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Memorial Day

Canton's annual Memorial Day ceremony takes place 1 p.m. Monday at the memorial located in Heritage Park, behind the township administration building on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528, other veterans and their supporters will be on hand.

The day also includes a pair of patriotic concerts by the BeckRidge Chorale, set for 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at Cherry Hill and Ridge.

Party time

Organizers of the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Senior Party are looking for senior parent volunteers for efforts now through the night of the June 12 party.

Parents are needed to work the party, in two shifts: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. Organizers also seek volunteers to help complete the decorations. For anyone willing to donate, they're looking for gift cards of any kind, food and paper products.

The party is 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday, June 12, at Salem High School.

For more information, contact Kris Hruska at pceps-eniorparty@yahoo.com or call (734) 306-5296.



The YMCA Father's Day run takes place Sunday, June 19.

Father's Day run

Join the Plymouth YMCA as it celebrates its 50th anniversary for a Father's Day tradition at the 32nd Father's Day Run Sunday, June 19.

The morning of fun and fitness will kick off at 7:30 a.m. with the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps and the national anthem by Plymouth attorney John C. Stewart.

The Father's Day Run offers an event for every age. Kids quarter-mile Fun Runs, 7:30 a.m.; one-mile walk, one-mile run at 8 a.m., 5K Walk, 5K Run, 8:15 a.m., 10K, 8:45 a.m. The unique Morse Dental Group, 17th MDG Triple, 10.3 miles, offers start times to run all three races. Registration is now open at www.active.com or for a printable registration form and more race information please visit www.ymca-detroit.org/plymouth.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Cindy Morency at cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org. Proceeds support the Plymouth YMCA "Strong Kids" scholarship campaign.



Ryan Swick accepts the Firefighter of the Year award from Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek.

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**Bittersweet day for
Canton's top firefighter**

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mere hours after he learned his skin cancer has spread, 32-year-old Ryan Swick reached the pinnacle of his career Thursday evening as he was named Canton Firefighter of the Year.

It was a bittersweet day for Swick, a highly respected firefighter and father of two little girls — Shelby, 2, and Shylee, 9 months. He has earned accolades for saving other people's lives even as he battles for his own.

Honored by the Canton Public Safety Department's top brass, Swick humbly accepted his award on the stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill as the audience stood to applaud him. His wife, Laurie, snapped pictures of him during the Canton Fire Department's 12th annual awards ceremony.

"I'm very humbled," Swick said during an interview before the ceremony. "I never thought anything I did would lead to an honor like this."

Swick was singled out among 59 firefighters for the department's highest honor on the same night his wife earned a Civilian Commendation. She called 9-1-1 before grabbing a garden hose and dousing a wooden fence that had caught fire across the street last summer in their Canton neighborhood. She was nearly eight months pregnant at the time.

"She stepped in and risked her safety as well as the safety of her unborn child to not only put the fire out, but to keep the fire from spreading," Fire Chief Tim Dunn said.



Laurie Swick, wife of Firefighter of the Year Ryan Swick, receives a Civilian Commendation for putting out a burning fence.

Ryan Swick was lauded by Dunn as a hard-working firefighter/paramedic who has emerged as a leader and role model as he continues to work following multiple surgeries and treatment for melanoma.

"He has worked every day his doctors would allow him to work with a smile on his face and determina-

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Retirement beckons for longtime assistant

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A frazzled Deb Zevalkink stood in the Canton Meijer parking lot as clowns, unicyclists, Boy Scouts, horses and a parade of other noise-makers encircled her.

It was 2003 — the first year the Liberty Fest parade had moved to bustling Ford Road — and she was helping to spearhead it.

Zevalkink can laugh now as she reflects on a scene that was, at best, chaotic.

"It was crazy," she said. "I was totally panicked."

Not surprising to those who know her, the parade fell into place as it departed the Meijer parking lot and made its way along Canton's main thoroughfare, allowing Zevalkink, assistant to then-township Supervisor Tom Yack, to exhale.

"The nice thing about Deb is that she is someone you can challenge with anything — and you know that between her work ethic and her high standards, the product is going to be something you can depend on," Yack said.

Zevalkink ends her 26-year Canton career Friday, June 10, after working for three township supervisors and with a plethora of other employees.

"We will miss her," Clerk Terry Bennett said Tuesday, after the Canton Township Board of Trustees honored her during a tearful sendoff.

PART-TIMER AT FIRST

The late township Supervisor James Poole hired her 26 years ago as a part-time clerical

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Deb Zevalkink worked for three different township supervisors during her long career.

**District eyes
next steps in
solving budget**

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After making its latest round of cuts in an effort to reduce a projected \$18 million deficit in the 2011-12 school budget, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education remains some \$10 million short.

The board's decision Tuesday not to close Fiegel Elementary School, a move that would have saved an estimated \$1.4 million, and to leave class sizes where they are (a \$4 million decision) left administrators scrambling to replace not only that money, but to find the other \$5 million or so to cut.

"We're going to have to go back to the staff and figure it out," said James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services. "We're still looking at everything."

Trustees did approve some \$7 million in cuts Tuesday, among them:

- Cutting 17 elementary school teaching positions because of a drop in elementary enrollment. The move is expected to save \$1.2 million.

- Budgeting for 150 schools-of-choice students, which brings in just over \$1 million in revenue. Still to be decided is whether they'll be children of district employees or whether to allow students from contiguous school districts.

- Saving some \$945,000 in the custodial budget, perhaps with the elimination of some 21 jobs.

- Cutting out noontime busing for kindergarten students, a move that is projected to save some \$488,000.

Decisions board members could have made but didn't include not closing Fiegel, which also means Starkweather Education Center remains open (another \$183,000). Trustees also didn't increase class sizes, which means most of some 80 teachers the district expected to cut will remain employed. That's a \$4 million move. Also saved was WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station.

Administrators are counting on some legislative help. For instance, new legislation requires employees to pick up any health-care cost increases once their contracts expire. There's also legislation being debated that would force public employees to pay 20 percent of their health care beginning Jan. 1, 2012 (Plymouth-Canton staffers currently don't pay anything).

Larson-Shidler said that move alone would save the district some \$5 million.

He also said a new law prohibits districts negotiating new contracts from paying anything above the previous year, including step increases currently part of the Plymouth-Canton contracts. All of the district's contracts, he said, expire June 30, except the

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Familiar face brings carnival fun

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a one-year hiatus, a familiar face returns to Canton's Liberty Festival for its 20th year.

Skerbeck Brothers Shows, Inc., the Escanaba, Mich., firm which held the contract for several years before losing it last year, is back for the 2011 festival to provide the carnival attractions that have become such a huge hit at the festival.

Skerbeck replaces Wade Shows, which did a great job at last year's festival but lost out on the bid for the contract this year.

Organizers expect Skerbeck to enhance the festival's Family Zone, an area they wanted to expand this year.

"(Skerbeck) has great customer service, they're very family friendly," said Canton's recreation coordinator, Jon LaFever. "You don't have to worry about layers. You know you're talking right to the owners."

LaFever said the township was more than happy with Wade Shows, the same company that provides carnival rides to Livonia's annual Spree

festival, among others. It was simply a matter of dollars, as Skerbeck came in with the lower bid for the multi-year contract.

The carnival will again be huge, part of an expanded Family Zone that will incorporate activities over all three days of the festival. Among many other attractions, the festival will feature:

- A variety of petting zoos and animal attractions, with several different animal groups on hand to provide entertainment.

- A Fine Arts Tent featuring interactive activities for kids of all ages.

- The Michigan Lego Club will be on hand.

"We decided to play up our entertainment over all three days," LaFever said. "It's what the people want. A majority of Canton is young families. That is reflected in the numbers of people who attend and the amount of revenue the carnival brings in."

The carnival runs 5-11 p.m. Thursday, 1-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

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Bottle drive

Date/Time: Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Canton High School, Phase 3

Details: The Canton Chieftettes are sponsoring a bottle drive. Donations can be dropped off at Phase 3 at Canton High School.

Preschool open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road

Details: The Salvation Army offers its Tiny Tots Preschool for ages 3 to 5. Come and meet the teachers and see the classroom. To register for the

fall's classes, bring \$35 for the registration fee.
Contact: Call Sheila Johnson at the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464. More information is also available online at www.misalplymouth.org.

Toastmasters Open House

Time/Date: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 9

Location: Eastern Michigan University, 38777 W. Six Mile, at I-275, in Livonia. Room 412.

Details: Light refreshments; meet members of the West Side Professionals Toastmasters.
Contact: David Shevrin (248) 788-9511 or George Haralampopoulos (248) 672-2528; visit www.westsideprofessionals.org for more information.

Family picnic

Date/Time: Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Heritage Park, Pavilion 1 and 2, in Canton.

Details: A family picnic with grilled delights, a

train ride, face painting, a balloon artist, games and fun for all. Your immediate family is encouraged to attend complimentary with your \$20 dues for the 2011-12 and 40th season of the Canton Newcomers, the community's social and charitable group, where you don't have to be "new."
Contact: www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Jessica at (734) 331-3201.

PCA preschool

Date/Time: Now

Location: 43065 Joy Road, Canton (between Lilley and Morton Taylor)

Details: Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, is now enrolling for fall classes. Visit the website for a virtual tour and more information.

Contact: (734) 459-3505 or www.plymouthchristian.org

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teachers union contract which runs through Aug. 31.

"We have no employee contracts signed for next year, so there is still a possibility of getting concessions from them," Larson-Shidler said.

While Gov. Rick Snyder didn't do the district any favors by

leaving in the \$470 cut to per-pupil funding in his final budget, passed Wednesday, there may be a little hope. According to Larson-Shidler, districts could qualify for a \$100 supplemental payment per student if they meet four of five criteria:

- District pays no more than 90 percent of health benefits cost for employee. Plymouth-Canton currently doesn't qualify for this item.
- District is the "policy holder"

for employee health insurance policies. Plymouth-Canton meets this requirement.

• District develops or continues shared-service or consolidation plans. Plymouth-Canton officials are checking to see if their partnerships with Wayne RESA meet this one.

• District obtains competitive bids for at least one non-instructional service over \$50,000 in value. Plymouth-

Canton expects to meet this one.

• District provides report card or dashboard with financial and performance data on website. Larson-Shidler said the district is waiting for a model from the state, but will meet this requirement.

If Plymouth-Canton complies, the district could be in line for nearly \$2 million.

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Canton dries out from 'worst' flood in years

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a scene Canton officials and residents hope never to see again — roads submerged so deeply by floodwaters that some stranded drivers didn't want to get out of their cars.

Police officers trudged through floodwaters that made intersections such as Ford and Canton Center roads impassable after torrential rains unrelentingly pounded Canton on Wednesday evening.

"Some people didn't want to get out of their cars," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said. "Our officers had to help them out."

Township Engineer Tom Casari called the roadway flooding the worst he has seen in his 27 years as a Canton Township employee. He said "at least a foot" of water covered the Canton Center-Road intersection, though some estimates indicated the flooding was worse.

"I don't ever recall the river flowing over Canton Center Road," Casari said.

That was, until Wednesday evening.

100-YEAR RAIN

Casari said the storm amounted to what is called a "100-year rain" — meaning the statistical probability of it happening in a given year is only 1 percent.

"We believe at this point we've slightly exceeded that (100-year



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A gasoline tanker driver tries to walk on water while delivering fuel to Meijer in Canton.

rain)," he said.

Based on what township officials had learned by Thursday morning, most of the problems appeared to have occurred on major roads, side streets and yards, with sporadic reports of flooding of residential basements and businesses.

As of Thursday evening, the Speedway gas station at Ford and Canton Center remained closed.

"They got hit bad," Nemecek said.

Rising floodwaters across much of the township made major roads and side streets impassable, though

Kathy Rich, emergency management planner, officially announced at 2:52 p.m. Thursday that all roads were passable.

That certainly wasn't the case the previous evening.

"It was a little scary," said Jeanine Lewandowski, manager of the Bigby Coffee shop on the northwest corner of Ford and Canton Center.

The flooding occurred after weather authorities reported that as much as 4 inches of rain slammed Canton.

"Hopefully it's done," Lewandowski said Thursday morning.

COMING BACK

Though rains returned later Thursday, they didn't cause the problems local residents and township workers endured a day earlier.

Canton police Lt. Mark Schultz issued a statement Wednesday evening urging motorists to avoid traveling along Ford, Canton Center, Sheldon and Saltz roads, and surrounding side streets. He called those areas "flooded and impassable."

Schultz cited "numerous other areas" across the township where water over roadways made travel "very hazardous."

Police had strongly urged residents to restrict their travels.

The rains came as the Canton Cup — a soccer tournament expected to draw as many as 55,000 people — was set to begin Friday. Abe Vinitzki, parks and golf supervisor, said the tournament would continue, though organizers had to alter schedules on some fields and extend games through Monday, rather than Sunday.

According to www.cantontownship.net, some games also have been moved to Livonia Churchill High School.

Vinitzki said Thursday that soccer athletes would play even if rain returned over the weekend "as long as there's no lightning."

Lewandowski, meanwhile, credited township police and other employees for setting up barricades to block flooded roads and steer drivers away from severely flooded areas, though some vehicles stalled as motorists tried to maneuver along flooded roads and streets.

"I give the township a lot of credit for doing that," Lewandowski said.

ROADS CLOSED

Kathy Rich, Canton emergency management planner, issued her first statement at 7:41 p.m. Wednesday noting the following closings: Ford and Canton Center; Saltz between Sheldon and Morton Taylor; Sheldon between Savory and Gordon; Lilley at Greenwood; southbound Belleville at Yost; and Hanford west of Canton Center.


Rich issued the statement at a time when no traffic was allowed on Ford between Sheldon and Canton Center — typically a bustling stretch of road along Canton's most heavily traveled thoroughfare.

Rich issued another statement at 8:13 p.m. Wednesday noting that Cherry Hill west of Ridge had been closed, along with Lotz at Finley.

"Numerous subdivisions are reporting their streets, ponds and creeks are flooding," Rich's statement said.

By week's end, the situation had improved dramatically.

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Valerie Said, assistant choir director, and Jennifer Kopp, director of choirs at P-CEP, with the trophies from the Music in the Parks Festival in Ohio.

Choirs earn trophies at Music in the Parks Festival

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choirs received top honors at the Music in the Parks Festival in Oak Harbor, Ohio, on Saturday, May 21, bringing home six trophies.

The P-CEP Choir program took four curricular vocal ensembles and one extra-curricular ensemble to the Music in the Parks Festival. These five ensembles are comprised of students from Plymouth, Salem, and Canton High Schools.

P-CEP's Dulcissima, an intermediate women's ensemble, earned the top honor at the festival being named the Best Overall Vocal Ensemble. In addition to this honor,

Dulcissima was also named Best Women's Choir of the festival.

The other four vocal ensembles all received top "Superior" ratings and "excellent" ratings for their performances and took top honors in their individual categories. Trophies were awarded to the beginning freshmen women's ensemble Park Singers, who were named top Treble Choir, the beginning men's ensemble Parksmen, was named top Men's Choir, and the advanced mixed ensemble, Festival Singers, was named top Mixed Choir.

The P-CEP Choirs are under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, assistant director Valerie I. Said, and are accompanied by Carole Dehart.

Board honors student, staffer

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem High School senior Tommy Halewicz is a bell-ringer for the Red Kettle campaign, he does the Mystery Zone at Pioneer Middle School, he volunteers to clean up the Canton Cup soccer tournament, and he tutors other students.

And while doing all that — and getting ready to take college exams — Halewicz managed to organize what turned into a huge fundraiser that raised some \$35,000 for the family of Canton High School sophomore Jesse Lindlbauer, recovering from a brain abscess rupture, which left him without speech or movement.

For all of those efforts, but especially for his efforts organizing the 5K run, Halewicz was honored this week by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education with its Students with Tenacity Achieving and Reaching Success award.

"I really don't have words to describe what he did," said board member Nancy Eggenberger, who presented the award to a surprised Halewicz, who didn't know it was coming. "The run was a huge, huge success."

It was first thought the race would draw between 300-500 runners, but wound up with 1600 kids. Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Principal Bill Zolkowski, who said in a previous life he used to organize such events, said it was flawless.

"It was all due to the wisdom of Tommy," Zolkowski said. "Tommy took it all in, decided what needed to be done, and it was picture-perfect."

Halewicz, a member of the National Honor Society,



STARS award winner Thomas Halewicz (left) with board member Nancy Eggenberger and Park Principal Bill Zolkowski.



Maria Panek accepts her Mary Beth Carroll Award from board member Barry Simescu.

deflected credit to NHS advisors Beth Savalox and Rebecca Craft and Zolkowski.

"It wouldn't have been possible without (them)," Halewicz said. "I thank everyone who was able to help out and be there for Jesse."

Mary Beth Carroll

The board also honored Maria Panek, who runs the scheduling process for the park's 6,200 students, with the Mary Beth Carroll Award. Zolkowski lauded her for her

willingness to train others, keeping the staff up-to-date and bringing the scheduling process into the 21st Century.

"When you think about 6,300 students with six classes that's a whole lot of kids to have in a whole lot of places," Zolkowski said. "Having Maria here clams me down. Of all the people who work at the park, when you think about going above and beyond the call of duty, Maria's the first person who comes to mind."

Like Salewicz, Panek deflected credit to others.

"I am very fortunate I get to work with a lot of people across the district," Panek said. "There are a lot of great people across the district, and I'm grateful I get the chance to work with them."

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Busy slate nets firefighter Ironman honor

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a wonder Canton firefighter Chris Battistone finds time to sleep.

He responded to 741 fires and medical runs last year — more than any of Canton's 59 firefighters.

Battistone's job performance earned him the Ironman Award as the Canton Fire Department, during its 12th annual awards ceremony Thursday evening at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, singled out firefighters who made extraordinary contributions to their chosen profession.

"Firefighter Battistone has been thorough, conscientious, ambitious and enthusiastic, thereby encouraging others to become more proficient, motivated and involved," Fire Chief Tim Dunn said.

"By his outstanding service, Firefighter Battistone has contributed greatly to the accomplishment of the Canton Fire Department and upheld the finest traditions of the Canton Department of Public Safety."

In other words, Battistone worked hard — *really* hard — on his 24-hour shifts in 2010.

Battistone, 24, said he manages a little down time when he's not working.

"I nap for a couple of hours



Firefighter Chris Battistone receives the Ironman award from Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek.

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when I get off my shift," he said, smiling.

Perhaps his enthusiasm for fighting fires and providing medical help comes from his father, retired Canton Fire Department Lt. Tom Battistone, whose firefighting career spanned 29 years.

The younger Battistone has worked in Canton for nearly two years, after a one-year

stint with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and three years with Huron Valley Ambulance.

He said he once considered becoming a police officer, but he opted to become a firefighter and continue a family tradition.

"I'm very proud of him," his mother, Maureen Battistone, said after her son received his

award Thursday evening.

Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said firefighter paramedics transported more than 3,100 patients last year and responded to over 6,000 calls for fires and medical emergencies.

"We've got a lot of good people working in Canton," he said.

Among others honored

Thursday:

- Firefighters Geoffrey Eicholtz, Frank Palumbo, Louis Carney and Shawn Skelly earned a Certificate of Merit for their role taking an injured victim to the University of Michigan Hospital's burn unit from a furniture store explosion Dec. 29 in Wayne — then returning to the scene to help.

- Firefighters Brian Fitzgerald, Thomas Muller, Cory Caincross and Adam DeCraene received a Unit Award for saving two children — one 22 months old, one 10 months old — who had taken a large amount of prescription medication.

- Firefighters Michael Thoms, Richard Stone, Shawn Skelly and Brian Switzer received a Certificate of Merit for saving a 53-year-old man who was having chest pain and couldn't breathe.

- Capt. John Bartle and Firefighters Duane Lowe, Matthew Long and Kevin Henderson clinched a Life Saving Award for saving an 83-year-old man from respiratory failure.

- Firefighters Chris Battistone, Richard Crackel, Ryan Molina and Matt Niemczewski received a Life Saving Award for rescuing a 3-year-old girl who was having seizures and cardiac problems.

- Firefighters Ryan Swick, Richard Stone, Brian Switzer and Shawn Skelly garnered a Life Saving Award for saving an 84-year-old man who was unconscious and had no pulse due to cardiac problems.

- Firefighters Matthew Long, Duane Lowe, Kevin Henderson and Capt. John Bartle earned a Life Saving Award for rescuing a 16-year-old boy whose medical problems had left him unconscious when his mother tried to wake him in the morning.

- Then-Battalion Chief Tim Dunn, Capts. Mike Caruso, Thomas Kruger and Kowalski, and Firefighters Todd Lemke, Brian Switzer, James Harrison, Nicholas Bishop, Michael Thoms, Richard Stone, Franco Palumbo, Steven Apostol, Ryan Swick, Shawn Skelly, Joshua Meier and Louis Carney received a Unit Award for saving two homes after an attached garage had caught fire.

- Those who had perfect attendance included Battalion Chiefs Kenneth Arble and Robert Glenn; Capts. Ronald Battani, Thomas Lutkenhoff and Craig Poike; and Firefighters Louis Carney, Robb DeVries, Kevin Henderson, Thomas Muller, Brian Switzer and Michael Thoms.

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FIREFIGHTER

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tion to make every day count," Dunn said. "With a hard work ethic, determination and dependability, Firefighter Swick is a positive role model for all firefighters to follow. He is a perfect example of how to handle difficult situations with dignity and strength."

Swick, a former Westland resident and John Glenn High School graduate, has worked seven years in Canton after earlier giving five years

of service to Huron Valley Ambulance. He wanted to become a firefighter since he was a teenager, and he didn't let his asthma deter him.

"I like to be able to help people and be someone people look up to," Swick said.

"I like to break stuff, too," he said, smiling, adding that he likes breaking down doors to rescue people from fires or breaking out car windows to help people involved in accidents.

Battalion Chief Mike Caruso and Firefighter Wendy Murphy nominated Swick as Firefighter of the Year, and an awards committee made the

final selection.

"He has kept coming to work through all of his cancer treatments," Caruso said. "It's just a real tough ordeal for him to get through, and he never gave up working. He was going through a lot of surgeries, and he was back to work not long after."

Murphy gave Swick similar praise.

"He's one of the nicest guys you could ever know — the kind of guy you can't duplicate," she said.

"Firefighter Ryan Swick has been an asset to the fire department from his first day on the job," Dunn said, calling

Swick "a seasoned paramedic" who is "the kind of man who can count on in any situation. He works hard and is very dependable. He is a teacher, a leader and his co-workers call him a good and loyal friend."

Swick, dressed in his uniform, seemed proud as he walked across the Village Theater stage to accept his award. He smiled toward the crowd, which stood and applauded at length until he had returned to take his seat among other firefighters on the stage.

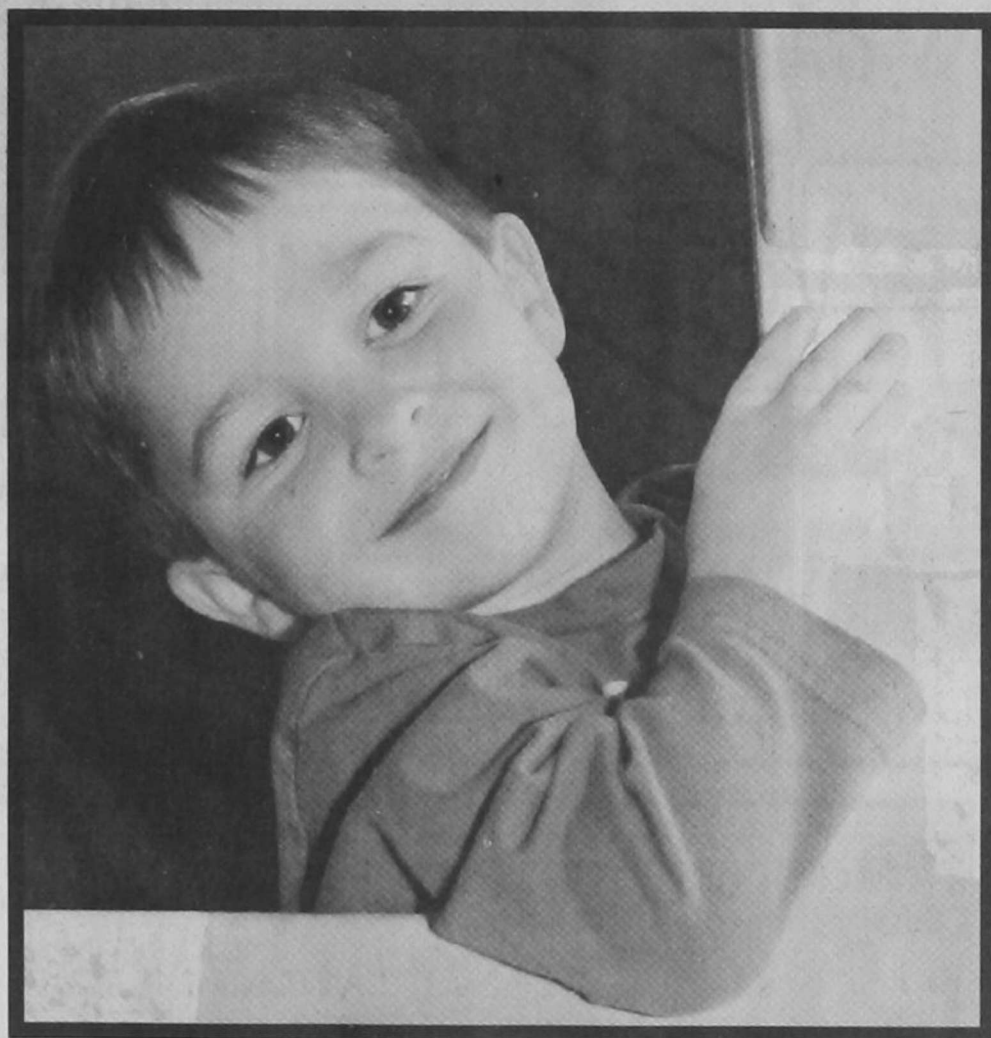
"I'm just so proud of him," Laurie Swick said. "I'm immensely proud of him."



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Local state reps don't like education bill

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Republican Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township and Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton vote from opposite sides of the political aisle in the state House of Representatives. But Thursday, they found an issue on which they could agree.

Neither one likes Gov. Rick Snyder's budget to fund public education.

While the bill passed the House with a 59-50 vote, both Heise and Slavens voted against it. And their reasons are essentially the same: Neither believes the package has the best interests of students at heart.

Heise voted against it when the original House bill contained a 3.5-percent cut in the per-pupil foundation allowance for public schools. Even though the cut was reduced to 1.8 percent in the final bill, which included a \$100 per-pupil incentive for districts meeting four of five

established criteria, Heise still voted against it

"Advocates would say the \$100 incentive reduces the per-pupil cut and, although that was certainly helpful, the incentive plan and the pension plan had a minimal impact on per-pupil student cuts, in my opinion," said Heise, whose 20th House District includes Plymouth-Canton, Northville and Wayne-Westland Schools. "I was also opposed to the mandate for all-day kindergarten, which is going to be an additional unfunded expense to those districts."

Slavens said she's "extremely disappointed and frustrated" the governor and legislative leaders went ahead with what she called "an undeniably flawed plan" she believes cuts vital funding to schools.

"(The bill) endangers our children's ability to get the education they need to succeed in life and in the workplace," Slavens said. "By passing the largest per-student cut in nearly two decades, the governor and leaders

in the Legislature are setting our schools and our children up to fail. That is unacceptable. As a mother and a grandmother, I implore them to abandon these cuts and invest in a better future for our children and a stronger economy for Michigan."

The all-day kindergarten mandate would take effect in the 2012-13 school year. Currently, school districts which offer half-day kindergarten, as Plymouth-Canton does, still get all-day per-pupil funding. Under the new mandate, that funding would be cut in half in districts that continued to offer half-day kindergarten.

Heise said that was among the factors he thought had a negative effect on the districts he represents.

"Plymouth-Canton and Northville are the last two 'destination' districts in Wayne County, in my opinion," Heise said. "People come there because of the schools. It's an important component of the quality of life and in property values. Overall, I just didn't feel it was in our students' or

our taxpayers' best interests."

The bill did find some local Republican support in the state Senate, as 7th District Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton voted in favor of it. He said the funding level cuts were low enough, and he believes the bill demonstrates fiscal responsibility.

"(Districts) have a sustainable, stable funding level to work with ... for the first time in 30 years we have a state budget done in time to support (school districts') final budget work in June," Colbeck said. "Overall, I think it's a big win for Michigan."

Heise joined others in calling the state budget package "historic" because it balances the budget "without any gimmicks or one-time fixes" and "it's a two-year budget." And while the state Constitution doesn't actually allow an "official" two-year budget, according to Heise, this one will be "treated like one."

"To have a balanced, two-year budget in place is historic," Heise said. "It's going to restore confidence in

Michigan around the country. The improved credit rating will save us millions in interest payments."

Predictably, Slavens continued to vote against Snyder's budget, largely because she doesn't believe simply eliminating the Michigan Business Tax was the right way to go, nor does she approve of taxing pensions.

"We needed to get rid of the MBT, there's no question about that," Slavens said. "We want to help businesses out, but not on the backs of our seniors, the working poor or the schools. I think if he had phased it out, that would have been better."

Colbeck voted in favor of the larger state budget package. He said it's important to point out the bill cuts \$1.2 billion while eliminating the budget deficit, cutting taxes for small businesses and encouraging job growth.

"In short, the Legislature has made the tough decisions to fix Michigan," Colbeck said.

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RETIREMENT

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worker, and she rose through the full-time ranks to become an appointed secretary and, for the last 14 years, the top assistant to Yack and current Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

LaJoy fought back tears Tuesday as he lauded Zevalkink for her "passion for her community" and for serving "with grace and class."

One of Zevalkink's proudest achievements was working with the American Cancer Society to start Canton's Relay for Life 13 years ago, chairing the event for eight years. Her involvement was personal because one of her three children, Marcus, had battled Hodgkin's lymphoma when he was only 20 years old. He is now 35 and has been cancer-



Zevalkink

free for 14 years.

"It was a pretty darn rough time," Zevalkink said, sitting in her third-floor township hall office. "He went into remission before the first Relay. I had made it a goal that I wanted to do something for cancer research."

Canton Relay for Life teams raised \$50,000 the first year,

but have since collected more than \$2.5 million for cancer research.

Just this year, the American Cancer Society honored Zevalkink with its Lifetime Achievement Award. For four years, she became the Relay's top individual fund-raiser, collecting several thousand dollars each year on her own.

Zevalkink was among the first graduating class of Leadership Canton, an organization that grooms local people to become leaders, promote the business community and nurture Canton to become a better place. A class project, started in 1999 and continued by the group's alumni association, led to "A Toast To Canton" — an annual wine-tasting social Zevalkink helped to initiate that has raised more than \$85,000 for charities such as Canton Goodfellows, the

Lions Club and Christmas in Action, which provides home repairs for elderly and disabled people who are financially strapped.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

With Zevalkink at the helm, Youth Leadership Canton — an offshoot for eight-graders — was formed, and she served on the committee for 13 years.

"She has been so committed to the project," Yack said.

Zevalkink also has been instrumental since 1997 in the Canton Hall of Fame and Community Achiever awards — a program that each year honors residents who have made a tangible difference in their hometown.

She earned the Athena Award in 2000, bestowed on people who have a history of assisting women in achieving professional excellence and leadership skills. The award

sits atop a shelf in Zevalkink's office, next to a picture of smiling granddaughter Lily Anne, who is nearing her sixth birthday.

Zevalkink grew up in Rockford, near Grand Rapids, and she moved to the Detroit area in 1969 when her first husband, Mike Zevalkink, started attending the University of Michigan. She has called Canton home since 1974.

She worked for G.M.A.C., then a financial arm of General Motors Corp., but quit work for nearly a decade as she dedicated her time to her children — Chad, now 37, Marcus, 35, and Rebecca, 32. She has four grandchildren.

Zevalkink returned to the workforce when she was hired in Canton. She married her second husband, Malcolm Lodge, nearly 18 years ago, and he sat by her side Tuesday

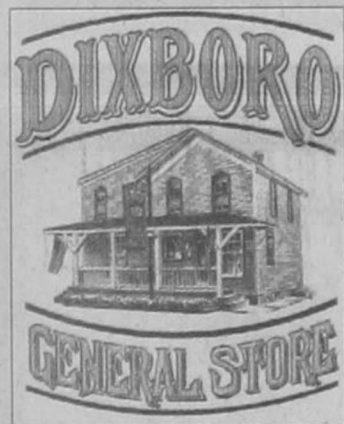
as she was honored by township officials. Yack also sat in the audience.

Yack praised Zevalkink for having "a good listening ear, being supportive and loyal," and he said she "has added so much value to the Canton community that will continue on — even though she will not be connected officially to Canton anymore."

Zevalkink will be replaced by Amy Hughesdon, who leaves her Canton Leisure Services position as health/wellness and aquatics coordinator at Summit on the Park. Zevalkink plans to spend part of her summer visiting granddaughter Lily Anne in Rhode Island. She hasn't made any long-term decisions about her next phase of life, though she expects to remain involved in Canton.

"I will miss the people I've worked with and being a part of the fabric of this community," she said, pausing as tears filled her eyes. "Leaving is scary, but I am happy, and I have absolutely no regrets."

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'Economic development only happens when streets are safe'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Attorney General Bill Schuette said public safety is job No. 1 and the first priority for his office.

Schuette highlighted his first 150 days in office since he took over Jan. 1 after being elected in November 2010. The former Michigan Court of Appeals judge, U.S. congressman and state senator told the Wednesday luncheon crowd of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce that the importance of public safety can never be underestimated.

"Economic development only happens when streets are safe," Schuette said. He spoke of joining with county prosecutors statewide to ensure that the state does not return to early releases of prisoners, which would jeopardize the safety of residents, Schuette said.

With a tight budget facing the state, Schuette suggests that the state needs to run prisons in a "business-like fashion," Schuette said, bidding correctional services, such as food services, laundry and health care. "We need to bring these costs down instead of releasing prisoners early," Schuette said.

A new public integrity divi-

sion of the Attorney General's office has filed 56 criminal charges against individuals since its creation in January, Schuette said. Schuette vowed to the audience that there would be "no Kwame Kilpatrick's" on his watch. Schuette also vowed to continue to help crime victims. "They need advocates; they need a voice," Schuette said.

Schuette said he would continue to fight against the spread of Asian carp into the Great Lakes, blaming the problem on President Obama's administration. "They are refusing to close the canal in Chicago," Schuette said. Schuette also will continue to fight against Obama's health care plan and will support Arizona's immigration laws in court.

Dan Lis, a chamber member, asked whether Schuette thought Michigan State Police would increase its presence in Detroit and Flint, which the FBI named as the top two dangerous cities in the United States.

"The governor and I have talked about it and will be working with local law enforcement agencies," Schuette said.

Schuette said Flint voters rejected a millage that would

have opened a jail there. "We're working on this issue and working with local officials there," Schuette said.

Local law enforcement should be the primary agency in handling local crimes, Schuette said.

On the state's budget, Schuette commended Gov. Rick Snyder for his work to get communities to "tag-team" or consolidate services.

"Leaders in any locality will have to look at how can we deliver the best services at the lowest cost," Schuette said. "If one does it, they get more revenue sharing. I like it because it says we have a plan."

Lis, a certified public accountant with Lis & McEvelly, later said he liked what he heard from Schuette. "I was glad that he brought up the two major cities (Flint and Detroit) on the FBI list," Schuette said. "He recognizes how important that is."

Lis also liked Schuette's public integrity unit.

Kevin Whitlock, a CPA with Tedder Whitlock Consulting, also liked what he heard from Schuette. "We have to keep our cities safe," Whitlock said. "Without safe cities, where do we go, what do we do?"

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Schuette explains that his practice of serving coffee to guests at events like this probably helped him beat an incumbent in his first race. Sitting at the table are Brandon Kritzman and Dawnne Toppa. Standing, at right, is Jim McCann.



The lunch crowd listens to Bill Schuette.

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Irish eyes are ready to smile at festival

BY JILL HALPIN
CORRESPONDENT



Irish bands will be jamming during the entire festival.

Irish eyes will certainly be smiling when the second annual Motor City Irish Festival rolls into Redford Township June 3-5 drawing an estimated 5,000-7,000 people eager to celebrate in the Celtic tradition.

With more than 20 local Irish bands lined up to perform, the family-friendly festival will showcase some of the best that the area has to offer in Irish music, dancing and culture on the grounds of St. Valentine's Catholic Church.

Local acts will perform in two tents, the Claddagh All Ireland Tent and the Dunleavy's Ceilidh Tent. Organized by Wayne County's Stephen Walsh Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, proceeds from the festival will benefit St. Valentine's as well as the Redford Interfaith Relief and other local charitable organizations.

The event offers area residents an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Irish heritage, festival co-chair Charlie French of Livonia said.

"This is a feel-good festival. Detroit has such a rich history with the Irish culture; this is a great chance to recognize that," French said.

Festival planners focused on creating a fun, family event and activities appealing to all ages are planned throughout the weekend, said Kevin Murphy, a co-chair of the festival. Murphy is a Livonia resident and owner of Redford's

motorcityirishfest.com.

According to Murphy, there are currently 22 local Celtic bands scheduled to perform on two different stages and include well-known performers such as The Kreellers, Blackthorn and The Diggers. He said he is pleased that the festival offers a chance to highlight local Celtic musicians.

"We have phenomenal talent here in Detroit. We could have hired at least 10 more bands," Murphy said.

For French, longtime co-owner of Livonia-based business The Irish Baker with Jack Derrig, the Motor City Irish Festival is long overdue.

He and festival organizers have wanted to organize a large event that gives metro Detroiters a chance to celebrate their culture and the traditions of Ireland.

After attending Irish festivals around the area with partner Derrig, it quickly became evident that "Detroit is the only major city without an Irish festival. There are festivals in Chicago, Muskegon ... even Toledo," he said.

"There is such nice Irish community in the area. We need to celebrate that," French said. He and friends within the AOH organization decided the time was right for such an event. The first festival was held last year at the AOH in Detroit. A larger venue was necessary for this year's celebration, and they settled on the Redford location after recognizing the township's community spirit.

"The township has just embraced us," he said.

Murphy's Restaurant.

A children's area featuring games, face painting and an inflatable bounce house will offer fun for young festival-goers and a vendor's area featuring Irish food and merchandise will give folks an opportunity to purchase everything from Celtic crosses and T-shirts to Irish soda bread and shortbread. In addition to beer and whiskey tasting, food will be available from St. Valentine's and Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia, a festival sponsor. Dunleavy's Irish Pub of Allen Park is also a large event sponsor.

IRISH MENU

Menu items include Irish fare such as "bangers and mash," also known as sausage and mashed potatoes, shepherd's pie and fish-n-chips, as well as more traditional festival eats like pizza, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Special events planned for the festival include a "Parade of Champions" featuring the winners of a local "feis" or Irish dance contest at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and an outdoor Mass at noon June 5.

"It's entertainment for the whole family," Murphy said, adding that several notables in the Irish community are expected to attend Mass, including honorary festival chairperson Tom O'Halloran, owner of the Tipperary Pub.

"We are also expecting the Maid of Erin and Court of St. Brigid and many local priests," Murphy said. The Mass coincides with a food drive for Redford Interfaith Relief. Those bringing four canned goods between noon and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, will receive a free pass to the festival. Tickets to the festival cost \$7 and \$2 discount vouchers are available at <http://www.motorcityirishfest.com>.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A new bill would allow Northville Township to sell the shuttered Scott Correctional Facility.

Bill would allow sale of Scott facility

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

Northville Township officials will most likely have their wishes fulfilled regarding the Scott Correctional Facility property after Rep. Kurt Heise (R-MI 20th District) announced a bill to move the future of the former women's prison forward and work with the township so it can be sold for sensible development.

Heise said Thursday he is sponsoring a bill to allow the state of Michigan to sell the vacant Scott property to allow for the land to be used for public or private development in Northville Township.

"Instead of allowing these buildings to continue to deteriorate and become even more dangerous and unproductive, it is time for the state to move forward and work with Northville Township to sell this valuable piece of property and put it to good use," said Heise, of Plymouth.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said he is pleased with this development.

"Anytime the state is willing to work with us on something like this it's good," he said. "We want that location to be tax-producing."

In April, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution urging Gov. Rick Snyder to sell the Scott property to private interests so it can be developed with a creative and useful economic activity.

The 35-acre site is located at the northwest corner of Five Mile and Beck roads,

but it closed over a year ago. Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget recently designated it as surplus, or for sale.

At that time Kurt Weiss, public information officer for the management and budget department, said they were waiting on legislation to move things forward.

House Bill 4689 would allow the state to sell the property to Northville Township, or to work closely with the township to sell the property at market value for private development.

Heise, who is also a lawyer, met with Northville Township officials and personally drafted a provision in the bill that would force the state to properly maintain the site while on the market, and make it presentable by removing the barbed wire and guard towers as requested by the township.

"This location is well-situated to have a very positive economic impact, and lead to more jobs," Heise said. "The state no longer has a need for this property, and should be able to work closely with Northville Township to sell it for development."

For the township the bill now needs to be passed so they can begin having meetings with the state, Abbo says. That's when they can start implementing the intentions of the bill.

"It has always been the township's motivation to have properties developed so they are consistent with adjoining, neighboring properties."

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Byron MacGregor's 'The Americans' stands test of time

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Detroit radio traffic reporter Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor stopped by Westland Shopping Center Thursday to help local veterans with their fund-raising efforts.

One of items being sold by the Westland Veterans Association has a personal connection to Shutty-MacGregor — it's a spoken word CD by her late husband, Byron MacGregor. Included is MacGregor's chart-topping recording of *The Americans* which has already raised \$4 million for the American Red Cross.

"It was (recorded in) 1973, that's what makes it so incredible and amazing. That message of *The Americans* stands the test of time," said Shutty-MacGregor. "The message transcends time."

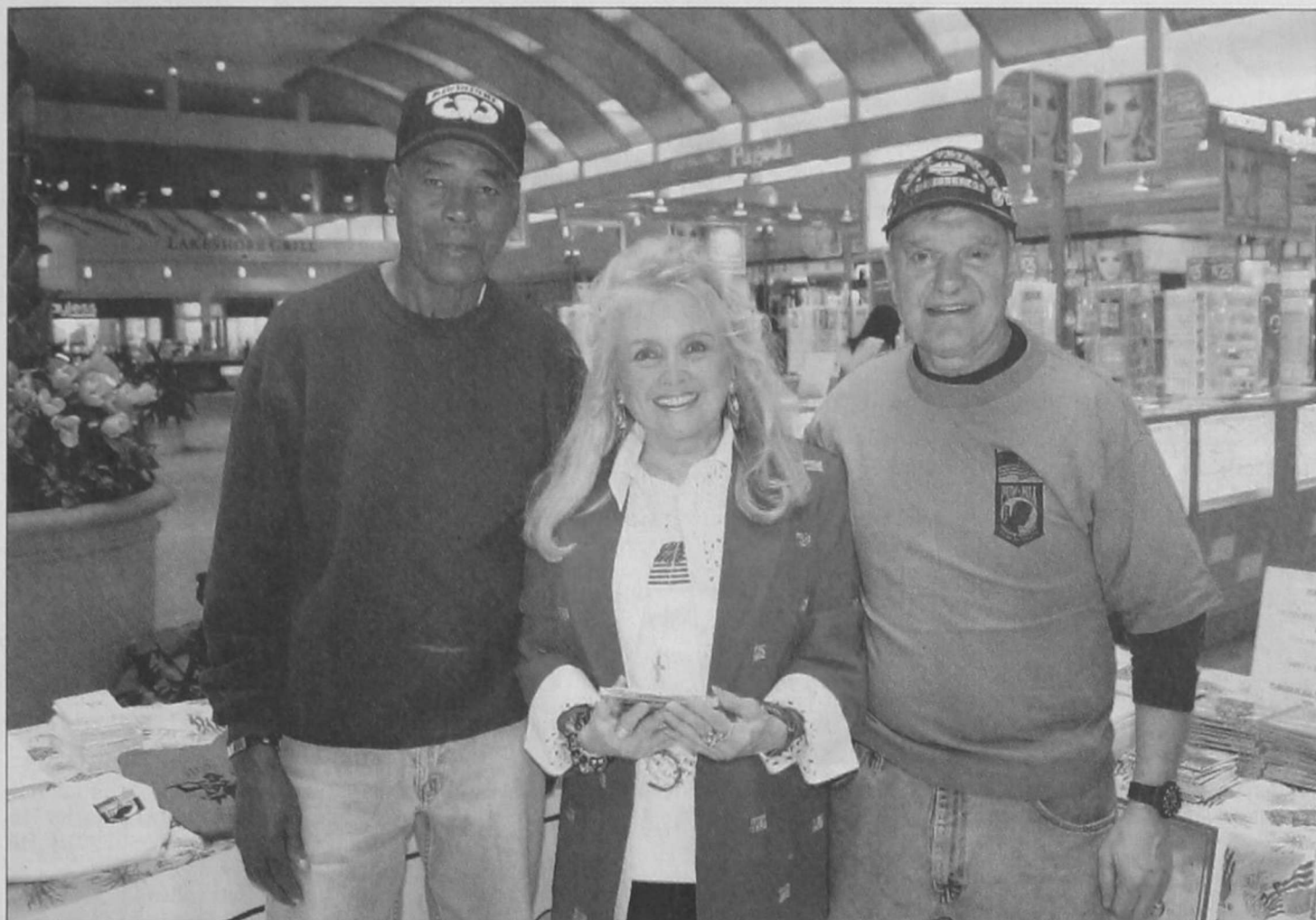
Recorded with *America, the Beautiful* performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as background music, *The Americans* reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and sold more than 3.5 million copies.

"It's not the precise words — it's the presentation. Byron's presentation is to lift you up," said Shutty-MacGregor.

Proceeds from the sale of *The Americans* CDs, along with two other CDs, the *Remember the Other Side* which is music and the *Military Americans*, narrated by Lee Alan, will benefit the Westland Veterans Memorial project.

More than 35 years after it was recorded, *The Americans* sends a clear patriotic message, Shutty-MacGregor said, especially coming from her husband, a Canadian who later had dual citizenship.

"People call to this day ask-



Al Parker (from left), Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor and Paul Jingoian of the Westland Veterans Association chatted at Westland Shopping Center where the veterans were holding a Memorial Day weekend fundraiser.

VETERANS GROUP FUNDRAISER

Members of the Westland Veterans Association will be fundraising throughout the Memorial Day weekend.

The veterans will be selling three CDs with proceeds going towards the construction of a new Westland Veterans Memorial in Central City Park. The first phase is projected to cost \$150,000 and the vets hope to have it dedicated on Veterans Day 2012.

The CD featuring *The Americans* and other recitations by Byron MacGregor with background music and a musical CD, *Remember the Other Side*, are being sold for \$15 each or both for \$25.

A third CD called *The Military Americans*, narrated by former disc jockey Lee Alan, is available for \$7. All three CDs can be purchased for \$30.

The veterans will be in the east court of Westland Shopping Center

through Memorial Day selling the CDs. T-shirts which benefits the Vietnam Moving Wall visit to Westland July 21-25 are also being sold at the mall.

The T-shirts sell for \$15 for sizes small through extra large, \$18 for 2X and \$22 for 3X.

Members of the veterans association also will be selling T-shirts during the Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. The parade will be at 1 p.m. today, May 29. It begins at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, heads north on Wayne Road, then west on Ford to the Peace Memorial at Westland City Hall.

The shirts will be available during the parade at the Wayne-Ford Civic League and Westland City Hall.

For more information, call (734) 335-7944.



Poppies, T-shirts and engraved commemorative bricks are among the fundraising items offered by members of the Westland Veterans Association at Westland Shopping Center.

ing to hear it. We've had earthquakes and tornadoes since then," said Shutty-MacGregor. "It's all things people can relate to — the only (natural disaster) we've had that wasn't mentioned is a tsunami."

Shutty-MacGregor hadn't met her future husband when he recorded *The Americans*, which he originally read at the end of a public affairs program that aired on CKLW (800).

MacGregor was news director at CKLW which had the 20/20 news department in addition to being a top 40 music radio powerhouse. MacGregor came up with the idea of adding a traffic reporter delivering reports from a helicopter and ended up hiring his future wife.

Currently heard on radio stations WOMC (104.3), WWJ (950) and WJR (760), Shutty-MacGregor and her husband, who died at 45 in 1995, worked at CKLW during its heyday.

"*The Americans* is continuing to help out and what better than to help out our service people," said Shutty-MacGregor. "Talk about our treasures. They fight for our country and our personal freedoms. So many people take that for granted."

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Help rescue the Rouge in Plymouth, Canton June 4

Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization dedicated to restoring the Rouge River in southeast Michigan, is seeking volunteer help to rescue the rouge at 30 worksites Saturday, June 4, including two each in both Plymouth and Canton.

Historically, the focus of the Rouge Rescue was trash removal from dumpsites along the river. In the past decade or so, the focus of the event has shifted toward restoration activities and volunteer work to stabilize eroding stream banks, plant native vegetation to reduce the impact of storm water on the river and educational activities to inform the public how their everyday activities affect water quality.

The Canton worksites are:

- Lower Rouge Recreational Trail, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1/2-mile north of Michigan Avenue at the intersection of Morton Taylor and Michigan Avenue; 2 miles west of I-275. It's family friendly, and volunteer projects include debris pick-up, native plantings, bird-house building, nature walk/environmental education and woody debris management activities.

- Meadows Of Canton, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Lotz Road /Finley Street (On Lotz Between Palmer and Cherry Hill Road. Registration tent at Lotz Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Road. Volunteer projects include River clean up, storm drain stenciling, bug hunt (Benthic Program), environmental education with display, nature walk, mercury thermometer exchange and bird house building activities.

The Plymouth worksites are:

- Lion's Club Park, 9 a.m. to noon; corner of Burroughs and Coolidge Road, on Burroughs, four blocks East of Main Street. Volunteer projects include Creek clean up, storm drain stenciling, building duck/bird/bat houses, planting of trees and native plants and woody debris management.

- Lake Pointe Soccer Park, 9 a.m. to noon, 14435 Haggerty, take I-96 to Newburgh Road and Head west on service drive (Schoolcraft Road). Take Schoolcraft Road west to Haggerty Road. Turn right (north) on Haggerty. Park is on the left (west) side of road just past the freeway overpass. Volunteer projects include Native planting, install storm drain markers, invasive plant removal/weeding.

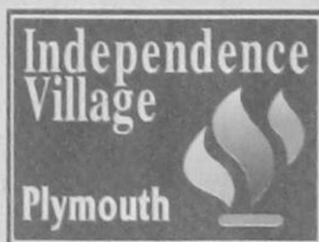
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Vietnam vet dedicates book, meets family of fallen Livonia soldier

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Over the years, Livonia native Debra Braden often wondered about her brother, Arnold Sarna.

She never really knew him as a child. She was only 4 when Arnold, the oldest of eight Sarna children, left for Vietnam. When she was 7, her family received the horrible news that Arnold had been killed by a rocket in a strike by the Viet Cong in March 1968.

Debra grew up with her siblings in a home on Wayne Road in Livonia, and attended Ladywood High School before the family moved to San Jose, Calif., in 1976. She eventually married and moved to Hillsborough, N.C., always wondering about Arnold. As many transplants do, she was homesick and missed her family, a feeling that made her long even more for personal details about her brother.

She left a note on the Virtual Wall, a website devoted to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At the site, relatives and friends can place letters, poems and photographs.

"I wanted to know if anyone was stationed with him, who knew him and what he did for fun," Braden said.

The note drew occasional responses from Vietnam veterans, none of whom really knew Arnold.

The note sat in cyberspace.

FINALLY, A RESPONSE

Then one day, Braden received an e-mail from someone who said she knew of someone who had written a book about Vietnam and dedicated it to her brother. Braden remembers her reaction.

"Oh, yeah, right," Braden said.

The woman followed up with a second e-mail and sent information about the book so Braden searched for it on Amazon.com. "I looked it up and saw my brother's name, and I just gasped," Braden



Pat Moffett stands with Cecilia Sarna at Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza in Livonia. Moffett visited the plaza to view the name of Arnold Sarna, Cecilia's son.

said. "Here was my brother's name just staring me in the face."

The dedication in *Fortunate Soldier* read: "This book is dedicated to Arnold P. Sarna. I didn't forget."

It turned out Braden was corresponding with a friend of Pat Moffett, an author and Vietnam veteran.

Oddly enough, Moffett never met Arnold Sarna. Moffett dedicated *Fortunate Soldier*, a book about Moffett's Vietnam experiences, because Moffett had an opportunity to live his life when he returned home from Vietnam, enjoying a successful business career, family and a grandchild. Moffett was with the 101st Airborne Division in 1968. Moffett was sent out on reconnaissance, but was called back because the division needed someone to type up "morning reports," which highlighted soldier counts, accounting for R&R breaks to ensure minimum

counts of soldiers. Moffett could type 80 words per minute.

One of his first assignments was to type up information on Arnold Paul Sarna. Moffett asked what happened to Sarna. "He was killed when a rocket hit his tent," Moffett said he was told.

"When he was killed, I got his job," Moffett said.

Weeks later Moffett learned that his former company where he had served in the field had been overrun and everyone was killed. Moffett believes that Sarna's death spared his life.

Moffett went back to the United States, married, raised a family and today he is vice president of logistics for Audiovox Electronics Corp. He lives in Great Neck, N.Y.

Years and decades passed. Moffett wrote the book and dedicated it to Arnold Sarna in 2003. Then Moffett heard about and read Braden's note

reaching down to me.

"This man is very sensitive and feels a closeness he had with Arnold even though he never met him," Cecilia said. "He said he always said a prayer for Arnold, and that he would never forget and he never did."

Moffett and Sarna family members visited the Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington Road, where Arnold's name is etched on the wall. That weekend Moffett visited and learned all about the Sarna family, enjoying a Polish meal of kielbasa, sauerkraut and beer with the family in Northville. "I didn't know Sarna was Polish," Moffett said.

Moffett gave Cecilia a leather-bound copy of his book, writing in it: "Your son gave his life for his country on March 13, 1968, and through a twist of fate, my life was spared. I will be eternally grateful to Arnie and the entire Sarna family for his supreme sacrifice that day. He will always be my hero."

Moffett called Cecilia on Mother's Day and Easter, Cecilia said. "He calls me 'Mom'; he's adopted me," Cecilia said.

Other Sarna members who grew up in Livonia included Tom Sarna, now in Portland, Maine; Deb Braden, Hillsborough, N.C.; Judy Sarna, Salem Township; Tina Michelski, Farmington Hills; Maryann Concertino, San Jose, Calif.; and Bill Sarna, Port Angeles, Wash. Another brother, James, is deceased.

Arnold graduated from Franklin High School, while Judy graduated from Churchill. Their father, Adolph Sarna, died 30 years ago. Their mother, Cecilia, is 85 and lives with Judy in Northville.

'A VISIT FROM HER SON'

Sarna family members were moved by the entire experience of meeting Moffett. "She actually felt like she got a visit from her son," Judy said of her mother. "After all these years, he feels like he owes his life to Arnold. We've kind of adopted him."

"It's just awesome, after all these years."

Moffett points to the life he's had as the reason for his deep appreciation, respect and honor for Arnold and the Sarna family. He's experienced tragedy, too, as he lost his wife last year at the age of 53 to Alzheimer's disease. He wrote a book about that, too, called *Ice Cream in the Cupboard*.

Moffett enjoys a successful career in the business world and reflects on his life today and the blessings of his 64 years of life.

"None of this would have happened," Moffett said. "My first grandchild was born last year and all those moments would not have happened, everything I've done over the past 40 years."

Braden said she believes that the experience leaves her thinking that the world "is not as big as we think."

Braden believed that her brother would be fascinated and amazed by the family's connection to a soldier he never knew.

"He would be happy to know that my mom was able to touch him many years later," Braden said. Though the family lost Arnold years ago, "we are close to him," Braden said.

"So many people can touch one point in history. And at some point, you touch again, and he (Moffett) has a whole new group of friends now," Braden said.

"Something good has come out of something horrible."

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Many things to consider when withdrawing funds

Q: Dear Rick: I retired about five years ago and between my pension and Social Security, it has covered my living expenses. I'm in the situation now where I'll need some extra money and I'm not sure exactly where I should take it. I have money in a traditional 401(k), a Roth IRA and money outside my retirement account. I am 67 years of age, so I don't have to take anything out of my retirement accounts. I recognize that everyone's situation is a little different, however, I would like your thoughts as to what I should consider when it comes to my income needs.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Generally, when it comes to investing, age is not something that I consider very important. However, when it comes to income needs for someone over 70, then age does enter into the equation because when one reaches 70½, they have mandatory distributions.

Many people believe that you should wait until 70½ to take money out of your retirement account. The general theory is that you should first

draw down on your non-retirement accounts and then use your retirement accounts. I don't subscribe to that theory because it's based on the fact that traditional

IRAs grow on a tax-deferred basis. The theory being the longer you can let money grow tax-deferred, the better it is, however, that's not always the case. Remember, non-retirement money receives the favorable capital gains treatment, therefore, sometimes it makes sense to withdraw money from a retirement account prior to 70½ and let the non-retirement accounts grow at a more favorable tax rate.

I believe you should never let the tax tail wag the dog, meaning taxpayers should not make a choice just for the tax benefits. However, that doesn't diminish the

need to take taxes into consideration. My general view is when someone over 59½ needs income, he/she should first withdraw money from the traditional IRA. However, they must be sure that withdrawing the money won't throw them into a higher tax bracket. For example, if I'm in the 15-percent bracket and I need \$10,000 of income, I would take an amount from the retirement account that would still keep me in the 15-percent bracket. In other words, if I can only withdraw \$7,000 and stay within the 15-percent bracket. I'll take \$7,000 from the retirement account and the remaining \$3,000 from the non-retirement account. My theory is that by withdrawing from the retirement account prior to 70½, I am lowering my overall taxes and giving myself the most flexibility by eventually lowering my required minimum distribution.

One additional issue needs mentioning. Just because you are an income investor does

not mean your entire portfolio should be invested for income. You're only 67 years old which means you will, more than likely, be around for many more decades, so it is important to have a growth element in your portfolio. My recommendation is to keep your growth side (mostly equities) of the portfolio invested in your non-retirement account. Keeping those outside of your retirement account will preserve the favorable capital gains treatment available to you. For most people, the capital gains bracket is less than half your ordinary income bracket. By having an effective strategy, you can reduce your taxes and at the same time remain economically smart.

Good luck!

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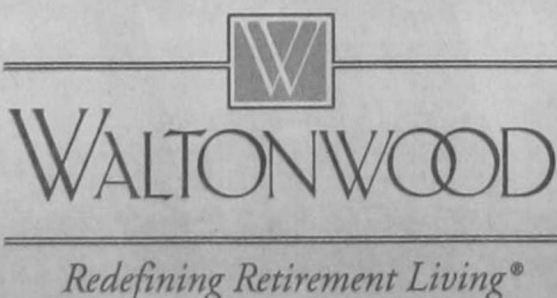
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WOHL-SOME!



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As usual when he's around the baseball field at Plymouth High School, senior shortstop Ben Wohl has a smile on his face.

Plymouth senior superbly mixes baseball, music, leadership

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You'll never see Ben Wohl tooting his own horn, er, trombone, which he plays for Plymouth High School's marching band.

But the 18-year-old senior always is in tune whether playing in the band, helping others through the National Honor Society or playing varsity baseball for the Wildcats.

"I'm not a real loud guy, I just keep on doing my thing," said Wohl, during a recent baseball practice. "I sort of just mesh with whoever I can and try to be everybody's friend, no big deal. "And I have all my interests, just whatever I can get into."

TEERING OFF

As much as Wohl relishes his music, academics and extracur-

riculars, what he really loves the most is being a hard-nosed baseball player.

Consider that he took 120-to-200 swings a day off a basement tee during the past winter to improve his hitting.

Or that it's routine for him to take extra ground balls to sharpen up at his shortstop position.

He does all of that because being he wants to be a complete player — first for his high school team, and hopefully beginning next spring at Calvin College in western Michigan.

All of that extra work is doing just that. Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd loves the way Wohl is competing and hitting this season (.415 average).

"He put in the time in the off-season to be a better hitter, and it has paid dividends," Boyd

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BEN THERE, DONE THAT

Who: Ben Wohl, senior shortstop for Plymouth High School.

Parents: Jeffrey and Terri Wohl of Canton.

Growing up: He cut his baseball teeth playing T-ball with teams from the Plymouth YMCA and Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association.

Travel time: Wohl, finishing his second year with the varsity Wildcats, has competed over the past six years with teams such as the Michigan Indians, Michigan Rattlers, Westside Royals and Livonia Travel. He'll play this summer with the NFWB Cobras.

Other: Wohl, 18, plays trombone for the high school's marching band and wind ensemble and is a member of the National Honor Society.

College plans: To play baseball at Calvin College, while studying for a degree in computer science or computer engineering.

'Cats chatter: "We got a team motto, always play as hard as you can, no plays off, that sort of thing."

Joy in 'Mudville' as tourney opens

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Finals pushed back to Monday, B3

Maybe they should have called it "Soccerstock," what with all the mud at Independence Park for opening day of the 29th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

When a handful of players from the Canton Soccer Club's Canton Celtic '95 Gold team waited to re-enter their game against Rochester-based Waza Kelly East, there was mud splattered all over their uniforms, limbs and shoes.

It became trickier and trickier to see the muddied ball during action.

And even referees had to be careful not to lose their footing on the turf — which only a couple days earlier had been covered by stand-

ing water following the rainstorm of a lifetime.

"It's always a challenge to keep your footing," said Canton Cup veteran ref Paul Vandeneuvel, from Waterloo, Ontario. "So it's a little bit more tricky to keep running and do your turns, the quick turns. So you try to take it a little easier if you can."

With a twinkle in his eye, the 58-year-old Vandeneuvel — part of Team Canada, an eight-man refereeing team that travels to tournaments in Canada and the U.S. — added that he won't be the one to take a pratfall into the mud.

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Owen Vollick-Offer of the Plymouth Reign '01 Green team kicks the ball past Huron Valley Storm's Will Quane on Friday.

Chiefs perform well at KLAA association meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Richardson knew before the season that it would be a very good one for his Canton varsity boys track and field team. The evidence keeps pouring in that he was spot on.

Last Tuesday at Howell High School, the Chiefs finished fifth out of eight boys teams at the KLAA Association Team Championship Meet, which is attended by the top two teams from all four divisions in the association.

Richardson said his team performed very well, trailing only the four division winners (Milford, Walled Lake Central, Grand Blanc and Novi).

"We didn't even run everybody," Richardson said. "But we had a real good showing and the kids that participated all did a fantastic job."

Many of those same athletes aren't finished for the season, either. On Tuesday, 26 members of the team will take part at the Ypsilanti-hosted Larry Steeb Meet of Champions (representatives from other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams also will be on hand).

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

And the Division 1 state meet follows on Saturday in Rockford.

GOOD TO GO

At the Meet of Champions, participants must reach qualifying standards to be invited. Those standards aren't quite as lofty as those for the state meet.

"It's like a mini-state meet," Richardson said. "You have to meet qualifying times to be there."

Canton tallied 73 points at the KLAA team meet, with the top teams including Milford (142), WLC (105), Grand Blanc (103) and Novi (77).

In sixth place with 66 points was Livonia Stevenson, with Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Franklin rounding out the standings with 52 and 43 points, respectively.

Senior Nick Alaniva captured two association championships, finishing first in the long jump (20-feet, 7.5-inches) and pole vault (14-1) while senior Ben

Please see **TRACK, B2**



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Cutting loose during the recent Division 1 regional meet is Canton junior sprinter Ryan Jones, who helped his team to a fifth-place finish at the competitive KLAA Association Team Championship Meet.

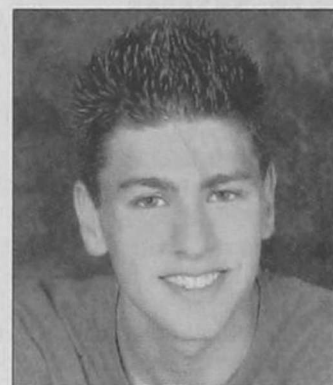
ROBERT FERGAN



Who: Robert Fergan, senior captain of Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys track and field team.

Miscellany: The 18-year-old Fergan carries a 3.97 grade-point average. He is in his second year as captain of the track team and also captained the cross country team the past three seasons. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is senior class representative on the PCA Student Council. His parents are Robert and Susan Fergan.

Captain's job: "A captain needs to motivate the team by working hard and being positive. He should be the first to practice and stay till the last man is off



the track. The captain should have a smile on his face and lend one to his teammates even in the rain."

Leadership style: "I am approachable and lead by example. I am a good friend and supportive of each team member, on and off the field."

Why him? "I think they actually like me. I really care about my teammates. We try to make things fun and keep perspective."

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'Cats nipped in conference title tilt

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The bonus round didn't quite go Plymouth's way. Northville edged the Wildcats 2-0 on Tuesday, in the KLAAs conference championship softball game. Mustangs pitcher Laura Pond gave up just one hit and struck out seven Plymouth batters to curtail the Wildcats' hopes of playing for the association title. "I told my team that a (conference) title is a bonus to a season, because each game we get fundamentally sound for districts," Plymouth head coach Val Canfield said. "And that's

PREP SOFTBALL

where our focus has always been." Plymouth (17-8 overall) finished tied for first with Canton in the KLAAs South Division, with 9-1 records, but played for the conference after winning the tiebreaker. Pond outdueled Plymouth sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou, who gave up two runs and four hits while walking none and striking out three. Gerou also collected the only Plymouth hit. Northville, the KLAAs Central champs, scored both runs in the fourth, on RBI hits by Allie Chapekis and

Suzanne Hasse. With the win, Northville improved to 14-8 overall.

PLYMOUTH 8, SOUTH LYON 7: In a KLAAs crossover, senior Lauren Smith pitched all nine innings as the Wildcats prevailed.

Big hitters included Brooke Senkbeil (4-5, two RBI), Jessica Bondy (3-3), Bre Giordano (2-5, two RBI) and Christy Pattison (3-5). "Lauren Smith pulled it out and was a leader on the field," Canfield said. "She showed poise and determination to pull her team together for a victory."

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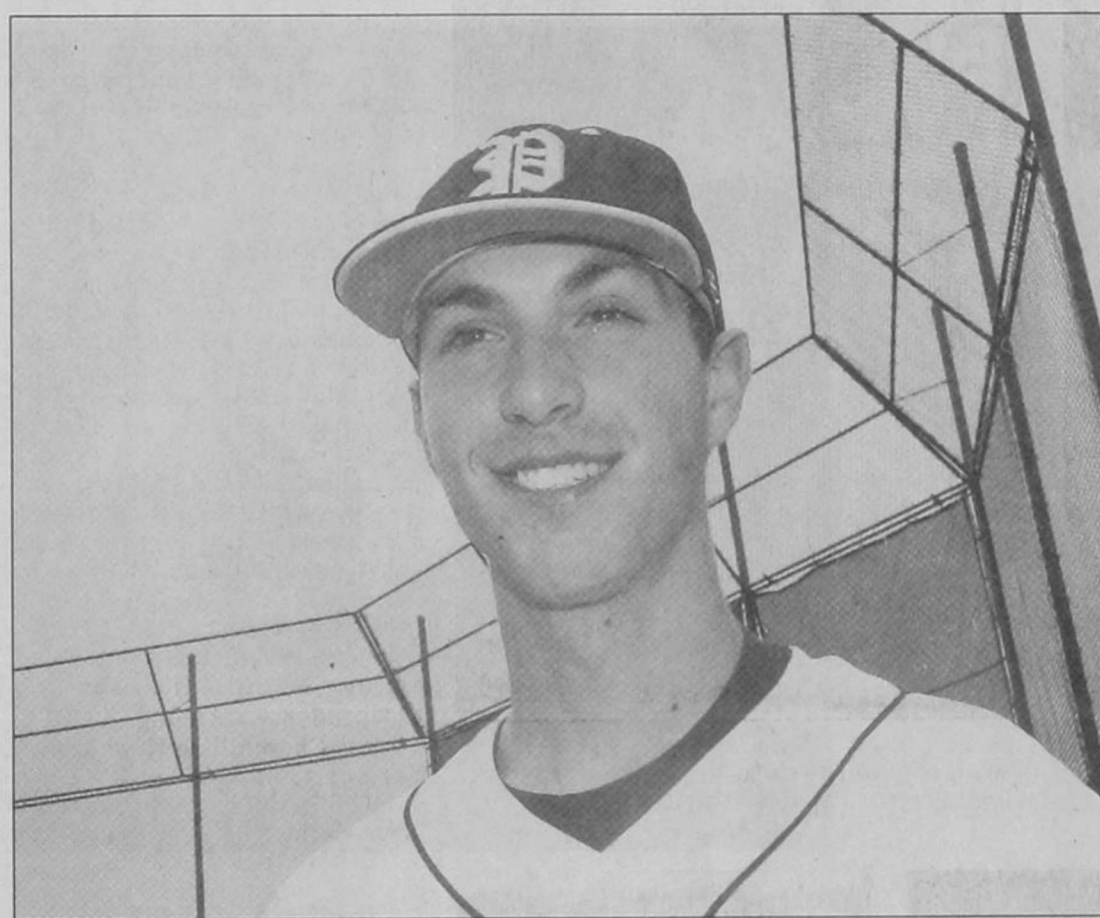
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Spreitzer's first-place time of 40.6 seconds in the 300 hurdles earned him an association championship. Spreitzer took second place in the high jump (6-3) while junior Ryan Jones was second in the 100 dash with a time of 11.2 seconds. Alaniva and Jones were part of the third-place 400-meter relay team, along with Scott Piowar and Demetre Lopez. They clocked in at 44.2 seconds. Registering fifth-place finishes for the Chiefs

were junior Kevin Buford (100 dash, 11.3; 200 dash, 23.0) and the 3,200-meter relay team of Shean Krolicki, Tyler Winningham, Austin Golles and Keegan Sullivan. In sixth place with a time of 1:33.4 was the 800-meter relay team of Lopez, Alaniva, Colby Morris and Buford. Taking sevenths were Winningham (800 run, 2:03.9) and the 1,600-meter relay team (Piowar, Morris, Sullivan, Sapan Patel), which finished in 8:43.7 seconds. In eighth place in the discus was senior Ben Poirier, with a throw of 126-6.

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Ben Wohl is wistful about graduation day approaching, but awaits the future. "I'm going to miss everything that's been here. But at the same time I'm ready for a good change of pace."

BEN WOHL

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said. "He is a great example to younger players of what it takes to be the best." But making highlight-reel plays in the field give Wohl much more satisfaction than blasting a liner into the left-center field gap. To that end, Wohl said Brandon Inge of the Detroit Tigers is his favorite major leaguer. Although Inge plays third base, Wohl said he gets a rush when he can range far and wide to field a hot shot and rifle the ball to first. "His range and his arm, that's what I want to be," Ben noted. "That's what you live for, those are the plays where everybody stands up and cheers. I get more out of the field." **SELF-ASSURED** Wohl smiles and speaks softly when making such proclamations, so they do not come across as egotistical. He's just honest about being the best he can be at his position. And Boyd appreciates that kind of commitment.

"Ben is the kind of guy who is the first one there and the last one to leave," Boyd said. "He never misses a conditioning session in the off-season and takes advantage of every opportunity we give for extra practice." "He is always asking for more ground balls at the end of the day. Ben is a quiet guy, but a leader by example." Wohl, who carries a 3.8 grade-point average taking college prep courses, said leadership duties as a section leader within the band also have helped him carry that mindset over to baseball. "Being with the band, it's not as much individual as it is the group," Wohl said. "And it's taught me to not only lead by example ... but to also express myself to my fullest capabilities. It's getting the chance to be creative." Wohl is proactive, too. **WORK ETHIC** Don't forget juggling Advanced Placement courses, working at youth baseball camps or helping at fundraisers to raise money and awareness in the fight against prostate cancer, to name just one. "Always being busy is definitely a good thing," Wohl said. "It's taught me time man-

agement and stuff like that." Meanwhile, multi-tasking at such a high level is something he'll need to do at Calvin College. Besides baseball, Wohl (who has a partial academic scholarship) intends to study computer engineering. Of course, there still will be time to reminisce about Plymouth High School. "I'm going to miss everything that's been here," Wohl said. "But at the same time I'm ready for a good change of pace, meet new people, try new things instead of it being the same grind every day." Yet he takes great pride in being the consummate grinder. That's something he tips his cap to Boyd for. "Especially like with how the world is today, for just doing the jobs and all that, you have to be good," Wohl noted. "You always have to be at the top of your game, try your hardest. And that's what coach Boyd always is telling me." Being a model citizen might not lead to ESPN's SportsCenter the way a 'Web Gem' might. But it's the thing about Ben Wohl that deserves the loudest ovation. tsmith@hometownlife.com

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Skyshark pole vault

The 2011 Livonia Pole Vault camp, hosted by Skyshark Athletics, will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 13 through Aug. 10, at the Churchill High School track, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The cost is \$160 (includes T-shirt). For more information, call Churchill pole vault and jumps coach Vern Williams at (734) 732-0840; or e-mail skysharkathletics@yahoo.com.

Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym. The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.



RENA LAVERTY

Karen Lafata is stepping down after 13 seasons at Schoolcraft College to become the assistant women's basketball coach at Wayne State University.

Lafata era ends

Successful Lady Ocelot coach off to WSU

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Lafata is taking her coaching talents to the next level. The winningest women's basketball coach for the past decade in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association is leaving Schoolcraft College after 13 seasons to become an assistant at Wayne State University.

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox also named Kevin Brathwaite, an assistant under Karen Lafata for the past four years, as the Lady Ocelots' new head coach on Friday. "Kevin has a deep passion for the game," Fox said. "He has been instrumental in the recruitment process and has helped to bring quality student-athletes to our campus during a very successful run for our program." Lafata compiled an impressive overall record of 326-77 with the Lady Ocelots, an .808 winning percentage, which also included two trips to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament resulting in a second-place finish in 2009 and a third-place finish in 2010. Lafata will serve under Carrie Lohr, who was named the WSU's 12th head coach in school history on May 11 after a nine-year stint at rival St. Clair County Community College. "It's just a perfect time for me," said Lafata, who recently retired after teaching after 36 years at the



Lafata

Macomb Juvenile Justice Center. "Maybe five or six years ago I wouldn't have jumped on it. But with Carrie getting the job, and because of our special relationship, I thought this was right. I admire her and she's dynamic. I wanted to join her and put Wayne State on the map. She's got it all." Schoolcraft, which finished 28-4 last season, has a veteran squad returning and Lafata already had lined four new recruits. "It's difficult to leave Schoolcraft and the kids," she said. "I felt bad, but this is something I always wanted to do. Once I retired, I wanted it to be local and be a part of a four-year college program." Lafata said she met with the Schoolcraft players last Monday. "It was a cryfest, but we're in good shape," she said. "A lot of kids are coming back and it's a strong team. I really enjoyed Schoolcraft, everybody in the athletic department and the school. I was totally happy working

all these years and I experienced tremendous success. It was an honor to work there." At Schoolcraft, Lafata's teams were MCCAAs Eastern Conference champions eight times, MCCAAs state champions six times and NJCAA District winners three times. Schoolcraft also placed sixth under Lafata at the 2001 Nationals. "The Schoolcraft college community recognizes the outstanding women's basketball coaching career of Karen Lafata, whose numbers reflect her loyalty and dedication to the college and the student-athletes she served," Fox said. "Karen epitomizes the very best of what college educators provide on a daily basis, that balance of academics and athletics. We wish her the very best at Wayne State University." The 39-year-old Brathwaite played two years of basketball at Moraine Valley Community College (Ill.) and did his undergraduate work at Chicago State University. He coached at Our Lady of Angels in Chicago and Detroit Old Redford Academy in Detroit. Brathwaite is a former Detroit police officer who currently resides in Detroit. "I'm really happy and it will be a smooth transition," Lafata said. "The kids love him. I feel good about that and he's a big part of our success the last four years. They should keep rolling." bemons@hometownlife.com (313) 222-6851

Ladywood netters finals-bound

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Linda Brennan got an unexpected surprise in her first season as varsity tennis coach at Livonia Ladywood. The Blazers earned a Division 3 state finals qualifying berth as a team after a runner-up finish May 20 in the Grosse Ile regional tourney. Host Grosse Ile won the title with 26 points, while Ladywood claimed a runner-up and automatic bid next weekend to Kalamazoo with 17. Riverview (15), Dearborn Divine Child (14) and Chelsea (12) rounded out the top five team finishers. "These girls deserved to go to state the way they came on as a team," said Brennan, who spent the previous six seasons as the Blazers' JV coach. "I never dreamed we'd take second and I think we surprised a lot of coaches." Ladywood finished 7-8 during the dual-meet season and fifth out of six teams in the Catholic League Tournament. They also had runner-up finishes at the Monroe and Howell invitational. "The Catholic League was very

tough and we also had matches with (Beverly Hills) Detroit Country Day and (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook," Brennan said. "We started the season a little slowly. Our singles were strong all year long, but then our doubles came around because of the way they worked together and came together." The biggest surprise came at No. 1 doubles when juniors Kenzie Kettner and Jenny Rhodes, seeded fifth going into the regional, won the title with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Grosse Ile's duo of Marissa Nazareno and Montana Pruet after knocking off the top-seeded duo from Trenton, Liz Sheeran and Molly Wilkie, 7-5, 6-4. Kettner and Rhodes, starters on Ladywood's Final Four volleyball team last fall, went 3-0 on the day and improved their season record to 12-10. "Those two played No. 1 for me last year on JV and they've really come on," Brennan said. Ladywood's other regional title came at No. 2 singles when third seed Erica Lay defeated Grosse Ile's Ania Latala, the top seed, 6-2, 6-1, in the finals. Lay, a junior, also ousted second seed Felicia Kollias of Riverview, to improve to 15-7 on the year.

Ladywood's No. 3 singles player Megan Glowacki (13-7) also earned a spot in the semifinals before falling in three sets to Grosse Ile's Mary Kate McShane, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5. The Blazers' No. 1 singles player all year has been Stephanie Petruska (13-8), while sophomore Nicole Salter holds down the No. 4 slot. Ladywood's No. 2 doubles team of Mary Beth Rouna and Courtney Doenitz got to the finals before falling to Riverview's top-seeded duo of Emily Bow and Bianca Korkis, 6-2, 6-4. Also headed to Kalamazoo to represent the Blazers at the Division 3 finals are No. 3 doubles team Maura Motta, a senior, and Mia Kudron, a junior, along with No. 4 doubles players Allison Franz, a senior, and Shannon Butwill, a junior. Brennan was an assistant under Joe Stafford when the Blazers qualified as a team in 2009. "It's exciting to coach these people," Brennan said. "They're great group. Even in a tough Catholic League they played their hearts out. They're coachable and so respectable." bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851



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Warming up at halftime of their game is the Canton Celtic Gold, under the watch of coach Amy Dorogi (right).

The show goes on - until Monday

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton Cup Soccer Tournament began on time 5 p.m. Friday with a slew of games at soggy Independence Park.

But with the loss of 15 fields due to the torrential rains Wednesday and Thursday, the finals will be played Monday instead of Sunday.

Finals will start at 8 a.m. on Memorial Day with the last contests slated to begin around 2 p.m., tournament director Darryl Noel said.

"Independence (Park) has 100 percent of the finals," Noel said. "The website (www.cantonscup.net) will have the times."

Everything else is ready to go for the 781 teams and estimated 50,000 people who are visiting the Canton area for one of the Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

ANSWERING THE CALL

Noel said he was "amazed" at how more than 200 Canton Cup volunteers switched gears after the downpours turned much of the tournament footprint to muck.

"It's been a major challenge," Noel said. "We've had a really good opportunity for our team to come together."

"And honestly, to a person, they've amazed me with ... the way everyone is pulling together, to be able to accommodate losing over 15 fields."

There now are 53 fields (down from 68), and all contests scheduled for field No. 23 at Independence are being shifted to Livonia Churchill on Newburgh Road north of Joy Road.

All of that forced a reshuffling of the deck.

"We have the full schedule re-done, we honored all coaching conflicts," Noel said. "We were able to make sure to just maximize the experience for our guests."

The "100-year rains" also soaked available parking areas, resulting in the use of shuttle buses in the vicinity of Independence Park.

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"We lost probably a third of our parking," Noel said. "So what we've done is contracted shuttle buses."

Those buses will move spectators to and from Workman Elementary School (250 Denton Road) and IHA Internal Village (49650 Cherry Hill).

For those who opted to drive themselves to Independence Park, well, ... there were two tow trucks pulling vehicles out of the mud on a regular basis on Friday.

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CANTON CUP

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HE'S SMART

"Smart refs like me don't fall down, don't make sharp turns," Vandeneuvel said.

That drew a laugh from Team Canada ref Francis D'Souza of Kitchener, located a few miles from Waterloo and about 200 miles from Detroit.

D'Souza, 72, then turned more serious when talking about how they enjoy officiating such a well-run tournament as the Canton Cup.

"We have been doing these kind of games and these kinds of tournaments," he said. "We are experienced, and it is exciting to see they are playing good soccer in the states."

As for working a tourney that has 781 teams and about 12,000 players, D'Souza emphasized that "bigger and bigger" doesn't affect refereeing.

"Whoever comes on the field, they're all experienced teams, well coached and well disciplined," D'Souza said. "And that's what we like here."

All of the action Friday was at Independence, the main hub of the tournament, while other sites dried out from the heavy rainfall that pounded metro Detroit.

Not too far from the referees' tent was Field No. 7, where CSC Canton Celtic '95 Gold and Waza Kelly East played two 35-minute halves.

The home team got off to a quick 2-0 lead, capitalizing on an own goal put into his own net by the Waza keeper.

Instead of pushing the ball over the crossbar and out of traffic, he inadvertently directed it into the twine.

BIG EVENT, BIG FUN

Those teams and all others in the tourney will play a guaranteed three games with the finals now set to begin 8 a.m. Monday.

However it turns out, players, parents and coaches get a kick — literally — out of such a mammoth weekend event.

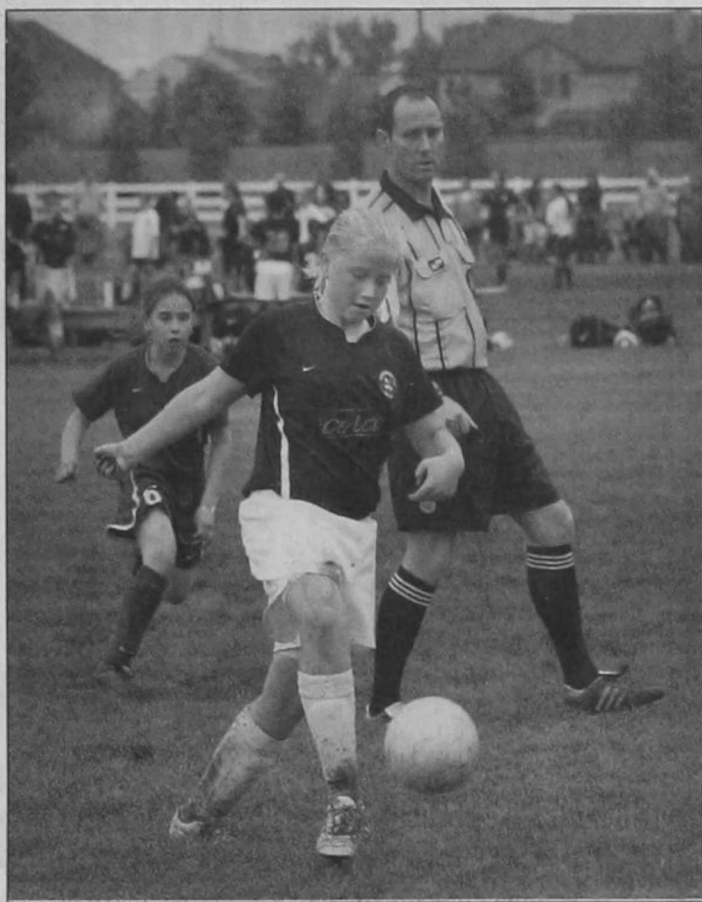
Nate Stovall, who coaches the Canton Celtic '99 Black team (which just defeated the Ann Arbor Strike Force by a 6-0 score), said it is a tournament he looks forward to.

"There's just lots of things to do," Stovall said. "With six or seven divisions per age group, from rec all the way up to the Select and Premier levels."

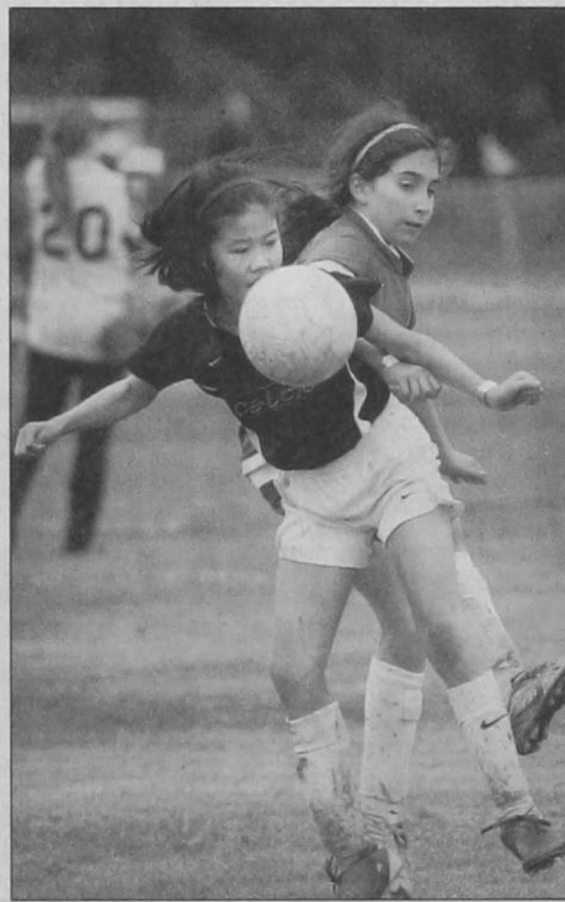
Scoring two of his team's goals in the victory was 12-year-old Canton resident Lauren Jankowski, who simply described it as "fun competition. This is like a home tournament, and it's big."

Teammate Hannah Lepko, 12, from Canton, concurred with Lauren's assessment.

"It was really fun, it's really good competition," Hannah said. "So it's



Canton Celtic Gold's Claire Schenk puts her foot to the ball Friday evening at Independence Park.



Canton Celtic Gold's Lauren Lee (left) fights for possession of the ball with an unidentified player.



Bob Burger blows his vuvuzela, made famous during World Cup play. He's cheering for both of his kids, Canton Celtics Lindsey and Brandon.

a lot of fun and we're going to crush everyone."

She said playing better teams from other areas is a good idea.

"Yeah, it improves our team a lot," she noted. "We like getting the better teams from all over."

WORTH WALKING FOR

Southfield's Johnny Weidman of the South Oakland Force 14U team played his first Canton Cup game Friday, a 4-3 loss.

"I did decent, I could have done better, I think," Johnny said. "My team went here last year, but I just joined this team, so this is my first year at the tournament."

What did he think of it? "It's intense," he added. "I was kind of nervous when I started because

there were a lot of people watching. I didn't want to make any mistakes."

His dad, John Weidman, shook his head about the size and scope of the Canton Cup.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," Weidman said. "... I assume there's been a lot of people working hard for many, many years to bring it (the tournament) to little kids all over the place."

Weidman won't forget the tourney for another reason. "I had to walk a whole mile from where I parked."

His mud-caked shoes were proof of that trek, undoubtedly something he and many others don't mind making in order to soak in all the soccer they can.

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Net presence: Whalers ink goalie Patterson

The Plymouth Whalers last week announced the signing of 16-year-old goaltender Jake Patterson, who was selected by in the seventh round (135th overall) of the 2010 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Patterson — 6-foot-1 and 176 pounds — played last season for the Hamilton Red Wings, where he posted a 3.49 goals against average.

"We've always liked Patterson, going back a couple of years ago when our Sault-area scout Mike Oliverio started to watch him," Whalers GM-Coach Mike Vellucci said. "Jake's is a hard worker with talent. We think he'll continue to improve as he works with (Plymouth goaltending coach) Stan Matwijiw."

"With the possibility of injuries or call-ups to pro camps or the World Junior Championships, it's good to have another goaltender available."

The Whalers have excellent depth in goal for 2011-12 with Scott

Wedgewood (a New Jersey Devils draft), Matt Mahalak (rated eighth among North American goaltenders for this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft) and now Patterson.

Wedgewood rates an excellent chance of receiving an invitation to try out for Team Canada for the 2012 World Junior Championships, which will be held Dec. 26, 2011-Jan. 5, 2012 in Calgary and Edmonton.

"I'm very excited to be part of the Whalers," Patterson said in a telephone interview. "I feel I can learn a lot from watching Scott and Matt and working with Stan Matwijiw. I really like what I've seen of Plymouth."

Patterson, who turns 17 next month, participated in the Whalers' last two rookie orientations and played in Plymouth's 2010 training camp. He'll attend school next season at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.



Goalie Jake Patterson, shown at the recent Plymouth Whalers rookie orientation at Compuware Arena, signed a contract with the Ontario Hockey League club. RENA LAVERTY

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Golf for Canton hoops

You can golf to help out the Canton High School basketball program. But you better hurry up because time is running out to sign up. The registration deadline is June 1 for the fourth annual Canton golf outing/basketball fundraiser.

Summer football camps

On tap this summer are three football camps being presented by Canton football. The first one is for players going into grades 7-9 this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16.

After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. June 20 and 5-8 p.m. June 21-23. This camp is for players going into grades 10-12.

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades 3-6 will take place from 9 a.m. to noon June 27-30.

Also, check out www.CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held from June 27 through June 29.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go from 5-to-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate from 7-to-9 p.m.

Please go to www.plymouthwildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

Golf for Rocks baseball

The third annual Salem Baseball/Golf Outing is slated for Saturday, June 25, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. For \$110 per golfer (paid registration before June 1) or \$125 per (after June 1), there will be 18 holes of golf on the Classic Course, a hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and raffle.

Also, for those who do not plan on

golfing, dinner will be available for \$50 per person.

All proceeds will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club. Hole sponsorships also are available.

Please call or e-mail either Jeff Vergolini (734) 612-7027; jeff_vergolini@wowway.com or Danny Devine (734) 751-4012; salemrocksbaseball@gmail.com.

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is located at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner will take place immediately following golf.

Salem alumni game

At noon Sunday, June 26, will be the second annual Salem Baseball Alumni Game, at the varsity field.

All it costs is \$20 to play, which includes a commemorative T-shirt and lunch (hats will be available for an extra \$20).

Go to www.salemrocksbaseball@gmail.com to obtain a registration form (or for more information). Players will be asked to give favorite memories of their Salem varsity baseball careers.

CYO volleyball signups

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

Any girls grades 5-8 in 2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September.

To register, contact St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, extension 31.

Total Baseball Camp

Total Baseball will host summer baseball camps mid-to-late June at the Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road.

A baseball fundamentals camp is set from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23 and will be followed by a Train & Play camp, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30.

The camps will teach players ages 6-14 necessary skills through games and contests. Former pro and collegiate players will be on hand (including former Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper).

Awards, games and inflatables will be included in each week's camp and lunch specials and after-care are available.

Camp will be held outside or inside depending on the weather. Players should bring their gloves and eagerness to learn. All other equipment will be available.

Camp fees are \$150 per player (with a \$50 sibling discount available). To register, call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail aaronk@total-sportscomplex.com.

Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run will take place beginning 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19 in downtown Plymouth. has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

The morning of fun and fitness will begin with the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and the National Anthem by Plymouth attorney John C. Stewart.

The run offers an event for every age. There will be a kids fun run at 7:30 a.m., followed by walk and run events of one meter, one mile or 5k. And don't forget the 10k run at 8:45 a.m..

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council.

Also, volunteers are needed. To volunteer or get more info about the Fathers Day Run, contact Cindy Morency at cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org. Proceeds will support the Plymouth YMCA "Strong Kids" Scholarship Campaign.

Golf for Canton football

Here's a way to combine helping out the Canton High School football program with enjoying a day of golf.

Come out to Salem Hills Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 6, for the annual golf outing/football fundraiser. Cost is \$100 per golfer. It will be a four-man scramble format. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, free range balls, lunch at the turn, a barbecue chicken and rib dinner, numerous contests and prizes.

For more information and a printable registration form, please go to www.cantonfootball.com. You can also call Lina Williams at (248) 240-1125 or Julie Baechler at (734) 645-7777.

Combine training

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season takes place on Sundays at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome.

Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols.

To register, visit www.coachjacksonspeed.com; or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Tuesday, May 31 DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA FRANKLIN Saturday, June 4: Garden City vs. Redford Union, 10 a.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at University of Detroit Jesuit vs. U-D Jesuit district champion.) at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 31: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Canton, 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4: Salem vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Novi vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.) WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Tuesday, May 31: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4 p.m. Friday, June 3: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Inkster, 1 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Saline vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion.) DIVISION 2 at MADONNA UNIV. (Ilitch Ballpark) Saturday, June 4: Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, 12:30 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark vs. Warren Fitzgerald district champion.) DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Saturday, June 4: (A) Westland Huron Valley vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, noon; championship final: Lutheran High Westland vs. A-B winner, 2 p.m.

regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.) GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 PCEP (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Livonia Franklin at (B) Plymouth, 5 p.m.; (C) Canton vs. (D) Salem, 7 p.m.; (E) Northville at (F) Garden City, 6 p.m.; (G) Livonia Churchill at (H) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both at PCEP.) Saturday, June 4: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Dearborn district champion.) ANN ARBOR PIONEER (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Wayne Memorial at (B) Ann Arbor Skyline, 7 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn vs. (D) Taylor Truman, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (F) Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; Taylor Kennedy vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both at Pioneer.) Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion.) DIVISION 2 SOUTH LYON (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Livonia Ladywood at (B) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Union at (D) South Lyon, 6 p.m.; (E) Redford Thurston at (F) Dearborn Divine Child, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Detroit Renaissance vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both at South Lyon.) Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Chelsea vs. East Lansing district champion.) DIVISION 3 BEVERLY HILLS DETROIT COUNTRY DAY (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Madison Heights Bishop Foley at (B) Clawson (City Park), 6 p.m.; (C) Detroit Cesar Chavez at (D) Harper Woods, 5 p.m.; (E) Detroit University Prep at (F) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.; (G) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (H) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2: E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m. (both at South Lyon.) Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Grosse Ile district champion.) DIVISION 4 PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Ann Arbor Greenhills at (B) Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 3: Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner vs. A-B winner, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Plymouth Christian, 5 p.m. (both at Plymouth Christian.) Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett district champion.) BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Saturday, June 4 (MHSA state finals) Division 1 at Rockford, 10 a.m. Div. 2 G.R. Houseman Field, 10 a.m. Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10 a.m. Division 4 at Jenison, 10 a.m. BOYS GOLF Tuesday, May 31 Kensington Conference Tourney at Pheasant Run G.C., 8 a.m. Thursday, June 2 (MHSA District Tournaments) Div. 1 at Whispering Willows, 8:30 a.m. Div. 1 at Huron Meadows, TBA. Div. 1 at West Shore (Grosse Ile), TBA. GIRLS TENNIS (MHSA state finals) Friday-Saturday, June 3-4 Division 1 at Midland, 10 a.m. TBA - time to be announced.

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Sew amazing Redford costume designer dresses actors in authentic style

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bernadine Vida amassed approximately 10,000 clothing items — including jewelry, hats, purses, dresses, shirts and ties — to tell a story this month.

The Redford costume designer used the authentic 1960s vintage clothing to build wardrobes for each character in *Margarine Wars*, a film comedy about anti-oleo laws and margarine smuggling in the Midwest. The film, which recently finished shooting in Armada, tells the story of a New York hippie whose van breaks down in rural Illinois en route to California. He ends up smuggling margarine across state lines for women in the community, trying to earn the \$500 he needs to fix his vehicle.

Vida outfitted actors in clothing that will help tell the story, enhance their characters, and accurately interpret the 1960s time period. Many of the pieces came from her own collection of vintage outfits and accessories. Others were bought with the film's costume budget or sewn.

"I wanted this film to have a real authenticity. To be true to the story and the characterization, you've got to be true to the sociological aspects of the film. What were people doing, what were they thinking? It's all reflected through their wardrobe."



Bernadine Vida of Redford on set of the "Margarine Wars," in Armada.

COSTUME HOUSE

Vida, who has costumed nearly all the major feature films that have been shot in Michigan, worked for several weeks this spring in a rented vacant ranch house 15 minutes from the *Margarine Wars* set on an Armada farm. For three of those weeks, she lived in a nearby condo, miles from her Wayne County home and studio.

Assisted by five interns, she stored and organized racks of clothing, boxes of hats, purses, earrings, pins and necklaces. She adjusted and fit costumes and kept track of the costume budget and receipts.

"To be successful in this industry, you've got to have an even

mind, be flexible and be a jack of all trades," Vida said. "I can build, I can sew. Whatever goes through my mind I can make an actuality. I've always been proud of that."

She has clothed dancers, musicians, opera singers and actors on the theater stage, in commercials, television shows and industrial promotions and events.

MEMORABLE JOB

She's most proud of her work with the Lincoln presidential library and museum in 2001.

"When I go into the rotunda and see John Wilkes Booth and realize I built his entire costume, tailored it, dressed it and everything, it's one of my favorites. I'm



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Bernadine Vida makes nice with a cow on the set of "Margarine Wars." The Redford costume designer has created garments for theater, movies, television, dance and yes, even animals.

proud because it will live beyond me."

Lately she has designed costumes for a teen television sitcom, *The Wannabes*, and for characters involved in promoting a new injection pen for diabetics. She's also busy with made-in-Michigan movies.

"I'm happy I'm getting the kinds of movies that are socially important. They aren't fluff and junk," said Vida, who began work this week on *The Citizen*, a film about a Lebanese immigrant becoming a U.S. citizen.

"Big studio features will always go to what is stereotypically desirable to American masses. The big (Los Angeles) features want to hire designers out of L.A. I don't get a chance to do that because I never made the L.A. exit."

HOMETOWN GIRL

Except for a brief stay in California years ago, Vida has lived locally since childhood. After graduation from



Costume interns (left to right) Vikki Hicks, Daniela Agnello and Katie Thoens pack up hats used in the film "Margarine Wars."

Redford Union High School, where she was "a bit of a miscreant ... painting the walls and doing crazy stuff," she studied mass communications at Wayne

State and the Society of Arts and Crafts (College for Creative Studies), later learning fashion

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Attorney J.B. Bieske can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary Bieske has won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the **only** type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings.



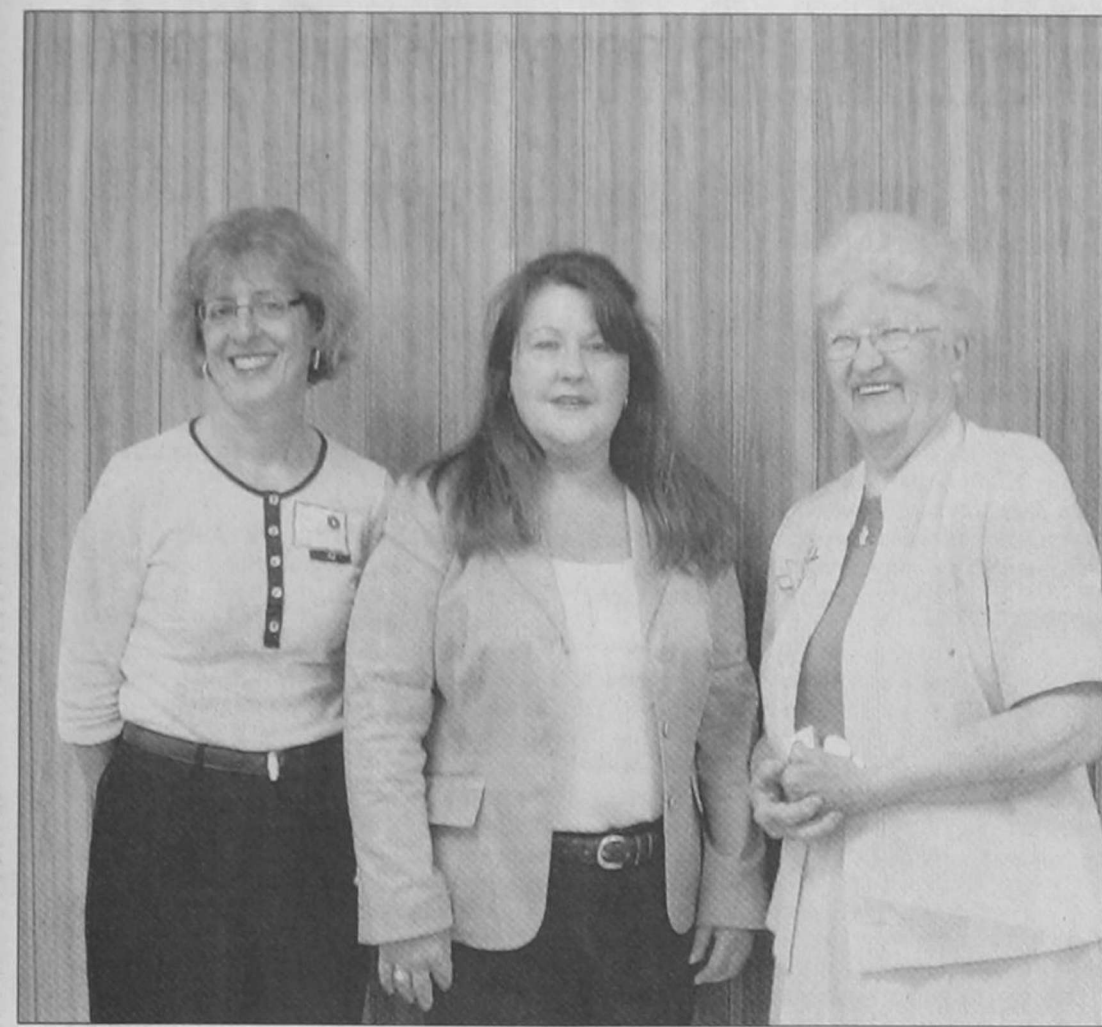
call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/ Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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Pamela Shorter (left), and Alberta Karll (right) are all smiles after receiving community service awards from John Sackett Regent Cynthia Tenerovich of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Susan Sweetman (second from left) of Livonia, receives a warm welcome into the DAR from Dorothy Moore (left), chapter chaplain, Brenda Halseh, chapter registrar and Cynthia Tenerovich, chapter regent.

Area DAR chapter inducts new member from Livonia

The John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently gave community service awards to members and inducted Susan Sweetman of Livonia into the organization.

Alberta Karll and Pamela Shorter received

community service awards for their dedicated service to the residents and families of Angela Hospice. Karll has worked with Angela Hospice since 1994; Shorter has been involved since 2009. Both prepare freshly-baked goodies including cookies, specialty breads and pies on

a weekly basis.

The program for the chapter's May meeting was "Collecting More than Dust." Members shared their prized collections. Katrina Beery showed silver commemorative spoons from around the world. Margaret Steward presented

antique Indian quill boxes. Dorothy Moore had antique citrus fruit spoons on hand. Mary Anne Duluk brought elaborate decorative eggs to the meeting. Joan Cheyne showed antique invalid feeders.

Humane Society seeks pet photos for annual calendar

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is looking for metro Detroit's most photogenic pets for its 2012 Pet Calendar.

The \$20 entry fee per photo guarantees inclusion in MHS' 14th annual calendar. Twelve top photo entries will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement, with all other photos appearing in

a variety of formats throughout the calendar.

Dogs and cats wearing collars and ID tags, and cats photographed indoors will receive the best consideration. Entries must be post-marked by June 15. Calendar proceeds will help the Michigan Humane Society change the lives of animals in need.

Photo guidelines:

- Photos must be clear, in color, contain only pets, and be no larger than 4- by 6-inches
- Horizontal (landscape) orientation and gloss finish preferred
- For quality reasons, color prints made at home on ink-jet or laser printers cannot be considered for Pet of the

Month placement. However, these types of prints will be accepted for the smaller photos used throughout the calendar.

Photos taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer

Write your name, phone number and pet's name on the back of each photo

using a permanent felt-tip pen. Mail entries by June 15 to Michigan Humane Society 2012 Pet Calendar, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025

Download an entry form at www.michiganhumane.org.

In the fall, MHS 2012 Pet Calendars will be available for purchase for \$15 plus tax at www.michiganhumane.org.

For more information, call the MHS administrative office at (866) MHUMANE, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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JOINT INJECTIONS, MORE THAN ONE?

The place of joint injections in the treatment of arthritis is on firm footing. Not only well organized studies, but the individual physician's own experience provides evidence for the ability of a steroid injection into a joint such as the knee or shoulder to provide a patient with pain relief and better movement.

This column has dealt in the past with the question of how often a patient can receive a joint injection, the answer being: as often as the injection confers benefit. But another related question is: at any one time, how many joint injections can a patient receive?

Physicians cannot turn to the medical literature to answer that question as investigations are lacking on that aspect of medical therapy. However, by custom, two injections at one time are considered as acceptable treatment.

The answer really depends on the condition of the patient. If the individual is elderly and has 2 swollen knees and a sore shoulder, then the doctor likely will inject only the 2 worse joints. The amount of anesthesia needed might cause the elderly person to become dizzy or even faint.

If the patient is not elderly, but is a poorly controlled diabetic, the physician may inject only one joint. Steroids antagonize insulin and 2 or more injections may cause the diabetes to go out of control.

If a knee or shoulder joint shows far advanced arthritis, the physician may not inject any joint. The injection may give temporary relief and weaken the patient's resolve to seek an orthopedic surgeon for a replacement knee or shoulder.

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Bernadine Vida keeps photos of movie cast members on the wall of her temporary costume department in a rented house near the set of "Margarine Wars."

DESIGNER

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design at Parsons School of Design in New York.

After college she designed clothing for the Harbinger Dance Company, but worked mostly in the political arena, both in Michigan and in San Francisco, Calif., where her now ex-husband was completing a job assignment.

Growing tired of politics, the young mother took on a challenge of designing costumes for a San Francisco theater produc-

tion of *Little Women*.

That led to an internship and more work in theater, both in San Francisco and later in Michigan. Although she has travelled extensively, Vida has maintained her studio and residence in her childhood home ever since.

Her father helped her raise her son while she juggled motherhood and a growing costume design business.

"I wanted my son to go to the schools I went to. My brothers and I went to Redford Union and so did my son."

Last summer she turned the

garage into a second studio. She suspects she is the most long-term resident in her neighborhood, which she describes as "a village."

She doesn't plan to stray far from her roots.

"I've been fortunate. I haven't made a million dollars but I've amassed quite a career. And the real joy for me is being able to teach, mentor and pass on my skills to others."

In addition to working with costume interns on films, she teaches at the College of Creative Studies and has lectured extensively.

Make life at your home easier with these products

Some new products to check out.

BORA CLAMP EDGE

Affinity Tool Works, LLC recently introduced the Bora Clamp Edge.

Honestly, I thought it was going to be just another gimmick tool that I'd never use. Wrong!

The Bora Clamp Edge is a quick guide tool that provides a perfectly straight and secure straightedge for accurate cuts through all kinds and types of wood. You can use it with circular saws, jigsaws, routers and biscuit jointers as well as with other tools or just as an accurate guide to scribe.

The company manufactures three sizes of clamps to handle a complete variety of woodworking projects. The small, 24-inch model is commonly used as a fence on table saws, router tables and small cutting projects. The 36-inch clamp edge is perfect for remodeling jobs such as trimming doors and cabinets.

They also make a 50-inch clamp edge, which is the one I've been testing. It's designed for 48-inch cuts. The design, engineering, integrated clamps and ease of use are all impressive.

The Bora Clamp has ergonomic handles, easy and simple lever locking mechanisms, unique swivel clamps (which also permits the user to do some slight angle cuts) and was designed for professionals, handymen and homeowners in mind.

The clamps are made from aircraft grade extruded aluminum and come with a lifetime warranty.

Affinity Tools also has an enviable line of pistol grip clamps, multi-angle adjustable squares and an angle master miter duplicator.

If you or someone you know works with wood, check out Bora Tools at the following websites: Woodcraft (www.woodcraft.com); Rockler (www.rockler.com); Sears (www.sears.com).

SPORT BRELLA CHAIR

Now that great weather is almost upon us, I'm sure everyone, including myself is looking to the outdoors as well as outdoor projects and events.

I recently came across the Sport Brella Chair. It is a unique, new portable garden and patio chair. Yes, we've all seen portable outdoor fold-up chairs. People take them from their patios to the Woodward Dream Cruise, beaches, parks and concerts.

What makes the Sport Brella Chair unlike other foldout sport chairs is that it has an attached, 360-degree swivel umbrella, which can be moved from side to side, and can be swiveled at three different points with the push of a button. The umbrella opens out to 46-inches, which provides complete coverage from the sun and wind at any conceivable angle.

The lightweight Sport Brella Chair also has a

built-in cup holder, bottle opener and even a zippered pouch for personal items. The chair easily folds up and fits into a compact carry bag that has a comfortable carry strap.

The M.S.R.P. is \$39.99 and is available at www.sportbrella.com. I recently found it at Costco for \$35.00.

WHISPERSENSE VENTILATION FANS

Panasonic recently introduced its new Whisper Sense Ventilation Fans at the 2011 kitchen and bath industry show in Las Vegas.

Panasonic claims the WhisperSense bathroom exhaust fans are the only vent fans on the market to incorporate dual-motion and humidity sensors. That makes perfect sense, since the fan will only operate when necessary. The motion sensor has a delay shut-off timer that activates when a person enters the bathroom and automatically shuts the fan off 20 minutes after the occupant has left.

If the tub or shower is used, the built-in humidity sensor overrides the delay timer and continues to exhaust moisture until the humidity is back down to a pre-set level.

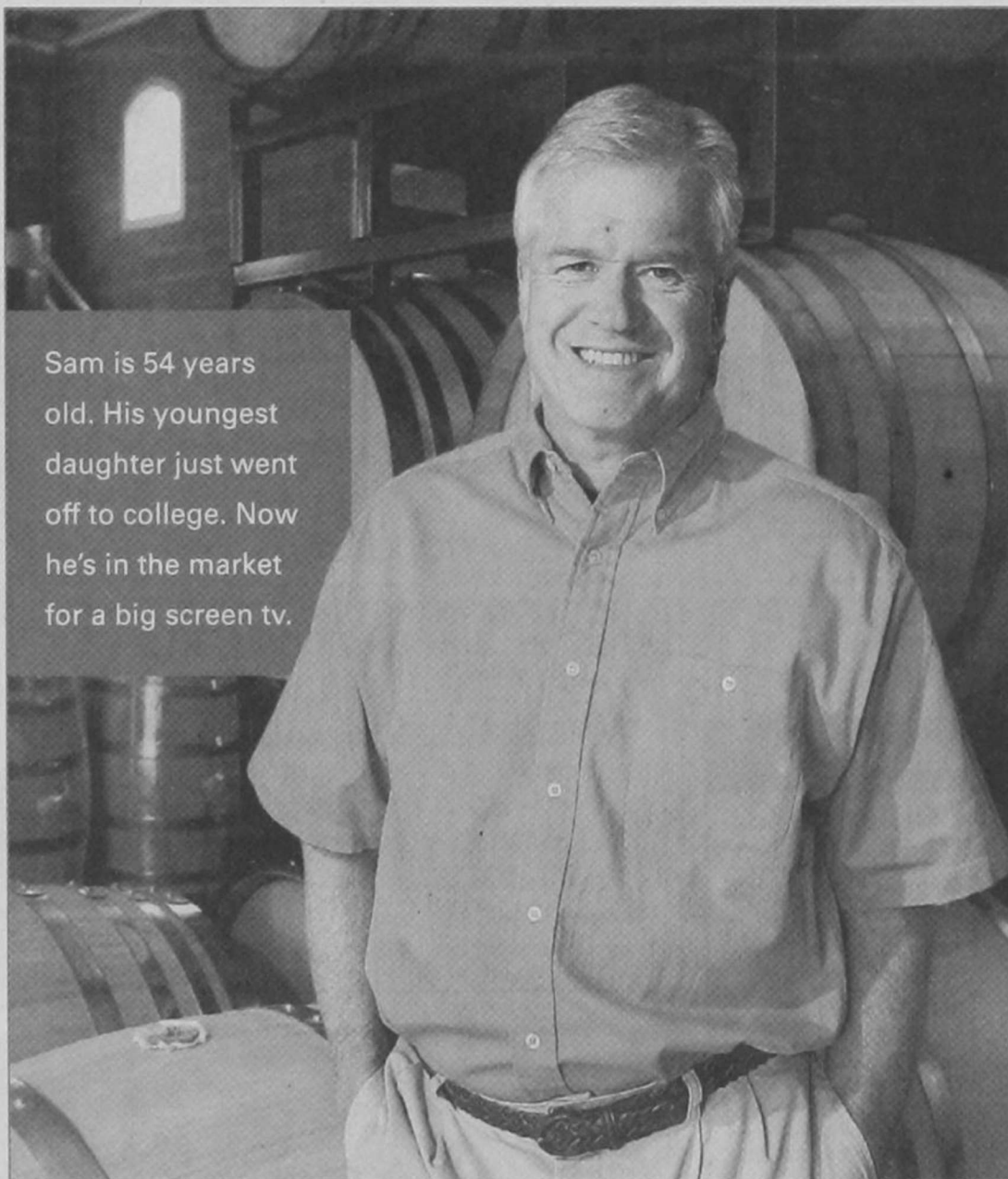
All that is well and good, but my favorite feature is the noise level. It has an incredibly quiet level, as low as 0.3-sones. One-sones is the sound of a quiet refrigerator operating at night. The 0.3 would be the quietest ceiling mounted fan I have experienced.

Panasonic WhisperSense ventilation fans have an average suggested retail price from \$289 to \$412 depending on the model (some have lights) and are available at Panasonic dealers and wholesalers. Check out the WhisperSense fans when they come out in June of 2011 at www.panasonic.com/vented-fans.

Q: While a rolling stone may gather no moss, our shaded, shingle roof is. What do people do if their roof is susceptible to fungus or moss?

A: You don't have to raise the roof to correct it. For all types of roofs there is a product called "Shingle-Shield" from Chicago Metallic. It is a maintenance-free roof moss/fungus protector. It is easily installed along the ridgeline and releases zinc oxide. The manufacturer claims it will last the life of the roof. Chemicals such as zinc oxide or chloride in metals are carried down the roof when it rains. These chemicals discourage the growth of moss. Also trim any overhanging trees and keep the roof clear of leaves and debris. With a cedar shake roof, remove as much of the moss between the shakes as possible. Use a piece of wire, then hose off the tiles.

Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast.net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his website www.technihouse.com.



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A Georgia O'Keeffe-style pillar painted by Marilyn Meredith will be on display at Canton's Liberty Fest next month.



Cathy Vettese works on her pillar during Relay for Life in Canton.

Painting adds creative touch to annual relay

Sharon Lee Dillenbeck earned the "People's Choice" award for her painted pillar version of Herbert Badham's "George Street" painting during the annual Relay for Life earlier this month in Canton.

Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studio of Canton, came up with a creative, artistic way to help the cause by asking artists to donate their time to paint famous

artwork on four-sided pillars with acrylic paint. The artists painted during the Relay.

Local businesses and philanthropists sponsored the short pillars for \$50, large pillars for \$100 and those attending the Relay voted for their favorites at \$1 per vote.

Artists included Marilyn Meredith, Elizabeth Gullikson, Megan Flynn, Megan Miner, Deana

Salhane, Rachel Bissonnett, Cathy Vettese, Bethany Grysko, Ryan Rockov, Megan Vance and Mary Elizabeth Winther.

The pillars will be displayed during Canton's Liberty Fest next month. The short pillars are for sale at \$125 each. Large pillars are \$250. Call Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710 for more information.

Camp featuring acting coach teaches teens to act for film

Film Acting Camp for Teens, taught by acting coach Gorlon Michaels, will run 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 20-24, at Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main, Northville.

The Gordon Michaels Actors Workshops have been housed at Genitti's Little Theater since the first time his classes were made available in Michigan in 1999. They have grown into what is now The Gordon Michaels Acting Studio. The studio provides actors of all ages with a place to grow artistically while at the same time gathering insight in the business of film, television, and theatre.

Michaels says that "any person who has that dream in



Michaels

their heart and truly believes in their heart that they want

to become an actor must be true to themselves, and move forward with every ounce of effort to make that dream come true."

"I believe a person with these desires has a responsibility to honor that dream which is born in their heart. I have witnessed many successes in the entertainment business of people doing exactly that. It's not always easy for a person with the desire to become an actor to just throw themselves into that area but the most important thing is to take that first very important step, begin to get training."

Cost of the teen camp is \$225. Register at gordonmichaelsstudio.com or call (248) 262-6805.

GARDEN & NATURE

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

BIBLE GARDEN

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants, flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self-guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at www.wollbiblegarden.org.

GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the website.

ENGLISH GARDENS

- See a free presentation, The Basics of Water Gardening, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11 at all store locations.
- Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.
- Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.
- Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School Class of 1971 Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961 50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Detroit Cody Class of 1961 50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com.

Grudzien at (734) 522-3167. 50s and 60s Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics.

Class of 1971 40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971 The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1961 50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962 Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

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

Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67 A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Garden City High School Class of 1986 25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

Inkster Cherry Hill All classes The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster. Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961 Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961 Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twi.rr.com.

Class of 1981 30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freeewebs.com/bent-

ley81 for more details. Livonia Franklin Class of 1966 45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

Plymouth High School Classes of 1951-52 Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

Redford Union Class of 1971 6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUHS71@yahoo.com

Rosary High School Class of 1966 Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High School Class of 1951 A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214

Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjlocke@aol.com

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1971 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com.

Southfield High School Class of 1981 The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1976 35-year class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGETS PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD: TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011 - 7:00 P.M. E.J. McCLENDON EDUCATION CENTER 454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Musical Equipment. Bid documents are available by contacting Raquel Hunter, Assistant Director of Purchasing at (734) 416-2741.

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MILESTONES

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Beverly B. Panuga and Silviano T. Fulgencio announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Armando and Salud Panuga of Chula Vista, Calif., attended California State University and is employed by the U.S. Air Force at Fort Meade. Her fiancé, son of Jose and Rosa Fulgencio, attended Michigan State University and is a military affairs contractor. A June 2011 wedding is planned in Annapolis, Md.



Panuga-Fulgencio

Annual run/walk focuses on prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, affecting one in six, and is the second leading cause of death, according to the American Cancer Society.

More than 217,000 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2010, with more than 32,000 men losing their fight with the disease.

Because the best defense against prostate cancer is early detection, the Michigan Institute of Urology (MIU) will present its Third Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon at 8 a.m. Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak. The MIU Run for the Ribbon 5K run/walk is led by MIU CEO Dr. Alphonse Santino, and coordinated by MIU urologist Dr. Michael Lutz. MIU developed the run to increase awareness about prostate cancer and educate the public about the disease, including detection, prevention and treatment.

"By tying prostate cancer awareness to the MIU Run for the Ribbon, we hope men, supported by their families, will be inspired to be proactive about their health. The risk of developing prostate cancer increases as a man ages, so men need to choose to know about their health with appropriate screenings. If you're going to 'fight like a man,' you need to know everything you can, as early as you can, about your opponent," Lutz stated. "We hope to see

more runners than ever this year as this event grows, along with awareness of prostate cancer."

MIU Run for the Ribbon is in partnership with the American Cancer Society, The Prostate Conditions Education Council and Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race Series and is one of only 18 sanctioned PACE races across the country.

The cost for early registration, made by May 30, is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Registrations made from May 31 to June 18 are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Race day registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Online registration at MIURunForTheRibbon.org is available until June 14.

T-shirts, blue ribbons honoring those with prostate cancer and medals will be awarded to all participants and finishers. Those with the disease will be given a hat to be honored and supported throughout the race for their courage.

Proceeds from the walk/run will benefit prostate cancer treatment, research and education in Michigan.

For more information about the MIU Run for the Ribbon events, visit MIURunForTheRibbon.org, e-mail info@MIURunForTheRibbon.org or call (586) 443-4272.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

MAY 29-JUNE 1

Financial Peace University
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1-Aug. 24

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: During Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, participants will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt
Contact: (248) 474-3444 or search on www.daveramsey.com

JUNE 2-8

Job fair
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Driv, Catnong
Details: Bring resumes and dress to impress. Some employers may interview on the spot
Contact: (734) 404-2480

Spring Bazaar
Time/Date: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, June 4
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Tables of crafts, jewelry, new and gently used household articles, and clothing will be sponsored by the Women's Guild
Contact: (734) 464-0476

JUNE 9-15

Concert
Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12
Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Pentacost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church
Contact: 313-937-3170

JUNE 16-22

Day camp
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24
Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$60 per child.
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuel-livonia.org

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastortscott@emmanuel-livonia.org
Faith Bible Church
Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8
Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits
Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615
Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnExt. Both programs run through May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnExt supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnExt
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS

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ADAMS, VIRGINIA E.
Age 97, of Rochester Hills, May 24, 2011. Wife of the late Daniel M. Adams; mother of Craig Adams of Rochester Hills and Jane Adams of Kingman, AZ. A founding member of Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Ferndale and a member of the Cadillac Retirees Club. Memorial service 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 31st at the Chapel of Flowers, White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy.
Please leave condolences at: www.pixleyfuneralrochester.com



MORSE, WOODIE E.

May 27, 2011, age 93. Wife of the late Edward S. Nikolics and Donald G. Morse. Dear mother of Pamela Ambrose (Peter) and Barbara J. Pruneau (Richard). Grandmother of Bill Freund Jr. (Susan), Jerred Pruneau, and Anastasia Pruneau. Great grandmother of Lexie and Larsen Freund. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 2:00p.m. until funeral service 3:00p.m. Memorial tributes to the American Heart Association.
View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



TALMERS, FREDERICK N., M.D.

May 26, 2011, age 87, of Bloomfield Village. Beloved husband of Vicki for 51 years. Dear father of Margaret E. Talmers (Thomas J. Gallitano), Nicholas (Kelly) and Peter (Leah). Grandfather of Alexander, Lia and Nicholas Gallitano, Lily, Chloe, Sophia, James, Helen and Katherine Talmers. Brother of Georgia Thurston (William), Virginia Soufleris (James), Socrates Tseckares (Gail), Charles Tseckares (Lorna), and the late Rita Koutsos (Charles), William Talmers (Danae), Aristedes "Ted" Tseckares (Ann) and Julia Pingree (Thomas). Brother-in-law of Ellen Greenias (Chris), Stanley Stavropoulos (Rose Mary), Alex Stavropoulos (the late Linda) and the late Theodore Stavropoulos (Litsa). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 2-8p.m. Trisagion 7p.m. Funeral service Friday 11a.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30a.m. Memorial tributes to the church. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

BROWN, AMY MARIE
Age 31, of Wayne, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at her mother's home in Westland. She was born June 26, 1979 in Trenton, daughter of William Russell & Diane Marie (Yandura) Brown. Amy graduated from Romulus High School in 1997 and was attending Baker College to be a Vascular Ultrasound Technician. She worked for Millennium Medical Group, Farmington Hills, as an EEG technician. She loved baseball and was a huge Detroit Tiger fan, loved games, and making people laugh. She enjoyed music, dancing, scrapbooking, shopping and she loved to travel. Survived by her mother Diane Brown of Westland, her grandparents Robert Anthony & Judy Yandura of Romulus, a sister Carrie (Paul) Bauer of Westland, a niece or nephew "Baby Bauer" on-the-way, her dog Harlow Jean, also numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Preceded in death by her father William Brown, also her grandparents Maude & Cordell Brown. Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
www.davidcbrownfh.com



REID, LORENE HARRIS

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away peacefully at home on May 20, 2011. Lorene was born December 2nd 1931 in Norman, Oklahoma, to Loyd Erwin and Maurine Dill Harris. She was the devoted wife of Glenn; loving mother of James Reid (Alexis), David Reid (Diane), Douglas Reid (Beth) and Sheri Reid Grant; proud grandmother of Erin Reid Barbosa, Emily, Mary, Rachel, Caitlin, and Andrew Reid, Megan and Nathan Grant; loving sister of Ronald Harris. She graduated from Ohio State in 1953 and began a successful teaching career. Lorene retired in 1995 from Avondale School District after 32 years of service. She developed and directed the district's Gifted and Talented Program, which included outstanding work with autistic students. In retirement she used her passion, to research her family's history. Her enthusiasm and dedication to genealogy took her many places not only around the U.S., but abroad, including England, Scotland and Germany. Lorene's favorite things in the world were her genealogy research, teaching, coffee, playing bridge and of course, SHOES! A memorial will be held in her honor at The Radisson Kingsley, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan from 1:00-4:00pm on June 12, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Family History Center, 5574 Castleton Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Share condolence and memories at sgrant@flexible-products.com. All stories will be collected and shared with the family.



BUNDY, JANICE CAROL

70, of North Lakeport, Michigan, died Sunday, May 22, 2011. She was born January 10, 1941 in Saginaw to the late Clifford and Margaret Richards. She married Donald Bundy on August 20, 1960 in Port Huron. Mrs. Bundy was a teacher with the Livonia School District prior to her retirement. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting and was an avid reader and book club member. She is survived by her beloved husband, Donald; three children, David Bundy, Christine (Jaan) Douma and Dennis Bundy; six grandchildren, Allison, Jake and Chloe Bundy, Jansen, Tenley and Harper Douma; two brothers, James (Jan) Richards and Steven (Lisa) Richards; and several nieces and nephews. Private graveside services will be held in Lakeport Cemetery. A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held this summer. Arrangements were by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home, Port Huron. Memorials may be made to Blue Water Hospice, Port Huron. To send condolences, visit pollockrandallfuneralhome.com



WARD, ROBERT (BOB)

Age 89, of Farmington Hills and formerly of Livonia and Novi. Passed away May 23, 2011, at Botsford Hospital. Bob graduated from Northwestern High School, attended Lawrence Tech and worked as a manager at Western Electric for many years. Bob honorably served in WWII in the Third Cavalry Reconnaissance. Beloved Husband of Helen for over 65 years. Loving Father of Thomas (Frances FitzGerald) of Farmington Hills, Bill of Laurium, MI, Nancy Miner of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandpa of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Yulia, and Great-Grandpa of Clinton and Trevor. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Bob was preceded in death by his parents William and Grace and his brother Scott. Bob will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or The Gleaners Food Bank. The family would like to extend their special thanks to the staff of Botsford Hospital for their kindness, care and concern. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia, MI.

CRYDERMAN, W.G. "Bill"
May 27, 2011, age 88. Beloved husband of Barbara & the late Joyce. Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, Tues., May 31, 10am until time of memorial service at 11am

KILLION, DONNA J.
Age 71 of Livonia. Beloved wife of James. Cherished mother of Jennifer (Robert) Allen, Jessica (Robert) McGrath and Jeannine (Jim) Rintala. Proud grandma of James, Grace, Julia, Gretchen, Olivia and Shay. Dearest sister of Linda (Lee) Damron, Judy (Dennis) Mathison and Michael (Sandra) Stanton. Dear sister-in-law to Tom (Carol) Killion. Preceded in death by her loving sister Mary Jo Moore. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation to be held Tuesday from 3pm-9pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home - Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd Livonia (E. of Levan). Funeral Service Wednesday 11am at Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

WATERMAN, MARY ANN
Longtime resident of Farmington; at 71 years of age, Mary Ann is a retired attorney. She is the past president of the Farmington Art Foundation, and accomplished artist. Mary Ann won First Prize at the 2008 Spring Exhibit at the Costick Center. Mary Ann is survived by her beloved husband, Tom Kyle. Loving mother of Judith Hope Wort, John (Julia) Kyle, Richard (Michelle) Wort, Dawn (James) Holland, Jacci (David) DiCarlo and the late James Kyle (d.2001). Cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Richard (Sharon) Waterman, Judith (Ernest) Roy and Frances (Nick) Mikula. She is preceded in death by her brother, Lynn Paul Waterman, II. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment in Farmington's Historic Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be directed to Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi, MI 48374. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington 248-474-5200 heeneey-sundquist.com

WILLETTE, MARY JEAN "MJ"
May 25, 2011 age 87. Born in Clarksburg WV. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Tom (Bonnie), Robin DeYonker and the late Robert. Beloved grandmother of Alicia and Rocky. Dear sister of Dr. John Hess. Preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Hess. Member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. She loved to play Bridge, and was a Bridge "Life Master". Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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Sinus Care 101: Spring cleaning for your allergies

With the departure of the winter chill comes allergy season with all of its runny, scratchy, sneezy annoyances.

Stuffy nasal passages and plugged up sinuses are a common complaint and remedies can range from over-the-counter medication to sinus surgery in extreme cases.

Doctors at the Michigan Sinus Center offer the following tips to keep you breathing easier:

Before you consider other measures, one of the simplest things you can do is cut down on your exposure to allergens.

"Allergy avoidance is the key for patients with allergies," stated Dr. Jeffrey Terrell, director of the Michigan Sinus Center and professor of otolaryngology at the University of Michigan Medical School. "It's the real first step, because if you can avoid the allergies you can avoid the symptoms."

If pollen bothers you, keep your windows closed, change clothes and shower after doing yard work, and consider investing in an air purifier with a HEPA filter for your home.

Reducing your exposure to non-seasonal irritants can help, too.

Most people spend more time in their bedrooms than in any other room in the house. Putting allergy covers on your pillows and mattress can help cut down on allergies to dust mites, which feed on skin flakes.

Fido and Fluffy may love sleeping in the bed with you, but keeping them out of the bedroom will keep their dander out, too. And if your basement smells too much like a basement, you may have a mold problem, which can exacerbate allergies.

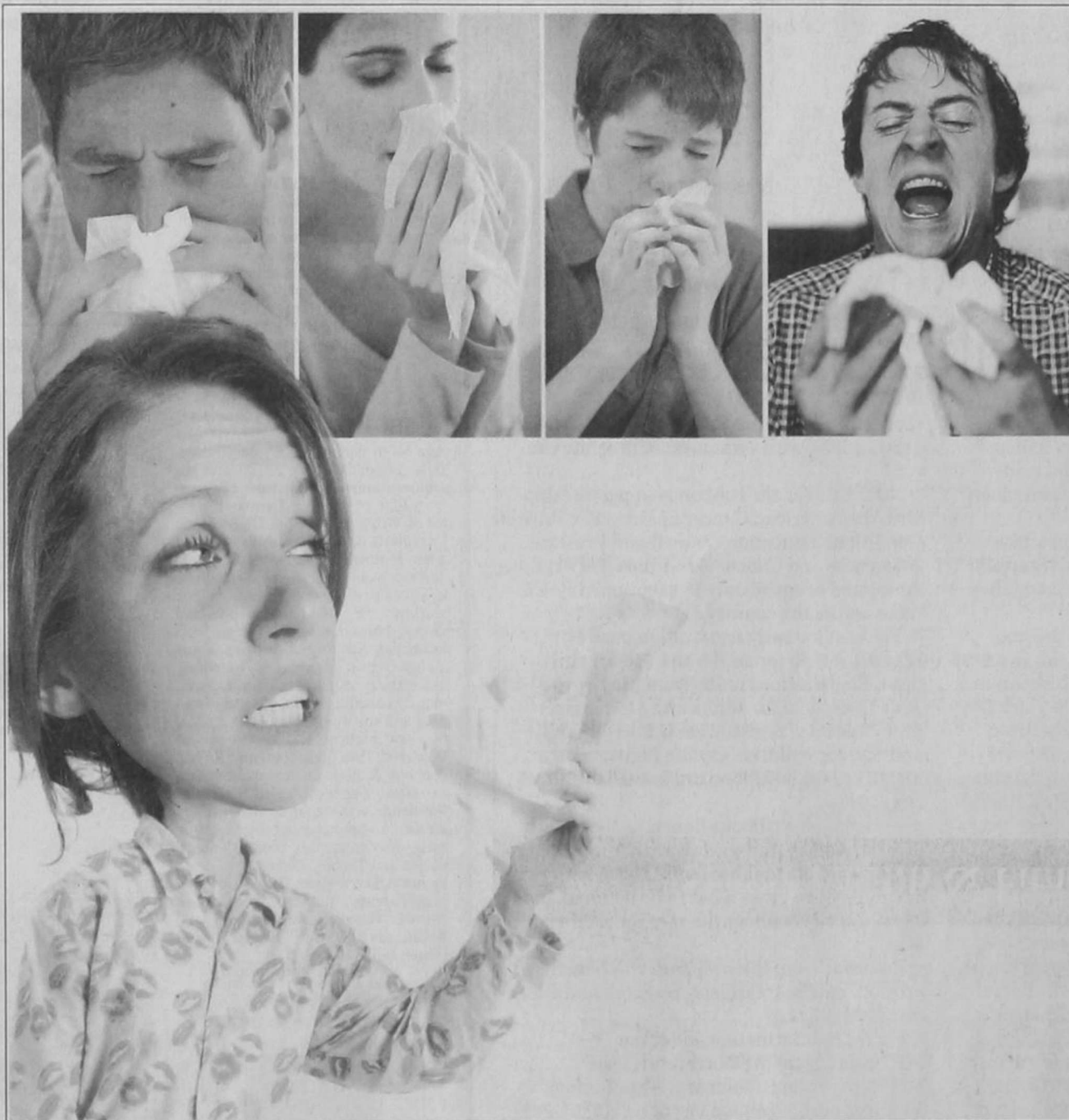
If you have chronic sinus stuffiness or discomfort, testing for and treating underlying allergies is a critical step, said Dr. Melissa Pynnonen, associate professor of otolaryngology at U-M.

"Treatment options can include medications, allergy avoidance and allergy shots," Pynnonen said. "Many medications for allergies are available without a prescription, including antihistamines like Zyrtec,

Allegra and Claritin, while other medications, such as nasal steroid sprays, require a prescription."

One simple, cheap and effective weapon against sinus troubles is a salt-water rinse, said Dr. Mark A Zacharek, associate professor of Otolaryngology at U-M.

"They come in two varieties — a neti pot, which is like a little watering can — and a plastic squeeze bottle, which introduces the water with more force," Zacharek said.



"The rinse helps to clear the nasal passages and keep them moisturized."

If you've already been prescribed a steroid nasal spray, Terrell suggests you lean over the bottle while holding it straight, rather than tilting it up into your nostril. The

technique ensures the medicine gets deep into the nose.

The Michigan Sinus Center is located in Livonia. For more information, visit <http://www.uofmhealth.org/medical-services/noseandsinus> or to make an appointment call (734) 936-8051.

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