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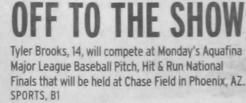
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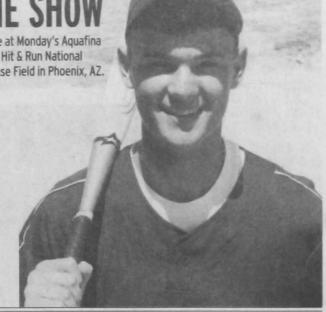
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Math whizzes

The Michigan All-Star team of 40 high school mathematics students fielded three teams in the American Regions Mathematics League Competition.

The Michigan B1 Naturals placed 1st nationally out of a field of 69 in the B division! Members were Bryant Chen of Canton High School and Natasha Consul of Salem High School. Both are residents of Canton.

ARML is the World Series of high school mathematics competitions. The competition consists of several events, which include a team round, a power question (in which a team solves proof-oriented questions), an individual round, two relay rounds (in which a contestant solves a problem and passes his/her answer to another team member, who uses this answer to solve another problem), and a super relay.

Members of the Michigan team were selected from the top 100 students out of about 10,000 who participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition last fall, an activity of the Mathematical Association of America-Michigan Section.

Summer social

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle hosts "Happy Hour" on the back porch at Courthouse Grille in Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.

The event will feature a prize for most guests brought, and a "Pass the Purse" donation that will go to the Miracle League of Plymouth, Admission is \$10 at the door, which includes appetizers. The Courthouse Grille is locat-

ed at 41661 Plymouth Road. RSVP by Monday, July 11, to givinghopewgc@gmail. com or call the Canton Community Foundation, (734) 495-1200.

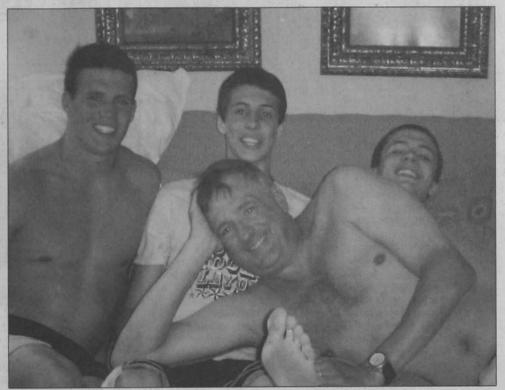


Christmas in July

Look inside this month's edition of Hometown Life Inspire for a chance to win a holiday shopping spree.

Three lucky winners will win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Find this holiday beach ball (above) on the pages of Inspire and enter to win.

See more details in the July Inspire in print and online at hometownlife. com.



Rick Cigile of Canton clowns with his sons — Ricky, Ryan and Jeremy — the day before the swimming accident that

'Then he was gone'

Fundraiser helps paralyzed Canton man

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patty Cigile was wandering around the beach on the first full day of her family's vacation in Destin Beach, Fla., when she heard some noise, turned and saw people dragging a man out of the water onto the beach.

It took a second for the understanding to reach her before she noticed the shorts the man was wearing. They were familiar.

"I thought, 'Oh, my God, that's my husband," Patty Cigile remembered. "I didn't even notice it was my sons carrying him. He just had that vacant stare. It was ter-

Rick Cigile, Patty's husband of 29 years, was swimming in the waters off Destin Beach June 21, the first full day of the family's vacation. Rick was taking turns body surfing the waves with his 18-yearold son Ryan (who has since had his 19th birthday) and 17year-old Jeremy.

HELPING RICK

What: A fundraiser for Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Cigile of Canton When: 3-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

Where: Boomer's Roadhouse, 6650 Highland Road in Waterford.

Why: Cigile was seriously injured in an accident while vacationing in Florida June 21. Proceeds will help the family with medical costs.

Cost: Tickets are \$20 per person and include a buffet, pop and coffee.

Other help: A "Rick Cigile Benefit Fund" has been set up through TCF Bank and donations can be made at any branch.

'HE WAS GONE'

Nobody really saw it, but this is what the family now knows happened: Rick took a wave in, and the wave

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Group plans to help remodel Cigile's home

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Cisek spends a good deal of his time helping people around the community who can't help themselves.

So when Cisek, president of the group Christmas in Action, heard about the swimming accident that left Rick Cigile paralyzed last month, his direction was clear: Help.

"He's my neighbor," Cisek said simply of Cigile, who lives a few doors down from Cisek. "How can we not try to help?"

Christmas in Action has already started planning how to help Cigile, his wife and their three sons. The group

Please see HELP, A3

Township goes after unpaid taxes

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's elected leaders have hired a tax-collection company to pursue unpaid taxes local businesses owe for personal property - equipment, furniture, tools and taxable items other than actual buildings and land.

The taxes, if collected, would amount to \$366,000 for 2010 alone - a significant amount for taxing entities, such as Canton Township, the public library, Wayne County and local schools, that are reeling from a sharp decline in property tax revenues spurred by housing market woes.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said the unpaid taxes would benefit school districts, the county and other taxing jurisdictions that have depleted cash reserves as they struggle to maintain services.

"They're counting every penny twice," she said.

Amid hopes of collecting unpaid taxes, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has hired Canton-based Metro Collections, which already has shown tax-collection successes in communities such as Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Inkster.

RESULTS DRIVEN

The program doesn't dip into Canton's general fund cash reserves - \$5.3 million as of the most recent audit.

Moreover, Metro Collections doesn't keep any of the actual personal property taxes it collects. Rather, the company's payment comes from certain late penalties and interest that

have accumulated on past-

"If they don't collect the tax, they don't get paid anything," McLaughlin said.

Unlike taxes on real property such as buildings and land, taxes on personal property do not get turned over to the county to pursue unpaid taxes, which is why Canton stepped in.

The amount of unpaid personal property taxes for 2010 alone amounts to \$35,829 for Canton Township, \$23,376 for the library, \$78,167 for Wayne County and \$14,316 for school operating funds.

"That's a significant amount for us," library Director Eva Davis said, "and we appreciate the township taking the lead on this pro-

A \$23,376 windfall for the library, if collected, would equal what the facility spends for an entire year on its programming, she said.

"It would be great if we could have that money," Davis said, adding that the unpaid taxes amount to nearly 10 percent of what the library should get each year from personal property

SIGNIFICANT SLICE

Under the larger umbrella of personal property taxes, the \$366,000 total not collected for the various government entities in 2010 amounted to a significant slice of the \$6.5 million levied, according to township officials.

Last year, McLaughlin said her office successfully sought some of the unpaid taxes, though the effort proved

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Vintage game raises money for ALS research



Spectators will see a vintage baseball game using no gloves, foul lines or fences. Players, or "ballists," wear period-reproduced uniforms and recreate the game based on 1862 rules.

BY DARRELL CLEM

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER For a third summer, Canton

plans to step up to the plate to host a vintage baseball game using rules dating back to the 1860s - all to raise money to fight the disease that killed New York Yankees legend Lou Gehrig.

Local resident Bob Mosher has organized the event each year since he read a magazine article about ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, after he and wife Natalie boarded a plane to return home from an overseas trip.

"It's very uplifting to do this," he said. "I feel that ALS is sort of one of our forgotten, horrible diseases. I love baseball, and I love people who are active. This disease can strike anybody. It's the democratic nature of the disease. You can live a perfect life and get struck with this thing." To raise money for the

ALS-Therapy Development Institute, Mosher has organized the latest vintage baseball game between the Northville Eclipse and the Detroit Early Riser Base Ball Club, set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, in picturesque Heritage Park, off Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

Admission is free, though anyone attending is strongly urged to bring donations to help fight ALS, a disease of the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement. Mosher said a silent auction also will occur to raise money. Businesses and individuals who would like to donate items for the auction may contact Mosher by calling (734) 502-7477 or by sending an e-mail to bwphoto1@com-

Canton's latest vintage game comes 72 years after

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New barbecue spot gets 'Real'

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Real BarBQ, a new and growing metro Detroit company, has chosen Canton for its third restaurant after successful start-ups in Lincoln Park and Detroit's Harbortown

Rob Dehko, operating manager, said the newest Real BarBQ is expected to open in September in a small shopping center on the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads, ushering in another restaurant along Canton's bustling Ford Road commercial corridor.

"We're shooting for the week

after Labor Day," Dehko said. Real BarBQ rolled outs its first eatery in January in Lincoln Park, followed by its Harbortown restaurant in May. Dehko said barbecue places have gained momentum amid interest in Slows, a popular Detroit spot, and following numerous segments on the Food Network and other television shows.

We wanted to be in Canton," Dehko, 35, said. "We love the area. We love the community. We will be in an area near IKEA and other businesses. Canton has got to be the hottest community in southeast Michigan."

Kristen Thomas, Canton economic development and marketing analyst, said Real BarBQ will complement a vast array of restaurants in a community that has gained a repu-

tation for its diverse eateries. "I think we have a lot of real foodies here in Canton," she said. "With the popularity of



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Real BarBQ should open after Labor Day.

places like Slows, I think people are excited to have a barbecue place here on Ford Road. I think it's going to be a great complement to the restaurants we already have. I personally can't wait.'

In starting Real BarBQ, Dehko said owners Dave Ebner and Joe Barbat made a commitment to slow-cooked, low-heat barbecue - whether a customer's preference is pork, chicken or beef brisket. The company's website indicates that meats are cooked up to 20 hours over locally grown wood, including Michigan cherry trees. Real BarBQ also offers side dishes and a variety of sauces from sweet to hot.

Already, Real BarBQ window signs can be seen at the Ford-Lilley location as workers continue to labor inside the business, getting it ready for a post-Labor Day opening. Dehko said the restaurant will have 70 seats and, unlike the Lincoln Park and Detroit locations, have a liquor license.

Real BarBQ's business typically is equally divided into three areas, with a third of customers dining in, a third

preferring carry-out and a third calling for home delivery within a several-mile radius.

"We'll deliver barbecue straight to your house," Dehko

Barbecue fans might want to stay tuned for a large outdoor picnic of sorts, too. Dehko said Real BarBQ hopes to initiate talks with Canton officials about a barbecue competition - a festival or sorts - in Heritage Park.

"We'd like to do that next summer," he said.

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AROUND CANTON

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

Heise hours

Date/Time: Monday, July 11, 3-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours. There will be no district hours in August; however, Heise is always available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Call toll free (855) REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Grief workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon Location: Room A-105 at Ward Church in Northville

Details: Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What? Contact: Call Barb Brace at Ward

Church at (248) 374-5943.



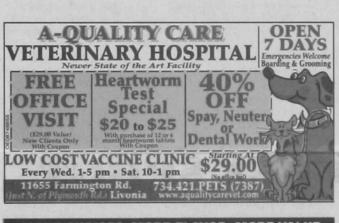
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slammed him into the ocean floor, snapping his neck and causing a C4-C5 fracture. Apparently understanding he'd just broken his neck, Rick gulped in one last gasp of air, which didn't hold.

Before Ryan and Jeremy could get to him, Rick had drowned. The boys got some help getting their dad to the beach - "There was another boogie-boarder who helped," Patty said - where a lifeguard and another woman, an ER nurse who happened to be at the beach that day, worked feverishly to try to bring Rick back.

"They just kept going and going," Patty said of the revival effort. "Then he turned that ashen gray and he was gone."

Six rounds of CPR, though, brought Rick back. At first, it was thought he'd suffered a heart attack. When EMTs kept asking him in the ambulance, "Can you feel that?" and Rick kept saying, "no," Patty thought, "Oh, God, he's broken his neck." They turned the ambulance toward Fort Walton Beach Hospital. The family tried to find an airlift to Pompano Beach Hospital, a much larger trauma center, but none was available.

Rick spent a week at Fort Walton Beach until a room and a doctor at the University of Michigan Hospital could be arranged, and an airlift



Patty and Rick Cigile in happier times, celebrating Christmas with sons Ricky, Ryan and Jeremy.

financed. The Cigiles' health insurance doesn't cover the \$14,200 cost, which left Patty scrambling.

"You start pulling out your credit cards," Patty said. "Put some on this one, and put some on this one.'

DAUNTING CHALLENGE

Now back at U-M, Rick faces a daunting rehab schedule that will have him working at it eight hours a day. Patty said doctors aren't saying anything in terms of a prognosis, but they're "treating it like a quad(riplegic) injury.'

Friends say Rick Cigile, a hockey coach whose three sons (they also have 21-year-old Ricky about to play hockey at Bethel College in Minnesota), is suited by temperament and outlook to adjust to the challenge.

Jeff Powers, who has known Rick for 15 years and whose sons have played hockey with the Cigile boys, said Rick has always had a "positive outlook" that should help him now.

"He was always very positive not only about his kids, but about all the kids," said Powers, who watched Cigile as

a coach. "He was always positive and tried to bring out the best in them. Once he gets over the reality of what's going on, which I can't even comprehend personally, I think his positive outlook and his mindset on life will help him adjust."

While Patty, currently on stress-related leave from her job with Delta Airlines, learns the ins and outs of Rick's rehab, his friends at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where Rick has been a deputy for more than 23 years, are focusing on the financial aspect. The group

is sponsoring a fundraiser to help with Rick's medical bills 3-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Boomer's Roadhouse in Waterford.

HELPING OUT

Tickets are \$20 per person and include a buffet, pop and coffee. A "Rick Cigile Benefit Fund" has been set up through TCF Bank and donations can be made at any branch.

"I think that's a wonderful thing ... He's got a great, great group of friends who love and support him and care about him," Patty said. "They're finding ways to help the family. The support we got and the people helping us ... doing anything they could to help us, has been amazing."

Now, though, comes perhaps the biggest challenge of all: Getting Rick home. Ricky is already out of the home on his way to college, likely to be followed soon by Ryan. That leaves Patty alone with Jeremy to help with Rick's rehab, and Jeremy starts his senior year at Plymouth High School in September.

I'm holding up pretty well . right now I have to learn all the work and the rehab I'm going to need to know to help him," Patty said. "The scary part will be when he comes home and we see all that (rehab) includes. We have to wait and see, and get prepared. It's uncharted territory."

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time-consuming in an era when all township departments, including hers, are trying to operate leaner and more efficiently.

"We tried last year and we nearly drove ourselves crazy," McLaughlin said.

With the summer tax season already proving a busy time for the treasurer's office, the decision by township trustees to hire Metro Collections came as officials hope to collect unpaid taxes in an efficient way.

Officials realize not all of the taxes will be collected. Some companies, for instance, have gone out of business.

However, Metro Collections has the expertise to seek out unpaid personal property taxes from those who have simply refused to

Businesses can be taken to court and, in dire situations, the township can seize property and auction it off to collect taxes.

"That's not something I want to do at all," McLaughlin said. "I would much rather not have it happen like that."

The goal, she said, is to work with local businesses to collect the money. She said past efforts have included setting up a payment plan.

Canton has prided itself on being a business-friendly community. It has even offered tax abatements and other measures to attract local businesses.

However, local officials, keenly aware of the township's own budget challenges, also feel a duty to try to collect those taxes that are due to Canton and other taxing entities.

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FROM PAGE A1

plans to take on the task of remodeling the Cigiles' Canton home - widening doorways, adding first-floor bedroom and shower, building a handicapaccessible ramp.

"There are a lot of things to be done to the house," Cisek said.

Cigile is well-known in the community, particularly for his efforts coaching his own three sons, and countless other kids, in hockey. In fact, Cigile was the first hockey coach for Cisek's own son.

It's Cigile's service to community, combined with the medical situation in which he now finds himself, that makes the Cigile family a prime candidate for Christmas in Action's help.

"He's a father and he's someone who's been trying to help the community out," Cisek said. "This is our way of helping him out now."

Cisek hopes to get to work around Aug. 12, and he's looking for skilled trades people to help. He figures to need carpenters, plumbers, electricians and flooring pros. The group is also looking for help with the cost, which Cisek estimates will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

We're looking at turning this around as fast as we can," Cisek said.

To donate money, send a check/money order made out to Christmas in Action (with "Rick Cigile fund" on the memo line) to Christmas in Action, 1150 Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. To volunteer to help or for more information, visit Christmas in Action's website at www.christmasinactionwayne.com

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White House trip honors Dodson nutrition program

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BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The last time Joanne Randolph was at the White House, Ronald Reagan sat in the Oval Office.

Decades later, it's time for another trip, and not for the usual visitors' tour that tourists

Randolph, the nutrition coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will join Board of Education President John Jackson on the White House's south lawn Friday, July 29, to receive an honor from First Lady Michelle Obama. The district is being recognized for its work to make school lunches and breakfast programs healthier.

The award is attributed to the effort at Dodson Elementary School, which this year earned the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award. Dodson became one of what USDA officials said is a "small but growing number of Michigan schools" to achieve the challenge, a national initiative to promote healthier school meals, physical activity and fitness opportunities and nutrition education. Dodson is the third elementary school in the state to achieve Bronze level

"We're honored to be asked to go," said Randolph, credited with enhancing the district's nutritional standards. "I've never been to the White House, except for the little tour everyone takes. I'm looking forward to going back.

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service presented the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award to Dodson back in March. It's a national initiative to promote healthier school meals, physical activity, fitness opportunities and nutrition education for students.

Improving child nutrition is the focal point of the Healthy,



Dodson Elementary students had fun with Rory, the Detroit Lions' mascot, at an all-school assembly announcing the school's Bronze Award.

Hunger-Free Kids Act signed by President Barack Obama in December 2010. The legislation authorizes USDA's child nutrition programs and allows the USDA, for the first time in more than 30 years, the chance to make real reforms to the school lunch and breakfast programs. The goal is to help a new generation win the future with healthier lives.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act is the legislative centerpiece of the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative.

"This is a really big deal," said Kristen Hennessey, Plymouth-Canton's director of food & nutrition services. "It recognizes the fact students are balancing nutrition and fitness, which we all know fosters a better learning environment. The folks at Dodson worked really hard on this.

According to USDA statistics, childhood obesity rates have tripled in the last 30 vears, and now nearly 1-in-3 children is overweight and obese. The HealthierUS School Challenge is a key component of the First Lady's LetsMove! initiative to combat the childhood obesity epidemic through a comprehensive approach with

schools, families and communities that helps children become more active, eat better, and get

Dodson's Bronze Award reflects the school's commitment to student nutrition and physical fitness, cornerstones of Let's Move!" said Julie Mikkelson, USDA Food and Nutrition Service Regional Director for Special Nutrition

The school celebrated the milestone with an all-school assembly Wednesday that featured Chef Paul Penney, Plymouth High School head football coach Mike Sawchuk and player Brennen Byer, and Zumba instructor Veronica

Randolph said now that Dodson has achieved Bronze status in the program, the district's other 15 elementaries are ready to step up to the same challenge.

We've changed the menus for the other 15, and we've applied for all 15 of them," Randolph said. "We're hopeful they can all earn the same recognition."

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Local students honored by Phi Beta Kappa

Top graduating seniors of 109 area high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area - including Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools - are being honored this month by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

More than 3,600 graduating seniors in the public, private, and parochial high schools in southeastern Michigan who attained a 3.75 grade point or higher in their academic classes are receiving a certificate of recognition from the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa, which is

Michelle Lu

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comprised of members of the national scholastic honor society residing in the

"These students have earned recognition as future leaders and scholars by doing what it takes to rank at the head of their classes, and they deserve all the praise and recognition we can give them," said Dr. Seymour J. Wolfson, president of the orga-

Honorees from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools include:

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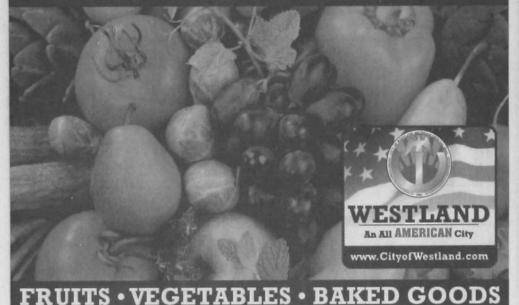
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Plymouth's Art in the Park off to sunny start

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Under sunny skies and a fair-weather forecast for the weekend, the 32nd annual Art in the Park got under way Friday in downtown Plymouth.

Billed as the second-largest art festival in the state after Ann Arbor's, Art in the Park brings together more than 400 artists from around the country: painters, photographers, jewelers, furniture-makers, clothing designers and crafters of all kinds. In addition, the event offers food vendors, live entertainment and hands-on activities, such as the Lego Spinjitzu display at Kellogg Park.

Art in the Park continues through 5 p.m. Sunday in the park and several surrounding streets.

"I love the festival. I love
the people it brings to town,"
said Stella Delap, the owner of
Basket Kreations, a gift shop
on Forest Avenue, in Kellogg
Park during a break from
browsing. The customers Art
in the Park brings to downtown businesses outweigh
inconveniences such as heavy
traffic and closed streets,
Delap said. It's also good for
her, she added, as a way to find



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Mary Beth Lawler and Tonia Laughlin, both of Plymouth, shop for jewelry at Florida artist Maria Marchese's booth.

Behind them, Lori Burke of Saline.

vendors for products, especially from Michigan, her store might carry.

Delap likes to shop Art in the Park, too. "There're just things you don't normally see in a store. Very unique," she said. That's what Leslie Hawkins, of Las Vegas, Nev., is hoping brings people to her booth on Main Street. Hawkins sells women's clothing that's handpainted with her own designs, including many flowers and abstracts, and says Art in the

Park is a good fit for her.

"It's a good market. It's our clientele," said Hawkins, who guessed it was her fifth trip to Plymouth for the show.
She's been embellishing clothing for 24 years; her mother, Jeanette Nacht, helps with

dyeing, sewing and keeping inventory.

Hawkins said things got off to a quick start for them Friday. "We've been constantly busy. Nonstop," she said.

Photographer Shawn Malone of Marquette, also on Main Street, is back for a second year after her Art in the Park debut in 2010.

Malone's prints are mostly landscapes and roadside scenes — the Mackinac Bridge, a weathered country grocery store, the Pictured Rocks — and her work was featured in National Geographic earlier this year. She's been pursuing the work seriously for six or seven years, she said.

Malone, wearing a T-shirt advertising another art festival, noted the day's heat, but said it was better than the alternative. "We've had a couple total rainouts, so I'm not complaining about heat or sun," she

Sunday hours for Art in the Park art 10 a.m. through 5 p.m.; for more information, visit www.artinthepark. com. The modern jazz band Zamar will be performing throughout the day at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. Visitors are encouraged to park at the ACH plant (formerly Visteon) at 14425 Sheldon Road, just off of M-14, and use the free shuttle service between the plant parking lot and Plymouth City Hall.

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PLAY BALL

Gehrig quit his beloved sport and made his famous "Lucky Man" speech in Yankee Stadium, telling the crowd, "I may have had a tough break, but I have an awful lot to live for."

He died two years later at age 37.

Mosher said Canton's vintage baseball game has raised an estimated \$2,000 in the first two years. He conceded raising money has become tough amid an economic downturn — though every dollar helps with much-needed research.

Mosher hasn't been personally affected by ALS, but he felt compelled to help fight it after he read the magazine article in

"It's a very important event," said Mosher, a retired Ford Motor Co. engi-

Mosher estimated that 75 people attended last year's game, "and I hope to

get around 100 or more this year."

Spectators will see a vintage baseball game using no gloves, foul lines or fences.

Players, or "ballists," wear period-reproduced uniforms and recreate the game

That means no spitting, no swearing and certainly no team brawls — reflective of a time when baseball was perhaps more of a gentleman's game.

based on 1862 rules.

ALS-TDI officials have said 5,000 to

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8,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with ALS, while as many as 30,000 people are living with the disease at any given time.

Mosher, who in high school played summers for the Royal Oak-area Babe Ruth League, has called it fitting that a baseball game — the perennial American pastime, just as sure as summer arrives — should be organized to fight a disease that killed Gehrig.

All donations collected during the July 21 game will benefit the ALS-TDI, based in Cambridge, Mass. It is the world's largest nonprofit research center focused on fighting Lou Gehrig's disease.

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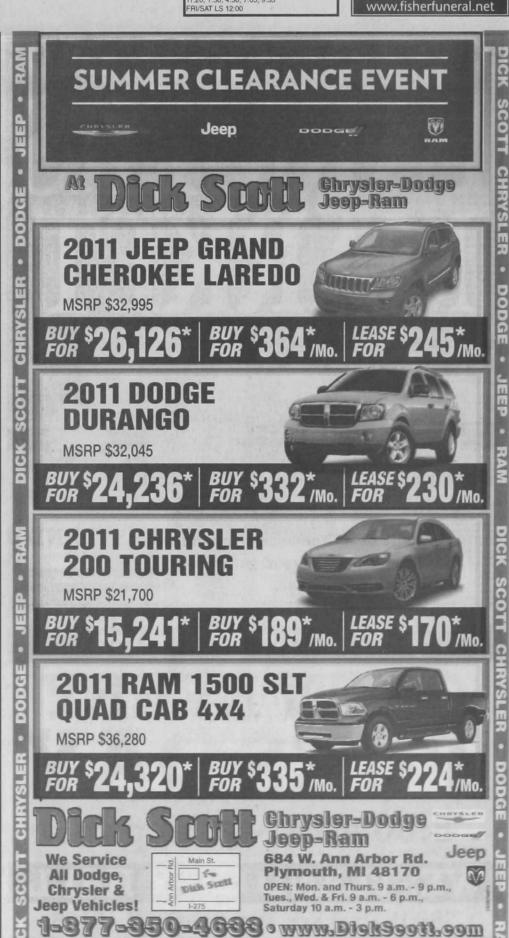
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Signal Seekers help model aviators take flight

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Pasting remembers well flying model planes in the parking lot of Madison Elementary on Harrison north of Five Mile in Livonia. His father, who built and flew his own control-line planes, got him interested in the hobby. Now he's hoping to get others involved in it.

The president of the Michigan Signal Seekers Radio Club of Westland, a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Paschen is hoping events like a recent two-day Take Off and Grow open house at the club's airfield will help increase membership, which now hovers around 60 flyers, ranging in age from 6 to 80.

We wrote the AMA and asked them for a grant and they gave us \$1,000 to promote model aviation," said Paschen. "We had 35 kids who flew planes on buddy boxes those two days.

Club members fly everything from remote-controlled and engine to electric, glider and control-line airplanes as well as helicopters. They come in all sizes from small scale to giant scale where the aircraft can have wing spans of 85 to

130 inches. Their airfield is on the grounds of former Wayne County Eloise on property owned by the Ford Motor Co. They have a 400-foot landing strip and a half-mile of clear airspace in all directions, according to Paschen. Club members, including instructors are usually at the field around 5-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through September. They had met on the fourth Monday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, but the club needed to find a new meeting spot after the center was closed last week due to the city's budget



The Signal Seekers had plenty of different types of aircraft on display at the club's recent open house.



Justin Anger of Wayne gets his plane ready for flight with the help of Scott Paschen of Livonia, president of the Signal Seekers Radio Control Club Of Westland.

problems.

The club was founded in the 1960s and at one time had some 160 members. Its ranks have dwindled to 60 members who hail from Farmington Hills, Canton, Downriver and

the east side of Detroit. There's even one member who comes occasionally from Howell.

Admittedly, building the airplane is the fun part, according to Paschen, but flying it requires training. He

encourages people to get in touch with the club when it comes to flying them. The club has instructors to help aviation newbies learn how to fly their aircraft without crashing them. Considering planes can



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Nine-year-old Ryan Chico of Livonia works the Buddy Box with Jim Esper of Dearborn. Esper has 20 years of flying experience and loves helping kids



The flight controls are attached to a harness on the pilot so hands are free to operate plane.

range from \$100 to \$1,000, depending on the size, crashing isn't a good thing, Paschen

"Planes can cost from \$100 to tens of thousands of dollars," he said. "Giant scales can cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 when you're done building them. It used to be model kits included the balsa wood and you followed plans, now they're built in China and most airplanes come almost ready to fly. You have to do some assembly.

Nankin Hardware and Hobby in Westland and the Prop Shop in Warren helped sponsor the open house. Nankin Hardware even gave the club a plane to use for training and to keep.

Recently retired from the Livonia Police Department, Paschen decided to become president in hopes of "getting the club going again and trying to promote the sport." He first got involved in flying with the Livonia Ribcrackers Model Airplane Club, then joined the Signal Seekers in 1981 when he was 14 years old.

He builds airplanes in the winter and flies them in the summer. He owns both electric and gas-powered airplanes and currently does sport flying. He also plans to go to Wisconsin in August to study aerobatics.

And he has a gift for seeing his future.

"I see a giant scale in my future," he said.

People can stop by the gated airfield on Wednesdays. The entrance is off Henry Ruff, just south of Michigan Avenue. Paschen recommends people looking to work with an instructor call the club at (313) 563-5143 or visit the club's website at www.michigansignalseekers.org.

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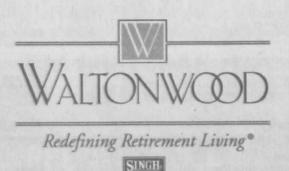
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Heed grown child's needs in medical emergency

BY RICK BLOOM **GUEST COLUMNIST**

Q: Dear Rick: Our 18-yearold daughter will be going out of state next month to begin her college education. I think we have all our ducks in a row from the standpoint of finances. We have the Michigan Education Savings Plan, which I think will pay the great majority of her college. The one issue there seems to be some confusion on is estate planning. I remember reading one of your past columns which discussed the importance of college kids doing some estate planning such as a will. When I mentioned this to a lawyer friend, he said since my daughter doesn't have any assets there's no reason to do a will. What do you think?

A: Congratulations to your daughter as she enters the next phase of her life. The best investment you can ever make is in a quality education.

As to estate planning, I agree that a will is not essential for most typical 18-year-olds. A will is a document that takes effect upon death and it basically names who you want to inherit your property and who should be in charge of your estate.

However, in certain situations an 18-year-old should have a will such as if they have a child. If so, dealing with guardianship is something that is important. In addition, if 18-year-olds do have substantial financial resources. then it would make sense to consider a will and potentially even a

Even though a will is not important for an 18-year-old, it's still something that you may wish to have them do as it would show that they are adults and that they have to think like one. If that is the case, I recommend the Michigan Statutory Will. It's a free fill-inthe-blank will that is very good



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

planning needs. And although a will is not that important for an 18-year-old, that doesn't mean that

for simple estate

estate planning is not essential. The planning I recommend for an 18-year-old

doesn't deal with issues regarding death, but rather, handling medical issues and other types of emergency situations. Medical durable powers of attorney for example, would allow a parent to make medical decisions on behalf of a child in cases of an emergency. For parents of 18-year-olds, it is important to recognize that they are legal adults and parents no longer have legal rights when it comes to their children. Therefore, you run into the possibility that in a medical emergency parents may find they are totally shut out because they do not have a medical durable power of attorney.

Another type of power of attorney that parents may wish to obtain for an 18-year-old is a general durable power of attorney. A general durable power of attorney allows someone to operate on your behalf above and beyond medical.

For example, a general durable power of attorney may be used to deal with certain financial issues.

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This document is important but it's not essential. Whether an 18year-old is going to college or not, I believe a medical durable power of attorney is important. After all, you don't want to be in the situation where there is a medical emergency and as the parent you have no rights and the doctors won't even talk to you. Therefore, spend a few minutes and do a medical durable power of attorney.

One last note and that is you don't have to pay excessive legal fees to draft a medical durable power of attorney. You can do it for free. There are many free fill-inthe-blank forms and these forms fit the great majority of people. Download the free medical durable power of attorney at www. bloomassetmanagement.com by clicking on Legal Forms under the Bloom University tab.

When I went to college, no one heard of medical powers of attorney. If there was a health issue, parents almost always were immediately notified. In today's world it doesn't work that way. Therefore, to protect your family make sure that when your child does turn 18 they execute a medical durable power of attorney as their initiation into adulthood.

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website at www.bloomassetmanagement.

and Movie Night, sponsored by Renewal By Anderson and Rosey's Romper Room, takes place Friday, July 15, and features the animated movie "Despicable Me." Families are invited to celebrate the great outdoors

and set up tents around the Heritage Park amphitheater. The movie, which is rated PG for rude humor and mild action, starts at dusk. There will be plenty of activities for the entire family beginning at 6 p.m. including the climbing wall; inflatable bouncer; face painting; children's craft;

Canton Leisure Services'

annual Family Camp-out

s'more making; family games and activities. Canoe rides will also be available for a nominal fee. In case of severe inclement weather, this animated movie will be shown that evening in the Summit gymnasium.

Camp-out, movie night back in park

New this year, campers and RVs are now allowed to participate. Set-up of tents and campers will begin on Friday at noon. No advance reservation is necessary and the \$15 camping fee will be collected on-site the day of the event. Anyone who'd like to come to the event but can't stay the night can pay a \$5 fee per person to take part in the evening's activities (does not include canoe rides and face painting).

Saturday morning, Guinness World Record holder Chris Cakes will be on site cooking up all-youcan-eat pancake breakfasts for only \$5 per person. Chris Cakes has been featured on the Food Network. and one of their flippers holds the Guinness World Record for the most pancakes flipped in an hour

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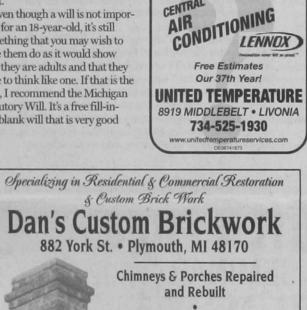
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Stabenow: Extend advanced battery grants

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow has written and will introduce legislation Monday she hopes will add jobs to the advanced battery industry.

Using the A123 Systems facility in Livonia as a site for her press conference Friday, Stabenow announced the Battery Innovation Act will help spur research and development, develop raw materials for production, boost domestic manufacturing and create alternative and secondary use in the advanced batter industry.

A123 Systems is a developer and manufacturer of advanced Nanophosphate® lithium ion batteries and systems.

Stabenow points to A123's 1,000 jobs added in Michigan at the Livonia and Romulus plants as a success story of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. That \$2 billion in investment created billions more in investment from the private sector and created jobs nationwide.

ADVANCING ADVANCED BATTERIES

Stabenow called her proposal the first coordinated plan that incorporates raw materials, research and development, and manufacturing into advanced battery production.

"We need to have a comprehensive plan if we are to win the race (in advanced batter technology)," Stabenow said.

Stabenow's bill would create grants to entities working on advanced batteries, create an Energy Innovation Hub in Michigan for advanced science and engineering related to advanced batteries, and create a competition for research in battery durability and energy storage with a goal of building a car battery that can travel 500 miles on a charge.

It would create partnerships with businesses and universities that manufacture advanced



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A123 Vice President and General Manager Jason Forcier and Electrical Engineering Manager Jim Fenton lead Senator Debbie Stabenow on a brief walk through part of the plant.

batteries and their components, including software and system design and vehicle integration.

The legislation also would require the Secretary of the Interior to assess international and domestic supplies of these materials, and trade opportunities and barriers to advanced battery development.

Jason Forcier, vice president and general manager of A123's Automotive Solutions Group, said the act helps companies compete internationally.

Asian battery manufacturers pay a 3-percent duty on their finished batteries, while American companies pay more in tariffs just for the raw materials, 6.5 percent, imported from China to manufacture the same product. "So we really need a level playing field," Forcier said.

GRANTS BROUGHT GROWTH

Forcier said the ARRA's \$2 billion helped companies like A123. "Half of the employees we hired were unemployed," Forcier said. "For those people who think that ARRA doesn't work, we hired 500 unemployed people out of our 1,000 employees."

Forcier said the company paid for 50 percent of investments in the new facility to match the federal grant money received two years ago to total \$200 million from the two sources invested in the Livonia facility and another \$100 million in Romulus.

Forcier said A123 took over a building that had been vacant for about 10 years. Located in a building that once housed Technicolor Videocassettes at 39000 W. Seven Mile, the plant manufactures prismatic cells and systems. The factory includes research and development, manufacturing of highvalue components, cell fabrication, module fabrication and the final assembly of complete battery packs ready for vehicle integration.

Stabenow said her initiative would cost \$2 billion. "It will not impact the deficit because we intend to stop the subsidies of the oil companies," she said.

Stabenow believes her legislation will pass, but it will take time. She expected hearings will take place in the fall on her

When asked how her Republican counterparts would react to it, Stabenow said: "There were 1,000 jobs created at A123. I would see it as a great investment. I think the public would want us to focus on jobs and they should talk to the people who represent them.'

BATTERIES ARE 'BUILDING **BLOCKS'**

Sam Trinch, vice president of sales of automotive for A123, said the company has created batteries for 10 different vehicle models and is in development for 40 to 50 others. The Big Three has signed onto Stabenow's initiative, along with A123 Systems, Johnson Controls and others.

A123 creates battery cells, which are set inside modules. The modules are stacked up into packs, Trinch said.

'We call it building blocks," Trinch said. "It gives us flexibility in manufacturing.' Larger packs are used in highperformance vehicles and

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Gonzaga Prep

Luke Peterson, former Plymouth resident and student at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2011 at Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Wash.

University of Vermont

Jessica L. Murray of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at the University of Vermont. Murray is a junior Global Studies major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the dean's lists, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or

Grand Valley State

Ashley Fallon of Canton was named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Grand Valley State

Fallon is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Russian studies at Grand Valley.

The primary objective of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship and character in all academic disciplines. Undergraduate students are eligible for consideration who have senior status and are scholarstically in the upper 10 percent of their class, or who have reached the final period of their junior year and are scholastically in the upper 5 percent of their class.

Boston University

Boston (Mass.) University awarded academic degrees to 5,824 students in May, including two Plymouth students.

Christine Demarti received a Doctor of Dental Medicine in Dentistry, Magna Cum Laude. Ryan D. Noe received a Master of Music in Brass Performance.

Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges.

Samford University

David Schulze of Canton graduated from Samford University during spring commencement in May. Schulze earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Founded in 1841, Samford University is the largest private university in Alabama with more than 4,700 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled annually.

Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of nearly 1,000 graduates at Spring Commencement, including the following two students from the local area.

Richard Lane of Canton earned a Bachelor of Science In Computer Network and System Administration. Andrew Dorton of Canton earned a Bachelor of Science In Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

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on Services to Aging holds public hearing

The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging invites older adults, care givers, aging service providers and other interested parties to attend a public hearing 1:30-3 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Senior Services Inc., 918 Jasper St., Kalamazoo.

Comments received at this public hearing will contribute to shaping aging programs, targeting federal and state resources, and ensuring the public has a voice in how the interests of older Michigan citizens are best served. Topics for public testimony may include - but are not limited to - health and long-term supports and services, housing, nutrition, elder rights, caregiver needs, older volunteers and other programs that promote ways for older people to remain in their community with independence and dignity.

Both oral and written testimony will be accepted at this hearing. For those unable to attend, written testimony is welcomed, and may be forwarded to the Office of Services to the Aging via mail at P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI, 48909-8176; Attn: Carol Dye; via email to dyecar@michigan.gov; or faxed to (517) 373-4092.

The bi-partisan, 15-member Commission on Services to the Aging serves at the pleasure of the governor, advising policy makers on all matters relating to aging policies and programs. The Commission, which meets monthly, also approves how federal and state funds are distributed throughout

This meeting is open to the public. Anyone needing accommodations to attend this meeting should contact Carol Dye at (517) 373-7876 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is the state resource for information on aging. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mise-

Commission Lawrence Tech research key in remaking bridges

BY STEVE KOWALSKI ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

The oohs and ahhs were reserved for the collapse of a half-scale bridge during an Ultimate Load Test, but there was plenty to cheer for as Lawrence Tech engineering students tested the corrosion-free material that state and federal highway officials plan to use on bridges in future road projects.

The bridge split in two, once 254,000 pounds of force were applied to its center in an experiment Wednesday inside the university's Center for Innovative Material Research building. The experiment was by the National Science Federation and the Michigan Department Of Transportation-Center of Excellence. The project was funded with a \$300,000 federal grant, according to Nabil F. Grace, dean of the university's College of Engineering.

Conducting the experiment were eight graduate students, two postdoctorate students and two professors, Grace said.

No one was happier when the bridge collapsed than 14-year-old Daniel Kagan, who won a contest and a Lawrence Tech sweat shirt for making the closest prediction of when the bridge would fail. Kagan predicted the breaking point at 254,000 pounds.

"I had clues (from experts), between 240,000 and 260,000, and I chose the middle one," Daniel Kagan said, adding the break was 'awesome, pretty cool."

Daniel, the son of Luba Kagan, an accountant at Lawrence Tech, will be a freshman in the fall at Farmington Hills Harrison. Daniel said he wants "to be a professional soccer player," and his mother is glad he had the chance to see engineering and science working

"It's good exposure for kids who have got no idea what they want to be when they grow up," she said.

Charles Elder, manager for graduate research projects, narrated the Ultimate Load Test for the crowd of guests, describing the weight and inches of deflection being applied to the bridge up until the collapse, which took the better part of an



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Dr. Nabil Grace, dean and director of the Center for Innovative Materials Research and the college of engineering at Lawrence Tech, explains the results of a bridge experiment.

Elder was encouraged by the length of time the half-scale bridge remained in one piece before collapsing. Its weight capacity, and costs, are its biggest concerns, compared to bridges reinforced by "traditional steel," he said.

Bridges made of composite materials have several advantages, however, according to Elder.

Among them are:

· The avoidance of a traditional deck slab that usually requires frequent overlay or replacement every

· Opportunity for engineers to inspect without difficulties experienced in the traditional box beam bridge system.

· Beams designed and constructed with corrosive-free reinforce-

· It's designed for quick construction and deployment.

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"We'd like to achieve bridges that can sustain 90 to 120 years (of use) with minimum maintenance," Elder said after the experiment. "The goal here is to have a bridge not affected by salt or de-icing of

Kirk T. Steudle, MDOT director, gave an introduction to the experiment and the type of materials contained in the composite half-

scale bridge. When first experimented with years ago, a composite bridge cost 10 times more than the "traditional steel" model, he said. An increase in the use of the new materials has reduced the cost of a composite bridge to about twice the amount of a conventional bridge, according to Steudle.

Subtract from that the savings expected in bridge maintenance and price comparisons are inching closer to equal, Steudle said.

"It still costs more than conventional steel, but as (road projects) use more (composite materials) the cost is eventually going to equal," he told guests. "It's a longer lasting product and you pay for quality."

Interviewed after his address, Steudle said a composite bridge will be put in place at Pembroke Street over the Southfield Freeway in

Detroit, which is currently undergoing an \$80 million complete reconstruction from I-96 north past Eight Mile and into Southfield where the expressway becomes a road. Pembroke was chosen because it is more lightly traveled than the other bridges at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads along the

Southfield Freeway stretch, he said. Steudle said a majority of bridges across the country are up to 50 years old, dating to 1955 with the passage of the U.S. Highway Act, which began the Interstate system.

"A lot of the bridges are 55 years old, have lasted 50 years, and if you look at them you see the corrosion that's happening," Steudle

Mark Brucki, executive director of economic development and government relations for university advancement, said Lawrence Tech is a leading researcher for corrosion-free long-lasting bridge design.

"The key is to make sure (the composite bridge) performs and exceeds the performance of steel," Brucki said.

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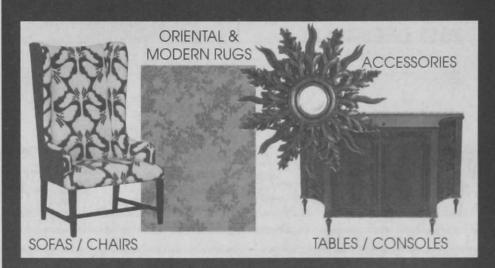
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exhibit on display

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Artistic talent can bloom at any age, and 24 artists from 5 years old to retirement age are getting the chance to display the fruits of their labor from various art workshops held over the past year at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio.

In the exhibition titled "The Ages of Art," each developing artist will display at least one artwork created under the direction of the studio's teaching artist-inresidence, Shaqe Kalaj. The exhibition runs through Aug.

This "intergenerational" show exhibits work that varies greatly in style and medium: from painting and printmaking to drawing, mixed-media, and more.

"The subject matter varies according to the purpose of the class or workshop they took, or from their own choosing," said Kalaj. "I'm really excited about showing the work of the artists that have participated in my classes and workshops," she added. "When we were coming up with the idea of the show, I really wanted to have one that represents all the ages of people creating art."

Exhibiting artists, mainly from the metro Detroit area, include Ann Birchmeier, Audrey Birchmeier, Emma Birchmeier, Kate Blair, Ruth Carter, Cate Costew, Hanna Dong, Sara Dzirnis, Lori Edwards, Kathleen Erngren, Took Gallagher, Mary Grannan, Ananya Hariharan, Sophia Hewitt, Keely Kaleski, Lee McKenzie, Alexandra Milosz, Carla Morabito, Monica Prince, Sharyn Schlarman, Pamela Shelby, Claire Wan, Rachel Wira, and Carol

Regular summer gallery hours are Thursdays, 1-6:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., or by appointment. Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio is located at 15095 Northville Road (in the Provincetown commercial complex), one mile north of Plymouth's Old Village and two miles south of Northville. For detailed directions or a map, see www.artandideasgallery.com or call 734-420-0775.

Studio puts ageless Whalers continue to connect with community

Meet Whalers forward Alex Aleardi and you'll usually see a smile on his face.

Aleardi was smiling recently when he strolled into the Canton Public Library to read to children as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

As Aleardi met some 20 children and their parents, they started smiling, too. It's not always easy to hold the attention of a group of children from the ages of 3-10, but Aleardi did as he read "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Joffe Numeroff and then switched to Dr. Suess.

After reading, Aleardi suggested a group photo, and the children moved around him quickly, except for one little

Although she was as quiet and reserved as a 3-yearold can be, Lilli Hallanen of Canton did not want to participate in a group photo. To her credit, Lilli did not cry or whine. She finally joined the group photo, but with a great deal of reluctance.

Lilli came to the library hoping to see her friend, Tom Wilson, who is back home Toronto during the off-season. Nothing against Aleardi, but Lilli was hoping to re-connect with Wilson.

Lilli is part of the Whalers Extended Family.



Plymouth's Alex Aleardi and children meet for a group photo at the Canton Public Library. Lilli Hallanen (sitting) is in the foreground.

During the season, Wilson lives in Canton with land-parents Phil and Leslie McLees. Lilli lives with her parents three houses away and stays with the McLees during the

Lilli doesn't care that Wilson is a power forward for the Whalers, an up-and-coming player who is capable of delivering heavy body checks, dropping the gloves or scoring

She sees another side of the

second-year forward.

"Tom's like a big brother to Lilli," said Leslie McLees. 'When Tom moved into our house after Christmas, he was hurt. It's hard to for us to picture Tom as a big, tough guy who fights. He's one of the kindest people I've ever met. Tom and Lilli play together all the time. I explained to Lilli that we were going to meet Alex at the library, but she had her heart set on seeing Tom

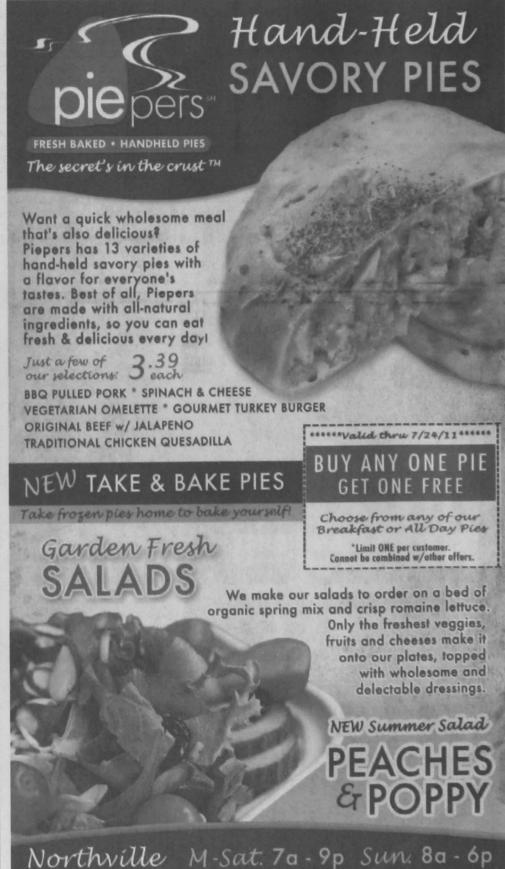
Meanwhile, the Whalers will be reading again at the Canton Public Library on Thursday, July 14, at 11 a.m. and Friday,

July 29, at 2 p.m. And Lilli and Tom will renew play time later this summer at the start of Whalers Training Camp.

Form more on the Canton Public Library's "Connect Your Summer" Program, please go online to http://www.cantonpl.org/connect-your-sum-



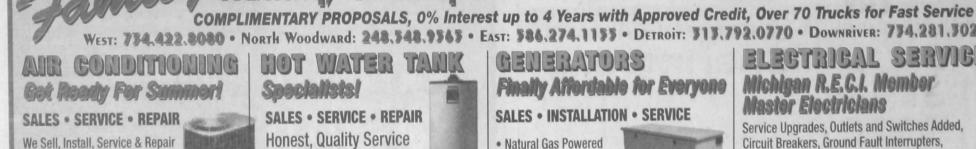




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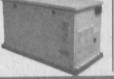
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Bachrouche headed to 2012 Olympic Games



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Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills, following an outstanding career at the University of Virginia, plans to swim for Lebanon in

Farmington Hills swimmer will compete for Lebanon

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the world of sports, as in life itself, you go

where the opportunity exists. For Katya Bachrouche, that will mean a chance to compete in the next Olympics.

Her ability as a swimmer has taken her from North Farmington High School to the University of Virginia and now to Lebanon.

It seems all but a formality the 22-year-old Bachrouche will represent her *other* country at the 2012 Games in London.

Bachrouche, a four-time state champion and an All-America honorable mention at Virginia, holds dual citizenship.

Her father, Nassif, is a native of Lebanon.

Bachrouche

Her father, Nassif, is a native of Lebanon.
Though she was born in Southfield and raised in
Farmington Hills, Katya was able to be registered
at birth as a Lebanese citizen through her father.

"I wasn't ready for my career to end, and I wanted to take it to the next level," said Bachrouche, who

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SIDELINES

Bucks derailed

Substitute Adam Mena came off the bench to score a goal during stoppage time Wednesday night as the host Indiana Invaders knocked off the first-place Michigan Bucks, 2-1, in Premier Development League men's soccer action in South Bend.

Alhaj Musa Kamara added the other goal for the Invaders, who also got an assist from Gregory Klazura.

Indiana goalkeeper Nicholas Steinlage made seven saves.

The PDL's all-time leading scorer, Kenny Uzoigwe, scored the lone goal for the Bucks, who slipped to 8-2-1 (26 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/ Oakland University) made two

The Invaders improved to 4-6-3 (15 points).

Motor City milers

Eight swimmers from the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club swam in the Motor City Mile, a fundraiser for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Wednesday at Belle Isle.

Steven Neill (16) swam the 5K event; Kate Capozzoli (15) and Emma Sutherland (16) swam the mile event; Charlie Jones (11), Trevor Jones (8), McKenna Greaves (10), Madeline Greaves (8), Abby Inch (9) and Emma Inch (9) swam the half-mile event

Charlie Jones placed second in his age group, and McKenna Greaves placed third in her age group.

Combs invited

Livonia Ladywood Division 2 all-state and three-time all-Observer pitcher Briana Combs has been selected to play in the Adidas Futures National Softball Tournament July 20-24 in St. George, Utah.

There will be approximately 750 athletes (ages 14-18) on 48 teams competing for the national title.

"The tournament was created to better the recruiting process and open up additional scholarship opportunities for softball players," said Michelle Delloso, marketing consultant

and event founder.
Combs led the Blazers to a
38-4 record her junior year and
a berth in the MHSAA Division 2
state semifinals. She went 33-2
on the mound and batted .528.

Tech signs Jury

Schoolcraft College center
Sarah Jury (Livonia Ladywood)
recently signed an NAIA letter-of-intent to play basketball
at Indiana Tech, a member of
the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic
Conference.

The 6-foot-4 Jury, a native of Plymouth, was a key contributor off the bench and helped the Lady Ocelots to a two-year record of 61-6, including a pair of MCCAA Eastern Conference and MCCAA State championships, along with a trip to the 2010 NJCAA Division II National Tournament (en route to a third-place finish).

Postcards from Belgium

Ex-Michigan cager Young thrives overseas as pro



Former Michigan center Chris Young (left) dunks during a Belgium Division I game. The Plymouth native has played 10 years overseas.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fresh out of the University of Michigan in 2002, basketball player Chris Young remembers flying into Brussels, Belgium and feeling all alone.

"I stood around in the airport by myself for two hours, I had no phone or Internet," the Plymouth native recalled. "Somebody finally picked me up and took me to see a house the team arranged. They dropped me off and said, 'See you at practice tomorrow.' It was a difficult first month or two, but I finally said to myself, 'This is my life, get used to it.' It was a nice set-up once I got going."

And 10 years later, the 6foot-9, 255-pound Young is coming off his best professional season, along with making himself a home away from home.

He is currently under contract in Aalst, playing for General Okapi Aalstar in the Belgium Division I League.

The 1998 Detroit Catholic Central High grad averaged 13 points and 6.5 rebounds per game for second-place Allstar, which finished 22-10 and lost to first-place Charleroi in the finals of the league playoffs, 3-0, thus ending Young's season on June 4.

Young, who averaged 34 minutes per game, shot 58 percent from the field, while earning first-team All-League and Center of the Year honors.

In a 95-91 loss to Belgacom Liege Basket, Young scored 30 points, going a perfect 11-of-11 from the floor and 8-of-8 from the free throw line.

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Westland John Glenn High grad Darnell Wilson has enjoyed a productive basketball career overseas.

Wilson's hoop path provides good living

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The nickname of inhabitants of Antwerp, Belgium is Sinjoren, after the Spanish word señor, which means "mister" or "gent."

And in the seaport city of nearly 500,000, former Westland John Glenn High basketball standout Darnell Wilson certainly epitomizes reference to the leading Spanish noblemen who ruled the city during the 17th century.

The 6-foot-6, 215-pound import, who played four seasons at Canisius University (N.Y.), just completed his fourth professional season overseas.

The affable and mild-mannered Wilson averaged 13 points and six rebounds last season for the 17-15 Antwerp Giants of the Belgium Division I League.

"I always wanted to play basketball and my dream was to play in the NBA," Wilson said. "As long as I can play and make a living, I'll be happy as long as I'm allowed to do it."

After averaging 11.2 points and 5.9 rebounds per game at Canisius, the 26-year-old Wilson launched his pro career in the Netherlands playing the 2007-08

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Canton Cardinal takes national baseball stage

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you watch Monday night's Major League Baseball Home Run Derby closely enough, you'll likely see one of Canton's rising young baseball stars sharing the stage with some of the world's best players.

Fourteen-year-old Canton resident Tyler Brooks was one of just 24 young athletes from across the country who earned a trip to Monday's Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run National Finals that will be held at Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz.

Chase Field, which is the home of the Arizona Diamondbacks, will also host Monday night's MLB Home Run Derby and Tuesday night's MLB All-Star Game.

One of the perks of advancing to the PH&R National Finals — Brooks is one of three finalists in the 13-14 age group — is shagging balls during Monday's Home Run Derby.

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In addition to Monday afternoon's PH&R competition, he and his father, Rob, will also be attending an All-Star breakfast, an All-Star Funfest and Tuesday's All-Star game.

"I'm looking forward to the entire experience," said Brooks, who will be a freshman at Salem High School in the fall. "It will be exciting to walk out onto the field, look around and take it all in."

The 6-foot-1 Brooks had to defy some amazing odds to reach Monday's finals. After winning a local competition held at the Canton Sports Center, he punched his ticket for Phoenix by out-performing fellow standouts at the sectional level of the event at Comerica Park.

"It's been an incredibly exciting experience for our whole family," said Brooks' mom, Nora. "Everybody we've met at every level has been so positive. I'm happy for Tyler. He's worked hard; he deserves it."

The competition includes three baseball-related events. Points the athletes compile in each event are added together to determine the winners.

More than 600,000 youths between the ages of 7-14 participated in the competition across North America.

"For the pitching part of it, you throw six pitches (from a distance of 45 feet) toward a target," Brooks said. "Every time you hit the target, you get 75 points. I was six-for-six in the first round and five-for-six at Comerica Park.

"For the hitting, you hit three balls (off a tee) and try to hit it as far and as straight toward center field as you can. The distance you hit it away from the center-field line is subtracted from your distance. They use your best distance."

Each participant is also timed running from second base to home.

"My best event is probably the pitching," Brooks said.

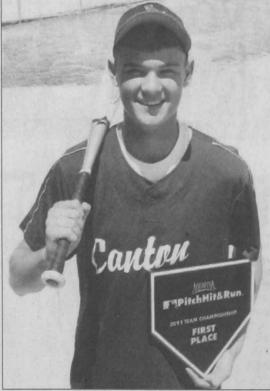
Brooks has racked up some lofty stats as a pitcher/ infielder for the 14U Canton Cardinals this spring and summer. His batting average is a robust .350 while his earned run average is south of 2.00.

Given his Motown roots, it's not surprising to learn which All-Stars he'd most like to run into on the Chase Field diamond Monday night.

"I'd like to meet (Detroit Tigers) Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander," he said, smiling.

A three-year honor roll student at Discovery Middle School, Brooks has two younger siblings: brother Matt and sister Alexis.

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Fourteen-year-old Canton resident Tyler Brooks has qualified for the national final round of the Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run competition, which will be held Monday in Phoenix as part of Major League Baseball's All-Star Game festivities.

YOUNG

"I guess you can say I'm like fine wine – I get better with age," said the 32-year-old of Lithuanian heritage (through his mother Carol Mykolaitis-Young). "I understand how to play and don't rely as much on my athletic ability. The game has slowed down for me. When I catch the ball in the block now I see things ahead of time. I guess I'm maturing and understand better how to play."

Young's pro basketball odyssey has taken him to five different countries.

Besides six seasons in Belgium, he's also had stints in Italy (2003-04), Poland (2004-05), France (2007-08) and Germany (2007-08).

In November 2008, Young signed a contract with Spotter Leuven (Belgium) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 season, which was extended afterwards until 2010.

In summer 2010, he inked a two-year deal with Okapi Aalstar

Young was an All-Observer and All-State player at CC before suffering through three uneventful seasons at Michigan for coach Brian Ellerbe.

But Young blossomed during his senior year at U-M under first-year coach Tommy Amaker, averaging 11.4 points and 5.7 rebounds per game.

Transitioning to the European brand of basketball from the Big Ten was certainly an eye-opener and a challenge

"You can't compare it," he said. "The Big Ten plays aggressive. Over there (Europe) you can't be that physical. It's a little more finesse. When I first started out I fouled out of every single game. Every (European) league is like that. There's not a lot of contact."

After completing his 10th season overseas, Young feels he has more left in the tank going forward.

"I'd like to pursue it as long as I can and as long as my body will hold up," Young said. "I think I have four or five years left because I didn't play organized ball until I was 14."

The arrival of a new coach, Brad Dean, also proved to be a Godsend.



Chris Young and his wife Heather appeared together May 18 after Chris received the Belgian Flemish MVP award.

"That was the biggest thing last year, we had an American coach who understands you can't kill people in practice," Young said. "We ramp it up the first part of the season, the first two months, but then we

back it off."
Young has embraced not only the fans, but also the culture of Aalst, located 19 miles north of Brussels with a population of 77,000.

"We have the best fans in all of Belgium," Young said. "Our gym (Forum Aalst) seats 2,800 and it's packed every game. There's a 2,000 waiting list. People go nuts, go crazy. It's insane.

"And it's absolutely home for me. The U.S. is so big, so fast-paced and sometimes it's a rat race. Over there it's a slower pace. Sure, there some things I wish I had like being able to go to a Wal-Mart at 3 in the

morning."

It also helps to have a com-

panion along for the ride.
Young's wife Heather (formerly Zalewski) has a degree in Communications from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and helps navigate through three different languages (English, Flemish and French) spoken in the country.

Heather Young also works for NATO and recently signed to play pro volleyball contract to play in Belgium.

"We usually get one day off per week and we travel as much as we can," Chris Young said. "We're a couple of hours from Paris and Amsterdam. We've seen many of the finer things. We've visited the Battle of the Bulge. We've been to Normandy. My wife loves it."

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season for Zwolle, where he averaged 19.9 points. Wilson also earned Player of the Year honors in the Dutch Basketball League.

In 2008-09, he signed with the rival Magixx Kidsrights Nijmegen where he converted from the power forward to small forward position.

"My first year there wasn't a boatload of money, but I got my foot in the door," Wilson said. "The second year I was one of the leading scorers and it was a good experience."

In 2009, Wilson participated in summer showcase camp for import players in Las Vegas and migrated to Belgium D-1 League with Voo Verviers-Pepinster (for the '09-10 season).

"I had a great season individually, but it was a tough season for the team because we were in third place all year and didn't make the playoffs," Wilson said.

Last season, Wilson played for his fourth different team, the Giants, who also made a strong run during the seasonlong EuroChallenge where he appeared in 14 games (from Sept. 28 to March 1).

The Giants' season ended on May 21 when they fell to Oostende in the D-1 League playoff quarterfinals, 2-1.

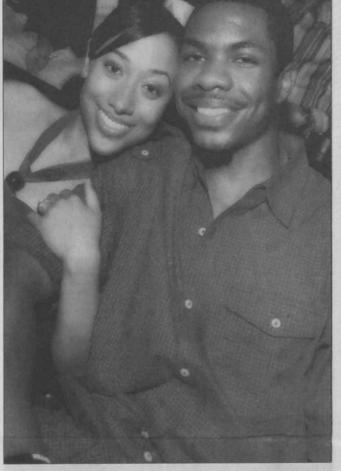
"It was not my best season," Wilson said. "We played a slow-down offense and I'm more of a fastbreak player. I had to be a little bit smarter, find the open man and see the defense. I also played the 'four' position again and it kind of hindered me. I'm more used to getting up-and-down the court – running and dunking."

Wilson, however, gained valuable experience in 2010-11 as he appeared in a total of 49 games.

"I think I can play into my early 30s," he said. "I feel great. I've had my bumps and bruises, but I feel blessed not to have any serious injuries."

Wilson, however, said adjusting to the European style of play was initially difficult.

"It's a different type of game," he said. "I have to work on my smoothness, be a finesse player. There's an emphasis on fundamentals.



Darnell Wilson and his wife Stacey have enjoyed their overseas basketball stint in Belgium.

You can't be as aggressive like you can in college where they play hard defense and pressure up. The big man has got to be cautious in the post."

Wilson is in the midst of a two-year contract with the Giants and looks forward to his return in August for preseason training camp.

He and his wife, Stacey, whom Darnell met during his freshman year at Canisius, were married two years ago. Stacey came over to join Darnell after earning her Masters in social work from the University of Buffalo.

"She loves it," Darnell said.
"She's a basketball housewife. She knows French and Flemish. They all speak English."

The only thing Wilson misses is a late run to Taco Bell. He has adjusted nicely to the Belgium culture.

"Everything shuts down at 5 (p.m.), but Antwerp is the best city I've played in," Wilson said. "It has a wide variety of places to eat and shop, We're 20 minutes from the dining district. We go to movies and restaurants.

We take our dog (a Yorkshire Terrier) out walking. On days off, we've gone to Paris, Brussels, Cologne... we travel and see a lot.

"During the winter there's not as much snow (as in Michigan). By late December it rains a good amount. But by March it warms up."

Darnell and Stacey stay with his parents, Everett and Marcella, during the summer months. But he and Stacey plan to close on a house in Canton before they leave

again for Belgium.
Wilson, meanwhile, keeps sharp by playing four times per week at High Velocity in Canton while also working out at Lifetime Fitness.

And as long as he can continue to play professionally, Wilson believes he has made a wise investment.

"The only thing I pay for is food," he said. "They give me an apartment, a car and all the (Nike) practice gear. And if you're smart with your money, you can make a good living."

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Rudy Hatfield, 33: The Livonia Churchill High grad, who played at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is an icon in the Philippines Basketball League. Known as the "H-Bomb" and "Mr. 110 Percent," the 6-foot-4 forward is a relentless rebounder who returned to the PBA after a threeyear absence to average 9.6 points and 12.4 rebounds in 23 games this season. He's played on three PBA championship teams after getting his pro start in 1999 with Coca-Cola. Despite his mother being Filipino, Hatfield's citizenship was revoked and was deported by the Department of Justice in 2004 before being reaffirmed by

the Office of the President in 2005. Was once linked to famous Filipino actress Rufa Mae Quinto and did a movie and commercials. During his three-year hiatus, Hatfield entertained thoughts of becoming a pro wrestler or firefighter, but returned to the court in April of 2010. The born-again Christian, now married with two children, also worked for Mega City Ministries in Manilla helping Typhoon Ondoy victims.

Kevin Melson, 33: The 6-6 forward became famous on Dec. 31, 1999 when he led Wright State to an upset 53-49 win over eventual NCAA champion Michigan State. Melson played last season for Leuven in the Belgium D-I League averaging 5.2 points in 23 games. He also played for N. Ferrara in the

Italy-Lega 2.

Sam Hoskin, 32: The 6-9 Redford Bishop Borgess grad, who played at Eastern Kentucky and DePaul universities, was most recently seen in the Iran SuperLeague where he averaged 26.2 points and 14.5 rebounds under a two-month contract. The well-traveled Hoskin also has played in Israel, Greece, Croatia, China and Italy. His best seasons came with Russian teams Ural-Great Perm where he averaged 22.2 points (2004-05) and 16.3 points (2006-07). He also played for Dynamo Moscow. Rob Brown, 31: The 6-5 Brown, an Oak Park native, played his final two collegiate seasons at the University of Buffalo. The high-

flying forward, who dunks fero-

ciously, signed a lucrative deal

with in December with Derby Ace in the Philippines, but returned home after one game (scoring 29 points) to take care of a family emergency. Has also played in Israel, Iran, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Finland, Australia and Luxembourg. During the 2009-10 season he average 28 points and eight rebounds for Hapoel Haifa in Israel.

Mike Williams. 30: The silky

Mike Williams, 30: The silky smooth 6-8 forward, who led Western Michigan to the NCAA Tourney in 2004, played just seven games last season due to injuries in the Spanish D-I League with Sport Lisboa Benefica. In 2009-10, Williams appeared in 34 games with Vigo, averaging 8.1 points and 4.6 rebounds. Also played in the France Pro A League.

Gary Johnson, 29: The Wayne Memorial High grad, who led Central Florida to a pair of NCAA berths (including a 27-point first-round effort vs. UConn), has thrived in German Pro A League. The 6-2 guard led Chemitz to a 19-9 record and a third-place finish while averaging a team best 16.4 points, to go along with 5.2 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.9 steals. He shoots 50 percent from the floor and 78 percent from the line. Also played for Herten in the German Pro B League and enjoyed a stint in Ireland.

Ronald Dorsey, 28: The 6-5 forward from Detroit Pershing and McNeese State (La.) played most recently for the 16-12 Skytrans Cairns Taipans of the National Basketball League of Australia

4.9 rebounds per game.

James Holmes, 28: The Belleville
High and University of South
Florida product played last season
for Andorra of the Spanish League.
The 6-3 guard averaged 10.8 points
while shooting 49.8 percent from
the floor in 40 games. Andorra fin-

where he averaged 13.7 points and

Martin Samarco, 26: The 6-2 guard, another Belleville High grad who played collegiately at Bowling Green, averaged 16.9 points for Webmoebel of the German Pro A League. Samarco shot a blistering 55 percent from the floor and 83 percent from the foul line for 14-14 Webmoebel, which finished fourth. Samarco also played for the

Holland Blast of the IBL

ished 19-9 in the LEB Silver Division

(fourth place).

'Voice of the Zebras' remembered fondly

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Around Wayne Memorial High sports events and activities, there was nobody more

"True Blue" than Bill Brooks. The longtime English teacher and public address announcer from Westland, known for his chamber-sounding and deep-throated voice, passed away Wednesday at age 82 of complications from

Brooks was unique for his well-researched pre-game player introductions at Wayne basketball and football games while splicing in some occasional play-by-play. On football Friday nights,

Brooks' booming voice could be heard for blocks around the neighborhood.

"He had a passion for the announcing and he loved Wayne football than anything," said longtime friend Ron "Corky" Hays, who was a spotter in the press box for Brooks during Wayne home games. "He liked to have all the information. He was entertaining, but he worked hard

Hays, a 1961 Wayne grad, also remembered the time when Brooks responded to a call to fill in as a P.A. announcer during a road game at Taylor Truman.

"He came out of the stands did it like he always would do it at Wayne," Hays said. "I'm sure he's fighting with Ernie Harwell up there for the mike

right now. Current Wayne High principal Val Orr was a former student of Brooks while she worked on the school's year-

book and newspaper. "He taught me leadership skills and he was a great man to learn from," Orr said. "The man had the biggest heart I've ever met. He loved Wayne and the kids. He loved to be there the minute he walked through the door. I never met a man who loved the school like him. It was remarkable.

"Back when he became my class sponsor, he was involved in the student activities and homecoming. When it came to the spirit and the culture of the school, Bill was always right in there."

Brooks was born in Allendale, Ill. and lived in the south as a youth until his father, who worked in the oil fields, moved to Standish,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BROOKS FAMILY

Bill Brooks taught English and was the voice of the Wayne Memorial Zebras football and basketball for almost 40 years.

Mich. where Bill stood out as a high school football, basketball and baseball player.

Brooks played football both at Adrian College and in the army (where he served in Germany during the Korean Conflict from 1951-53). He also played semi-pro baseball and raced stock cars before graduating from Eastern Michigan University.

Brooks began his teaching career in 1967 at Marshall Junior High in Wayne-Westland before moving over to Wayne Memorial High in

And that's where Brooks, who was later enshrined in the Wayne-Westland Sports Hall of Fame at Jake's Again Lounge, launched his P.A.

"Sometimes his play-byplay made the (visiting) coaches mad," Orr said. "I don't believe he ever missed a Wayne football or boys and girls basketball game since then. He showed up at every single game.'

Brooks retired from teaching in 1995, but returned to the classroom at Wayne as a sub where he worked regularly until April when he was diagnosed with cancer.

"He was a soft guy even though it may have seemed he had a rough exterior," said longtime friend Bill Sexton. "He tried to bamboozle them with that grumpy attitude, but he put that on to keep

them at bay.' Brooks, Hays, Sexton and the late Don Graham were regulars at Wayne-Westland prep sports events, whether it involved Glenn or Wayne



Bill Brooks took the microphone for almost 40 years as voice of the Wayne Memorial High Zebras football and basketball.

"He loved attending basketball games," Sexton said. "He was a U-M (Michigan) fan. He also loved going south for vacations, places like Louisiana and Mississippi, and enjoyed the southern

Brooks, preceded in death by his wife Diana (1983), is survived by his three daughters - Shannon Clarke, Megan Brooks and Laurie Cole - along with a sister Nancy Runta, of Sanibel Island, Fla., companion and friend Gerry Rowden, and three grandchil-

"He was an icon at Wayne Memorial, he had an uncanny ability to engage all students, and at the same time, hold them accountable in his own Bill Brooks way to inspire kids," Wayne High counselor Bill Gray said. "He's not replaceable.

On Thursday night, Wayne High students held a candlelight vigil in honor of Brooks.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne. The Wayne Memorial High band will play the Zebra fight song beginning at 1 p.m.

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(standing) coach Dan Osowski, manager Roger Parsons, coach Doug Knedgen and coach Joe Mencotti. Not pictured are assistant coach John Watson and player Max Watson.

Mud Hens finish 2nd in Sylvania

The 11-and-under Farmington Hills Mud Hens were finalists in the Sylvania (Ohio) Fourth of July Tournament, winning five straight games before losing to Highland Heights (Ohio) in the championship game.

The Mud Hens scored a total of 91 runs in the six games while only giving up 39. The team's batting average during tournament play was

The Mud Hens trounced the Sylvania Mavericks Blue in their first game, 15-3, but pitcher Kevin Korte was rushed to a hospital after being hit with a line drive.

Korte, who was checked out and released that day, returned in time to play several innings of the next game against Royville

At the time of Korte's return, Royville had runners at first and second with one out. Korte made a spectacular line-drive grab over third base and turned a double play, tagging third base and throwing to first.

The play inspired the Mud Hens as they mercied Royville by a score of 21-8 and their next two opponents, too. The Novi Heat Black and Milan (Ohio) Road Warriors went down to 15-4

The four victories made the Mud Hens the No. 1 seed for the playoffs. They defeated the Next Level Copperheads in a semifinal game, but their 20-11 victory took a lot out of the Mud

Playing back-to-back games, Farmington Hills had little time to rest before taking on a strong Highland Heights team in the championship game. The Ohioans won, 7-3.

The Hens played excellent baseball this weekend and were prepared for a tough battle against some very solid teams," Mud Hens manager Roger Parsons said. "All of our players did extremely well and made key plays, which contributed to our team's success, when we needed them.'

Great hitting was another key factor as the Mud Hens racked up 93 hits in the tournament. Five players batted over .500 for the series.

Jack "The Ripper" Budde led the team in hits and batting average as he went 12-for-17 for a .706 batting average. Dylan "Bam-Bam" Parsons went 11-for-19 (.578), Mitchell "Big Poppy" Knedgen 11-for-20 (.550), Dom "The Bomb" Lanni 9-for-18 (.500) and Will "The Thrill" McLellan 10-for-20 (.500).

Blake Bean, Shane Saxton, Vic Mencotti, Kevin Korte and Harsh Purani contributed 40 hits to the effort, and all the boys made key defensive plays at critical points in the tourna-

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Crush Groove recently captured the Livonia YMCA Adult Competitive League basketball title with a victory

over Rusty's. Team members include (from left): Brandon Cassise, Tom Bender, Carl Sumpter, Derrick Nelson,

All-state girls soccer

Crush Groove 1st

Salem High School has the second-highest GPA among the 63 girls varsity soccer teams receiving academic all-state recognition from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches

Mike Soukup, Nick Gout, Tim Franklin and Jovan Wilson.

The Rocks have a collective GPA of 3.78, second only to Petoskey's 3.82. Farmington Harrison (3.68) and Farmington (3.51) also are all-state teams.

Area girls receiving an individual academic all-state honor are, by school:

Salem: Lauren Aschermann, Lily Burnstein, Kristina Klusek, Jenna Loon, Lauren Jones, Victoria Kaye, Mackenzie Rogers and Madeleine Vala.

Harrison: Andrea Phillips, Julia Kovtsun, Kelly Dzmelyk, Olivia Jones and Lisa McFarland. Farmington: Ashleigh Finn, Meghan Diehl, Melanie Guyette, Laurer Kohler and Corinne

North Farmington: Emily Andrews, Bridget Elezovic, Hallee Kansman, Darby Lychuk, Amanda Morrison and Anna Salomonsson. Livonia Stevenson: Michelle Krawczyk.

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Rams steal win vs. Chief Pontiac

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, July 10, 2011

It's been an up-and-down summer for the Michigan Rams in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

On Wednesday, the 20-and-under squad pulled out a 4-3 walk-off victory over Chief Pontiac with three runs in the bottom of the seventh at Bicentennial Park.

Despite being out-hit 8-2, the Rams evened their LCBL mark to 11-11.

Walks, wild pitches and errors cost 22-and-under Chief Pontiac (7-14) its three-run advantage.

Pat Lancaster crossed home with the bases loaded for the winning run, while Mark Weist, Evan Piechota and Mike Carson tallied the other Rams runs.

Josh Deeg went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Mike Musary added two hits and knocked in a run for Chief Pontiac.

Zach Wedesky, who pitched three scoreless innings of relief of starter Jeff Sorenson, got the victory. Wedesky allowed three hits, walked two and struck out two.

Deeg, who walked four of five batters, was the losing pitcher in relief. He had four wild pitches and was the victim of two errors.

Starter Zane Birchler gave up just one run on two hits. He walked three and hit

PRIDE 6, RAMS 2: On Tuesday, Kevin Zak went 2-for-3 with two RBI as the 22-and-under Michigan Pride (13-7) turned back the Rams

(10-11) in an LCBL clash at Ford Field.

Logan Curtis and Garrett Green also knocked in runs for the Pride, who were out-hit 6-4 in the make-up game (rainout from June

Winning pitcher Charlie Fisher allowed two runs on five hits and five walks over the first five innings. Randall Stempek pitched two scoreless innings of relief, allowing one hit and

The two Pride pitchers combined for six strikeouts

Evan Piechota and Miles Sorise each had an RBI for the Rams.

Rams starter Greg Spiess, who gave up three earned runs on three hits and five walks, took the loss. He struck out five before giving way to reliever Jay Perry, who gave up two unearned runs in two innings of work.

BULLS 3, RAMS 1: The first-place Michigan Bulls (17-4) got a complete-game, four-hitter Tuesday from pitcher Mark Heard to beat the Rams (10-10) in an LCBL make-up game at Ford Field.

Heard went all seven innings, scattering six hits and one walk while fanning eight. The Bulls, taking advantage of two Rams

the sixth inning. Livonia Stevenson High grades Jeff Sorenson and Evan Piechota each collected two hits in the setback. Sorenson had the lone

errors, rallied for three runs in the bottom of

Jacob Rhodes knocked in a run for the Bulls. Losing pitcher Mike Schypinski, the Rams starter, worked the first 5.1 innings allowing all three runs (all unearned) on four hits and four walks. He struck out four before Zach Wedesky got the final two Bulls batters in the bottom of

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Canton wrestling camp

Canton High School's wrestling program will conduct a four-day camp July 11-14 at the school gym. Offering the camp is the Advantage Wrestling Club, run through Eastern Michigan University.

The camp will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all four days, for students entering grades 7-12 in 2011-12.

Emphasis will be on running, lifting,

technique, drilling, intense practices and end of the day competitions. Another plus will be one counselor per 10 wrestlers for plenty of individual attention.

The cost to sign up is \$200. Contact Canton head wrestling coach Cory Mancuso (cory.mancuso@gmail.com) or EMU head wrestling coach Derek Delporto (Derek.delporto@emich.edu) or call (734) 487-6429 for more information.

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graduated this year from Virginia. I'd heard of other swimmers who were dual citizens representing their other countries.

"In the U.S., it's very, very competitive to make the Olympic team. Not to say I'm a bad swimmer, but you have to be a top-notch, world-class, record holder of some sort to make the American team.

"It was always my dream since I was young to go to the Olympics. It's every athlete's dream. That's the highest level you can get to. I knew I had dual citizenship, so I told my dad I wanted to swim for Lebanon."

Her father, with the help of a cousin who's a general in the Lebanese army, made the right connections with sports officials to make them aware of Katya's desire and talent.

"He went over during Christmas break 2010. I said: 'Please, put in a word for me. I'm here; I'm Lebanese; I'm a swimmer," Bachrouche said. "My dad talked to the right people; now they know who I am. I owe a lot to my dad for making this possible, for talking to people."

During a family trip to Lebanon in June, Bachrouche received her Lebanese passport, which she will need in August to represent Lebanon at the World University Games in China.

The trip, which had been planned to coincide with Bachrouche's college graduation, served a dual purpose. She had never met her grandfather and hadn't seen her grandmother since she was 6 years old.

"Because of my swim career, I've never been able to take enough time off to go over there," Bachrouche said. "Getting to know (her grandparents) was so special, wonderful and meaningful. After the first day, it was like I knew them my whole life."

Bachrouche, who is fluent in the Arabic dialect spoken in Lebanon, will return in September to officially earn her spot on the Olympic team at the national meet. For someone with her ability, there seems little doubt she will make the team.

"Lebanon is still a developing country in swimming, which means the competition is a lot less intense than it is in the U.S.," Bachrouche said. "Hopefully, it shouldn't be as difficult as it is

"I definitely want to make a good impression; so I'm going to be training for it, and I'm going into it as if it was an American

"Hopefully, by going there and swimming for Lebanon, I'll bring a new wave of improvement for the sport there. I hope it will make people in Lebanon more aware of the sport of swimming and, if you train hard, this is what you can

Bachrouche met the U.S. Olympic qualifying standards in the 400- and 800-meter freestyle. Those are her favorite events and the ones she expects to swim for Lebanon.

The U.S. Olympic Trials are still a year away. Bachrouche could have opted for those tryouts, but Lebanon offered the more certain prospect.

"As a swimmer, you pretty much know how you stand with the rest of the country," she said, adding she was 20th at a U.S. national meet last summer. "You have a general idea how you would stack

"You have to be No. 1 or 2 in the country to make it. I don't think between now and then I would move up that quick.

"I guess people don't understand. As swimmers, we understand where we stand. There's just a lot of talented swimmers in the U.S.

At the Olympics, Bachrouche knows she'll be up against not only the best U.S. swimmers but superstars from other countries, too. "I have a good gauge on where

I stand among the top dogs," she said. "My coach and I think I could do pretty well compared to

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the rest of the world — maybe not medal but definitely beat a lot of

people.' Bachrouche is excited and pleased to be on the verge of realizing her longtime ambition to be

in the Olympics. "For my family in Lebanon, I'm proud to represent the country and city where my family is from," she said. "It extends way past me.

"It'll be a real proud moment for me, my friends, my dad and my family. Just to have the opportunity, to do something not everybody gets to experience.'

BACHROUCHE BIOGRAPHY: Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills was a four-time, All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection and one of the best swimmers in the University of Virginia history.

On the all-time list of UVA best times she ranks second in the 500 freestyle (4:38.56), second in the 1,650 freestyle (16:03.52), third in the 1,000 freestyle (9:40.96) and fourth in the 400 IM (4:13.02).

Competing in her second consecutive NCAA championship meet, Bachrouche was 12th in the 500 freestyle and 10th in the 1,650 freestyle, earning All-America honorable mention in both

She broke a 10-year-old UVA record in the 500 freestyle at the ACC championship, and she broke her own record when she swam 4:38.56 in the NCAA meet. A teammate broke Bachrouche's record in one of the following heats,

She finished second in the 500 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle at the ACC championships. She also was fourth in the 400 IM.

Bachrouche was slowed by injuries early in her college career, requiring ankle surgery the first year and knee

surgery the second. "I didn't start to reach my full potential until my third and fourth years," she said. "I wish I had one more year to see how much more I could improve.

Bachrouche will spend the next year training at Virginia while she pursues a masters degree in education and prepares for the 2012 Olympics.

"Being able to swim another year for Lebanon kinda fills that void, although it's a different environment and a different kind of racing," she said. "I wouldn't trade anything for my four

years at Virginia. I was part of a special team, and the girls who were on the team with me will be like family the rest of my life.

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Nursing career opens pathways to opportunities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

As a college student, Caroline Trapp never dreamed nursing would lead her down so many different paths even though a speaker talked about the possibilities. Convinced it was the career for her, Trapp earned bachelor and master's of science degrees in nursing at the universities of Michigan and Pennsylvania before returning to Ann Arbor to complete a certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner in 1998. After more than 25 years in the field, she's done everything from producing a video on nutrition to developing curriculum for a plant-based diet.

"I never thought I'd have the chance to travel to China, the South Pacific, to lecture in Hawaii," Trapp said.

Many of Trapp's opportunities arose as director of diabetes education and care for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine based in Washington, D.C. in 2007. The position requires Trapp to present educational programs in foreign locations as well as closer to her Farmington Hills home.

The nonprofit PCRM promotes a plant-based diet to prevent and reverse diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

"Part of the fun is meeting people from all over," said Trapp. "These health care professionals have become a support group. They're likeminded people enthusiastic about their work. They see people get well."

At home, she encourages patients of Premier Internists, a division of Millennium



Caroline Trapp

Medical Group, not to eat meat or dairy products. A diabetes educator and nurse practitioner, she practices what she preaches. For the last six years, she has not eaten meat, fish or dairy products.

Trapp's travels only confirm her beliefs about the health benefits of not eating meat or dairy products. In the Marshall Islands, 2,000 miles west of Hawaii, she met a man who had been in a wheelchair due to neuropathy. He was dancing and walking after taking part in a diabetes intervention project that taught participants to eat and cook without meat and dairy products.

"I was teaching in nursing schools and hospitals the importance of the plant-based diet," said Trapp. "I met a man who had nightly chest pain and it was gone."

Trapp suffered with chronic joint pain that vanished after about a month of eating a plant-based diet. In her practice, Trapp has seen diabetics reduce or eliminate a patients' need for medication. She's also



PHOTOS BY JACQUE SPENCE

Caroline Trapp teaches medical students in the Marshall Islands how to monitor blood glucose.

seen two cases of mercury poisoning caused by eating large amounts of tuna.

"Tve noticed how much more energy I have," said Trapp. 49. "Even patients with osteoarthritis have been helped."

PLANT-BASED DIET

Trapp is so convinced that consuming a plant-based diet can reverse type 2 diabetes she has developed curriculum for nutrition and cooking intervention programs around the country. It all began in 2006 when she took part in a PCRM pilot project to introduce healthy eating to people with diabetes seen by

physicians of the Millennium Medical Group in Southfield. A class Trapp developed is now offered by more than 30 Food for Life instructors, with plans to expand to a multiweek program in fall.

Most recently, Trapp coordinated the Food for Life Cooking and Eating to Beat Diabetes program sponsored by PCRM, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, and the Institute for Indian Arts. The collaborative effort includes classes on nutrition and cooking demonstrations for Native Americans with diabetes in New Mexico and Arizona.

Trapp was stunned to find

the Marshallese and Native Americans ate a similar meatcentered, highly processed diet that's linked to diabetes and cancer.

"You see the same growing rate of diabetes and heart disease," said Trapp. "Native Americans are like the canary in the coal mine, demonstrating the disease risk all Americans face. Removed from their traditional diet, they have the highest rates of diabetes in the country."

Nearly one out of every five Native Americans has diabetes, according to PCRM. Over the years, white flour, sugar, canned meat, and fast foods replaced their traditional diet of beans, squash and corn. The "Three Sisters" were the main agriculture crops for Native Americans who interplant maize, squash and climbing beans.

"I saw in New Mexico and Arizona people were at the point they were receptive to something new," said Trapp.

APPRECIATION

The horse blanket on the back of the living room couch attests to the appreciation of Native Americans. Trapp is equally grateful for the gift that began with a nutritionist from the Navajo Natives Special Diabetes Project shearing a sheep then weaving the wool. She received the handiwork as a thank you for being keynote speaker last March at the 10th annual Native Women & Men's Wellness Conference presented by the American Indian Institute in Albuquerque in March. More than 100 tribes were present. It was the first time Trapp was preceded by

dancers in colorful regalia.

"It's so special to me," said
Trapp, who plans to hang the
black and white work of art on
a wall. Trapp's curio cabinet in
the living room is filled with
memorabilia from her trips
to China and the Marshall
Islands.

In the U.S., Trapp has spoken from coast to coast about diabetes and vegan/vegetarianism nutrition, most recently in April at the Maine Dietetic Conference. Locally, she gives guest lectures at Wayne State University College of Nursing and as adjunct faculty at the University of Michigan School

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Physician group advocates for plant-based diet

CORRESPONDENT

Caroline Trapp had already toyed with the idea of becoming a vegetarian by the time she picked up one of Dr. Neal Barnard's books. As founder of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), he has promoted a plant-based diet and conducted clinical research on its' ability to prevent and reverse heart disease, diabetes and cancer since

One of his studies found that although the standard American Diabetes Association effectively treats the disease, plant-based, low fat meals dramatically reduce blood sugar and cholesterol levels in addition to promoting weight loss

Barnard has written several books on topics that include reversing diabetes with a diet of grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables. His recent book, 21-Day Weight Loss Kickstart, promises to boost metabolism, lower cholesterol and dramatically improve

Trapp had health concerns when she learned about PCRM while attending a nursing conference. She had ordered a vegetarian plate and "was surprised by how good it tasted." Shortly after, she started e-mailing Barnard who invited her to spend a day at the PCRM office in Washington, D.C. The nonprofit organization provides educational



Caroline Trapp passes out bracelets that sport the message, "I choose healthy foods," at a Marshall Islands school assembly. About half of adults over the age of 35 in the Marshall Islands have type 2 diabetes, largely because they east a diet of processed and meaty

materials as well as diabetic and Cancer Project cooking classes aimed at prevention.

"It gave me confidence to talk to my patients about type 2 diabetes. I suddenly realized I was not alone," said Trapp, a nurse practitioner at Premier Internists in Southfield.

Before long, Barnard invited her to teach curriculum he was using and then offered her a full time position as director of diabetes education and care in 2007.

"Patients are coming to the practice

because they've heard of the intensive lifestyle change," said Trapp. "Blood sugars have gone from 300 and 400 to 100. Diabetes medications prolong people's agony. It's not a cure and has known side effects. We have to use what is known about nutrition. One major concern is fat and animal pro-

Everybody is clear that dietary fat is linked to heart disease, but also insulin resistance. Dairy foods are high in fat, with a speck of calcium in a package full of hormones, injected and natural, and antibiotics which are increasing antibiotics resistance in humans," explained Trapp.

Trapp has done research to back up her claims. These facts were presented in her written testimony for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry field hearing May 31, at Michigan State University.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 29.6 percent of Michigan's population is obese and some 9 percent are suffering from type 2 diabetes. A recent study estimated that between 1998 and 2000 obesityrelated diseases cost Michigan nearly \$3 billion in health care expenses. More than 60 percent of all deaths in the U.S. are from diseases linked to unhealthy diet: heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, liver disease, and high blood pressure.

Diabetes prevalence will increase to 1 in 3 adults by 2050, compared

to approximately 1 in 10 today. Approximately one-third of children born in 2000 will develop diabetes at some point in their lifetimes. Research has shown that meat and dairy consumption significantly increases dia-

betes risk. An estimated 70 percent of colorectal and prostate cancers and 50 percent of breast, endometrial, pancreatic, and gallbladder cancer

are diet-related. While Trapp came to her decision to eat a plant-based diet strictly based on health concerns, she says, it's very gratifying that the way I eat doesn't support cruelty to animals and environmental pollution, the amount of oil it takes to get food to your plate, what it takes to produce a

hamburger. She has a problem with eating fish as well.

"As a health care professional I developed recognition of the bigger picture," said Trapp. "A good example is fish. Fish get Omega 3 fatty acids from eating plants. Humans can get Omega 3 from eating walnuts, flax seed, hemp milk, and green, leafy

Fish is full of saturated fat. Salmon is 50 percent fat."

Fishing impacts the environment, too, said Trapp.

The oceans have been so overfished they have to go further and

further out. How much oil does it

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of Nursing.

Her hectic schedule doesn't stop there. Trapp just finished going live with The Nurses Nutrition pages on the Web site perm.org. It is a network for nurses to access patient and professional educational resources. She also helped produce a DVD, A New Approach to Nutrition for Diabetes, by

Trapp continues to learn from Native Americans like chef Walter Whitewater. A Native American chef and food historian, Frank converted a recipe for Indian Fry Bread, an unhealthy staple, for the Food for Life program. Trapp presents on the experience of developing the Native American nutrition curriculum at the American Association of Diabetes Educators conference in August in Las Vegas.

'My hope is that other Native American organizations and health care professionals will take the curriculum and try it out," said Trapp. "PCRM makes it available at no cost. We're planning a second DVD and classes are being held currently in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, drawing natives from pueb-



Power Plate is the graphic from Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine that explains what foods to eat for health and to prevent and treat chronic disease. It is the basis of the Food for Life curriculums that Trapp is working on.

los. My other hope is to offer the curriculum to Native Americans locally.'

In addition to developing plant-based cooking and nutrition classes, Trapp is trying to influence legislators. On May 31, she attended a field hearing on the 2012 Farm Bill at Michigan State University. The U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, chaired by Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow, held the hearing. Afterward, Trapp submitted written testimony about her concern "over the health crisis being caused by the growing

obesity rates in Michigan and throughout the country" as well as the increasing prevalence of type 2 diabetes. She says it's alarming and troubling because it is largely preventable.

The Farm Bill dictates how federal money is spent to support agriculture. Currently it supports cheap meat and dairy," said Trapp. "There's not a lot of talk about health implications. If we continue to subsidize meat and dairy we do it at the peril of our families."

According to Trapp, in recent history, more than 60 percent of agricultural subsidies have directly and indirectly supported meat and dairy production. Less than 1 percent went to fruits and vegetables. Trapp suggests supporting farmers by encouraging them to produce fruits and vegetables. Michigan is already a leading producer of crops such as apples, cherries, blueberries and edible dry beans.

'We can still support our farmers and everybody can afford healthy foods.

Support from family is one of the reasons Trapp has been able to follow so many different paths during her nursing career. In December, she leaves for Washington, D.C., to train instructors for the Cancer

Project and Food for Life nutrition and cooking classes. Before then, she'll be at the computer writing an article for Diabetes Spectrum, a professional jour-

FAMILY SUPPORT

Caroline and Bill Trapp have been married 23 years in August and have two sons, Davis, 18, who'll be attending Michigan State University in fall, and Baxter, 20, a student at Central University. Both graduated from North Farmington High School. Trapp grew up in Farmington Hills and lived in Philadelphia and Plymouth before moving back 11 years ago. Bill's family owns George W. Trapp Company, produc-ers of doors and windows in Redford.

T've been really lucky the kids are at an age where it's possible to be away from home," said Trapp. "My husband is a good sport and tremendously supportive."

Trapp is still looking for health care professionals to train as instructors for the cancer Project and Food for Life nutrition and cooking class. Email her at ctrapp@pcrm.org.

For more information about the plant-based diet, visit thepowerplate.org or pcrm.org.

Family fun day benefits bleeding disorder research

Our Hope Holds The Cure will hold its 2nd annual Hope Fest to raise funds and awareness of a bleeding disorder called HHT, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday July 30 in Heritage Park, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton. The event, the largest of sev-

eral fundraisers, will offer food and entertainment, including a DJ and performances by Central City Dance of Canon. This is a fun family event, with several bounce houses, a rock climbing wall and carnival games for the kids.

Last year, the volunteerdriven Our Hope Holds The Cure raised both awareness and \$65,000 over several months. This year their goal is to double those results with a day of fun, sun, and activities at the 2011 Hope Fest.

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HHT, or Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia, is an incurable genetic disorder that causes abnormalities in the blood vessels (AVMs) that can result in bleeding in the lining of the nose, mouth, brain, lungs, liver and gastrointestinal system.

HHT can result in stroke,

hemorrhage and heart failure - leaving patients with HHT and their families living in constant fear of a potentially catastrophic life event.

Our Hope Holds The Cure was founded by Jody Nissan of Canton. With the health of her husband and children at stake, Nissan is on a mission to make a difference in the lives of those with HHT. The mission of Our Hope Holds The Cure is dedicated to raising money for continued research into a cure for HHT, increase awareness of HHT and its effects, and provide regional support for families affected by HHT through an annual fundraising campaign located in and around Southeast Michigan.

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31

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Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 10 Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

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Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday,

13. 20 and 27

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Howard N. Lupovitch's summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah," continues. Each lecture is self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. The series started last week. Remaining topics are "Jews in Shi'ite Society," on July 13; "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Also may preregister by calling the office and pay

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Lecture

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 Location: Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth Details: The second parts of a threesession seminar, "The Evidence of Creation" will explore creation

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July

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JULY 14-20

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford Details: Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Arts and crafts fair, games and food concessions

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Guest speaker

Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 17 Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Details: Peg Collins takes over

the pulpit for a sermon entitled "A Shamanic Life" during Sunday service Contact: (248) 354-4488

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Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 20 and 27

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JULY 21-27

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Lecture

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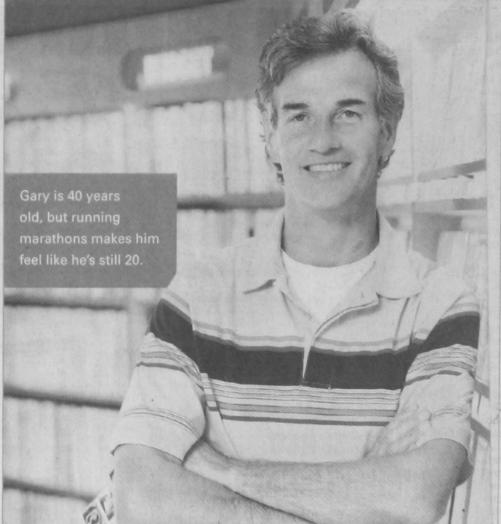
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MARRIED IN JAMAICA

Catherine Martin and Roger Roberts were married in October 2010 in Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Margo Panko of Canton. The groom is the son of Anna Roberts of Miami, Fla., and the late John

Catherine is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a B.S. degree and a secondary certification in vocational technology. She also has a degree from the Michigan Institute of Aeronautics. She is an aviation technician at Delta

Roger is a graduate of Embri Riddle School of Aviation in Miami, Fla. He's a supervisor



Roberts-Martin

at Delta Airlines. They reside in Canton.

AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Shanthi Nazareth and Jissan Cherian announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Joachim and Janet Nazareth of Canton, graduated from Michigan State University with a Master of Arts degree from the College of Education. She will be moving to Pittsburgh after the wedding to begin a career in program administration at a local university.

Her fiancé, son of Cherian Zachariah and Annamma Cherian of Sugar Land, Texas, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Master of Business Administration degree from



Nazareth-Cherian

the Tepper School of Business. He will work as a brand marketer at GlaxoSmithKline.

An August 2011 wedding is planned in Sterling Heights.

Dishwashers harbor killer bugs, according to study

The day following a television health alert by Dr. (Frank) McGeorge I received an e-mail from Diane Armstrong who asked me to comment on the recent findings by scientists that lethal bugs may live in your dishwasher. More to the point, they say that the dishwasher is the perfect breeding ground for fungi associated with potentially deadly illnesses.

Dr. Polona Zalar of the University of Ljubljana specifically identified black yeasts Exophiala dermatitis and E. phaeomu-



Doctor

Joe Gagnon

riformis which are known to be dangerous to human health. To add to the alarm, a statement was made by a person of responsibility saying that, "One thing that is not in the report is that we tested the dishes after they had been cleaned in these dishwashers and they were full of this black yeast, so too the cutlery that you put in your mouth. We just don't know how serious this

Well Diane, let me give you my comments, right from the hip. They may contradict the intelligence of these scientists who may have been paid a small fortune for doing this study. When I see a doctor on television wiping down a rubber door seal on a dishwasher with a foam pad containing bleach I know how ill-informed he

is as well. Bleach will remove the oil in the rubber seal, causing the seal to dry up and crack and the next thing you know we will have thousands of leaky dishwashers. I've said for years that dishwashers with recommended hot water temperatures at 120 degrees were a cause for concern because that water temperature didn't kill bacteria. At a meeting with engineers from different appliance manufacturers, including the head of the U.S. Health Department, I recommended that dishwasher water temperature should be increased to 155 degrees or more. Today that is the case, and I know we are using safer dishwashers than in the past.

As for appearance of this black fungi discovered by these scientists, I used to do service calls on these products and always loved to inform customers on how to maintain things on their own. I would open the door of a dishwasher and carefully reach inside just over the lip of the bottom cavity of the tub. I would rub my finger on the inside surface and it would come out all dark and greasy looking. That was undissolved detergent which would build up over years. To get rid of it I would recommend the Tang treatment, which I've written about so many times. I don't think these scientists took the motor and pump assembly apart to observe the build up of detergent on the pump impellers. If they had, they might have had to dress in coveralls with hoods so the black yeast wouldn't catch them.

It might serve greater purpose to do a study on what appliance repair technicians are dying from. I'm sorry, but I don't go along with a group from a school in a little country on the other side of Italy that creates attention by alarming every homeowner in America. Maybe it's time for the University of Michigan to get involved. If so, I would like them to see what is in the inside of a hot water heater. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com



REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School Class of 1971

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

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1954

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

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

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. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com;

(734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolonl@aol. com; (248) 529-6461.

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. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313)

532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowwav.com

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971

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



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EDWARDS, BEVERLY J.

Of Grass Lake, age 70, went to be with the Lord June 30, 2011 surroundwith the Lord June 30, 2011 surround-ed by her loving family. She was pre-ceded in death by her parents, William and Edna Solomon. Bev is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 49 years, Cliff; daughter, Lisa (Curt) Lapham; son, Cliff (Hillary) Edwards Jr.; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, William (Nicki) and Warren (Beatrice) Solomon; several nieces and nephews. Bev was an example of love and devotion as a child of God, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As a lifelong Christian, Bev was a 35 year member of Grass Lake Assembly of God where she mentored countless children through her years of teaching Sunday School, Junior Church, and passing out sticks of gum and smiles from her favorite pew. A devoted and much loved teacher of 35 years in the Garden City School District, Bev continued her love of teaching through substituting and assisting her six grandchildren with countless school projects. She spent her final hours surrounded by her loving family, never failing to make them smile through her humor and love for ife. She has promised to send us all a picture text from heaven with a view from her golden golf cart. Services were held July 5, 2011 at Grass Lake Assembly of God. Please sign Bev's guest book at sherwoodfh.com



FALCONER, CATHERINE "TINKA" DICKINSON

Passed away Dec. 18, 2010, in Palo Alto, CA. She was born in Chicago in 1917, and graduated from Mt. St. Mary-on-the-Fox Academy in Saint Charles, IL, in 1935. She married David B. Falconer of Scottville in 1938 in the chapel at Dave's alma mater Michigan State College, now MSU. The couple and their three children settled in Birmingham, where they were members of Oakland Hills Country Club. Dave worked for the Sealtest division of National Dairy and for ARA Services, while Tinka considered loving motherhood her most important calling. A member of the Village Women's Club, Tinka volunteered at Beaumont Hospital and enjoyed golf, bowling, gardening and bridge with her many friends. The couple retired to the Ahwatukee area of Phoenix and a summer cottage near Ludington. Most recently, Tinka resided in Redwood City and Belmont, CA. Tinka was preceded in death by Dave, her beloved husband of 53 years. She is survived by son David G. Falconer (Bonnie Ellested) of Menlo Park, CA; daughter Barbara Falconer (Jon) Newhall of Oakland, CA; son Jim (Birte) Falconer of Seattle; six grandchildren, and one great-grand-daughter. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at St. Vincent Catholic Church, 637 East Street, Pentwater, MI, 49449. Memorial contributions may be direct-Dominican Sisters, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221-1793. Condolences c/o Newhall, Box 237, 6114 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611 or barbarafalconernewhall.com

HALL, DEBRA ANN.

of Lincoln Park, 6/22/2011; Age 56. Beloved mother of Kathleen (Lionel) Crump & Douglas (Cheri) Wells. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181

HUBER, JOHN W.

Suddenly, July 3, 2011 age 67 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Lisa Huber, Stefanie (Aris) Argy, and Lori (Patrick) Anderson. Proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Dear son of Hazel and the late James Huber. Survived by two brothers, Richard (Pam) and Roger (Tina). Memorial contributions may be made to The Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



June 29, 2011, age 85. Loving husband of Delores. Dear father of Dennis (Jody), Mark (Susie), Jeffrey (Susan), Timothy (Jeannine), Linda (Bill) Siewert, Michael, Stephen (Rhonda), Deanne (Jim Kissling). Beloved grandfather of 18 and great grandfather of seven. Memorial Mass Friday July 8 at 10 am at St. Colette Friday July 8 at 10 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



KONKEL, RUTH

Age 93 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother to Susan Schloss, James (Patricia) Konkel, Roger (Jane) Konkel. Dear grandmother of six and great grandmother of 7. Visitation was held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan), Livonia on Wednesday. Funeral service were Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church
Please share your memories at

fredwoodfuneralhome.com

LA CROIX, FRANCIS JOSEPH.

of Trenton, 6/30/2011; Age 90. Beloved father of Paul. Dear uncle of Robert Winslow. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954

LANSING, JAMES B.

Of Venice, FL died June 18, 2011. Jim was born September 23, 1921 in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He attended Cornell University. Jim served in the US Navy during WWII, supporting North Atlantic convoy operations with a three year assignment on board. ment onboard the frigate USS Gloucester. After completing his enlistment, Jim volunteered as a District Manager for the Sister Kenny Foundation in New York and was employed with the General Electric Company Large Lamp Division. He completed a highly successful 34 year career with GE, living in Birmingham, Michigan before retiring to Venice, Florida. Jim was a past member of the Jacaranda West Country Club in Venice, the New York Athletic Club, and the Edgewood Country Club in Michigan. Jim was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Ruth Lansing. He is survived by his son Sanford (Captain, USN Ret) of Portsmouth, Rhode Island and his daughter Karen Luscombe of Richmond, VA, five grandchildren, and brother John of Stuart, Florida. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. A Memorial Mass was held at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Venice, Florida at 1pm on



MOZI, CAROLINE C.

Age 85, July 2, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Matthew M. Dear mother of Julia Quejado, Harold Hayden Jr., Patricia Pollum, Sharon Bliss and Renee Blankenship. Step-mother of Adele Dubicki. Grandmother of Jamie, Marcy, Jason, Stephanie, Kelly, Dana Jr., Kimberly, A.J., Christopher, Scott, Jeremy and the late Kenny. Great-grandmother of 14. Visitation was Tuesday, July 5 at Santeiu Funeral Home. Mass was Wednesday at St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests dona-tions to Hospice of S.E. Michigan. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



OBEY, CAMILLE H.

Age 84, Passed away on June 29, 2011. Preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary, three brothers, Steve, John, and Ted and one sister, Marian. Survived by several generations of nieces and nephews. Cam will be remembered Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 1-2pm with a Memorial Service at 2:00pm at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile (between Merriman and Middlebelt). www.neely-turowski.com

PAUL, CLODA RAE

Age 86, July 1, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William Drexal Paul for 55 years. Loving mother of Donna (Marque) Cryderman, Dennis (Lillian) Paul and Debra (Forrest) Miracle. Cherished grandmother of Brittany, Heather and Erika Paul, Ashley and Travis Miracle. Great grandmother of Mae Rose Thomson-Miracle. Stepgrandmother of Marque Cryderman, Elizabeth Crowton, and David Cryderman Rose. Step-great-grandmother of Kara, T.J., and Hailey Kowalski, Nick Crowton, Lena and Kaylee Rose, and Levi Cryderman. Also survived by twin sister; Cleda Fay Carter. Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Wednesday 5-9 p.m.

and Thursday 2-9 p.m. www.Thayer-Rock.com





RICHARDS, SANDRA H.

Age 70, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on June 20, 2011 at the Applewood Nursing Center in Woodhaven, Michigan, assisted by Arbor Hospice. Born in Hamtramck, Michigan, on August 11, 1940, to the late Marion and Angeline (Kublin) Papciak, she was a graduate of Lakeshore High School. She married William J. Richards on July 25, 1968, in Toledo, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on September 12, 2007. She attended Walsh College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Accounting in 1970. Mrs. Richards was employed by Charles H. Williams, Certified Public Accountants, then by Colley & Schlee, Inc., before focusing solely on her own accounting business, S. H. Richards & Associates which she owned and operated until 2010. She leaves two sons, William C Ricciardi and his wife, Wanda, of Dunlap, Tennessee, and Earl J Richards and his partner, Daryn Smalley, of Cleveland, Ohio; two daughters, Gail Ann Lockhart of Trenton, Michigan, and Angela Kieran and her husband, Thomas, of Cardiff by the Sea, California; one brother, Marion Papciak and his wife, Delores, of Sterling Heights, Michigan; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchilden. A Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9, 2011, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan.

SAUNDERS, HELEN C.

of Lathrup Village, 6/17/2011; Age 86. Beloved mother of Pamela (Robert) Granata, Bayard (Jane), & Bethany. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954



STACHOW, KAREN R.

Age 64, died peacefully on June 15, 2011 at Angela Hospice with her husband Dan and her brother Floyd at her side. She is survived by her half-brother Paul Kinder her loving stepdaughters Stephanie (Christopher) Soehnlen and Stacey (Scott) Perrault and one step-grandson Christopher (C.J.) Soehnlen, sister-in-law Joan Stachow and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial service will held on July 16, 2011 at 10:30am with a Mass at 11:00am at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland MI 48185. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or to St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church.

SUTTON, PATTI F.

of Royal Oak, 6/23/2011; Age 39. Beloved daughter of Jack (Colleen) Luther. Mother of Christina and Victoria. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954



SYVERSEN,

CHARLOTTE G. Age 89 July 1, 2011

Beloved wife of Arne. Dear mother of Gary) Broderick and (Tom) Sinkus. Grandmother of Ryan Jason (Nicole) Broderick and Adam (Sarah) Sinkus. Great-grandmother of Lukas and Dylan Broderick and Jackson and Bailey Sinkus Predeceased by her five siblings Charlotte led an extremely active life She was always there to support her husband Arne, of 64 years, family and friends, enjoying many life-long pas-sions including golf, bowling, swim-ming and her travels to the family A gathering with family or friends was always a priority. She often took leadership roles whenever it was needed from her days as a neighborhood chair of the Livonia Girl Scouts, church committees, bowling and golf leagues. She was an avid sports fan especially when it came to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she rarely missed a game. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, 48152. Memorial Service, Monday 11:00 am at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia 48154.



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Six things young adults should know about managing health

Despite perceptions that young adults consider themselves young and invincible, the majority of Americans, ages 18-26 are taking an active role in maintaining their

Two out of three young adults have a usual source of health care, and most are seeing a physician at least once a year for wellness exams and other preventive services, according to a nationwide poll conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Young adults seem to understand the correlation between having an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician and creating a healthy future," says Dr. Roland Goertz, president of the AAFP. "But unfortunately, when it comes to managing their health, they, like many others, often lack the experience or desire to navigate the complex health care system."

The health care reform law now enables young adults, up to age 26, to be covered under their parent or guardian's insurance plan.

"As more provisions of health care reform become effective, such as when restrictions related to pre-existing conditions are lifted, even more young adults will have access to health care," Goertz says. "Family physicians stand ready to provide the care they need, when and where they

As more young people take advantage of this benefit, the AAFP offers the following tips to help them make the most of their health care interactions.

· Establish a relationship with a family physician who will know you and your health history. Family physicians provide comprehensive care to people of all ages - ranging from preventive services to the diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and chronic conditions. They also treat depression and other mental health conditions. Most importantly, family physicians make it convenient for patients to get the care they need. Seventythree percent offer same-day appointments, nearly half offer early morning and evening appointments, and 27 percent communicate with patients via

These services are all parts of the patient-centered medical home model of care. Under this model, family physicians coordinate care across all settings, including doctors' offices, hospitals and many other services that make up our complex and confusing health care system. Key medi-

cal home technologies, such as electronic health records. enable health care professionals to communicate with one another and stay updated on mutual patients' medical conditions and courses of treatment. This eliminates duplication, lowers costs and improves quality and patient satisfaction.

· Be open and honest with your doctor. Taking an active role in your health care can help you get the best care possible. Be sure to disclose any current and past health care issues or concerns. It's important to share any information you have, even if you're embar-· Ask questions. Don't be

afraid to speak up if you have questions or concerns. It's important to let your doctor know if you don't understand something. If you have questions before your appointment, write them down and ask them during the exam. Be sure to write down the most important questions first to make sure they get answered, and tell your doctor when you need more time to talk.

· Play an active role in your medical decision making. Research shows that patients who are more involved with their care tend to get better results. You have a say in your medical treatment. If you aren't comfortable with a prescribed course of treatment - like taking medicine,

scheduling a test or scheduling an appointment with a specialist - let your doctor know. Patients and doctors who share decision making are more likely to identify treatment plans they can both agree on.

· Make sure your personal doctor is in charge of your care. This is especially important if you have many health problems or are in a hospital. Make sure that all members of your health care team know about all prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines you are taking, including dietary supplements such as vitamins and herbs. Also, make sure your doctor knows about any allergies and adverse reactions you've had.

· Understand your medical bills and keep medical paperwork organized. Learn to read and understand medical bills and explanations of benefits to know what's covered, what not covered, and why. Consolidate your medical care, health history and medical records, and organize your medical paperwork so you can review it easily if questions arise. Keep your medical receipts if you have a health savings account; you may be need to show them for tax purposes.

For more information about family physicians and tips for managing your health care, visit www.familydoctor.org/ smartpatientguide.

- Courtesy ARA

Health officials urge measles protection

Department of Community Health (MDCH) is advising Michigan residents to get

the measles vaccine because there are more cases of the highly contagious disease reported in the country this year than any time since

"This is especially important for persons planning international travel, because the current U.S. situation is largely the result of measles outbreaks occurring elsewhere in the world," stated Dr. Dean Sienko, acting chief medical executive, MDCH. "But it's also important that non-travelers be protected. We have to keep our guard up against measles by having as many of our citizens protected as possible. This is an easily preventable disease.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been more than 150 cases reported so far. In a typical year, there are about 50 cases. Cases have appeared in more than 20 states, and in some instances outbreaks have resulted. So far, there has been one case in Michigan.

Measles is very eas-

ily transmitted. The virus spreads to others when an infected person sneezes or coughs. A person is contagious before the characteristic rash appears. It can spread through casual and brief contact.

Health officials have been tracking large outbreaks of measles in several European countries as well as parts of Africa and Asia. Most of the cases in the U.S. have been traced to travel or other connections in those areas.

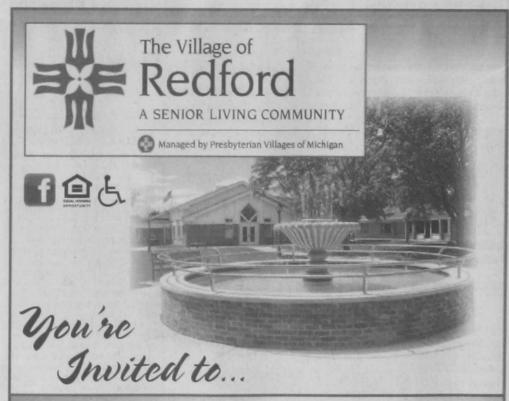
Since summer is a traditional travel season, officials say there are more opportunities for measles virus to be brought into the U.S.

Symptoms include a high fever, eye inflammation, a cough, and a runny nose, followed by an extensive

rash. It takes about two weeks for symptoms to develop, and the ill person can spread the measles virus to others from four days before the rash appears to four days after. Some people can get much sicker from measles and may be hospitalized with pneumonia or, rarely, encephalitis.

All children routinely are vaccinated against the disease. They receive two doses by the time they start kindergarten. However, some may miss or delay measles vaccination. Adults also must be sure they are vaccinated.

Additional information on measles is available at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/ travel/notices/in-the-news/



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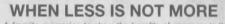
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A favorite expression to show the benefits of economy is the saying: Less means more." Such words do not hold for a person with bad knees.

More often in the case of joint pain less means much less. Not only does the person with painful knees not walk, but by not walking, the individual loses strength and stamina. The result is that stopping activity increases fatigue.

Doctors often hear people who have bad knees complain that their arthritis is spreading. These patients note that stiffness is debilitating in the morning, being present not only in the knees, but in the shoulders, hips and legs. The doctor usually has a difficult time explaining to patients that the arthritis is not worsening; rather the body from lack of exercise is getting more and more out of shape.

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Treatment is not more pills, but increased activity.
Patients protest, saying how is it possible to move more, when they can hardly walk at all. That response creates a challenge for the doctor. He finds it difficult to tell the patient that despite the pain, the person should keep walking; the effort will reward the person

with steps that are easier to take.

That result does not always happen on the initial attempt leaving the patient with the feeling of being deceived. However, the doctor's advice is correct; the person must persist, if he or she is to prevail.

The best treatment for bad knees is knee replacement, but poor health or a deep

cepticism about such an intervention makes exercise the best alternative. If the knee n't advanced for operation, then exercise is a necessity.

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What Can I Do With A Liberal Arts Degree?

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Perhaps the most persistent -- and often most annoying -- question college students hear throughout their years (second only to "What's your major?") is "So what are you going to do with your major?" The truth, for many of them, is that they simply don't know. And that is totally OK. While choosing a major will help you prepare for a career in a specific field, it can also provide a solid basis for pursuing a career in a seemingly dissimilar field. For example, history majors can go into government, journalism or even museum work, and it's not unusual for theater majors to work in business. Before you think about what you're going to do with your major, find out what you can you do with your major. Art: So daddy wasn't thrilled when you announced that you were switching from premed to art history, eh? "At least I'll be rich in spirit," you offer as the smallest hints of tears replace the dollar signs in his eyes. But art majors aren't necessarily destined to be starving artists. You can go into any number of fields, ranging from commercial art, media and photography to art therapy. If you've still got a place in your heart for scrubs, supplement your studies with psychology or counseling courses to pursue art therapy. If commercial art appeals to you, intern

with a photographer, magazine or

portfolio as you go along. The same

other media outlet and compile a

goes for studio art, wherein interning or volunteering for a museum will help you see the administrative side of this field.

Biological Sciences: Lest you shy away from concentrating on the biological sciences (biology,

microbiology, zoology, etc.) because you don't want to go to grad school, know that there are plenty of career options for those with bachelor's degrees in biology. Not only does an undergraduate degree prepare you for a career in the rapidlygrowing healthcare industry, it also qualifies you to work as a laboratory assistant, technician, technologist or research assistant. Should you feel the need to break out of

the lab, you could also do nontechnical work like writing, illustration, photography and legislation by signing up for relevant electives, doing parttime work or interning.

Psychology: Yet another major that seems to ensure that, unless you have a graduate degree, you'll be reduced to spouting Freud to the patrons you serve at the local café after graduation. Not so. Psychology provides a strong liberal arts background, allowing graduates to pursue work in several fields like public relations, retail management, sales,

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English: Majoring in English isn't just for future teachers anymore. Those with

> a background in English have a variety of options when it comes to choosing their fields of work, including law, public relations, advertising, publishing and well, okay, teaching. English majors looking to work in law should obtain summer work at law firms and tweak their speech and debate skills. Picking up an LSAT prep book probably wouldn't

hurt, either. Foreign Language: Yes, you've taught all of your friends dirty words in three different languages, but what else can you do? Well, a lot, actually. For one thing, the government (including the FBI, CIA, Customs Service and the Library of Congress) is one of the largest employers of people with foreign language skills. Foreign language majors can also go into arts and entertainment by working at museums, book publishers and film companies, or into commerce and work at American firms abroad or

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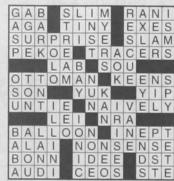
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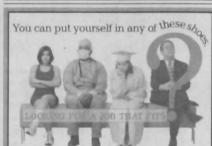
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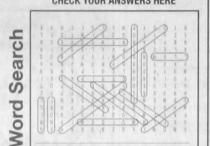
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Ford is attempting to build on its early lead in on-board connectivity and also add to its safety chops as it continues to navigate the increasingly strategic and high-profile world of automotive infotainment. Innovations such as Sync have gained Ford some leadership in this area in the eyes of American consumers, and recently Ford announced incremental advances, such as expansion of its Sync voicecontrol software to more vehicles.

"Being 'green' and 'smart' are Ford's most important differentiators in the marketplace," Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas, told journalists assembled at the company's design center in Dearborn, Mich., for a safety and technology show-and-tell last month. Consumer appreciation of the "smart pillar" of Ford's long-term positioning - which also includes "safe" and "quality" values as well as "green" - rose 62 percent by the end of the first quarter compared with 2008 when the concepts were embodied formally, Fields said.

Doug VanDagens, director of Ford Connected Services Solutions, asserted that when it comes to infotainment, the company is "thinking like and innovating at the pace of a consumerelectronics company.'

Specifically, Ford said that it plans to make Sync AppLink available on an

additional nine vehicles for 2012 beyond the previously announced 2012 Ford Mustang, expanding customer access to AppLink's "intuitive" voice control and to smart-phone apps on the go. Ford plans to add more than 100 jobs over the next four years in this expanding area and announced that 2,500 independent developers have signaled their interest in creating more apps for Ford by signing onto a web site. The company also disclosed a new partnership with Nuance

technologies. As competitors scurry to catch up to Ford in infotainment, executives want to keep their feet on the gas. More than 84 percent of Ford Fusions now are sold equipped with Sync as well as more than 76 percent of F-150s. A total of three million Ford-built vehicles now include Sync, and Fields said that more

than 50 percent of customers say that

Communications, based in Burlington,

Mass., which develops voice-control

the system was a key factor in their purchase considerations.

About 55 percent of smart-phone users prefer voice commands over other types of interfaces in the car, VanDagens said, and more than 25 percent admit to using apps in the vehicle. Small wonder: Smart-phone owners spend an average of 7.4 hours a week in their vehicles, he said



Sync AppLink will be available on the 2012 Mustang



The 2012 Ford Mustang GT.

Ford'sreputation in the infotainment area slipped a bit recently after Consumer Reports identified difficulties in operating both Sync and MyFord Touch, a complementary infotainment platform. But Fields said that Ford is "fixing issues" with MyFord Touch, not only with the software per se but also in helping customers understand the systems.

"Early this year, dealers began offering personalized sessions just like at the Apple store, and even going to customers' homes" to conduct the training, Fields said. Ford also has added an owner-supported web site for Sync. Partly as a result, 73 percent of customers surveyed by Ford indicated satisfaction with the first generation of MyFord Touch versus 65 percent who had given the thumb's up to the first generation of Sync a few years ago, he

Because vehicles now have become so digitally integrated internally as well as with the outside world, safety improvements - as well as entertainment and communication functions in the vehicle - increasingly run through computer interfaces. The

most crucial frontier in that regard is how to help drivers safely use smartphone apps in the car that they're simply insisting they want to use.

Sue Cischke, Ford's vice president of environmental and safety engineering, said that the most important determinant of safety is for drivers to keep their eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. This remains the case, she insisted, even in the wake of conflicting research that suggests distressing cell-phone conversations, for example, can significantly promote the possibility of an accident even if the driver is watching the road and has both hands

Ford is researching more ways for the vehicle to automatically suggest accident-avoidance action-avoidance actions by the driver and maybe even curb them. "We're looking at disrupting communications, for instance, when you're coming around a curve," Cischke said. And Sync already offers a "Do Not Disturb" feature that drivers can activate if they don't want incoming cell-phone calls to interrupt their driving.





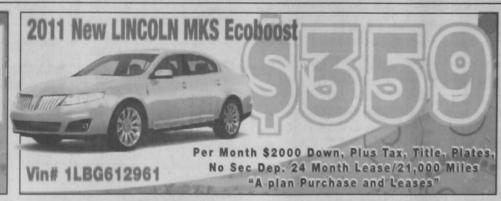


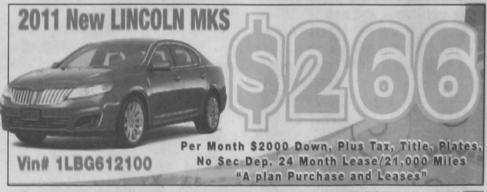
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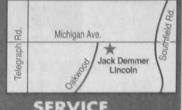


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