland's far west side, not far east of the Walmart store on Ford Road.

Foul play was ruled out as a cause of death.

Morris had disappeared in mid-January from his Village

Squire apartment near Ford and Lotz roads. Friends had searched for him, worrying he may have fallen victim to foul play after his car was found in the Imagine Theater parking lot in Canton.

Friends have said Morris left his apartment without his diabetic supplies or his coat on a cold winter day.

Westland police notified Canton authorities April 1 after a group of surveyors found Morris' body, Canton police Lt. Dave Schreiner said.

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United Way starts new fund drive

Plymouth Community United Way kicks off its 2013 campaign Aug. 22 to raise money for programs that focus on basic needs, education and stability within Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County.

For the last several years, PCUW provided emergency food, rental and utility assistance because of the downturn in the economy. In addition to providing basic needs, the group's contributions will help PCUW pursue its new Community Impact Initiative to advance the common good and improve the lives of all residents.

The initiative aims to prevent problems rather than just treat the symptoms. In an effort to address issues, grants were awarded to organizations attempting to make lasting change. Among the recipients were Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, a summer academy for 300 elementary students and a Bridge program to prepare ninth-grade students for success in high school) and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (energy education classes to help low-income residents lower utility costs).

Last year, besides funding services such as food pantries, bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, grief counseling and opportunities for youth to develop skills and become valuable members of the community, PCUW organized Make a Difference days to clean yards of senior citizens and people with disabilities and collected new hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, school supplies and food for those in need.

Donations can be made online at www.plymouthunitedway.org or to Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. For information about giving, contact Linda Ann Chomin, Campaign & Community Relations associate at 734-453-6879, ext. 5.

While online, visitors may also take the Community Impact Survey. Results of the survey will be used to identify issues and develop a vision for the future. Surveys are also available at the PCUW office.

FIREWORKS

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ered fireworks anyway, so the state should rake in tax revenues.

Canton has adopted a new ordinance and warned residents they could face fines and penalties if they shoot off fireworks during late night hours, even during holidays when there is no outright ban.

"Personally I've only gotten feedback that people like the restrictions," township Trustee Steven Sneideman said. "I have not had anyone who said they are against the restrictions. Some have said they would like to turn back the laws on the high-powered fireworks."

Sneideman said he supports rolling back the law, because shooting off airborne fireworks 70 feet away from buildings — as required by state law — may not be enough. Moreover, he said there appears to be violators in densely populated areas.

"They're probably not following those guidelines," Sneideman said, "and it could result in dangerous situations. ... Personally, I think fireworks are best left to the professionals."

Heise said state legislators would need to debate the merits of allowing tighter restrictions in densely populated areas, including Wayne County communities, where fireworks can potentially lead to more problems than in rural areas.

"I think this is not something we're done with," Heise said, adding later, "I would like to see the local ordinances play themselves out and see how these new restrictions work. But we may need to look at a different standard based on population. Maybe these local ordinances will work. We just don't know yet."

Canton Township Attorney Kristin Kolb said Canton, by outlawing all late-night fireworks, has placed the tightest restrictions it can under existing state law.

"The township has opted to amend our ordinances to add those restrictions," she said.

The new rules go into effect after the township board adopted the changes Tuesday evening on a second reading of the

ordinance. "I think it was the right thing to do," Trustee John Anthony said. "It has posed a lot of concern for our Public Safety Department. Fortunately, we haven't had any extreme accidents. I think the township has taken a good stance. Some of these fireworks are pretty powerful."

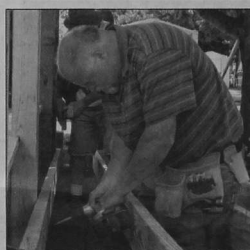
Canton resident Joan Rounke told the *Observer* her family was hearing late-night fireworks for weeks after the last Fourth of July.

"We were still hearing fireworks at night past the holiday — boom! boom! boom!" she said.

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Pat Lindstrom of South Lyon cuts a top board for Chuck Langham's new deck.



Doyle Goble of Belleville drives screws in the ramp at Chuck Langham's home.

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It's special to Langham, too, because Beverly can no longer negotiate the stairs. He hopes to get her a motorized roundabout to allow her easier access to their home.

On Thursday, he was very appreciative of the effort being put forth for him.

"After they set the boards (the night before), Bev sat out on the deck for about two hours," Langham said. "I feel good about what they're doing. It means a lot to us."

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CHANGES

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back down to the directors," he said.

» Monica Merritt, who had been executive director of human resources, has been promoted to assistant superintendent of human resources and labor relations.

» Jeanne Farina had her title adjusted to assistant superintendent of purchasing and learning. She had been assistant superintendent for instruction.

Director of secondary education James MacGregor, meanwhile, has been promoted to executive director of secondary education and school improvement K-12, professional development K-12 (quality and achievement).

» Phil Freeman, who had been in charge of facilities and operations, has been made the assistant superintendent of programs and services and will be in charge of the district's five middle schools.

Kate Dietrich joined the team last week as the new director of communications, community engagement and marketing.

The school board approved the changes Tuesday.

"When you get someone in who's been highly successful and they have a view to make things more effective, you go with it," said John Barrett, the board's president. "This reorganization will make the district more effective."

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Swinginfusion draws a new generation doing the Lindy Hop

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Move over, Fred and Ginger. There's a whole new generation dominating the dance world.

— at least the swing dancing scene — every Thursday night at the Sundquist Pavilion in downtown Farmington. It's a place where the generation of older teens, college students and postgraduates who are turning out in tennis shoes, bare feet and sandals to dance to the music of Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong, among other great musicians of a bygone era.

This past Thursday night was the third annual Swinginfusion Farmington, an evening of swing dancing to live music performed by Rampage Swing, an Ann Arbor-based band.



Kristine Oberan of Farmington and Anthony Wozniak of Livonia tear up the dance floor at the Third Annual Swinginfusion Thursday night at the Sundquist Pavilion. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMAZANO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"I come every week," said Ayla Eichenhofer, who drives in from Flatrock. "I love swing dancing — the Lindy

Hop, East Coast Swing and the Charleston. I have been dancing for five years."

The crowds who gather every Thursday can thank Alexander Stewart of Livonia, who is not only the disc jockey on non-live-band nights, but the organizer of Swinginfusion Farmington.

Dan Shimokochi, an Eastern Michigan University graduate, offers free lessons every Thursday before the dance. A few years ago, he didn't know how to dance either. But he needed to fill some time slots in his college schedule and he signed up for dancing. "I've only been

dancing for two years."

Halley Bezeau, meanwhile, traveled with her sister, Madison, and friends Kimberly Phillips of Newport and April Scotts of Canton.

"It is just good, clean fun and you get meet new people," Madison Bezeau said.

Scotts has attended the Swinginfusion events for about a year. When the girls were asked if they would like to do the Lindy Hop or Charleston in high heels — or list of like famed dancer Ginger Rogers — a shocked look crossed their faces.

"I like flats. I think it's more comfortable than wearing heels," said Phillips.

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WHEN FINGERS WON'T FLEX

One problem common to many elderly people is that their fingers won't flex. In most instances, fingers are particularly stiff in the morning. It may take up to two hours before the fingers are able to button shirts or hold a brush firm enough to allow a person to brush his or her hair.

The most common cause is that the patient has osteoarthritis of the hands. The difficulty in gripping occurs because the hand joints and knuckles no longer have a layer of smooth cartilage that allows for friction free movement of the fingers. The fingers won't flex because doing so is painful. What the fingers need is warmth as heat will open up a blood supply to the stiff fingers. In turn, the blood will warm joint fibers and bring in nutrients whose effect is to unlock the frozen fingers.

People who have diabetes are often plagued by morning stiffness in their fingers. In this case, the problem is not with the finger joints, but with the tissue in the palm of the hand. That tissue becomes thick making it difficult for the tendons that run through the palm to slide forward and backward in an unobstructed manner. The effect of this obstruction is to cause the hands, particularly in the morning, to move with difficulty.

Another cause of stiff hands is a thickening of the crease in the hand. When that occurs, the tendons in the palm are pressed between the thick tissue above them and the metacarpal bones under them. The result is tendons that can't move.

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Canton Farmers Market has received more than \$15,000 from the state to improve its programs.

Farmers Market snags state grant to boost programs

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Farmers Market will implement healthy lifestyle programs for upper elementary school students in September after receiving a \$15,472 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

The money also will be used for improvements to Preservation Park — the market's home on Ridge north of Cherry Hill — but Tina Lloyd, market manager, said exact details of those projects haven't been decided.

The latest infusion of money marks the third MEDC grant for Canton Farmers Market, though it represents only half the amount local officials had sought this year. As a result, some projects may be delayed.

"We're thrilled with what we got," Lloyd said. "Anything we can add to the market is good for the community."

The market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday through late October.

Last year, the market used part of its MEDC grant for healthy lifestyle programs for middle school students, but Lloyd said this year's

focus in September will be upper elementary school ages.

"This year, we're going to go a little bit younger," she said. "I think it's good to start young and get kids exposed to the things they can do to stay healthy."

Canton's grant was one of 10 announced Thursday by MEDC officials, which approved a total of \$200,000 through the Michigan Strategic Fund.

"Farmers markets improve our downtowns and bring vitality and a sense of place to our communities," MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney said in a prepared statement. "These grants will support local markets, strengthen communities and create jobs in our state."

Canton will match the state grant as it moves to improve programs and other market amenities.

Jamie Clover Adams, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said Michigan ranks fourth in the nation for the number of farmers markets.

Meanwhile, Lloyd has announced the latest news for this Sunday's Canton Farmers Market. Among the highlights:

» Musician Dan Mazur

makes his debut on the Bartlett-Travis House porch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

» Chef Paul cooks up seasonal produce from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

» Swap out children's books during a youth book exchange. Leftover books will be donated to the Canton Public Library.

» Learn how to attract butterflies to the back yard at the master gardener tent.

» The library hosts storytime from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with the Recreation Station Bouncer available for jumping before and after storytime.

» Get tickets early for an event dubbed Brew, Brats and Bands at the Barn, set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Preservation Park to benefit the Canton Historical Society.

» Shimmey Shack is serving a healthy twist on an American favorite with veggie burgers, fries and shakes.

» My Dad's Butterflies offers butterfly and dragonfly items made from recycled plastic bottles including garden accessories and other amenities.

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Pooch parlor pairs pets, owners

By Darrell Clem
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Canton shop owner Julie Pello has made it her business to give pampered pets a stylish makeover at Uptown Poochie Parlor in Cherry Hill Village.

Now she hopes to find homes for less fortunate dogs housed at the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, or FMAR, in Belleville.

Pello has announced a chance for potential pet owners to pair up with cuddly canines by bringing dogs from FMAR to her shop 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, on Cherry Hill Road east of Ridge, near the Village Theater on Canton's far west side.

Pello said she has volunteered "for years" for FMAR.

"Great shelter" "It's a really great shelter and it's a for-

real, no-kill shelter," she said. "If they can save an animal in any possible way or rehabilitate it, they do."

Erin Clemmer, FMAR volunteer, said dogs needing a home will be brought to Uptown Poochie Parlor so they can interact with potential owners.

"It's going to be a meet and greet," Clemmer said.

If aspiring pet owners find a dog they want, she said, they will begin a process that involves filling out a form and bringing any other dogs they have to the shelter to interact with their potential new housemate.

"They also can take the pet home to make sure everybody there gets to meet it," Clemmer said.

Anyone who rents a home has to show proof they can have a pet.

Doggie day

Clemmer said only dogs will be brought to Uptown Poochie Parlor.

Pello said visitors who stop by are encouraged to bring old blankets, trash bags, dog and cat food, kitty litter, collars and other pet supplies — something she always accepts for FMAR.

In another effort to support the shelter, Pello plans to bring in a photographer from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, for pet portraits, with a \$15 fitting fee going to FMAR.

To sign up, stop by the shop or call 734-495-0145.

For more on FMAR, located at 51299 Arkona Road in Belleville, call 734-461-9458, send an email to shelter@comcast.net or go to www.fmar.org.

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Backpack drive benefits schools

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

In a couple of weeks, thousands of students in the Plymouth-Canton school district, as in districts across the state, will begin the 2013-14 school year.

And thanks to school supply drives conducted by organizations such as the Plymouth Salvation Army, the United Way and others, the needy among them will be able to start the year with a new backpack and a set of school supplies.

The Salvation Army is conducting its annual "Back 2 School Bliz" and provided the beginning of donations earlier this week.

"The opening of a school year is an exciting time and it can also create some pressures," said Dr. Michael Meissen, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent. "To have partners who can provide support to families is really essential. The board has as a strong priority for community partnerships and the Salvation Army and the good things they do for our students is very important."

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps – in partnership with the Plymouth-Canton and Van



Dr. Michael Meissen, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, accepts a donation of backpacks from Maj. Keith Bailey, the corps officer for the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Buren school districts, as well as many local churches, service clubs and private donors – launches a school supply drive Aug. 19. The drive seeks to collect school supplies and backpacks for K-12 students for the upcoming school year.

Volunteers will be on hand at the Salvation Army, 945 S. Main, in Plymouth, to accept do-

nations 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Needed supplies include backpacks (particularly for older students), binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide-ruled paper and one-subject note books, highlighters,

pens (red, black and blue), rounded-tip scissors, No. 2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders.

In addition to school supplies, the Army will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear that will be distributed through the Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank, a partner of the Salvation Army throughout the year. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase Payless gift cards that will be distributed to each child so they can purchase new school shoes.

"We are seeing and hearing of clients returning to work, albeit at a much lower rate or at reduced hours," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries at the Plymouth Salvation Army. "We also know that many continue to struggle as unemployment benefits run out or as folks accept pay cuts to maintain their jobs. Preparing kids to go back to school can be very expensive, so this is a practical way to support our families and students as they return to school."

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Elson Liu, Plymouth-Canton's new director of Integrated Technology Systems, shakes hands with Board of Education members and administrators after his hiring was approved Tuesday night.

District gets new technology chief

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

With the approval of the May bond initiative, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are faced with the daunting task of empowering students with a 1:1 technology upgrade that will put an iPad or other learning device in the hands of some 18,000 students and 1,100 teachers.

And now they have the guy to lead the effort.

Elson Liu has been hired by the district as its first director of integrated technology systems. Liu's main job: Implementing the technology initiative included in the \$114.4 million bond proposal.

Liu replaces Jim Casteel, who retired over the summer.

Monica Merritt, assistant superintendent of human resources and labor relations, said Liu "can build a culture of innovation" in Plymouth-Canton schools.

"We have all this technology being proposed and we need someone to help teachers bridge that gap to 21st century learning," Merritt said.

He was in the process of filling a couple of technology specialist positions when Casteel announced his retirement. That process stopped, she said, while the team sought out a new leader.

Merritt said the posting got 21 responses, including four from internal candidates. Nine of them were interviewed and three were brought back for a second interview before the team settled in "a unanimous decision," Merritt said, on Liu.

Liu has been director of technology for Brighton schools since 2008. He helped plan an \$88 million bond and has conducted pilot projects worth some \$500,000 to evaluate new technologies.

Before Brighton, Liu spent eight years with Howell Public Schools.

Liu earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a master's degree in educational technology from MIT.

"He has everything we need to lead us forward with this dynamic team and this vision," Merritt said.

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District offers preschool class for 4-year-olds

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is offering a tuition-free program for 4-year-old children.

The classes offer inquiry-based learning in an exploratory program where children use classroom materials to explore, discover and

learn! The classrooms offer an environment that nurtures language development and focus on kindergarten readiness with close ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

This tuition-free preschool program runs from September through June. Classes are offered

Monday through Thursday, with full- and part-day options. The full-day program is six hours per day. The half-day option is three hours per day. Morning and afternoon sessions are available.

Classes are free to eligible families who are residents of the Plymouth-Canton Commu-

nity School District. Children must be 4 years old by Nov. 1. All tuition-free classes are located at Allen Elementary, 11100 Haggerty Road, Plymouth.

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Zoo hosts Senior Day on Sept. 4

Plenty of activities planned for annual celebration

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo on Senior Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Seniors age 62 and older and a caregiver will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad.

Senior Day also will feature live music, tractor train tours, bingo, a senior resource area and zookeeper talks highlighting some of the zoo's senior animal residents. In addition, Blue Care Network and the SilverSneakers Fitness Program are pairing up to offer a free group exercise class, exercise demos and functional fitness assessments.

The fall Senior Day is one of two free days for tri-county seniors held annually at the Detroit Zoo in appreciation for voter approval in 2008 of a ballot proposal to fund the zoo.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Belle Isle Avenue, just off I-96, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open 362 days a year, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day - with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March.

Admission is \$14 for adults age 15 to 61, \$12 for senior citizens age 62 and older and \$9 for children 2 to 14. Children under 2 are free. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday April through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. It's closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission is free.

For more information, call 248-541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Woehlke Palooza aims to help fallen firefighter's family

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Some well-known musical acts will take the stage Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24, when U.S. 12 and the Wayne-Westland Professional Fire Fighters. Local 1279 host the first ever Woehlke Palooza.

The palooza benefits the family of Brian Woehlke, the Wayne-Westland firefighter who died May 8 in the line of duty. The event will feature music, firefighter events and family activities.

"It's a celebration of Brian Woehlke," said John Goci of U.S. 12. "Brian used to hang out here with his best friend. His friend still comes in here, but it's hard."

The event is being held in and outside U.S. 12 at Sims and Second Street in downtown Wayne, rain or shine, beginning at 5 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday.

Activities Friday include a corn hole tournament, firefighters auction and beer pong. Food and drinks also will be available. The music will start at 6 p.m. and feature the Thrill Billies, followed by Ty Stone and headliner LoCash Cowboys.

On Saturday, the palooza gets started at noon and features a variety of family activities. There will be contests, including ice cream eating, Hula Hoop and musical chairs, clowns, face painting, a bounce house, dunk tank and firefighters competitions like water ball, rolling water ball and combat challenge.

Firefighter events

Also planned is a fire station cook-off and tactical demonstrations by firefighters. Food, drinks and a DJ also will be available all day inside and outside on the patio. WRIF-FM (101.1) will broadcast live Saturday from U.S. 12.

Inside, the Social Bandits, Juice Box Heroes, Pistol Day Parade and ESC4P3 - The Journey Tribute Band will perform, beginning at 6 p.m.

"It'll be a lot of fun, there will be a lot of family things," Goci said. "It'll be a great



A two-day event at U.S. 12 in Wayne will benefit the family of Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, who died in a May 8 fire.



Detroit-based rock band Pistol Day Parade will perform at Woehlke Palooza.



Among the performers at Woehlke Palooza will be the LoCash Cowboys, who combine soul, rock, funk, pop, hip-hop and gospel in a high-energy version of contemporary country.

time."

Goci and the firefighters union have been working on the benefit for about six weeks. They have been able to "get some good sponsors" to help bring in some national acts like Ty Stone, who has toured nationally and is affiliated with Kid Rock. LoCash Cowboys also have written several No. 1 hits, Goci said.

"We've gotten some anonymous sponsors and we need to nail down a few more," Goci said. "Now we're focusing on promoting it. Friday will be the concert, Saturday will be rock with the amazing Journey tribute band."

"I really hope we get 6,000 people. Our goal is to generate 100 percent of the proceeds for the family fund."

JOHN GOCI
event organizer
firefighters."

Helping the family

Numerous fundraisers have been held since Woehlke died in the May 8 fire. He had been with the department for 10 months when he responded to a fire at Marvaco's Italian Grille and Electric Stick just after 8 a.m. A mayday distress radio call was received from him about 9:30 a.m. and his body was recovered from the collapsed building about 12:40 p.m.

It was determined that he died of smoke and soot inhalation after becoming trapped in debris from the collapsed businesses. He was the first firefighter to fall in the line of duty in the city of Westland Fire Department's 47-year history.

Fire investigators have yet to rule on a cause for the fire at the popular restaurant and gaming room. In July, Wayne-Westland Fire Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams said he was waiting for another engineering report before completing his investigation.

At the time, Adams said that there was no evidence of accelerants found at the scene.

Goci is hoping the palooza becomes a yearly thing. It's being held on the weekend that the city used to hold Wayne Wheelfest, before canceling it because of financial problems.

"I'm praying for good weather. I hope all of the rain gets out of the way before Friday," Goci said. "That weekend used to be Wayne Wheelfest and from what I remember, it never rained."

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Mom pens book to honor daughter with disabilities

Livonia author hoping to encourage other families facing adversity

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Doctors were so sure Jennifer Siewicki of Livonia was going to die when they sent her home from the hospital at 2 months of age that they didn't teach her parents how to perform CPR.

Jennifer, now 29, was born with pulmonary hypertension, among other congenital abnormalities that were later diagnosed as CHARGE Syndrome. She couldn't eat or breathe on her own and had failure to thrive. Doctors predicted she would never walk, talk or learn.

But Jennifer was determined to live and her parents were equally determined not to let her die. "She never gave up so we couldn't. She was our motivation; we could see it in her face," said her mother Carolyn Siewicki.

Jennifer not only learned how to walk, she downhill skis and water skis with Michigan Adaptive Sports. Though she is mildly cognitively impaired, she learned to read at 8, graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School with a regular diploma and completed three years of coursework in a special program at Oakland University, where she had her own radio show.

Carolyn Siewicki published a book in June about her daughter titled *The Joys of Jennifer: Finding Success for Your Child with CHARGE Syndrome or Other Challenges*.

Each other's hero
"I wrote it to honor my daughter," Carolyn Siewicki said. "She is my hero. She survived and did far beyond even that. She has a list of accom-

plishments a mile long." Carolyn said she wanted to encourage parents of other children born with physical and cognitive challenges and also let the public know how capable people with disabilities are.

Jennifer, who Carolyn describes as "a wonderful funny young woman with a sense of humor that won't quit," said she thinks it's awesome her mom wrote a book about her and thinks of her as her hero.

But, she said, the real hero is her mother. "I think she's the best mom in the whole wide world," Jennifer said.

Carolyn, 62, did not know Jennifer, her youngest of three children, had problems until she was born April 30, 1984, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"She was purple and could not breathe," Carolyn said. "She didn't cry." A team from Children's Hospital in Detroit arrived to whisk her away.

She was in the hospital for two months before being discharged. While the doctors doubted she would survive, let alone thrive, the Siewickis were certain she would improve once they got her home with them and her two older brothers, "who love her to pieces."

A visiting nurse taught the Siewickis how to perform CPR. A couple of days later, she stopped breathing, her parents performed CPR, then they took her back to Children's, where she stayed until September before going home again. At that point, doctors



Jennifer Siewicki, second from right, at the recent CHARGE Syndrome Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., where her mother did a book signing.

advised her parents to place her in a nursing home.

Instead, the Siewickis took her back home, where she had around-the-clock nursing care. By Christmas of that year, Jennifer had started to thrive.

"She's a very determined person," Carolyn said. "She's got a lot of heart and determination; I can't even explain her spirit. She sees herself as anybody else."

Faith sustained them

Carolyn said their faith helped get them through struggles like Jennifer's learning to eat after being on a feeding tube for the first three years of her life. She would eat, throw up, eat, throw up and then eat again.

Or Jennifer's learning to read. When Jennifer wasn't making progress in school, Carolyn ordered Hooked On Phonics and the two spent an entire summer working on the learn-to-read system.

The Bible verse hanging on their refrigerator, Proverbs 16:3, was an inspirational reminder:

"Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." Jennifer's motto always was, "I can try."
Jennifer is now back

at home, after living on her own while attending OU, looking for work, caring for her cat and keeping her family laughing with her one-

liners. She hopes to find a job working with animals or in the film industry.

Carolyn said she would tell parents with a child with cognitive and physical challenges to never give up. "You have to have hope, and to be strong and to reach out to your friends and family," she said. "It really does take a community."

As for Jennifer's advice? "Stay away from clowns," she joked. I had a bad experience once. And don't mix peas with mashed potatoes. You don't even want to try it."

The Joys of Jennifer can be purchased online at carolynsiewickibooks.com and Amazon.com. The book is also available for purchase at The North Book Store and Bistro in downtown Northville.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Corn roast

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: CadyBoyer Barn, Ridge just north of Cherry Hill in Canton
Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts its annual corn roast. For a donation of \$5, visitors get corn roasted to perfection, hot dogs, baked beans, ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and watermelon. The club is also selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, which will give the buyer a chance to win \$500 cash first prize. The second prize winner will receive \$200 cash, with the third-prize winner receiving a gift certificate from N.A. Mans Lumber for \$100. The Lions Club has invited the Michigan Eye Bank, which will advise members about the Gift of Sight and organ donation. The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will be available to reveal how it assists the blind and removes barriers that are impediments to their daily living.
Contact: For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or email govbill1@wowway.com.

Taste Fest

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 6, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 sponsor Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Bennigan's, Brian's Sports Grille, Canton Buffalo Wild Wings, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Pizzeria Ribs, Labriocca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Co., Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Scrambler's Marie's, Station 885, U.P. Parties, Yenners' Canton Winery, Zin Wine Bar and Zoup Soup Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.
Contact: Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Parties on Main Street. There will be a cash bar available.

Lacrosse camp

Date/Time: Aug. 19-21, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Northville Community Park
Details: Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a summer lacrosse camp for boys and girls in grades 5-8. Cost is \$125. Camps are offered for boys and girls. Players have a chance to learn from coaches Jake Kenney, Princeton national championship team member, who will lead the boys camp, and Stacey Tardich, an All-American player and Northville High School varsity coach, who will lead the girls camp. Camp includes daily drills, instruction and scrimmages.
Contact: Registration is through Northville Parks and Recreation at www.northvilleparksandrec.org



Kids day

Students gathered in Plymouth for a reading session, credit union tour, snacks and much more at Cathedral Vantage Financial Federal Credit Union. Youth Program Coordinator Jen Galatis read to the students and discussed financial topics as well as issues, all in an age-appropriate and engaging manner. Galatis, with the help of the Plymouth branch staff, gave students a tour of the credit union, with a special stop at the coin counter, drive through and vault area. The students, ages 5-10, enjoyed snacks around the conference table while listening to Galatis read "Lemonade in Winter" by Emily Jenkins and G. Brian Karas.

email kkoual@northville.mi.us for more information.

Summit open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 5-8 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, Canton
Details: Heralding in new books, backpacks and beginnings, the Summit on the Park community and fitness center will host a back-to-school open house. During the open house, guests will be welcome to discounted Summit memberships, free swimming (7-9 p.m.), prize drawings, performances by Danco! Feet Studio, American Okinawan Karate Academy and magician Magic Joe and face-painting courtesy of D&M Art Studio. Crusin' Custom Cones will also be on site serving hot dogs with chili.
Contact: For more information, call 734-394-5460.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplement

mental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.
Contact: Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/page/about.html

Perennial exchange

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.
Location: East end of Kellogg Park
Details: The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members will be there to answer any questions.
Contact: For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

CROP Walk recruiters meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.
Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5235 N. Sheldon, in Canton
Details: All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk, to be held Sunday, Oct. 13, in Plymouth. CROP hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.
Contact: For more information, contact

'Come and See' dinner

Date/Time: Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township
Details: Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available on site for dinner participants free of charge.
Contact: The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OLG website at www.olgparish.net. Register for the dinner online at https://olgparish.wufoo.com/forms/q7x19/

Blood drives

Date/Time/Locations:
 • Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth
 • Thursday, Aug. 29 1:45-5 p.m., Plymouth Medical Building, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffled off at these drives.
Contact: To make an appointment, contact Diane Risko at 913-459-7052.

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours
Location: Plymouth
Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. There are only a few spaces left in the show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.
Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville
Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Grow business and help women in Third World countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.
Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to http://muncnorthville.org//missions-and-service, email funmcbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Bipolar support

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.
Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorder. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.
Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Diabetes support

Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Young Adults Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies.
Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0659.

Support group

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.
Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at pretymnarch@comcast.net.

Calling all crafters

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township
Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.
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Ex-Marine recalls service of Staff Sgt. Reckless – a horse

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

A local family is recalling a famous horse named Staff Sgt. Reckless who played a part in the Korean War.

The Charles Batherson family traveled to the Washington, D.C., area late last month to pay tribute to the horse, which is now memorialized with a new statue in Quantico, Va.

In addition to Batherson and his wife Barbara, who live in Westland, daughter Amy Frazee, a Garden City resident, attended along with son Chuck and his wife Anne from Greensboro, N.C., and daughter Pat McKelvy, a Florida resident. "Reckless joined the company in May 1953," Batherson, a Marine veteran, said of the military horse. "She was good."

Reckless, a chestnut-colored mare, joined the U.S. Marine Corps in October 1952 as a pack horse.

The Batherson family attended the dedication to Staff Sgt. Reckless at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico. Reckless was a horse that was so heroic

during the Korean War that the U.S. Marines promoted her to staff sergeant, an honor never before or since bestowed on an animal. She was not a mascot. She was an official military NCO.

60th anniversary

The dedication event this year was tied in to the 60th celebration of the end of the Korean War on Saturday, July 27. It was part of a three-day event which drew 3,000 people.

A plaque and photo were dedicated in her honor at Camp Pendleton Marine Base. A statue of her was dedicated July 26.

Batherson was a sergeant in the Marines during the Korean War, with Reckless.

"Reckless was very important to the Marines," he said.

She is a unique example of an animal that held official rank in a branch of the United States military. Originally purchased for \$250 from a Korean boy who needed money to buy an artificial leg for his sister, she served with the Rifle Platoon, Anti-Tank Company, Fifth Marine Division and the 1st Ma-

rine Division. Batherson served in the Anti-Tank Company. Reckless was originally a race horse at a race track, he said. She was about two years old when purchased.

The highlight of her nine-month military career came in late March 1953, during fighting around Vegas Hill when, in a single day, she made 51 solo trips to resupply multiple front line units. Amidst battle, the horse carried ammunition up a hill for 35 miles. On her return trip back, she brought back the wounded and dead.

She was injured twice during the course of duty.

'She was a Marine'

"Most horses are skittish," Barbara Batherson said. "No horse did what she did. She thought that she was a Marine."

Batherson recalled that Reckless preferred to hang out with the guys rather than stay in a corral.

"She liked beer," Batherson said. "She did a lot of crazy things. She wasn't a horse, she was a Marine."

During the cold weather, she would go inside the tents and lie down

near the stove. Reckless was featured in *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Life* magazine.

"She was on the *Ed Sullivan Show*," said Frazee, who grew up in Garden City. "The original tapes have all been destroyed."

She was promoted to sergeant about a month before the war ended in 1953.

Reckless was retired and brought after the war to the United States, where she was officially promoted to staff sergeant in 1959. Reckless gave birth to four foals in America and died in May 1968.

"She had a good life," Batherson said.

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Charles Batherson, daughter Amy Frazee, and wife, Barbara Batherson, show off a photo of Reckless in the Marine Room at Batherson's Westland condo. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A statue of Staff Sgt. Reckless was dedicated in July in Quantico. She is shown carrying ammunition as she did when she worked for the Marines during the Korean War.

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Picnic fires up drug awareness need

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

A group trying to raise money to open a substance abuse treatment center in South Lyon is a couple of steps closer to its goal. Organizers are hoping this year's fundraising picnic should do a lot to bring them even closer.

The Costantino Del Signore Foundation is hosting its second annual Tino's Farm Family Picnic fundraiser from noon to 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25, at Sweet Acres Farm, 55880 Eight Mile Road, in Lyon Township. Tickets are \$10 per person and children 5 and younger will be admitted for free. Barbecue chicken, pulled pork, hamburgers, corn on the cob and hot dogs will be served. No alcohol will be allowed.

Participants will be entertained by the Detroit R&B band The Infatuations, three other bands, a clown, pony rides, hay rides, a bounce house, kids games, balloon artist "The Ballonatic," bocce ball, a bow shooting demonstration with lessons for those who want to learn to shoot a bow, 50/50 raffles and the CDS Foundation's crap shoot for a chance to win a flat-screen WiFi TV.

Live auction items include a dinner for two at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield and an afternoon sailboat cruise and dinner from the Detroit Yacht Club. Picnic proceeds will go toward opening a substance abuse transition facility in South Lyon in cooperation with Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Botsford Hospital Foundation and Safari Club International S.E. Chapter of Michigan Bowhunters.

"Our first goal of \$500,000 is now one-third complete, within this past year," said Richard Asztalos, CDS Foundation president.

Drug awareness
While raising money is a focus of the picnic, the real emphasis is on spreading the message about the importance of drug awareness. Asztalos said. Representatives from Livonia Save Our Youth will make a presentation during the picnic and host a booth providing information.

"Once a family member is in trouble with a substance addiction, the whole family suffers," he added. "We are in an epidemic of substance abuse and lives are being lost from brain damage, suicides and overdoses, resulting in death. Learn what you can do for those you love. Find out what a substance addiction is, what to ask your children. Parents need to be aware and sometimes they're burying their heads in the sand. It's not their kid, it's the neighbors' kid."

A pharmacy-part, according to Asztalos, is when kids steal pills subscribed to parents, grandparents or others. The pills are put in a bowl and everyone takes what they want, often-times not knowing what they have.

The CDS Foundation's focus on drug awareness began after Tino Del Signore died in a tractor accident three years ago on the farm.

Del Signore, the 47-year-old son of John and Lina Del Signore, owners of Laurel Manor in Livonia, was known for his generosity and philanthropic work, Asztalos said.

The Aug. 25 fundraiser is intended to carry on

that legacy. Tino Del Signore was among a group of people who started CDS Foundation 20 years ago. Since then, \$475,000 has been donated to various causes like St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Garden City Hospital, Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Angela Karmatos Cancer Institute in Detroit and other facilities, as well as the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, which Tino founded. No money has gone to CDS Foundation members, Asztalos said.

The foundation began when a church in the province of A'quila in Abruzzo, Italy, needed a roof. Foundation organizers raised the needed money and decided a lot of other organizations could use help in the United States and throughout southeast Michigan.

CDS board of directors plan to use the Sweet Acres house and 37-acre farm as a substance abuse and transition center for between eight and 10 people, likely teens, recovering from substance abuse, Asztalos said.

Almost there
Anyone interested in giving additional foundation support can purchase a gold sponsorship for \$500, silver sponsorship for \$250 and bronze sponsorship for \$100.

For more information, go to www.cdsfoundation.net. Tax deductible donations can be sent to CDS Foundation, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Call Laurel Manor at (734) 462-0770 for picnic tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the event.

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CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST KEEPS WORKING TO FULFILL KING'S DREAM

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Reather Everett would love to tell Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that his dream has come true, the promise fulfilled but, sadly, that hasn't happened in the years since the late civil rights activist called for an end to racism in America. Everett watched on TV as Dr. King delivered his now famous *I Have a Dream* speech Aug. 28, 1963, before the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. She was a bridesmaid in a wedding in New York and she found she couldn't pull herself away from the TV.

Fifty years later, the Westland resident remembers the speech gave her chills. It also gave her hope of a better tomorrow.

"I think we thought it would be different," she said. "He kept the faith and gave us faith that it could happen. We had a good start but we never made it to the finish line."

Everett is no stranger to segregation. She grew up in a black community in North Carolina and attended a black high school. She remembers joining students in walking out of school, but they weren't protesting segregation, they were demanding "equalization." They wanted the same things afforded students at the white high school.

Promises were made. The black high school was closed and those students were moved to the white high school. But it wasn't integration. The white students left for another school.

"When the white kids got new books, we got



Reather Everett has many pieces of art that remind her of the struggle blacks have faced and still face in America. **BILL BRELSLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

their old ones," she said. "When our football team was the North Carolina champions, we still weren't allowed to play a game in the white stadium."

'Something special'

There were segregated water fountains and bathrooms and blacks had their own community and their own businesses. They were doing well until blacks were allowed to go into the white communities. Everyone wanted to go to the better stores.

"We really wanted to use those white bathrooms, but what we found when they were integrated was that those bathrooms were just as dirty as ours," she said. "We had thought that they would be something really special."

Everett finished high school in the Brownsville

neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. Her mother had come to the predominantly Jewish community to work as a live-in housekeeper.

"I went to pretty much a Jewish high school," Everett said. "Brownsville was a good community. I never heard anything about my color, but a couple of times I was told I wasn't Jewish."

Her activism carried over into her adult years. She joined King in the Walk for Freedom in Detroit on June 14, 1963. In a speech that day, King spoke about his dream of equality and brotherhood between the races. Parts of that speech were in his speech two weeks later in Washington, D.C., including his dream "that one day little white children and little Negro children will be able to join hands as brothers and sisters."

'Living the dream'

By the time King made his iconic speech, Everett and her husband Arnell, a World War II veteran, were living the dream. They were raising their children in their own home in Westland's historic Annapolis Park Subdivision. They were among the first homeowners in the community built in the city's south end for 1950s so "colored veterans could buy a brick house."

"This was the first chance to make a difference," Everett said. "We stayed. This wasn't our starter home, it was our home."

Everett was room mother at her children's school and active in politics, serving as a precinct delegate. She registered voters and, when she had to, took on city hall. The community has changed over the years and mixed race couples, Hispanics and Arab families have

brought integration to the tidy neighborhood.

Everett still walks door-to-door to talk to neighbors and welcome the newcomers, reminding them of the rules. Yes, she says, she may put pressure on them, but she wants to know that when they leave her neighborhood, they leave it the way they found it.

"I have no qualms about telling them they can't do that," she said. "I feel good knowing that I have made a change and the change is for the better. When I see an injustice, I work to change it. I hope I have made a difference in this world."

She also shares the wisdom of her years with her great-grandchildren, helping them to see what still needs to be done to achieve King's dream. She laments that "we have

"We talk the talk, but we don't walk the walk. We say things, but we don't accomplish them and the excuses we use as to why don't hold water."

REATHER EVERETT

recently asked her 15-year-old grandson to tell her what he knew about civil rights. His response was to say King's name.

"I told him, 'That's just a name, what do you know?'" she said. "I was surprised that he didn't know anything. Many of our children really don't know either. As family members, we have to teach our children to be proud and see it to that they got the best education possible. They don't

have to go through the things some of us had to, they can grow to be anything they want to be."

'More hidden'

And the battles of the 1950s and 1960s continue. While it may look like segregation is gone, today it is "more hidden," Everett said.

"We talk the talk, but we don't walk the walk," she said. "We say things, but we don't accomplish them and the excuses we use as to why don't hold water. We have the haves and the have nots and it's hard to understand why we still have the have nots."

Looking back on the watershed moment in the history of the civil rights moment, Everett notes that there's still so much to be done and so little time to do it, but "by the

grace of God" it will get done in her lifetime.

She also believes that Dr. King would be "really disappointed" that his dream hasn't been fulfilled and "in all of us for what has happened."

"Some of the things he talked about were a dream and some of the hopes came true, but for every three steps we've taken forward, we've taken two back," she said. "I started working in civil rights when I was 13 and I continue to be an activist because I want to be a part of that dream coming true."

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Garden City resident Susan Suboch pushes a cart full of items bought from Menards. ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Allen Park resident Dean Bacheller leaves the store.



Several customers walk through the Menards parking lot Friday.



Tiffany Svoboda came from Ypsilanti to shop the new Menards in Livonia.

Menards finally opens to much fanfare

Large crowds fill store on first day

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Susan Suboch has driven by the new Menards home improvement store several times. So when she saw the sign announcing it was open, she and her husband decided to check it out. She ended up walking out with a brand-new mailbox and humming bird feeders for her family's home in Garden City.

"It has a large variety of things to chose from," she said. Menards opened Tuesday at 17201 Middlebelt. The home improvement store sells a wide array of items, including light

fixtures, lumber and tools. James Larkin, the store's manager, said he's surprised at the number of customers that have walked through the door. The parking lot Tuesday was filled. "I did not expect it to be that large the very first day," he said. "I was hoping for a great turnout, which we did receive."

Wayne County's first Menards

The store is the first Menards to open in Wayne County and one of two in the Detroit area. Another Menards opened in the spring up in Chesterfield Township, while another opened up last month in Port Huron. The hardware giant has more than 270 stores in 14 states. Larkin, who has worked at other Menards

locations in Bay City and Jackson, said it's been great working in a store so close to the urban center surrounding Detroit. "We've gotten a lot of great feedback from guests," he said. "They're happy we're here; we're happy to be here." The store continues to accept employment applications. Menards officials would not disclose how many employees the store has.

One of the biggest sections that has seen a lot of items get pulled off the shelf is the grocery area, something Larkin said is uncommon in other home improvement stores. A grand opening event is scheduled for Aug. 24, complete with local celebrities signing autographs and sales on several items throughout the store, Larkin said. Svoboda said the trip she recently took to the

store was a good experience and she said she'd gladly return. "Absolutely," she said.

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Accounting problems remain for Dillon funds

Michigan state treasurer's campaign accounts show large discrepancies

By Paul Egan
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — Three campaign finance accounts controlled by Michigan Treasurer Andy Dillon are in disarray, with more than \$100,000 not properly accounted for from Dillon's 2010 campaign for governor, according to published reports.

Dillon and his campaign treasurer want to close the Andy Dillon for Michigan campaign fund he used for the governor's race, but Secretary of State officials won't sign off on the closure because of financial discrepancies.

No one has alleged improper activity, but the Secretary of State normally requires a campaign fund to reduce its balance to zero through allowable expenditures before the account can be dissolved and a requirement for ongoing financial reporting ends.

Minor discrepancies — sometimes due to unreported items such as small amounts of interest earned on deposits — aren't uncommon when dissolving a campaign fund. But discrepancies involving thousands of dollars are rare, Secretary of State spokesman Fred Woodhams said last week.

Two of Dillon's three funds have unexplained accounting errors of about \$105,000 and \$8,900, respectively. The third fund was more than three months behind on its required reporting until last week, when the treasurer filed two past-due reports after he was contacted by the *Detroit Free Press*. The committee was assessed \$775 in late filing fees.

"Treasurer Dillon is aware of the issues, one of which is technological in nature," Dillon spokesman Terry Stanton said. "Each is being addressed by the respective committee treasurer who is responsible for reporting and filings, and the accounts will be closed."

As state treasurer, Dillon oversees tens of billions of dollars in state funds and investments, as well as the financial accounting of Michigan



State treasurer Andy Dillon has had some trouble with his campaign finances from his run for governor. PATRICIA BECK / DETROIT FREE PRESS

cities such as Detroit.

Among the reasons the state requires regular reporting by candidate committees and political action committees is to assure donation limits aren't exceeded and that fund money is spent only in accordance with state law. Once a campaign is over, leftover money must be disposed of in certain ways, such as donating to a charity or transferring it to another committee.

Dillon lost the 2010 Democratic nomination to Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and later joined the Republican administration of Gov. Rick Snyder, who beat Bernero in the general election. The biggest accounting problem relates to the committee Dillon used for his gubernatorial bid.

In a notarized affidavit Dillon personally swore and signed, filed with the Secretary of State on Feb. 10, 2012, Dillon asked to close the account.

"The committee requests the ability to dissolve with the understanding that the ending balance on the 2012 Annual Campaign Statement is inaccurate and only represents an unexplained error in accounting," his statement said.

At that time, Dillon said the fund showed a balance on paper of about \$4,700, but had only about \$27 in its bank account.

Seven months later, in September 2012, Dillon's treasurer Michael Maher filed a corrected 2012 report showing the amount of money that couldn't be accounted for was actually much larger — about \$105,000.

"We have only a few dollars in our checking account," Dillon campaign official Michelle Maher wrote in a Jan. 31 email to the secretary of state.

"We think this is an unloading error," Maher said of the reported \$105,000 balance. "We are working to resolve and correct this error and ask that we are given a reporting waiver until this is possible."

Michael Maher said he believes the biggest part of the discrepancy — \$100,000 — relates to a compatibility issue between the accounting system the campaign used and the system to receive reports electronically. Somehow the numbers are within less than \$5,000 of balancing in the campaign's system, but shows a nearly \$105,000 discrepancy when it's uploaded to the state system, he said.

"It's a technical dilemma," and "the two parties can't figure out how to make it go away," he said. "We can't figure out what the next step ought to be."

A second fund, Andy Dillon for State Representative, was dissolved by the Secretary of State in April — despite showing an \$8,900 balance on paper and a zero bank account balance. Again, in that case, Dillon swore an affidavit attributing the discrepancy to an unexplained accounting error.

"No person, including me as candidate or the treasurer Daniel Mahoney, improperly benefited from this account and its ending balance variance," Dillon said in the affidavit.

STATE TREASURER'S CAMPAIGN FUNDS IN DISARRAY

Campaign funds controlled by Michigan Treasurer Andy Dillon have been plagued with reporting problems, and more than \$100,000 is currently unaccounted for in the funds.

FUND: ANDY DILLON FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Purpose: Was used to fund Dillon's campaigns as a Democratic state representative from Redford.

Fund balance on paper: \$8,914.53

Fund balance in bank: 0

Issue: The Secretary of State allowed the committee to be dissolved earlier this year despite the financial discrepancy, which Dillon described as "an unexplained error in accounting."

FUND: ANDY DILLON FOR MICHIGAN

Purpose: Was used to fund Dillon's unsuccessful Democratic bid for governor in 2010.

Fund balance on paper: \$104,871.05

Fund balance in bank: "A few dollars."

SOURCES: Michigan Secretary of State's Office; Detroit Free Press research
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Woodhams said officials allowed Dillon's state representative committee to dissolve because the amount of the discrepancy was much smaller than the one in his gubernatorial account. Typically, "you need to get to zero to dissolve," Woodhams said.

Woodhams said the Secretary of State has granted Dillon's gubernatorial committee a reporting waiver to allow time to sort out the numbers but will not yet allow it to be dissolved.

"We're continuing to work with the committee to resolve the ending balance number so it can be dissolved," Woodhams said. "From the last communication from the committee, it looks like they're working with their software vendor to resolve technological problems hindering the committee from reaching a zero balance and allowing its dissolution."

A third Dillon fund, the Dillon Leadership Fund political action committee, filed two overdue reports last week. The reports were due April 25 and July 25, respectively.

Mahoney said he has changed jobs and relocated

Issue: The Secretary of State has refused to allow the committee to be dissolved because of the financial discrepancy. Dillon campaign officials say the large balance is a computer or accounting error, but they have not been able to resolve it.

FUND: DILLON LEADERSHIP

Purpose: Dillon used it to support various candidates when he was a state representative and House speaker.

Fund balance: \$4,667

Issue: The committee filed two overdue reports on Friday, after the treasurer was contacted by the *Free Press*. The Secretary of State assessed late reporting fines of \$775.

the fund was set up. He blamed poor communication between him and the secretary of state about where notices for required filings need to get sent.

However, "I... need to do a better job" of keeping up with the paperwork, Mahoney said.

Asked whether the reporting issues reflect poorly on Dillon as treasurer, Snyder spokeswoman Sara Wurfel said: "These funds have designated officials responsible for administering and filing."

"That said, my comment is that we understand that this issue is actively being addressed and resolved," Wurfel said. "That's obviously important."

She said Dillon has a long list of accomplishments, including achieving the lowest interest rate bond deal the state has ever received, having a transaction selected as bond deal of the year, improving the state's credit rating outlooks, and creating the Office of Fiscal Responsibility to help financially struggling local governments before they reach a crisis level.

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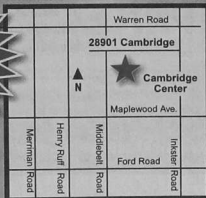
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Get an 'A' in personality for back to school

Parents, students stocking up for new year

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

School days, school days, dear old slap bracelet ruler days.

Or gamer calculators, high-heel tape dispensers, patented duct tape or chandeliers for the locker days.

Back to school 2013 offers up plenty of new and fashionable products to go along with the usual notebooks and binders and pens – but even those have a colorful spin.

Greg Jackson, general merchandise line leader of the Meijer store in Livonia, says not only does his store do big business in crayons, glue and markers, but also Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle and Monster High backpacks.

Another big seller for either parents or college students are dry erase boards in a variety of shapes and sizes, Jackson said. "We cater to back to college, too," he said.

At local Target stores, back to college is also big business with popular wire form lamps, chairs and stools and small space furniture to fit in dorm rooms, according to Mike Lash, an executive team leader of logistics at the Westland Target.

It's my space

At the high school level, items to decorate lockers are popular with teens who want to make that humdrum space their own – even with rugs and mini chandeliers. "If you want some stylish stuff, you can go all out," said Whitney Spencer, executive team leader of logistics at the Westland Target.

"Things are going away from the school I remember," Lash said.

Technology is also changing the face of school supplies.

Tablets and eReaders are the big thing, according to Joe Hirschmugl, a spokesman for Meijer's corporate office.

"Tablets are becoming like the new notebook," he said.

This year, some of the hottest tech is the Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 Tablets, the New ACER Windows 8 tablet and Windows 8 laptops with "Touch" technology, according to Office Depot spokesperson Raquel Erwin.

At Target, USB drives, calculators (including graphing calculators) and mouse pads are also popular, Lash said.

Get personal

Personalization is huge this year, so many students are choosing to create a customized look. Office Depot offers the Crayola Creation, where kids can customize their own crayon/marker assortment, according to Erwin.

Personalization is also a hit at Target. Duct tape in patterns and colors or popular trademarks is used to personalize backpacks, notebooks and even clothes, Lash said.

Glitter notebooks, animal print pencil pouches, gamer calculators and paisley bind-

THINGS KIDS WANT FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- » Sharpie retractable highlighters in assorted colors
- » Post-it flags, small size Post-it notes to mark textbook pages
- » Scotch brand high-heel tape dispenser
- » Trapper Keeper with customizable cover
- » Spiral-bound index cards
- » Designer duct tape, along with paper bags to cover textbooks
- » USB drives
- » Cute cellphone cases

source: familyeducation.com



The SanDisk 8GB USB Flash Drive costs \$9.99 at Target.

"We're noticing for middle school kids, backpacks with matching accessories such as lunch boxes," Lash said. Also popular are backpacks and pencil cases in Hello Kitty, Spider-man and Iron Man, Hirschmugl said.

High school kids like plaid and tie dye backpacks, Lash said.

And those slap bracelet rulers, which are bracelets that can be stretched out to be used as a ruler, along with lion, monkey or zebra shaped lunch boxes and Lego folders, notebooks and pencil cases are also on kids' lists for back to school.

Local store managers say they are all stocked up for the rush. "A lot of customers are last-minute shoppers, as with any holiday," Jackson said.

Madonna offers course to become a court interpreter

Madonna University in Livonia will host an open house 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, for those interested in learning more about its class that prepares Americans fluent in Spanish for careers as certified interpreters for the Michigan Court System.

Offered through the Office of Continuing Education, the class provides the necessary training for students to take the state exam to be certified.

Since 2009, 36 students have taken the course and gone on to work in the court system and in area hospitals, where interpreters are in demand.

This 13-week course,

taught by Michigan State Court Certified interpreter Evelyn Villarruel, begins Sept. 19. Villarruel prepares students to successfully pass the written part of the exam (with an 80 percent or higher), after which they are invited to take the oral portion, which includes Sight Translation, Consecutive Interpreting and Simultaneous Interpreting.

"Although Michigan's economy is down, we continue to see job postings for interpreters, both in the legal and the medical fields," Villarruel said.

An interpreter since 2005, she works in district and circuit courts in Wayne, Oakland, Washten-

aw and Livingston counties and is an interpreter trainer for Oakland County.

Villarruel said the pay scale for interpreters depends on training and certification and can range between \$25 and \$75 per hour.


Madonna's court interpreter class costs \$499 and meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Students must demonstrate fluency in Spanish upon enrolling.

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Meissen eager to begin new role



According to Dr. Michael Meissen, new superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, athletics are an important extension of the classroom. BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

New P-CCS superintendent ready to tackle athletic issues head-on as 2013-14 school year looms

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's a new team in town to join the Chiefs, Wildcats and Rocks.

It's "Team Meissen," as new Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen — himself a high school and college football player — jumps into the "huddle" with teachers, students, coaches and parents.

The longtime principal of LaFollette High School in Madison, Wis., is thrilled to be here. He also knows Michigan is as much of a football hotbed as Wisconsin.

To that end, he is fully aware that Plymouth and Salem will be playing in the annual "Black and Blue" game the opening night of the high school football season, Thursday, Aug. 29. He knows Canton also will be kicking the season off that evening at the Park, over at the junior varsity stadium.

"It's Thursday Night Lights" and it's great that high school sports are beginning and it's fun and real important to what we do," Meissen said. "Both the boys and girls sports will kick into high gear here very soon and we're really excited about it because we've got great kids that do well.

"I'll be a cheerleader for all of them. They're all part of the team here. And that's the beauty of it. We're all on one team, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

DR. MICHAEL MEISSEN
P-CCS superintendent

"May the best Plymouth-Canton (district) team win."

Color blind

But to him, all three teams will be winners that night. "I'll be a cheerleader for all of them," he said. "They're all part of the team here. And that's the beauty of it. We're all on one team, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

Meissen sees the entire picture coming into focus after just a short time at the helm.

He recently talked about being a sports guy in a sports town, but also spoke at length about current issues confronting the district's athletics program. Those included seriously looking at whether each of the three high schools should have an athletic director (currently, two ADs handle the entire college-like campus), as well as why coaches seem to be on a hotter seat than

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Canton football players run through a spirited 'Hoot-and-Holler' drill during the first practice day with full pads. JOHN KEMSKI (EXRESS PHOTO)

Balconi Invite a good test

Eight-team soccer tourney Saturday

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Some might call the Gary Balconi Invitational an opportunity for varsity boys soccer teams to get in some glorified scrimmages before the start of another season.

Don't call it that to the coaches of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams. To them, the Balconi Invite combines tradition with key competitive tests against tough opponents.

This year's tournament is slated to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with eight teams going at it simultaneously on four fields at the Park. Contests will take place at the varsity soccer field, turf field, varsity practice field and freshman field.

"Getting a chance to see other top teams really gives you a chance to see how talented your team can be or, in some cases, it can serve to be a gauge for the level that your teams need to reach to be very successful," said Salem first-year varsity coach Scott Duhl, a player for the Rocks back in the mid-1990s, when the Balconi launched as a four-team invite. "It's really a great way to start off the season."

Concurring was Canton's new coach, Mark Zemanski. "I really like the idea of playing in the Balconi tournament before the season gets under way," Zemanski said. "We get to play against quality competition that we don't face in the KLA regular season. This type of competition shows you what you need to work on as a team to get ready for the upcoming season."

In addition to Canton and Salem, Plymouth will again take part. Other squads on the docket include Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake



Canton assistant football coach Dave Smith (right) talks to a player about a practice drill Thursday. JOHN KEMSKI (EXRESS PHOTO)

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Let's get crackin'

Sights and sounds of football's return fill the air at P-CCP

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The sounds of the season began in earnest Thursday.

On the opening day of full-pad workouts, Canton football players' shoulder pads were cracking. The players also were "hooting and hollering" their way through the spirited, free-for-all 4-vs.-4 practice drill — and yelling encouragement amid whistle tweets.

"We're still working on putting our offense and defense in and just working on our basic drills to be able to execute those things," Chiefs varsity head coach Tim Baechler said. "On the first day of pads, the boys do a little 'Hoot-and-Holler' session,

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Team tops field at dodgeball regional

Vegas dream falls short

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Could what happens in Canton go to Vegas? That almost was the case for members of 1 Time, winners of the recent Ultimate Dodgeball Qualifier at Sky Zone in Canton.

The team, thanks to topping a field of 20

teams Aug. 3, had a chance to compete for up to \$50,000 in prizes at the Ultimate Dodgeball Championship, Sept. 21-22 in Las Vegas, Nev. But it was not to be. Sky Zone used the winning percentage of each team in regionals across the country to determine seven of the final eight teams going to Vegas. All of the teams who made the cut had a 100-percent win rate, while 1 Time owned one just under 80

percent.

For the eighth Las Vegas qualifier, a social media contest took place on Facebook, where fans could vote for their favorite team, a Sky Zone spokesman noted.

He added that, in order to be in that Facebook contest, teams needed to have already won their local qualifier.

Still, what the team accomplished proved to be quite a rush.

With the victory, the team received a trophy that will be displayed at Sky Zone and each member collected a \$100 gift card.

Most Valuable Player Mike Bohnett came away with a one-night golf spree at Grand Traverse Resort.

Potential prizes and prizes are great, but so is the sport itself, according to 1 Time captain Rick Lape of Tecumseh.

"I personally got into Extreme Dodgeball for the excitement, the adrenaline rush and the competitive nature of it," Lape said. "A lot of people can throw, catch and dodge, but there is a lot more to it."



Throwing front-to-back during the recent Ultimate Dodgeball Qualifier at Sky Zone in Canton are Mike Bohnett, Rick Holtz and T.J. Juarez.



Members of Ultimate Dodgeball regional champion 1 Time are (from left) Mike Bohnett, Rick Holtz, Rick Lape, T.J. Juarez, Tommy Freudenberg and Chad Wonderly.

Lape, along with Bohnett, Rick Holtz, T.J. Juarez, Tommy Freudenberg and Chad Wonderly, rolled through early round-robin action at Sky Zone.

They combined efforts to knock off the other four teams in pool play, having one of the top eight records following the round-robins (there were four group

ings of five teams).

Then it was on to "one-and-done" single elimination and 1 Time came through yet again, despite it being the first tournament the team ever competed in on trampolines.

"Communicating as a team is probably the biggest asset," Lape said. "We have played court dodgeball for about three

years in rec leagues and charity events.

"However, (Aug. 3) was the first time for any of us on trampolines."

Another plus is the team is a tight-knit group of guys from southeast Michigan. Four players hail from Tecumseh, with one player each from Britton and Saline.

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97TH MICHIGAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Plymouth alum Thompson just misses Final Four

The Final Four field at the 97th Michigan Women's Amateur at Walnut Hills Country Club nearly included a recent Plymouth High School graduate.

Matchups for Friday's Final Four were set after Thursday's second and third rounds of match play.

Aya Johnson (Muskegon) was scheduled to meet Christine Meier

(Rochester Hills), while Jennifer Elsholz (Grand Rapids) was to square off against Hailey Hrynewich (Muskegon).

Hrynewich's third-round match versus Plymouth grad Sarah Thompson (Canton) went to 19 holes. Hrynewich said she never got flustered and just patiently waited for Thompson to make a mistake.

"She was 1-up for a

few holes on the back nine," Hrynewich said. "I knew I needed to beat her on 18 and I did it with a good par. Then on 19, I got on the green and she didn't."

Meier also had a long day of golf Thursday, as both of her matches went extra holes. Her morning match against Michigan State University teammate Liz Nagle went 19 holes and her afternoon match against future Spartan Jacqueline Setas (East Lansing) went 20 holes.

"I've gone extra holes before in this tournament, but never twice in one day," Meier said. "I am going home and going to bed now!"

Meier said both matches were very tough and that all three golfers were playing very, very well.

"The first match with Liz was mentally draining because we were both playing well and



Sarah Thompson putts during Thursday match play.

knew it was going to take birdies to win," Meier said. "Then to go against Jackie, who was playing well, it was tough. I had two tough matches today."

It is also the first time in match play for Elsholz, who admitted she was more than a little nervous in the first round of the day.

"When I was going into my second match,

my dad pointed out that I was in the top eight, which is pretty cool, and told me just to go out and have fun," Elsholz said. "So that's what I did. But I think I almost gave my mom a heart attack in the first match."

Johnson credited her stellar short game for propelling her to victory in both of her matches.

"My putter was on fire," Johnson said. "And

I chipped in twice (Thursday), so I feel like the short game overall is finally there."

A teammate of Thompson's with the 2012 Division 1 state champion Wildcats, Kelsey Murphy, was defeated in the second round by Ella Pandy (Grosse Pointe Farms). The 97th Michigan Women's Amateur is sponsored by Palace Sports & Entertainment.

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Senior Moments capture bronze at national women's softball tournament

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Members of the Senior Moments SS-plus women's softball team proved last month in Cleveland that you're as young as you feel - and field.

Competing in the National Senior Games against 15 other high-achieving 55-and-older women's softball teams, the Moments showed they can field, hit and

pitch with the best of them as they earned a bronze medal in the tournament's AAA division.

Several Observerland-area women played pivotal roles for the Moments, including Redford's Kim Baldwin, Livonia's Peggy Backus, Canton's Nancy Eggenberger, Westland's Sharon Vreeland, Farmington Hills' Ellen Rieth and Farmington residents Diane Brady, Marsha Crosby and Alice Duffy.

"We all play with and against each other in travel leagues around the Detroit area," said Baldwin, who has been competing in high-level softball leagues for several years.

"The team from Farmington wanted to enter the Michigan Olympic

Games, but they didn't have enough players, so they asked players from other teams to join them. After we won that, we decided to play in the national tournament.

"It was a fun experience. Some of the ladies on the team were first-time players and others have been playing travel softball for a while. It was a good mix."

After earning a gold medal in the Michigan tournament, the Moments carried a ton of momentum into Cleveland.

On July 22, they won their first three pool-play games over teams from California, Arizona and North Carolina before falling to the Maryland Roadrunners, who went on to capture the gold

medal.

One day after playing four games - which is a lot for a 25-and-under team - the Moments dropped a medal-round game against the California Spirit.

Proving she can never get enough softball, Baldwin played in a national senior tournament in Riley, N.C., a week after the NSG event.

In addition to the Observerland-area players, the team included Milan's Jenny Criss, Oxford's Sue Johnson and Detroit residents Soniqua "Sneaky" Daniels, Denesia Jackson, Cheryl Ollison, Teresa Robinson, Carol Reges, Toni Simpson, Janice Strozier and Lou Sykes.

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Rice coaching legend Fracassa planning to enjoy final season

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Al Fracassa's final season as Brother Rice's head football coach has attracted much attention. And rightfully so. Fracassa is a coaching icon. Not only at Brother Rice, but across the state. The 80-year-old mentor also enjoys a high-profile reputation nationwide.

As he begins his final season — 57th overall, 54 years as a head coach — the past 45 as Rice — his passion for the game remains the same as it did when he played at old

Detroit Northeastern High School and Michigan State University.

"My attitude is good and I'm happy overall," Fracassa said following his fourth day of practice for the 2013 football campaign, which his Warriors enter as the two-time defending Division 2 state champions.

"I don't think of this as my last year. I'm just going out and trying to enjoy coaching football. Football season is here and I'm ready to go. I still have that passion for the game."

"It's a great game," he

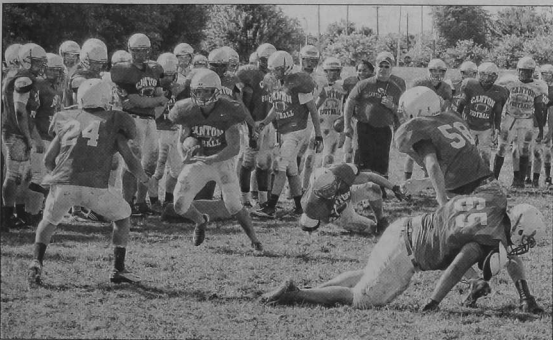
added. "I have a lot of good kids on this team and a lot of good coaches who help me out. It's like a family we have here."

There was one major disappointment for Fracassa as practice got under way. On the very first day, junior Delano Madison broke a leg and will be out for the season.

"Everything went well this week except for the first day when Delano suffered his injury," Fracassa said. "He broke that same leg when he was younger. I feel bad for him. He will be missed."

Fracassa enters his last year as the state's winningest coach with a 416-121-7 overall record. He is ranked seventh nationally in games won and is the 10th high school football coach in the country to have recorded 400 victories.

The Hall of Fame coach has led Rice to eight MHSAA state titles and 14 Catholic League championships. He was named the National High School Coach of the Year in 2011 and was honored by the National Football League as the National Coach of the Year in 1997.



On Thursday, the Canton Chiefs (above) participated in the first day of full-pad workouts. Plymouth's Wildcats cranked it up on the other side of the Park, while Salem's gridders remained at a team-building camp at Adrian College. (JOHN KEMSKI) EXPRESS PHOTO

CAMP

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where it teaches getting off blocks, tackling, blocking and the kids have fun with it."

In just 11 days, Canton will be hitting and tackling for real. The opener is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, against West Ottawa on the junior varsity field at Plymouth-Canton Education-

al Park.

According to Baechler, built into the first weeks of practice is preparing for that Week 1 opponent — and maybe start to tune up for Week 2 opponent Brighton.

So far, so good, as far as the opening week of official practices are concerned.

"The kids are great kids, they're working hard," Baechler said. "We've got a lot of depth on the offensive line, the

defensive line. I'm

thrilled with what I'm seeing right now."

Canton wasn't the only team sharpening up for the 2013 season Thursday at Plymouth.

Plymouth's Wildcats were busy doing the same on the west end of the sprawling campus. Meanwhile, Salem wasn't even at the Park for the start of practices. The Rocks spent the week at Adrian College for a team-building

camp.

"It gives us a way to focus," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "No outside interference, no cell phones. Just three and a half days of football."

Plymouth and Salem will face each other in the season opener at 7 p.m. Aug. 29 on P-CEP's varsity turf field.

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BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 23
Stevenson at Church, 5:30 p.m.
Windsor at East Park, 6 p.m.
Edler Ford at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24
Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m. at PCP
VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 22
Plymouth at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24
Portage Northern Invitational, 8 a.m.
B.C. St. Philip Tournament, 8 a.m.
Lakeland Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Airport Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
W. Woodland Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Salem Invitational, TBA
Lakeland Invitational, TBA
Bad Axe Tournament, TBA
CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 24
South Lyon Inv. at Grand Lake, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 24
at Howell Classic, TBA
Stevenson vs. Farm. Hills Mercy
at Livonia Classic, Rec. Center, noon
GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Aug. 22
Brighton Invitational, 7:30 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
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at Howell Classic, TBA
COLLEGE TENNIS
Friday, Aug. 23
Clerly Univ. at Madonna, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24
Scholarship of Muskegon, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25
Scholarship of Lake Michigan, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 23
Madonna at Taylor, Ind., 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24
Scholarship of Muskegon, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25
Scholarship of Lake Michigan, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
Brook (Indiana) at Madonna, 1 p.m.

MEISSEN

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ever before. In the past few months alone, Plymouth High School's baseball and girls basketball coaches stepped down following apparent campaigns from players' parents, who sought a new voice and new direction. One of those situations reportedly cropped up after the coach cut a player following tryouts. Other coaches have decided the time was now to take a break from the sidelines as the pressure to win continues to mount.

Those situations involving coaches weren't all that plagued the district in 2012-13. Plymouth High School's varsity football team had an outstanding 2012 season spoiled due to a procedural oversight that resulted in the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruling that all wins had to be forfeited.

Keep perspective

About controversies involving coaches, Meissen said he wasn't around when those problems cropped up and did not want to discuss specific situations. "I don't think it would be proper for me to comment about what has been," he said. "A lot of times, it's like, take 24 hours and think about it and if you still feel upset about an individual decision a coach made about a game or a game situation, then most coaches I know would just say come talk

tations are ratcheted up in today's world, particularly in highly competitive districts such as Plymouth-Canton, Farmington, Livonia, Northville and throughout the KLA.

Parents are chasing championships. Players (and their parents) are eyeing college scholarships.

"Good coaches are teaching team principles, that's why you call it a team," Meissen said. "If you are a participant, obviously you're looking for individual gain and individual improvement, but for the benefit of the group."

"And then, parents sometimes — it's difficult to generalize — by focusing exclusively on the individual performance of their student, (it) runs counter to some of the team principles that the (coach) is trying to instill."

Just chill

But in situations where parents get upset about coaches and referees, for example, Meissen stressed the importance of stepping back from the action and allowing cooler heads to prevail.

"I think sometimes when there's so much emotionality involved in this and it's a competitive environment and it's a ballgame that's close down the stretch in a big gym, the intensity level is high — is every-one acting rationally? He said, "A lot of times, it's like, take 24 hours and think about it and if you still feel upset about an individual decision a coach made about a game or a game situation, then most coaches I know would just say come talk

to me.

"A lot of discussions can occur about individual things through proper channels."

When it comes to talking things out, it won't hurt to have a junior at the top with personal experience in high school and college athletics to draw from. In fact, there very well could be parallels between what Meissen dealt with in his own football career and future challenges at P-CES.

Never one to lose sight of his goals no matter how difficult — he lost two nearly two years off his college football career rehabbing from knee surgery — Meissen came back to play offensive guard as a junior at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

And now, as if steadfastly warding off a charging defender at the line of scrimmage, he is fervent in his mission to not undermine student develop-

ment.

Meissen's vision for P-CES applies as much to what goes on in the classroom as it does to the stage, band room, gym or field.

"I think sports within a school setting, done properly, are an extension of what you're trying to accomplish as a school," Meissen said. "That it's a great laboratory for his teaching and learning. That it truly is integrated into the academic environment that we're providing for students. Absolutely."

Time for three?

Another area demanding Meissen's attention on the eve of the 2013-14 year is whether the district needs to add a third athletic director, to enable each high school to have one go-to person.

That subject is on the table. Brodie Kilian, the district's

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Need tennis coach

Wayne Memorial High School needs a varsity boys tennis coach for the 2013 fall season. Interested candidates should contact Greg Ambrose at 734-419-2214 or email ambrose@wvms.k12.mi.us.

Franklin girls tennis

Girls interested in playing high school tennis for Livonia Franklin during the 2013-14 school year are asked to contact coach Rick Clack at 734-945-5762 or email him at clack@comcast.net.

Potential players are asked to leave their name and contact number in a voice message. There is off-season conditioning and off-season play during the summer and school year before the season.

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer a seven-week Learn To Skate (Session 1) each Monday from Sept. 9 through Oct. 21 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lynn (one-half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hockey skills with no sticks or pucks used). The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (non-residents). All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental is available.

The registration deadline and early enrollment for last year's skaters is Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154. (There will be a \$10 late fee beginning Aug. 22.) You can also fax to 734-466-2679.

Registration for new students or missed mail-in will be 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 (preregistration deadline Oct. 16) and Session 3, Jan. 1 to March 3, 2014 (preregistration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal

will be held March 9-29, with show dates March 28-29. For more information, call 734-266-2412.

Rec soccer openings

The Michigan Hawks under-11 girls recreational soccer team needs a couple of players to complete its roster for the upcoming fall season.

The team plays in the WSSL and practices Monday nights (starting after Labor Day) at Jaycee Park in Livonia. The cost to play is \$75. Players should contact Doug Landefeld at either 604-473-6600 or dbradley1515@bcglo-bal.net.

CYO soccer sign-up

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams. Boys and girls entering grades 4-8 are eligible. The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Train with Tammi

PGA professional Tammi Bealert will offer a series of new summer and fall classes including Get Golf Ready, Get Golf Ready 2, ladies clinics and golf lessons at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The ladies clinics will be 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 and 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. A friend, sister, mother or daughter and receive a \$10 Golfsmith coupon. The cost is \$25 for each one-hour class. Returning 2013 customers will receive a \$5 Train With Tammi coupon for more lessons.

Course management, private one-on-one or small group lessons are also available by appointment. Private one-hour family lessons are available by appointment and pricing, call 734-731-0238.

Juniors (16-and-over) can also play golf for free with a paying adult or guardian after 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or after 5 p.m. Saturday or Sunday. You must present certificate from www.HickoryCreekGolf.com to receive discount.

Visit www.TrainWithTammi.com.



When football season opens on Aug. 29, Dr. Michael Meissen will be rooting for all three Park teams to succeed.

deputy superintendent of business and operations, said a comprehensive study is well under way — including key community meetings where parents, coaches and student-athletes could give input. "We set up a series of meetings with all different stakeholders groups, including a couple forums with parents where they were able to provide us with a lot of input on this topic," Kilian said. "And so that report will be done soon and into the hands of the superintendent and the board, which will kind of tie together a lot of issues."

No time frame was given about when such a report might be ready to be unveiled. "It would be difficult to speculate what the time frame might be," Meissen said. "I want to follow a logical sequence. What is it that we're doing well, what is it that we have some problems? Is the answer tied to our structure and the level of staff (two athletic directors for three high schools)?"

"I do bring some perspective, having been a high school principal for a long time. I do bring some perspective that I think naturally would serve me well in the decision-making around this issue. And it's important and a priority."

Also a priority is getting his first year as the district's chief off to a strong start. In many ways, that year literally kicks off in less than two weeks.

You can bet Mike Meissen will be there to help make that happen.

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Cruisaders poised for conference push

All-WHAC players Parent, Ferrick lead the way

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer



Ferrick Parent



Senior midfielder Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) started all 20 games last year for the Madonna University women's soccer team. TIM BUSCH/TBSPORTK.COM

There's a slightly different air of anticipation entering the 2013 Madonna University women's soccer season.

"For sure, expectations are pretty high and I think they have high expectations of themselves, which make my job a lot easier," MU coach Jeff Hodgson said. "This is my fourth year and these are all of my recruits. We've gone from 11 wins, six wins to 11. And hopefully we'll always be in that 15-win year going forward."

The Cruisaders finished with an 11-0 overall in 2012, including a 5-3 record en route to a fourth-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The team's leading scorer, junior Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario), returns after scoring 18 goals and adding seven assists.

Junior forward Katlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere), who tallied nine goals and three assists, will also be

counted on to provide offense, along with sophomore midfielder Jennifer Jurcak (Utica Eisenhower), who added seven goals and four assists.

"She (Parent) is very motivated," Hodgson said. "She's been coming off an injury. If she stays healthy, she should be right around the same amount. And Katlyn Krysiak had nine goals and missed half of the season. Those two are pretty potent up front, for sure."

Krysiak, however, may not be able to play in the season opener Friday at Taylor (Ind.) University.

"She rolled her ankle pretty good, but we're not sure it's a sprain or a stress fracture," Hodgson said.

Senior Liliana Serratos (Dearborn), who started all 20 games at forward last season, adds depth up front.

Senior Amanda Ferrick (Warren Cousino), who recorded four goals and nine assists a year

ago, will get help in the midfield from sophomore Kelly Capocchia (Livonia Ladywood), who transferred in from Grand Valley State after playing a reserve role on the Lakers' NCAA Division II Final Four team.

"Ferrick has been all-conference two of her three years," Hodgson said. "Capocchia will be one of our better players. With those two in the middle, and if the people up front stay healthy, we should be fairly offensive."

Senior Amanda Jena-

way (Livonia Stevenson) will also help anchor the midfield after starting all 20 games in 2012.

Other midfielders vying for playing time are sophomore Morgan Himanek (Warren Region), senior Kelsey Littmore (Oxford), junior Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario) and junior Kayla Szado (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College).

After losing Lauryn Dostillo and Jackie Vaquera to graduation, Hodgson had to retool his defense.

"Our back line is fair-

ly seasoned with a senior, two juniors and a sophomore," he said. "We've had a couple of scrimmages already and we have a pretty smart, fast back line."

Hodgson expects big things from Dayna Melloche, a sophomore from Amherstburg who missed nine games last year after suffering a broken foot.

"She's sort of a catalyst back there," he said.

Kristin Bick (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), who started all 20 games last year, joins

Lindsay McMullen (Churchill/Schoolcraft) and freshman Taylor Kelly (Lamphere) as defenders.

Sophomore Blaire Schmalenberg (Cousino) returns as the starter in goal after posting six shutouts. She posted a 1.34 goals against and .782 save percentage.

She will be pushed by freshman newcomer Katrina Arnold (Essex, Ontario).

"Blair had a great year last year," Hodgson said. "And Katrina has looked strong the past couple of days. Goalkeeping is definitely on the rise from a couple of years ago."

Hodgson, meanwhile, remains cautiously optimistic about his team's chances this fall in the WHAC.

"I don't know necessarily about our depth or if we're as deep as we need to be, but top 12 I'd put us up against anybody in the conference for sure," he said. "We should have some success this year, but we do have a hard schedule. Probably in the NAIA, we probably have the hardest schedule of any of the teams."

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Young swimmer breaks record

Kylie Goit of Canton made a record-breaking splash at the recent 14 & Under Central Zone Swim Meet in Geneva, Ohio.

Kylie, representing Team Michigan at the Aug. 2-4 meet, set a new state record in the 10 & Under 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 5.23 seconds.

That time bested the previous record of 1:05.85, established in 1990.

She also finished first in the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley and collected silver medals in three individual events (50 backstroke, 50 butterfly and 200 freestyle) and two relays.

For her versatile and spectacular efforts, Kylie — a member of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisaders — finished in a tie for high point honors for the meet.



Kylie Goit of Canton displays her impressive haul of medals recently earned at the 14 & Under Central Zone Swim Meet in Geneva, Ohio.

WOMEN'S SOCCER Lady Ocelots expect to challenge again

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Success is always measured in times when it comes to the Schoolcraft College women's soccer program.

The Lady Ocelots snagged their second straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association crown last year with a 7-0-1 record, but coach Deepak Shivraman's 14-4-2 team fell short in the NJCAA Region 12 tournament, losing to Delta College on penalty kicks in a semifinal match.

"It's always high at Schoolcraft," said Shivraman, now entering his seventh season. "The standards set forth before I got there and the previous years with Bill Tolsted's programs. The same thing after I had taken over... the players have really set a pretty high standard. We expect nothing less than winning the league again. We have a league

now with several teams — Muskegon, Delta, Toledo Owens and a couple of other teams. And definitely getting a push to nationals, but it's a long journey from now until October so..."

NAIA power Martin Methodist (Tenn.) signed three players off last year's Schoolcraft team, which finished second during the regular season in NJCAA Region 12 with a 9-1-2 record.

Last to graduation was second-team All-Region and All-MCCA selection Lauren Badalamente and MCCA honorable mention pick Anthony Papanoianou.

All-Region and All-MCCA midfielder Rachel Blackney (Livonia Churchill) also opted to forgo her second year at Schoolcraft to sign with Martin Methodist, along with Papanoianou and Badalamente.

The loss of Badalamente, a dangerous

forward, will be immense.

"We think we can score the goals, but Lauren was just a phenomenal athlete," Shivraman said. "She was such a beast... strong, aggressive with a no-fear kind of an attitude. Sometimes you miss that because on the other side you have the star players. They're good players and they're special, but they don't like to get dirty, whereas Lauren just enjoyed that. She enjoyed that part of the game, the physicality of it."

The cupboard, however, is far from bare as Shivraman returns the top-notch 1-2 goalkeeping punch of All-Region and All-MCCA pick Tara Gessler (Smith) and Alexis Brighton (Livonia Franklin).

Second-team All-Region and All-MCCA choice Chelsea Meador (Brighton) will help anchor the defense,

along with Lisa McMullen (Livonia Churchill), Erin McKay (Rochester Hills) and Maggie McLaughlin (Grosse Ile).

Returning will be Samantha Jarrett (Northville), an honorable mention All-MCCA selection, along with Alexis Walker (White Lake Lakeland).

Forward Taylor Bunyak (Anchor Bay) also returns for her second season.

Among the promising newcomers are forwards River Houtteker (Livonia Hills and Andover), Alexi Cano (Riverview) and Jessica Perry (Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes); center forward Kelly McKay (Rochester Hills); midfielder Taylor Breault (Novi); and defender Kate Farthing (Warren J.L. Western).

"I'm very happy to see she's a rocket, and we hope she scores some goals," Shivraman said.

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Western, University of

Detroit-Jesuit and Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Second-round games will begin at 11:45 p.m., with final championship and consolation games

slated for 3 p.m. Unlike regular, 80-minute games, however, the Balconi matches are 60 minutes long — the proper length for players

who are still amping up for the start of the regular schedule the week beginning Aug. 26.

"Part of the day is really just getting it out

and fighting fatigue," Duhl said. "It is truly a test mentally as well as physically for all the teams involved."

games 1-2 (11:45 a.m., soccer stadium); Game 6: Consolation, games 3-4 (11:45 a.m., turf field); Game 7: Consolation, games 1-2 (11:45 a.m., practice field); Game 8: Winners of games 3-4 (11:45 a.m., freshman field); Game 9: Winners of games 5-8 (3 p.m., soccer stadium); Game 10: Winners of games 6-7 (3 p.m., turf field); Game 11: Consolation, games 6-7 (3 p.m., practice field); Game 12: Consolation, games 5-8 (3 p.m., freshman field).

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PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its September 5, 2013 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- ZBA application 1510, 46001 Arenasburg T. district and is requesting one variance to permit that it will have a rear setback 60' (50' feet). The variance req.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building.

CANINE WITH CANCER CARRIES ON PET THERAPY WORK

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chet, 6, and Talon, 8, welcome customers to Amazing Pet Grooming in Garden City with wagging tails and grins. Sometimes, they drop their toys at a visitor's feet. Or open the gate to the lobby with their noses and hunker down at a client's side.

The two golden retrievers, who are pet therapy dogs, are lovable fixtures at the shop on Ford Road near Merriman, owned by their "mom" Lisa Jacques.

"My regulars have known them since they were babies," Jacques said, during an interview last week at the shop. "There is not a day they aren't here except Saturday, because it's so busy for us. If I'm working on a customer's dog, they'll come out (to the lobby) and be with the people. The customers touch them and play with them."

These days, her clients also donate toward Chet's medical treatment. Jacques' employee, Tera Howard, placed a collection jar in the shop and the lobby is decorated with bone-shaped signs sporting names of contributors. Chet was diagnosed with lymphoma last October and takes chemotherapy treatment at the Animal Cancer & Imaging Center in Canton.

Jacques is grateful for her customers' financial support and kind words and for the care Chet receives at the center.

"They ask me every time they come in how he's doing," she said. "It's nice that people are so thoughtful. People put in a dollar or two and anything helps. I put it toward our bill."

Costly care

Jacques figures she and her husband, Frank, have spent

approximately \$10,000 on Chet's treatment and care since he was diagnosed.

"When he first started, he went once a week for chemo and in February, ended his treatment. He was in remission but came out of it. It's tough, he goes in and out of remission," she said. "Each chemo is different. The chemo we're doing now is a long-term chemo, a drip. It's almost \$700 (per session) and there is one every three weeks."

Previous weekly treatments cost \$300-\$600, Jacques said. They also pay for blood work done between each chemo session. Talon accompanies Chet to every treatment as a "support" dog.

Jacques has owned five golden retrievers and lost two of them to cancer. In both cases, the prognosis wasn't good and the dogs were put down shortly after diagnosis.

"I didn't go through anything then, like I'm going through now. It has taken a toll on us physically, financially and mentally."

She said they continue to do everything they can for Chet because he seems to thrive in spite of the cancer.

"He runs, plays and swims. He is being himself. If he was sick all the time and lethargic and couldn't be Chet, we wouldn't do this. He is living a full life. He's young and could still have another seven years."

Pet therapy

Jacques admits she spoils her dogs. They go "everywhere" with the couple, including on vacation to "grandma's and grandpa's" house in Traverse City. They have their own chairs at home and sleep on their owners' bed. Jacques' husband takes them to the park on weekends and as a couple, they take the dogs twice



Lisa Jacques adjusts Chet's pet therapy bandana. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

monthly to Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor with Pet-a-Pet, the pet therapy organization. They also visit seniors at St. Christopher Church in Detroit.

"They are a very dedicated couple and both their dogs do pet therapy with us. I think it helps the patients considerably knowing Chet is going through this," said Mary Chamberlain, Pet-a-Pet's facility coordinator for Heritage Hospital. "They know the dog is going through life-threatening issues of his own and yet he takes time to see them and makes people happy."

"He wags his tail and shows how happy he is to be there," Chamberlain said, adding "and (chemo) is not an easy treat-



Tera Howard, a groomer at Amazing Pet Grooming in Garden City, came up with the donation jar to help pay for Chet's chemotherapy.

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Be aware of learning disabilities this new school year

According to the Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan some 91,000 students in the state's special education programs have a learning disability.

By definition, the term "specific learning disability" applies when a student whose achievement in one or more of the basic learning areas of reading, writing or arithmetic is substantially below that which is expected, given the child's chronological age, intellectual level and grade placement. This also assumes that the learning disorder is not due to other reasons such as cognitive impairment (low IQ), emotional impairment or other physical health impairments (ADHD, seizure disorder, traumatic brain injury, etc.).

A psychologist gives standardized reading, writing and arithmetic achievement tests and a standardized intelligence



Len McCulloch

test to diagnose a learning disability. Approximately 5 percent of students in the public schools in the United States are now identified as having specific learning disabilities.

Some causes of learning disabilities may be genetic, neurological, the result of birthing problems or perinatal exposure to alcohol, or drugs, nicotine or some medicines. Some may be from exposure to lead poisoning during formative years. Interestingly, boys seem to outnumber girls by 3:1 in learning disabilities.

Misunderstandings

Over the past 30 years, I have worked with learning

disabled children and their parents and found that most of them do not understand that the child is not retarded, lazy, or crazy. Also, in conducting approximately 1,000 Social Security Disability determination evaluations each year, for the past 20 years, I have seen numerous cases of learning disability in people who have also developed maladaptive emotional/functional and behavior disorders due to misunderstandings by themselves and their families of what learning disability is and what it is not.

Some people believe that special attention needs to be given by teachers, parents and friends of the learning disabled student to educate them about what their disability is. The misunderstandings can often be more devastating than the learning disabilities. These include low self-esteem, poor

self-image, conduct problems, delinquency, and a high dropout rate. It has been shown that there is a disproportionate number (up to 70 percent) of our prison population vs. our general population with diagnosable specific learning disabilities.

Considerations

Perhaps this sad state of affairs can be deterred by having psychoeducative groups within schools for learning disabled students, and their families, wherein they can see that they are "not the only one." They can learn ways to support each other, gain understanding about their problems and find ways to compensate for them. Learning alternative ways of gaining self-esteem, through sports, social programs and recreational activities, can aid in deterring the only thing worse

than a learning disability, which is having a misunderstanding of their problem and a misguided opinion of themselves.

Resources

Help is available within school systems; ask for a consultation with the child's teacher and the school district's psychologist to learn more about what can be done.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan is at: www.ldafomichigan.org

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Send reunion information to Sharon Dargary at sdargary@hometownlife.com

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40-year reunion is set from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48301-9553. Tickets are \$75 payable only to individuals, dancing, good times. Get tickets from www.73hd40reunionmanager.com. Join the reunion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/73hd40reunion. Email: www.73hd40reunion@73hd40reunion.com. Reunion contact is Sande Esterwood Rouke.

GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Rock, Garden City, MI 48135.

GARDEN CITY EAST-WEST CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion will be held Oct. 5 at The Henry Ford and Best Western-Greenfield Inn. Register on www.eventbrite.com/event/5230568203274. Reunion contact is Sande Esterwood Rouke.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1966

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Call 734-462-3100. Check-in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. Email Kathy Sincin Shirah@theshins2.com.

CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set from 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located 6.5 miles and Newport. Tickets are \$50 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is also open to other classes. Contact Marcia Elliott at 269-327-0657 or email micky55@charter.net for ticket information.

LIVONIA FANCLIFF CLASS OF 1966

A golf outing and/or lunch is planned for Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Golf scramble starts at 8 a.m., with lunch at 12 p.m. Contact Luztas187264@aol.com or call 810-599-3509 for reservations.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

A 50-year reunion lunch is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact Mary-Dee 248-9639@gmail.com or call J. Quainte at 734-776-2561.

REUNIONS

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1968

A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For more information, contact Susan Keith Johnson at sjohnson4@comcast.net.

REDFORD THURSTON CLASSES OF 1970S

A Best of the 70s reunion is planned for Aug. 24 at Whispering Willows Golf Course/ Tin Cup Bar & Grill, 20500 Newburg Drive, Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, gratuity, music, keg beer, coffee bar and prizes. Cost is \$40 at the door. All alumni welcome. For tickets and more information, visit facebook.com/tch3147@yahoo.com or visit Thurston 73 on Facebook.

REDFORD UNION CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is set for Oct. 19. Looking for former classmates. For more information, contact Jamie (Stafforn) Fraley at fraleyjm66@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Burton Manor Banquet Center, 2777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For reservations, visit www.rhubsdus1973.com or contact Deb Cutshall at deb.k.cutshall@gmail.com.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Westin Hotel-Southfield, 1500 Town Center. Dinner tickets are \$89 and include food stations and a cash bar. Other weekend activities include what can be done. For more information, visit the reunion Facebook page: www.facebook.com/73hd40reunion. Register at www.southfieldhigh1973.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

The 40th reunion will include a picnic from 3-9 p.m. and an after-party from 9 p.m. to midnight Aug. 24. For more information, visit the reunion Facebook page: www.facebook.com/73hd40reunion. Register at www.westlandjohn1973.com.

CLASS OF 1983

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Tickets are on sale now. The early bird price, before Sept. 7, is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple after that date. It's \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. The price includes a strolling band and open bar with DJ. Make checks payable to the Baker, JGHHS Class of '83 Reunion and send to P.O. Box 0876, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, email Linda Harbison at jhs1983@gmail.com.

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GARDEN & NATURE

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com, 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

Butterflies

Brenda Dziedzic, owner of Brenda's Butterfly Habitat and author of "Learn about Butterflies in the Garden," will demonstrate egg bleaching techniques to prevent disease in home-raised at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Diane Prudden from Monarch Watch also will talk about tagging efforts to track monarch butterflies. Questions? Call 734-223-5510 or sembutterfly.com.

Outdoor survival

Survival expert Mary Warren shows how to build a fire, use a bow drill, make a debris shel-

ter and extract pure water from the earth during Outdoor Survival Workshop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in Heritage Park. Located between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. She'll also lead a wild edible hike through the park. Participants should bring a bag lunch and water, all other materials will be provided. The fee is \$25 per person, for ages 16 and up. Advanced registration is required and available at https://recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participants should meet at the Nature Center. Call 248-477-1155 or e-mail asmith@fhgov.com for more information.

English gardens

English gardens strolls in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners. If enjoy shopping, indoor plants, food, wine and music in a garden-like setting from 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23, at the West Bloomfield store. Pre-registration is required. Learn how to use plants for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, at all locations. The "Color Wheel" which plants provide year-round color and learn to create interest in your garden every season, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 31, at all locations. The presentation is free.

Learn the basics of landscape design at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at all stores, in a free presentation. Get tips for fall lawn care and learn how to keep it healthy through the winter, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, at all stores. Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, 248-2800; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-

7506.

In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hike is 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23, starting at the Nature Center in the Park. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register at recreg.fhgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also offers a Friday from 7-9 p.m. from August 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

Master gardener

Interested in becoming a master gardener? Classes will run from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Dec. 10, at the Detroit RESA Auditorium, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost for the training is \$300. To register, visit msun.edu and click on events to navigate to the master gardener program.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden, is open sunrise to sunset from spring-fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education, and for social and community gatherings. It is available for group tours as well as for individual visits. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Ahm docent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 482-2800, ext. 17, or email rvast@bethahm.org. Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. www.wollbiblegarden.org.

St. George Church's Greek Fest Sept. 6-8

Opening-day ceremonies at St. George's Greek Fest are Friday, Sept. 6, when St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave., is saluted for 85 years of service to the community and world. Festivities began at noon with the Lighting of the Torch by Jack Weiner, CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, in front of the hospital's renovated surgical wing.

"Olympic runner" Harry Birden will carry the torch, running a short distance from the hospital to the church grounds, where attending dignitaries will witness the flaming of what may be the "World's Largest Saganaki."

There, Sen. George Pappageorgis, R-Troy, will present a proclamation from the state of Michigan to St. George Church for its continuing commitment and dedication to both its religious community as well as the community at large.

Hours for the St. George's YASSO Festival are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. www.yassogreekfestival.com.

MILESTONES

WEDDING

Theresa Bailey-Nathan Weidner

Theresa Bailey and Nathan Weidner were married Saturday, Aug. 10, at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Florissant, Mo. The Rev. Jim Mitulski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Timothy Bailey and Joan Smykowski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weidner of Florissant, Mo.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her mother and father and given away by her brother. During the ceremony, the bridegroom's godmother, Karen Petrucic of Chicago, Ill., read from 1 Corinthians 12:13-18. Sue Whittaker, the bride's godmother, of Big Bend, Wisc., read from Genesis 1:26-28, 31.

Grain Baker of Florissant, Mo., was best man. Usher-groomsmen were Marcus Weller of Thomas, Nicholas Bergeron of Detroit, Thomas Friedhoff of Florissant, Mo., and Ryan Diehl of Eureka, Mo.

Elizabeth Bailey of Dearborn was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Audrey Jackson of Dearborn, Kingerly O'Brien of Mt. Pleasant and Lindsay McCarthy of Virginia.



Theresa and Nathan Weidner

The unofficial ring barriers for the ceremony where Joey Grass of Big Bend, Wisc., Alexander and Benjamin Ritchey of Ellicott City, Md., and David Whittaker of Iowa City, Iowa.

The reception was held at the Sheraton Saint Louis. After cocktails on the hotel's 13th floor patio, overlooking the famed Gateway Arch of Saint Louis, the wedding party moved to the banquet hall. The couple selected decorated doughnuts instead of a wedding cake.

The bride is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed by the Missouri University of Science and Technology in the Department of Global Learning.

The groom, also a graduate of Wayne State University, earned a Ph.D. and is an assistant professor of industrial psychology at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

The couple will take a honeymoon trip to Hawaii in spring 2014. They reside in Rolla, Mo.

WEDDING

Bader-Moore

Pete Bader and Kristy Moore were married Saturday, July 20, at The Lost Arrow Resort on the Tittabawassee River/Secord Lake in Gladwin County.

The couple was joined by family and close friends for the weekend event, which featured the wedding ceremony, dinner, dancing, toast and bonfires.

The groom is the son of the late Daniel J. Bader and is employed as a regional director of operations at Laurel Park Lake in Livonia.



Kristy and Pete Bader of Livonia

The bride is the daughter of David Moore of Livonia and Jane Moore of Livonia and is employed as a global relocation specialist at Corning International in Farmington Hills.

The couple resides in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENT

Haddad-Darwiche

Katie Marie Haddad and Fadi Darwiche announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathy Haddad and Nabil Haddad, both of Livonia, is an actress and model in Las Vegas, Nev. A huge car fan, she also owns two show and race cars.

Her fiancé, son of Mona and Hussein Darwiche of Beirut, Lebanon, grew up in Lebanon. He owns a car repair shop in Las Vegas.



Katie Haddad and Fadi Darwiche

gas, Nev., and shares Katie's love of cars. A September 2013 wedding is planned at Burton Manor in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENT

Pankow-Redington

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pankow of South Lyon and Mr. and Mrs. James Redington of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Ashley Elizabeth Pankow and Robert Andrew Redington.

The happy couple plans to marry in October 2014.



Elizabeth Pankow and Robert Redington

ENGAGEMENT

Witkowski-Farquhar

Nick Witkowski and Ross Farquhar announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Larry and Debbie Witkowski of Livonia. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by EOS Solutions of Troy. The groom is the son of Maureen Valeri of Farmington Hills and Eric Farquhar of Livonia. He is a graduate of Michigan State University.



Ross Farquhar and Nick Witkowski

The wedding and reception will be held in April 2014 at the Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion.

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BORST, ROBERT C.

Age 94 of Uica, Michigan, passed away August 16, 2013. He was born October 24, 1918 in Highland Park, Michigan. Mr. Borst was the previous owner of Ford Lincoln Mercury in Troy. He was a WWII Veteran. A member of the Birmingham Country Club and the Atlantic Country Club, West Palm Beach, Florida. He is predeceased by his wife Mary Borst. Leaving behind family and friends including Ann (Garry) Radzewski, Deborah (Daniel) Jensen, Winney (Matthew) Schmitz, and William Biegan (Christina) Mielke. He is survived by his son, Michael Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 Bks. E. of Van Dyke) Uica. In state Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 40501 Hayes, Sterling Heights, until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Church's Hospital.

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HITCHCOCK, LARRY

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FISHER, LAURA J.

Age 56, of Canton, died August 14, 2013. Laura is the beloved and devoted mother of Alicia Hall, Charles Fisher and Heather Buchanan, loving daughter of Roland and the late Bonnie Wright, dear sister of Randall Wright, Martin Wright, Debra Godin, Starla Adly, Julie Marano and Eric Wright, grandmother of 15, great grandmother of one. Sadly, in addition to her mother, Laura was preceded in death by her brother, Edward. Funeral Service Monday, August 19, 2:00 p.m., at the Heeneysundquist Memorial Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 910 Mile Rd., just N. of Grand River), Westland Farmington (248-474-5200), visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. Internment North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills. Memorial gifts suggested to the Fisher family to be used at their discretion.

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GABEL, JEFFREY T.

Age 48, of Farmington Hills, died at his home on August 13, 2013. He is survived by his children, Audrey and Cameron, his mother, Ruth Gabel, brother, Larry Gabel, sister, Laura Gabel, niece, Madison, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Jeffrey Gabel, in 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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SHOEMAKER, MIRIAM A. VENTURA
AIDS FULKNER
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DRUMM, LOUISE LEONA KAISER

Born in Detroit, Michigan on August 18, 1917. Deceased to meet God and her loved ones on August 20, 2013 just 4 days before her 96th birthday. She resided in Birmingham and Beverly Hills, California since 1957. She was a member of Emory Methodist Church in Birmingham, Louise "Lee" Drumm was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, professional, and friend. She dedicated her life to the service of others. She was also actively engaged in her community, both as a caring and involved neighbor and friend and as a citizen who sought to enhance the lives of others. She was actively involved in the PTA, Pinewood Derby, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Groves Big Band Jazz Series, and numerous school events for both of her children. She also worked as a volunteer for Dr. Jonas Salk's infant polio vaccine campaign. Lee's service to others also took the form of providing expert leadership in her work. She helped others in need, and mentored and trained dozens of workers to become skilled artists, craftsmen, and productive members of the community. Lee overcame incredible challenges in her life as a child of Great Depression, a wife of a WWII veteran, and as an early widow. She was one of the women who assumed a supervisory industrial position during WWII. She also worked for the Harrison Luggage Company, one of the first airline carry-on luggage. Lee was graduated from Lincoln High School in Warren, Michigan. She also attended Business College. She was an incredibly intelligent woman who went back to work after raising her children. She worked at Amber Management Company in Royal Oak for approximately 20 years. At Amber she supervised a large staff and oversaw the maintenance of all their properties throughout Southeast Michigan. Lee was married to Ralph J. Drumm for 31 years until his death in 1971. They moved and lived at his side in Corona, California when he returned injured from service in the Pacific during WWII. Her children are John and Maryann Kaiser. She was predeceased by all of her siblings, Bernice, Cain, and John. Her children, and Werner Kaiser. Her children are Brenda Drumm Child (Clyde) and Mel Deam (Elizabeth). Her beloved granddaughter is Amy Drummond. She has many nieces and nephews in both the Drumm and Kaiser families. Lee was a very strong and independent woman, yet she was also charming and amazing. People loved spending time with her, and she especially many lives. She will always be remembered and loved, cherished by her children, Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-549-0500. Internment at White Swan Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Focus: HOPE, 1355 Oakland Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238. appreciated. Visit obituary at www.DesmondFunerals.com

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To your health: Student, family show there's life after diabetes diagnosis

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jeff Hewlett, 19, of Novi was diagnosed at age 4 with Type 1 diabetes.

"It was certainly a shock at first," said Hewlett, now a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Northville High School graduate. "It certainly never slowed down anything I did."

He grew up with brother Joey, 17, a Northville High senior, and parents Rich and the late Chris Hewlett. Chris died in 2012 following a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer.

The family decided in the late 1990s, when Jeff was diagnosed, to do fundraising for JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). This year's golf outing, their fifth, raised some \$65,000, with a total of more than \$280,000 raised by the outings.

The family is in the "Noville" area, where people have a Novi mailing address, but children attend Northville schools. "At that time, we didn't have much experience with Type 1," Rich recalled of his son's diagnosis.

They got involved with Jackson friends in the JDRF Western Michigan Chapter, with a walk that included former University of Michigan football coaches Bo Schenbeck and Lloyd Carr. Rich Hewlett played under Schenbeck from 1979-83.

They later put together



University of Michigan football coach Brady Hoke (left) introduces Rich and Jeff Hewlett during a fundraiser.

er their own team for an Ann Arbor fundraiser, rapidly becoming the top team. In 2006-07, they were asked about hosting an event for the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center, where Jeff gets his care.

"There was a real interest in getting those two organizations more closely aligned," said Rich, an attorney with the Grand Rapids-based Varnum law firm. Varnum has been the presenting sponsor for their golf outing the last three times.

The family appreci-

ates support of the Northville-Novi community, Rich serves on the JDRF board for southeast Michigan.

They transferred Jeff's care to U-M in adult endocrinology and the younger Hewlett is in an upcoming clinical trial there.

The study is funded by the JDRF and led by Dr. Massimo Pietropaolo of U-M. Dr. Max, as he's called, is studying the pancreas in those with long-term diabetes, seeing if it can be stimulated to produce insulin and cut down on injections.

"I've always been comfortable with the injections," said Jeff, who generally gives himself four a day. He also checks his blood sugar with a finger prick.

"It's just something that has been an added aspect of my life," added Jeff, who played high school football and basketball. "It hasn't really changed anything for me."

He volunteered a couple of summers back at U-M and now works in a renal pathology lab there, a job he'll con-

tinue part time when school resumes. Jeff is taking mostly U-M prerequisites now, not yet decided on a major.

"It's something we are very personally vested in," he said, with his father agreeing they like reaching out to others who don't have their resources.

The Hewletts have a website, www.swingtocure.org, on their efforts. They also recommend the JDRF website, www.jdrf.org, especially for those newly diagnosed.

"We do feel blessed," Rich said. "We are in a situation where we can hopefully show there are ways to live with it. Jeff's always been a great ambassador."

Their supporters include U-M coach Brady Hoke, former coach Carr, his former teammates, Jeff's coaches and teachers, Rich's clients, friends and family. They had to skip the golf outing one year, due to Chris' illness and the economy.

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For most parents, childhood vaccines can be both a source of reassurance and anxiety. Dr. Nicholas Packey, of the Garden City Hospital Center for Family Medicine, explains how vaccines provide invaluable protection with little risk for side effects.

Q: Why should I have my child immunized if all the other kids in school are immunized?

A: It is true that a single child's chance of catching a disease is low if everyone else is immunized. But your child is also exposed to people other than just those in school. And if one person thinks about skipping vaccines, chances are others are thinking the same thing. Each child who isn't immunized gets these highly contagious diseases more chance to spread.

Q: Do immunizations cause autism?

A: Numerous studies have found no link between vaccines and autism. Likewise, a groundbreaking report from the Institute of Medicine found that thimerosal, an organic mercury compound used as a preservative in vaccines since the 1930s, does not cause autism. Still, some parents have opted not to have their children immunized, putting them at great risk of contracting deadly diseases.

The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, especially, has come under fire despite many scientific reports indicating that there's no clear evidence linking the vaccine to autism. In fact, in 2004 a long-disputed 1998 study that suggested a possible link between autism and the MMR vaccine was retracted and rejected by all major health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization.

Q: Are there dangerous side effects or reactions to childhood vaccines?

A: Fortunately, severe side effects or reactions to vaccines are few and rare. The biggest concern is anaphylaxis, an allergic reaction that can cause an itchy rash, throat swelling, and low blood pressure. Depending on the vaccine, side effects such as anaphylaxis can occur in 1 out of several hundred thousand, to 1 in a million vaccines.

Q: Is it dangerous for children to have so many vaccines administered at once?

A: Available scientific data shows that simultaneous vaccination with multiple vaccines has no adverse effects on the normal childhood immune system. A number of studies have been conducted, and have shown that recommended vaccines are as effective in combination as they are individually, and such combinations carry no greater risk for adverse side effects. There is no evidence to suggest the recommended childhood vaccines overload the immune system.

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Mazda plans to drive new Mazda6 top of midsize heap



By Dale Buss

Because it's a scrappy brand, Mazda has held on in the U.S. market without the vehicles or marketing muscle to pose a serious threat to Toyota's and Honda's dominance of the small-car market over the last few decades.

But increasingly, Mazda does have the cars to compete in the hottest segments, like the latest version of the CX-5 SUV and, now, the all-new Mazda6 mid-size sedan. And Mazda's marketing has wisely moved beyond the "zoom-zoom" mantra to a more differentiated pitch based on its SkyActiv sub-brand of "light-weighting" technologies and nameplate-centric campaigns that take advantage of the better vehicles.

"We realized long ago that we're not going to be able to out-shout any of our big competitors, so we have to be more clever than they are, in unique and different ways," Jeremy Barnes, Mazda's director of PR and brand experience in the U.S., told me. "Our biggest challenge as a brand is not that people think poorly of our brand but that they don't think immediately of us."

This problem has become mostly a marketing challenge, because Mazda vehicles themselves are sure as taking on their share of the responsibility for a turnaround. The new Mazda6 touts highly acclaimed new styling and the product line's fullest expression yet of SkyActiv technologies such as a more fuel-efficient engine and transmission and lightweight new materials and components.

In fact, the car is completely new from the ground up, Barnes said, and is entirely a Mazda creation; the Mazda6 it replaces was a joint product of Mazda and its erstwhile partner, Ford.

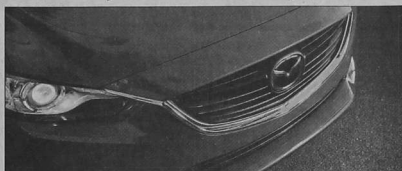
The midsize sedan represents a huge departure from the old model, the second vehicle to flow from an engineering program that Mazda launched after the alliance with Ford ended in 2010. Mazda executives invested heavily in new engines and transmissions and lightweight materials under SkyActiv.

Mazda6 combines high fuel economy with a sportiness that separates the car, and the brand, from other Japanese companies' compact offerings and holds up well against other competitors including a redesigned Ford Fusion, Hyundai Sonata, Kia Optima and Volkswagen Passat.

The interior of the car already has won awards for its appearance and the use of quality materials. But some reviewers have complained about cargo space and interior storage niches being too small and about a 5.8-inch touch screen, which is smaller and less sensitive to the touch than some competitors'.



The CX-5 was the first new vehicle launched under the SkyActiv umbrella.



The just-launched new 2014 Mazda6 provides worthy competition in the compact segment.

Interestingly, Mazda also plans to take the plunge into clean-diesel technology with a new diesel engine that will be available on the Mazda6 later this year. This will provide yet another "green" way that Mazda can differentiate its worthy new compact from the competition.

The other early product of Mazda's go-it-alone engineering is the CX-5, a new version of the compact SUV that just ranked highest of any nameplate in the segment in the new J.D. Power study of shopper appeal.

For Mazda6, the brand launched its "Take6 Ride and Drive Program" sequentially in 15 major U.S. cities (though not Detroit) beginning this month in Seattle and ending in November. The idea of this "experiential" initiative is for Mazda representatives to partner with restaurants where the brand's target Millennial demographic just happens to be waiting for a table. These "brand ambassadors" offer to take

up just six minutes of their idle time with a quick pitch about, and a test drive of, the Mazda6—conveniently is sitting at the curb. Mazda offers gift cards or free dessert at the restaurant as a lure.

"They'll have gone out for dinner, and our goal is to catch these people where they are rather than making them go where the car is," like a dealership, Barnes said. "We're trying to drive interest, get people behind the wheel of the Mazda6, understand what makes it unique and different—and do it in a way that's comfortable."

"It's an opportunity for them to see that the car does drive wonderfully. And when they're in the market to go shopping for a new car, if they think of putting Mazda6 on their shopping list, then we've done our job."

As a final reward for going along in Take6, Mazda gives each diner a Mazda6-branded spice grinder. "It's because food is typically a passion point for our kind of customers," Barnes explained. "The Mazda logo will stare at you. It's another memory device for when you're buying your next car."

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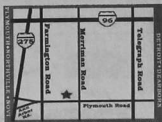
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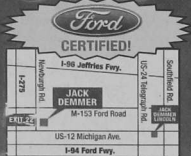
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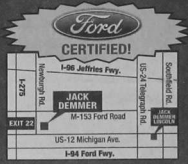
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