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Pink slips help board cut red ink

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Ryan Nimmerguth was hired to teach physical education at East Middle School last September, it was almost like a homecoming for the Eastern Michigan University graduate.

"It was like a dream come true when I got the job," said Nimmerguth, who grew up in Plymouth Township and is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School. "I coach the Salem junior varsity basketball team. Everything was going good."

That was until Tuesday, when the Board of Education laid off 70 teachers - including Nimmerguth - and two school nurses in preparation for what is expected to be at least \$5.5 million in budget cuts, which could result in 40 teachers off the payroll for the 2007-08 budget year.

"You always fear layoffs when you first get hired," said Nimmerguth, 25, who lives in Plymouth. "And, I guess it came true. I'm trying to stay positive and hope I get called back."

For 24-year-old Katie Kramer, who teaches language arts and social studies at Pioneer Middle School, this is the second time she'll be laid off.

"I love my job, and it's so sad the cuts have to be so drastic this time around," Kramer said. "There are so many really great teachers who will lose their positions, and it will be a great loss for the district."

In March, the Board of Education voted to lay off two administrators - Tom Sklut, the district's chief development officer, and Plymouth High School athletic director Terry Sawchuk.

Meanwhile, the current and former members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association attended Tuesday's meeting to take issue with Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski's suggestion teachers take a one-time 6-percent pay cut to help balance a deficit 2007-08 budget.

Tom Cotner, a Salem math teacher for 34 years and part of the P-CEA's contract bargaining team from 1974-99, including 20 as chief negotiator before retiring in 2005, took aim at Ham-Kucharski for attempting to get re-elected to the board on the backs of teachers.

"If we as a school district are to survive the challenges we face, then we must attempt to all work together, rather than do a public hatchet job on the employees of the district to further our own political ambitions," Cotner said. "Twice during my time here, we took pay freezes, and once we gave back a negotiated 3-percent raise for the good of the district."

Ham-Kucharski took issue with the union's response to his call for a pay adjustment, referring to the district's method of interest-based bargaining, where both sides discuss contract issues to reach a resolution.

"I question who is bargaining on behalf of the interests of the students and the 74 staff members we just sent pink slips to, obviously not the union," Ham-Kucharski said. "All they seem to care about is letting go 6.7 percent of their own staff, so they won't have to take a 6-percent, one-time pay correction. If they did this one thing, we wouldn't be laying off teachers, nurses, an athletic director or a development director that brings money to the district."

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Ed Lyzenga with his kids - John, 11, Daniel, 6, Hannah, 4, and Ben, 9 - are regulars at support meetings sponsored by the New Hope Center for Grief Support.

'Grant'ing hope for help Foundation allows center to fund program for kids

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Ed Lyzenga and his four young children have been fixtures at grief support meetings conducted at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township pretty much ever since his wife, Amy, died four months after being diagnosed with cancer in February 2005.

Lyzenga, a chaplain by trade, attends the Circles of Hope group for young widows and widowers sponsored by the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. His children, now ages 4-11, take part in the New Hope for KIDZ group, designed to give children who've lost a parent a place to go.

"I knew (after Amy's death) my kids were going to need a place," said Ed Lyzenga, a Canton resident. "You go to school, you go to church, wherever, and everyone has two parents. (New Hope) was the one place they could go where the other kids were like them."

The Lyzenga children are part of a burgeoning group of youngsters that has grown to the point that New Hope's executive director, Cathy Clough of Plymouth, finally had to find its own coordinator. The problem, not surprisingly with the current state of the economy, was money.

To solve it, Clough did what she finds herself doing more of these days: applying for a grant. And for this one, the Canton Community Foundation came through, giving New Hope \$2,500 to use for a part-time program coordinator.

Clough had been overseeing the KIDZ group, which has met since 2001.

"As it grew, we got more kids, and we've had to divide into smaller groups to provide more age-appropriate groups," Clough said. "It's gotten too big. The time came when we finally had to hire somebody."

Those who use the program are grateful the funding will allow it to continue meeting. Lyzenga sought help for his children - John, 11; Ben, 9; David, 6; and Hannah, 4 - since a few months after Amy died. They didn't find her cancer until she was already in the late stages; she was diagnosed in October 2004 and died in February 2005.

The end came so quickly it left the family especially devastated.

"She had three or four treatments at U-M, but they couldn't stop it," Ed Lyzenga said. "They did what they could, (but) it happened pretty fast. There's a lot of things we didn't get a chance to talk about."

PLEASE SEE GRANT, A6

Judges reduce stipend

Authority members say cut isn't enough

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford Taylor this week called on the state's appellate judges to give up their state-paid vehicles, calling it a willingness to sacrifice as the appellate court faces a budget shortfall that's expected to include staff layoffs.

At the same time, some members of the 35th District Court Authority - representatives of the five communities which comprise the local court - aren't pleased the three 35th District Court judges haven't done the same thing.

Authority members want to see the line item giving \$600 monthly expense checks totaling \$7,200 a year per judge - which is in addition to their \$139,272 annual salary - eliminated, especially in light of projections the court could soon be operating in the red.

On Wednesday, the three judges agreed to voluntarily give back 20 percent of the stipend. However, some don't see that as enough.

"It's not incumbent upon the local governments to augment their (state-paid) salary with additional money," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, a Court Authority member. "It's slush-fund car money ... a waste of government money. There might have been a time and day, but it's not today."

Dwyer said the Court Authority, which approves the total budget but not individual line items, approved the budget before he noticed the \$21,600

PLEASE SEE STIPEND, A5

Newcomer thinks background will help

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Koldys believes a vote for him in the May 8 Plymouth-Canton school board election is a vote for those who are underrepresented on the Board of Education.

The 53-year-old Canton Township man and his wife don't have children, and it's a segment of the population Koldys believes may be overlooked.

"My demographic is all the people the district needs to reach out to that they didn't in the last two bond campaigns - people who don't have children, or whose children have moved away," Koldys said. "From a purely economic standpoint, even if you didn't care about children, there are reasons for us to maintain the quality of schools, even



Koldys

PLEASE SEE KOLDYS, A4

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CORRECTION

A column by Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich in the Thursday, April 19, Observer ("Athletics shouldn't bear brunt as board eyes budget fixes") should have pointed out school board Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski's ideas for changes in the athletic program were in lieu of getting the 6-percent teacher pay cuts he's proposing.



Chorale performance benefits cancer research

The BeckRidge Chorale, some 100 voices sharing the stage with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, presents its Spring Concert, "Sing for the Cure," Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m.

"Sing for the Cure, a Proclamation of Hope" is a unique musical journey through the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Librettist Pamela Martin wrote 10 songs after numerous interviews with breast

cancer survivors, their partners and loved ones.

Long-time director Michael Gross said that's one of the best things about the concert.

"We'll be performing music based on the stories of breast cancer survivors and their families," director Michael Gross said.

Each song is set to the music of 10 composers who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. The performances will be narrated by a special guest celebrity, and proceeds from the concert will be given to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

All concerts will be conducted at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (866) 924-4276 or visit the Chorale's Web site, www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org for more information.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation



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The BeckRidge Chorale, more than 100 voices under the direction of Michael Gross, takes to the stage to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute May 5-6.

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For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

Uptown Players

The Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS), Plymouth Community Arts Council's youth theatre group, are prepared to delight audiences with their theatrical renditions of three comedic plays during the Mother's Day weekend in May.

Shows are open to the public, but seating is limited. Tickets are \$6, and PCAC officials highly recommend advance ticket purchase.

The first play, "Once Upon A Shoe," keeps in step with the best of Garland/Rooney traditions when Mother Goose's children come to the rescue of their beloved shoe home by putting on a show. The play, appropriate for young audiences, hits the stage 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, and 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12.

Unsuspecting townsfolk and audiences alike will be stunned by the surprise heroes in a spiced-up version of the classic "Stone Soup." Performances are 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13.

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Performances take place at the Plymouth Community Arts Council located inside the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

Chamber breakfast

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its annual State of the Community Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, May 2 at Station 885, in Plymouth's Old Village District. Admission is \$12 per person.

This annual breakfast is open to any resident or business owner who would like to hear first-hand what we can expect in Plymouth's future. This year's speakers will be Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, City of Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Dr. James Ryan and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox.

Check-in for the breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m., with a full breakfast buffet beginning at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome, but seating is limited and reservations are a must.

Call the chamber office at (734) 453-1540 by noon Friday, April 27 to reserve a seat.

Entertainment Book

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Scholarship dinner

Spiritus Sanctus Academy hosts its annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction Friday, June 1, at The Inn at St. John's.

The dinner and auction will be held in the Grande Ballroom. An on-line preview of auction items is available at www.sistersofmary.org

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New Hope Center for Grief Support sponsors the "Hike for Hope" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 9, at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, for a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering our loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged; donations can be solicited by entrants from sponsors. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a complimentary hot dog lunch.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The non-profit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to partici-

pate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115.

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Organizers are in great need of breakfast casseroles, potato dishes, fruit bowls, baked goods or monetary donations. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact one of the following chairpersons as soon as possible:

■ Plymouth High School: Valerie Sanchez Lucco, vsl@wowway.com

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Trustee Caccamo due to arrive home from Iraq this weekend

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Having spent the last eight months patrolling the decimated streets of Iraq and having witnessed too many of his comrades killed or wounded, Todd Caccamo is ready to come home. On Monday, he took a big step toward that goal when he arrived in New York with the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines.

Although he immediately flew out to a base in California, Caccamo's wife Kay said it won't be long before he is back home in Canton. She said he is scheduled to fly to Toledo on Sunday, where she and other family members will be waiting with open arms. And she can't wait. The Canton Township

trustee threw caution to the wind about two years ago and rejoined the Marines to help in America's fight against terrorism. He took leave from the Board of Trustees and left for Iraq in September.

The thing Caccamo is most looking forward to is meeting his new son, Carter, who was born on Feb. 21.

"That is definitely at the top of the list. Everyone that has seen him says he looks just like me. I've seen pictures, but it's not the same. I can't wait to hold him and get to know him," said Caccamo by phone on Tuesday.

Caccamo said the war wasn't exactly what he thought when he left eight months ago. He said Iraq is a confusing place. Oftentimes he wasn't even sure

who the enemy was, or who it was the Americans were actually trying to protect.

"It was definitely an experience," said Caccamo, who is a corporal. "Everyone asks me if it was worth it. My answer changes every five minutes. I will say this, we are fighting an enemy that is very, very evil."

Caccamo will be on active duty until June 1. He said after that point, he will resume his place on the Board of Trustees.

Caccamo's family and friends will be hosting a coming home party for him from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., May 9 at Bailey's Pub N'Grille, which is located at 1777 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information, contact Kay Caccamo by e-mail at kay827@yahoo.com or by phone at (734) 981-6303.

KOLDYS

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for people who don't have a direct interest."

Koldys, like the other five candidates vying for the two, four-year seats on the board, believes the overriding issue for the next board will be state funding.

"Funding will be the core issue, and until that's done the district will be forced to keep cutting its programs into the classroom," Koldys said. "When 90 percent (of the budget) is wages and benefits, as a board you eventually have to look there, or the cuts will go directly to the classroom."

Koldys, an instructional technician at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, also has a degree in elementary education.

"I firmly believe as class sizes increase, student achievement will fall and so will peripheral programs," Koldys said. "When you start to cut those foundations, it will hold for a while, but will eventually fall."

Koldys said he has 28 years of experience in schools, including having taught as a

substitute teacher, worked in building maintenance, teaches community and adult education, and is the president of the Dearborn Federation of School Employees.

"That (union) background has given me the ability to look at everything," Koldys said. "I've actually worked these positions and know what it's like to negotiate under board constraints ... and I've dealt with state and school employee retirement issues."

"As a board member, that background is going to be beneficial to me because I can have an appreciation and know where they're coming from," he added. "On the other hand, even with that background, I realize that in order for there to be a permanent solution to this, there's going to be some type of change coming. The state isn't going to find a pot of gold and start funding us like the good old days."

Koldys said the district needs to continue putting the pressure on local legislators to find solutions to the education funding problem.

"When the state deals the cards, we're going to have to play them, and our hand may not be good," Koldys said. "We can try to affect that through

political action."

Koldys has only lived within the district boundaries since July. However, he feels a close connection considering his wife grew up in Plymouth and is a 1975 Salem grad, and his many nieces and nephews attend Plymouth-Canton schools. With that, he brushes off the notion he needs more time before running for the school board.

"There are too many lawyers, too many want-to-be-politicians," Koldys said. "I'm someone who has a pure school background. I'm not looking to become superintendent, county commissioner, state representative or anything else. My background can mitigate, completely, the fact I'm new to the community."

Also on the ballot running for the Plymouth-Canton school board are Nancy Eggenberger, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Kurt Heise and Larry Martin. Incumbent Mark Slavens is on the ballot, but this week announced he will step down from the school board May 8 to begin his job as a newly appointed Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court judge.

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- Matt

General Motors is making significant changes to its 401(k) plan. Many funds now available through the Fidelity 401(k) plan are being terminated and replaced with other funds. Some funds that I like such as the Fidelity Export and Multi National Fund, Fidelity Puritan and Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund will no longer be available.

General Motors is also changing its lifecycle funds. GM will no longer use Fidelity Freedom Funds and Promark Funds. All of the lifecycle funds will be managed by Pyramis, another Fidelity company.

If you have balances in any fund being terminated, the balances and all subsequent contributions will be automatically switched into a new option as of the close of business June 29. For example, if you are an investor in the Fidelity Equity Income Fund, that money will automatically be moved into the Bernstein Diversified Value Fund.

The question for employees is do you automatically let GM move your money or should you do it yourself. My view is you should look at your portfolio and make a decision. I'm not a fan of automatically moving into the default option.

On the whole, I'm somewhat disappointed in the restructuring of the General Motor's 401(k) plan. I've been a believer that companies should offer more options to employees, not less.

One of the reasons I urge investors to directly transfer their retirement accounts into an IRA when leaving a company is to keep total control of their money. That way you do not run into the situation the employees at General Motors are now experiencing.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

make sense?

I have no problem with reverse mortgages and I believe in certain situations they make a lot of sense. I would not use the proceeds from a reverse mortgage to make an investment.

The money should be used to increase your cash flow to allow you to stay in your home, help a grandchild with a college education or something of that sort.

Recently, someone on my radio show asked me if it makes sense to take money out of their home through a reverse mortgage to use the proceeds to invest in an oil and gas well. Absolutely not.

Reverse mortgages are an effective financial planning vehicle that helps many seniors. However, like many good strategies and investment tools, sometimes they are misused. Unfortunately, in many cases, people misuse reverse mortgages and it causes them problems down the road.

If you are going to use a reverse mortgage, take your time, and make sure that you deal with a reputable company. If you need the name of a reputable company, contact me.

Don't get pressured into doing something with the money that you don't feel comfortable with.

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STIPEND

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line item representing the monthly stipends to Chief Judge John MacDonald and Judges Ron Lowe and Michael Gerou.

"I won't be there in December when the budget is passed, but I will do my damndest to make sure the City of Plymouth never again votes for a budget that includes that item," said Dwyer, who is term-limited this year. "With the court trying to tell us they need to cut valuable programs if we don't give them the same amount of money for cars is bad form."

Dwyer, who is the administrator for the Washtenaw County Trial Court, said expenses for his seven judges don't come close to the stipend being paid the three 35th District Court judges.

"I bet I don't pay \$1,000 in travel, outside conferences," Dwyer said. "I don't think I've ever gotten a travel voucher from a judge. Work comes to the judges, they don't travel as part of their job."

MacDonald said the stipend, which will now be \$480 a month, is used for a variety of expenses.

"It's a judicial allowance that covers a multitude of things, such as mileage, dues, lunches, a lot of things we go to," MacDonald said. "It's not meant to pay for a car."

"It's always been approved by the community (Court Authority), it's not like we hid it someplace," he said. "We had discussions with our advisory board, and while the budget for this year has been approved we will take a look at it for the 2008 budget. We'll probably make an adjustment, I'm not opposed to that."

MacDonald, who has been on the 35th District Court

bench for 23 years, said when he took the bench in 1985 the stipend was \$200. He admits to generally not spending the entire \$600 each month.

"Not very often," MacDonald said. "It just depends on what month, but I spend a good part of it."

MacDonald said the court is saving money in other areas, such as filling some full-time positions with part-time employees.

"We're very sensitive to the communities and their financial problems," MacDonald said. "Although we have to be frugal with their money, running a court is different from running cities and townships. You can't compare us to business."

MacDonald said two court officers receive \$150 a month "to get the mail and go to the bank, and that type of thing."

Gerou declined to comment, while Lowe was unavailable for comment.

In comparison, 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek said Westland's two judges receive leased vehicles as part of their compensation package.

"They get a leased vehicle in accordance with city policy, which affords certain department heads and the mayor a vehicle," Wiacek said. "Insurance is paid for, but they are responsible for maintenance and gas."

Wiacek, who notes the court generates \$800,000 for the city, said Judge C. Charles Bokos drives a 2007 Chevy TrailBlazer, while Judge Sandra Cicirelli has a Lincoln MKZ.

In Livonia, where the court produces about \$1 million for the city, 16th District Court Administrator Joseph Mysliwiec said judges there receive a car allowance.

"Judges and the court administrator get a \$350 car allowance per month, which is

used toward a City of Livonia leased car," Mysliwiec said. "If the lease is more than \$350, the money is taken through payroll deduction."

Mysliwiec said Judge Robert Brzezinski drives a Buick Ranier while Judge Kathleen McCann drives a Lincoln Navigator.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, also a member of the 35th District Court Authority, said his biggest concern is not having accountability on where the stipend is spent.

"We didn't get a full explanation of what monthly costs would come from that," Yack said. "It's a big number for people who don't really travel much."

"We have to confront the reality of their own forecast, which is over the next three

years they will go from positive to negative in terms of spending," he said. "In the meantime, we have encouraged them to look at ways to become more efficient and cost effective. I would fully expect they would implement as many as they can, and one of those should be monthly stipends."

Northville Township Administrator Chip Snider said he plans to keep a close eye on the line item before approving next year's budget.

"There are legitimate judicial conferences, and for those cases we certainly would pay mileage," Snider said. "But, the automatic stipend in the budget needs to be reviewed. I think for the next budget year this will be at the top of the list."

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GRANT

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At first, Lyzenga was touched by the number of people who stepped forward to help. Two women from church stepped forward, especially in the first few months after Amy's death. At first, he acted like what he called a "typical guy," figuring he could get through it alone.

When he decided he couldn't, Lyzenga sought help. Someone had shown him a newspaper story about a widow who had benefitted from New Hope, and a friend convinced him to check it out.

"Guys tend to say, 'We're gonna be fine,' but I think women are smarter than us, and know they need help," Lyzenga said. "Guys should do the same thing. It's really important to talk about your loss."



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Ed Lyzenga of Canton thinks New Hope Center for Grief Support's programs have been a huge help in assisting his children following the 2005 death of their mother.

Both groups meet twice a month, and the Lyzenga brood rarely misses a meeting. His children have become so accustomed to going they eagerly ask about attending. "We do all sorts of things,"

said 11-year-old John, who was only 9 when his mom died. "There are people who can feel the same way I do and we can express our feelings."

It's that kind of work done by New Hope that led the Canton Community Foundation to award the center its \$2,500 grant.

"We had heard about them before, just some of the personal stories about how they're meeting a need I'm not hearing other groups meet, especially supporting children who have lost their parents," said Joan Noricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, who pointed out the CCF awards nearly \$100,000 per year in grants. "It was just impressive. To help support that kids' grief program seemed to be a good thing."

Clough said New Hope is having to rely more and more on grants like this one, particularly with the lingering economic problems Michigan is suffering.

"Because we are a nonprofit organization that doesn't charge for any of our services, grants are extremely important to allow us to offer quality services," Clough said. "The way we fund New Hope is through grants, individual donations, business sponsorships, etc."

"For a while we were relying on donations, but with the economy the way it is today, particularly in Michigan, and with our growth, we need more," she added. "This is the direction we've really had to go in the last couple of years."

New Hope's "New Hope for KIDZ" and "Circle of Hope" groups meet 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N. Haggerty between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. There is no fee or pre-registration requirement.

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Fund-raiser set for Penn Theater

Tickets are now on sale for PENNdemonium, the largest fund-raising event for the Penn Theatre destined to become an annual event. Last year's inaugural fund-raising gala brought in more than \$40,000 to help pay for the restoration of the historic Penn Theatre located in downtown Plymouth.

The fun begins 6 p.m. Friday, May 11, inside the Meeting House Grand Ballroom located at 499 S. Main. Tickets are \$85 each.

The Friends of the Penn and their group of volunteers are looking to make this year's event even bigger and better than the last. The evening's festivities will begin with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a plated dinner with choice of entrée and dessert. Guests will enjoy a full open bar, while a DJ spins dance music. The highlights of the evening will be the live and silent auctions.

This year's auction items include two, one-year memberships to Jazzercise on Main (valued at \$650 each). Both Compari's and E.G. Nick's cooking clubs have donated their services to prepare a private dinner party for the top bidder.

"We have several golf packages, many gift certificates, six months of flowers; there's virtually something for everyone to bid on," said Julie Johnston, head of the auction committee.

A new feature of this year's auction is that items may be previewed on-line at www.PennTheatre.com. Volunteers are working to photograph and post every item for guests so they can get an idea of which items they will want to take home with them.

There are a limited number of tickets available. Last year's PENNdemonium sold out, so people who are interested should not wait to make reservations. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (734) 453-0870, and at the Penn Theatre box office during regular theater box office hours. Requests for tickets can also be e-mailed to tickets@FriendsofthePenn.org

The Friends of the Penn are still accepting items for the auction that is the highlight of PENNdemonium. To make a donation to the PENNdemonium auction, contact Julie Johnston via e-mail at auction@friendsofthepenn.org

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Parties pick their favorites in Schoolcraft's election

Partisan: a strong supporter of a faction, party. This is the definition from Webster's New World Dictionary. Merriam Webster adds "especially: one exhibiting blind, prejudiced, and unreasoning allegiance."

In this nonpartisan political season of school elections this spring and several local government



Hugh Gallagher

elections coming this fall, the word "partisan" is being thrown around with heavy suggestions of that Merriam Webster cautionary addition.

Political parties have a long history, probably informally dating back to a time in ancient history when two cavemen disagreed with each other and found others to support their positions. Julius Caesar had his "partisans" and Brutus had his Cavaliers and Roundheads, Tories and Whigs, Liberals, Conservatives and Labour.

In the United States after Federalists, Whigs and Know-Nothings we have settled into two major parties since the Civil War and an ever-changing cast (outright) of minor parties. The two major parties have taken a variety of positions over the years, and while the Republicans have been generally the "conservative" party and Democrats the "liberal" party, those positions have always been in flux.

Anyone who has been attentive to the nonpartisan Schoolcraft board election will realize that the two parties have chosen their favorites. Western Wayne County Republican notables - Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo - have lined up behind Jim Fausone, a Canton attorney with offices in Northville. Notable Democrats - state Rep.

Some have complained about the politicizing of the Schoolcraft election, as if Schoolcraft College has a certain purity and innocence that is tainted by the intrusion of party politics. Others might wonder what "partisan political" issues are at play in the operations of the college.

Marc Corriveau, state Sen. Glenn Anderson - are backing Joan Gebhardt, who is an aide to Democratic House Speaker Andy Dillon and has run in past partisan elections as a Democrat.

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What might be at play is ambition for higher political office. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, former state Sen. Laura Toy and others have served at the college on their way to other things. Fausone has said his interest is in being on the Schoolcraft board and he's not looking any further. Gebhardt says she wants to continue serving on the board but doesn't completely rule out running for another political position at some future date.

The only potentially partisan issue on the horizon is labor negotiations. Gebhardt said in her interview with the *Observer* that she is "a labor person" and Fausone might take a harder line. But that would be highly speculative.

Both seem enthusiastic about the college, supportive of President Conway Jeffress and his drive to connect college programs with real world jobs and mindful of the college's special place in the broader education environment. Nothing particularly rings of standard "party" positions.

Political parties are not the "evil" that some seem to believe

them to be. Parties allow people with a common perspective on the role of government, the limits of governmental authority, the limits of government taxation and other issues to come together in common cause. Our major American parties, especially since the time of Franklin Roosevelt, have coalesced around these issues but each has members that line up along a range of views.

We are ill served by people who exhibit "blind, prejudiced and unreasoning allegiance" to those parties, but we are probably well served by a party system that anchors toward a center and tries to work toward a viable consensus.

It would be hard to find candidates for "nonpartisan" positions who don't have "partisan" leanings. In that case, they would probably not be a good candidate since they would have chosen to not be involved in the broader political process. What we often have in our local communities is a situation where a person who would naturally be a Democrat or a Republican has to hide his/her party positions because the communities are so dominated by one party or the other.

In the end, partisan or nonpartisan, voters have to decide who will serve intelligently, honorably, honestly and with the best interests of the students at Schoolcraft College. To understand that, voters have to get beyond the party labels and endorsements.

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Economic woes should inspire us to improve our community

Sobering news continues for our region as we recently learned the 66-store Farmer Jack supermarket chain - a metro Detroit fixture for more than 80 years - will likely be sold in piecemeal fashion to several buyers. This likely means the Farmer Jack name will be no more when the dust settles and the deals are completed.

In Livonia, this anticipated deal will impact hundreds of local workers who are employed at the Farmer Jack stores on Five Mile near Newburgh and on Seven Mile near Middlebelt, and a large grocery warehouse that opened in the Inkster-Plymouth area just a few years ago. Many of these workers agreed to a 10-percent pay cut two years ago in an effort to preserve the company and their jobs.

For the many metro Detroiters who grew up shopping for groceries in a Farmer Jack store, this is the latest reminder that our economy and region is permanently changing. This painful transition continues to eliminate some long-standing companies and chips away at some long-believed ideals about loyalty.

Farmer Jack's anticipated demise can be blamed on a number of factors, starting with its parent company, the New Jersey-based Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. A&P bought the company from Paul Borman in 1989 when Farmer Jack had dominated metro Detroit's grocery business for decades. Some will blame the employee unions for their negotiated legacy costs. Some will blame Wal-Mart and Meijer for their superstores that chipped at Farmer Jack's share of the local market over the past decade.

The blame game, however, will not help those who will lose their jobs. This is the latest in a series of local economic struggles that were sparked by the downsizing automotive industry.

This has caused several years of difficulty for many metro Detroit individuals and businesses, but it should also serve as a challenge to all of us to think differently.

For those blue-collar workers looking for new jobs, they must find an avenue to quickly learn new sets of employable skills. This will be especially difficult for an auto worker or manufacturer who has been forced out of a job in his or her 50s or 60s, but they are not prepared to retire.

There is no doubt that change brings an uncomfortable fear of the unknown when one has to make career or major strategic changes. Our region's economic severe downturns will leave us no choice but to encounter that fear and overcome it so we can make necessary

A recent report by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments estimates that the region will lose 25,000 metro Detroit residents for each of the next several years as they flee for other states in the search for work. . . We all have to be personally creative and determined to curb this tide of people leaving metro Detroit, or we risk permanent damage to this region we call home.

changes in our thinking. This transition is necessary for all of us, individually, and for all of us as a metro Detroit community.

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The days of high school graduates finding steady jobs that support a household are over. To have a chance at a household-support job, we all need college, vocational or other special-skills training after high school, whether you graduate this summer or 30 summers ago. As more people are trained in needed skills, experts said they feel more corporations will develop and expand in this region.

According to Michigan Works, a private employment services company with an office in Livonia, there are thousands of good-paying in Michigan in the health care, accounting and integrated technology industries.

This transition is painful now, but it will inspire all of us to overcome uncomfortable fears and make necessary changes that will benefit all of us in the long run. We need to do this for our own survival. We need to do this for the survival of our entire region.

Dan West is the president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.



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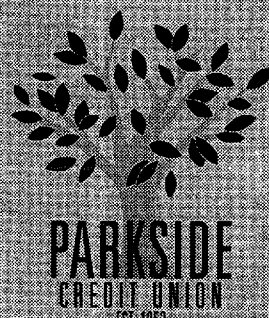
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Sign of the times for WLAA: Merge ahead

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The proposed merger between the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference is just a few crossed "t's" and a couple of dotted "i's" away from becoming reality.

Following a series of lengthy meetings that included several of the affected schools' athletic directors and administrators, the leagues will join forces and become the 24-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

The final paperwork and official by-laws should be completed within the next two weeks, according to representatives of the new association.

The KLAA will be divided into two conferences, both of which will be split

into two divisions (see accompanying box). The four divisions were shaped in part to reduce the number of lengthy bus rides in an era of rising gas prices and shrinking budgets.

"The initial concept of the merger was driven by finances," said Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "It doesn't look like gas prices will be coming down any time soon, so transportation was definitely an issue. Plus, we were concerned about the amount of time the student-athletes were spending on some of the long-distance bus rides.

"This will create a better situation for scheduling games, too. I know we had a very difficult time finding an opponent for our football team to open against this year. The new league will give us more

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KENSINGTON LAKES
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(Starting 2008-09)

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE

South Division: Livonia Churchill (Chargers); Livonia Franklin (Patriots); Plymouth (Wildcats); Canton (Chiefs); Wayne Memorial (Zebras); Westland John Glenn (Rockets).

Central Division: Livonia Stevenson (Spartans); Northville (Mustangs); Salem (Rocks); Novi (Wildcats); South Lyon (Lions); South Lyon East (Cougars)

LAKES CONFERENCE

North Division: White Lake Lakeland (Eagles); Walled Lake Central (Vikings); Walled Lake Northern (Knights); Walled Lake Western (Warriors); Waterford Kettering (Captains); Waterford Mott (Corsairs)

West Division: Brighton (Bulldogs); Hartland (Eagles); Howell (Highlanders); Milford (Mavericks); Howell Parker (Patriots); Pinckney (Pirates)

Sidelines

Best track
times needed

Local prep boys and girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their team's top performances in each event to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who is compiling the times and distances for a "Best of Observerland" listing that is set to start running on Sunday, May 6.

The deadline for the first listing is Wednesday at 9 p.m. Please e-mail the times and distances to:

ewright@hometownlife.com.

Canton Chiefs
baseball camp

The 2007 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp is currently accepting applications. The camp will be held June 18-23 at the Canton varsity baseball facility. The camp will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.

The camp's \$100 fee includes a T-shirt and lunch each day for the campers. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144; or by visiting the team's Web site: www.cantonchiefs-baseball.com. Space is limited, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

Soccer signings

Five local high school soccer players have recently signed letters of intent to play at Seton Hill University, which is located in Greensburg, PA.

Coach Dan McCarty's local recruiting class includes Keith Campbell and Parker Laabs from Canton; and Jon Gibson, Tom Bennett and Danny McLaughlin from Salem.

The five local players should get an immediate opportunity to contribute as the team will be graduating 14 seniors, including nine of 11 starters from the 2006 squad.

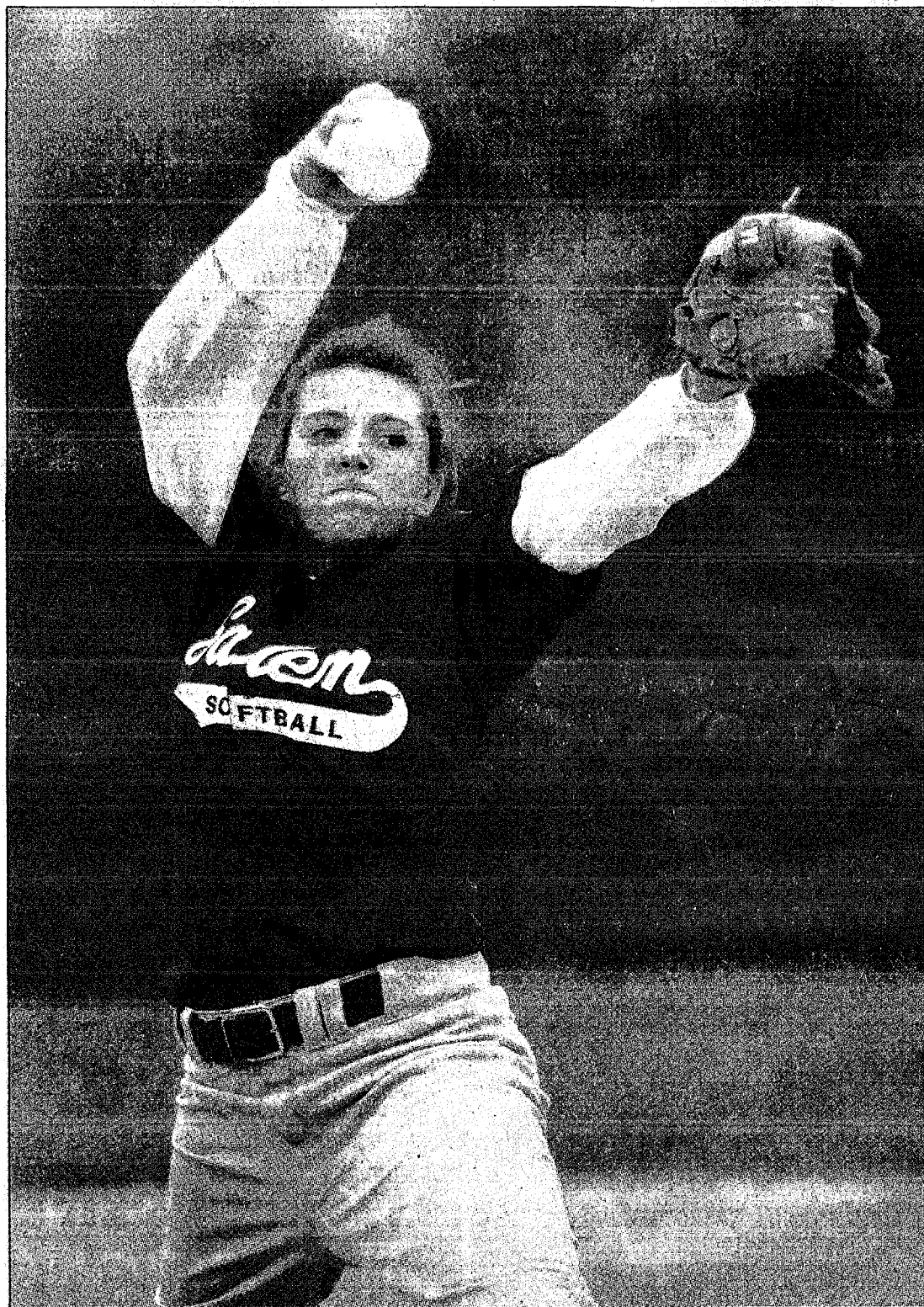
"The new guys coming in will have to play an important role for us this year," said McCarty. "It's the first time we're going to have this many freshmen on the field since we began the program five years ago."

"We are really pleased to have these guys coming into our program. I personally have very high expectations for Keith Campbell. He'll need to come in and be able to handle the center mid-field for us right away. Keith is a nice-sized player with a ton of potential. He'll have some big shoes to fill, but I'm confident in his ability."

McCarty pointed to the 6-foot-3 Gibson as an immediate impact player. Laabs could play right away, too, after allowing just nine goals in 15 games last year for the Chiefs.

"Tommy Bennett is a very versatile player who can play anywhere on the field for us, and Danny McLaughlin is a very solid outside back," McCarty concluded.

The five recruits will join former Chief Garrett Fishaw, who graduated from Canton in 2006.



Salem senior pitcher Melissa Leach was in perfect form Friday afternoon as she quieted the Westland John Glenn bats in the Rocks' 14-1 victory.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Salem's Emily Pitcole successfully lays down a bunt during the Rocks' 14-0 victory over Westland John Glenn Friday afternoon.

Nothing but
blueRock hitters break dry spell
with 14-1 shellacking of GlennBY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team broke out of an early-season slump Friday afternoon — much to the dismay of Westland John Glenn.

The Rocks punished the Rockets' pitchers to the tune of 14 runs in their 14-1 five-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest at Salem. The triumph left Salem with a 2-5 record (1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division). John Glenn is 0-for-2007.

"We're off to a rough start and we know we have to pull it together if we are going to be able to compete here when the season gets down to the District play," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, B2

Salem boys track team
finds winning formulaBY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When victory rains on the Salem boys track team, it pours.

Following a nearly two-year winning drought, the Rocks racked up a pair of triumphs in back-to-back nights this week when they defeated Walled Lake Central in a dual meet on Thursday before taking first place in the 15-team North Farmington Raider Relays on Friday.

"Myself and the returning members of the team worked hard in the off-season recruiting new members for this year's team, and it's paying off now," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer. "Adding guys like Kevin Cope and Ross Davis really upped the caliber of our team. A lot of our returners are

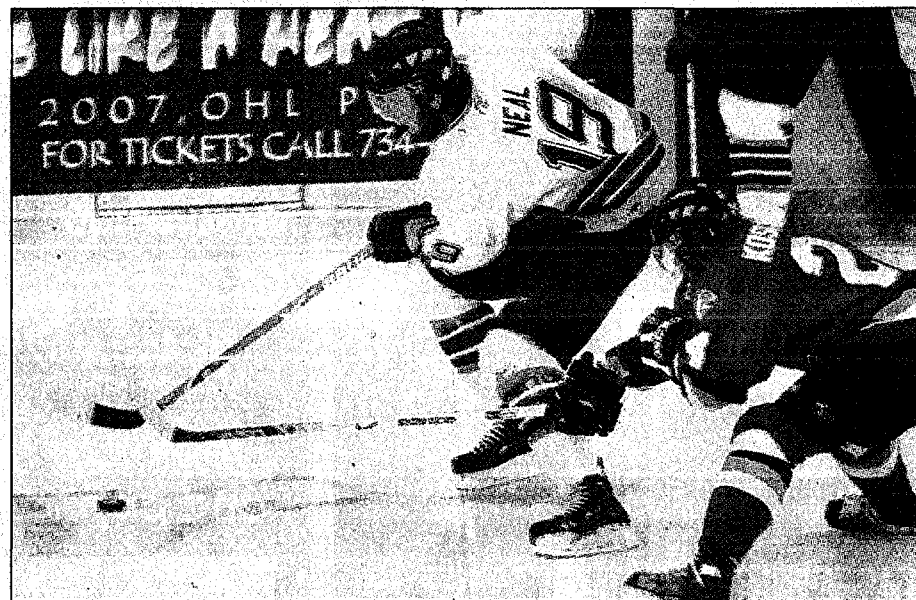
having a great year and the new guys have been like spark plugs."

Salem's championship effort at the Raider Relays was extra-sweet for Meteyer.

"I graduated from North Farmington, so the guy who handed me the (first-place) plaque was my former track coach," said Meteyer. "It was neat because he's the one who turned me on to track."

"We won our first dual meet since 2005 last night and we won our first invitational in quite a while tonight, so it's been a thrilling week."

The Rocks compiled first-place points from their shuttle-hurdle relay team of Baze Efremov, Scott O'Connor, Mike Giles and J.P. Trussdell and their long-jump relay team of Jace Bearden, Adam Kashoro and Efremov.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth forward James Neal, pictured above in Tuesday night's 5-2 loss to London, played an instrumental role in the Whalers' 4-1 triumph over the Knights that earned them a berth in the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series set to open this week.

Whalers headed to OHL Finals

The Plymouth Whalers used a familiar script in clinching the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference title and the Wayne Gretzky Trophy before 9,000 at London's John Labatt Centre on Thursday evening: excellent goaltending from Michal Neuvirth, gritty penalty-killing and timely goal-scoring in a 4-1 victory over the Knights.

Plymouth took the best-of-seven-game series in five games over the Knights, winning all three games at the John Labatt Centre. The Whalers move on to OHL's Championship Series for the fifth time in their 17-year history, playing against the winner of the Sudbury-

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

Ciotti hurls no-hitter at Wayne Memorial

Plymouth junior right-hander Ally Ciotti hurled a four-inning no-hitter Friday afternoon against visiting Wayne Memorial as the Wildcats thumped the Zebras, 15-0, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division game played at Plymouth.

"Ally did an excellent job," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She limited Wayne to 14 at-bats, so she really shut them down." Plymouth scored in all four innings, including a two-run fourth that kicked in the 15-run mercy rule.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to score in every inning of every game," said Canfield. "We've already scored 78 runs in eight games, so we're on a good pace." The victory upped the Wildcats' record to 6-2 overall and 2-2 in the division.

Wayne fell to 0-4 in the division. Hitting stars for Plymouth were Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, three runs, two RBI), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-2, two runs), Melissa Butzow (2-for-3, three runs, RBI) and Stacey Klonowski (one hit, two walks, RBI).

SOFTBALL

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"With five sophomores and a freshman, we're young. My pitchers have been doing well, but we have to do a better job at the plate making contact. The girls are staying positive and know what they need to do to step it up, and we will. I have confidence in

them." The Rockets grabbed a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the second with an unearned run. The Rocks answered with a vengeance, pushing across nine runs in the bottom of the inning. Abby Pairitz ignited the big inning with an RBI single. Kelly Behr collected two RBI before Pairitz finished what she started with a two-run hit. The Rocks padded their

lead in the fourth when Mary Cox led off with a single, Pairitz walked and Emily Pitcole singled in Cox. Mary Johnson followed with an infield single before Kelly Behr drilled a two-out single that scored Pitcole and Johnson. Pitcole, Behr, Cox and Pairitz all tallied two hits a piece for the winners. Salem starting pitcher Melissa Leach and reliever

Kelly MacDonald limited the Rockets to just one hit. Leach earned the win, striking out two while yielding one hit and two walks in three innings. MacDonald struck out three and walked one in her two innings of work. "The Rocks committed just one error." ewright@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2108

MERGER

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options as far as scheduling is concerned." Heinzman said the scheduling and playoff formats for the KLAAs should be hammered out within the next two weeks. "I like the concept of the

new set-up," said Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann. "The KVC has always had a lot of high-quality teams, especially in girls basketball, so it will be good from a competition standpoint. It will be interesting to see how they align the playoffs and the post-season." "With the number of high-quality athletic programs

that will be in the league, it should be one of the most competitive associations in the state now — in all sports," said Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski. "It's understandable why something like this needed to be done, considering how financially strapped Michigan is these days." The reduction of the number of long bus rides is a

plus, too, as far as Samulski is concerned. "When teams from Plymouth, Canton and Salem play in Walled Lake, we don't get home until 10:30 on some nights," he said. "We'll still have to make trips up there, just not as many." ewright@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2108

WHALERS

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Belleville Eastern Conference Final. Sudbury led the series, 3-2, heading into Friday night's Game 6 in Sudbury. Neuvirth stopped 45-of-46 shots in the victory and stopped 183-of-193 shots over the five-game series for a .953 save percentage. The Whaler penalty killers went 10-for-11 in the game and played shorthanded 3-on-5 four different times in the game, allowing only Sergei Kostitsyn's goal in the first period. The Plymouth power play built an early 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Tom

Sestito (10th of the playoffs) and Dan Collins (5th). Wes Cunningham scored his first post-season goal shorthanded in the second period and Collins added an empty-net lamp-lighter in the final minute of the third period. Sestito gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 3:05 of the first period when he tipped Collins' shot from the high slot past London goaltender Steve Mason. Collins gave the Whalers a 2-0 lead when he rifled a shot from the high slot past Mason at 8:19. Kostitsyn cut the Plymouth lead to 2-1 at 11:51 on the power play when he scored from the right wing top shelf under the bar. A pivotal juncture of the

game came when Cunningham scored a short-handed goal at 18:18 of the second period. Andrew Fournier did a lot of the work, skating with the puck from center ice and into the left wing along the boards in the London zone. Cunningham followed up on the play late and was stationed at the hash marks when he accepted Fournier's feed. Mason stopped most of Cunningham's shot, but the puck trickled over the line to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes of play. London head coach Dale Hunter pulled Mason twice late in the third period in an attempt to get back into the game, but Collins scored on

the empty net with 48 seconds remaining to close the scoring. Plymouth also played in the OHL Championship series in 1994, 1995, 2000 and 2001, winning the Ontario Hockey League title in 1995. The first game of the upcoming OHL Championship series is tentatively set for Friday, May 4 at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. The dates for the rest of the OHL Championship Series will be announced within the next couple of days.

Eagles soar over Parkway Christian, 5-0

Their nickname is the Eagles, but the members of the Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team are putting goose eggs on the opponents' side of the scoreboard this season. PCA ran its record to 7-0 Thursday afternoon with a thorough 5-0 whipping of Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. The Eagles, who are ranked No. 7 in Division 4, sit atop the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 4-0 record. Parkway slipped to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the league.

"The girls started kind of slow, but they really picked it up in the second half," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "We dominated the game in the second half. The score would have been worse, but they packed the box with defenders and their goalie (Katie Spellman) was outstanding." Brooke Williams had a huge game for the winners, netting two goals and an assist. Abby Lorion, Ashley James and Michaela Wheeler also notched goals for the Eagles. Jalese Debiassi recorded a pair of assists while Sara Ross earned the shutout between the pipes.

A.A. PIONEER 4, CANTON 0: On Friday, the Pioneers proved why they're one of the top-ranked teams in Division 1 this year as they posted a shutout over the visiting Chiefs. "I thought we played our hearts out," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "They never quit. Pioneer has the best team I've seen them have in the past 10 years. They have 13 seniors and they have the capability of playing like the Brightons, Novis and Northvilles of the past few years." Brianne Bellovary played well in net for the Chiefs, according to Tomasso.


The loss dropped Canton to 4-2-1 overall. **CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 0:** The Canton girls soccer team continued its string of strong play Wednesday when it notched an impressive victory over Franklin in a game played on the P-CEP turf field. The Chiefs improved to 4-1-1 with the win and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "Maggie Maloney had an outstanding game for us tonight," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "She was phenomenal. I thought Franklin played very hard, too."

PREP SOCCER

Canton goal-keeper Brianne Bellovary recorded the shutout as she made three saves. Senior captain Becci Houdek broke the scoring ice with a goal eight minutes before halftime. She was assisted by Jennifer McClendon. The Chiefs tacked on an insurance marker with eight minutes remaining in the game when Megan Staub scored off an assist from Laura Daniels.

SALEM 8, JOHN GLENN 0: On Wednesday at John Glenn, the Rocks surged to a 5-0 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to a WLAA Lakes Division victory. Salem improved to 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the division. Taylor Carlson netted the first Salem goal off a pass from Kelly Adsit. "Taylor has done a good job kick-starting our offense with early goals this season," said Salem coach Joe Nora. Adsit added two goals with assists from Jourdin Jaaska and Jill Behrman to make it 3-0 before Rachel Gizicki scored on a shot from the top of the 18-yard box (assist to Carlson) to up the lead to 4-0.

Lauren Booth capped the first-half scoring when she found the net on a free kick from 40 yards out approximately three minutes before the intermission. "Lauren told me she saw the keeper way out of the goal so she tried to put it over her for a goal," said Nora. Katie Shull (from Brittany Miller), Lindsey Newton (from Shull) and Kara Winczkowski (from Newton) closed out the scoring for the winners. "We finished three right away and our confidence grew as the game went on," Nora concluded. **W.L. NORTHERN 2, SALEM 1:** On Monday at Northern, the Knights jumped to a 2-0 halftime advantage before holding off the hard-charging Rocks at the end. "We gave up two early goals as there was a little bit of confusion for us on defense, but the girls figured it out and played the rest of the game very well," said Salem coach Joe Nora. Kelly Adsit scored tallied the Rocks' lone goal midway through the second half on an assist from Katie Shull.



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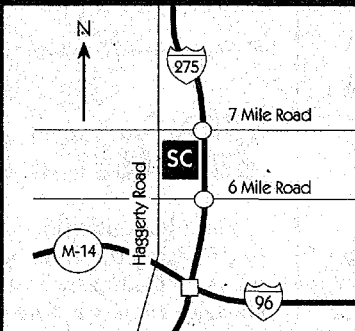
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Canton, Plymouth gridders to open '07 in 'Showdown'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth football teams will kick-off their 2007 seasons on a bigger stage than normal Aug. 25 when they participate in an expanded "Big Day Prep Showdown III" at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The Chiefs, who advanced to the Division 1 semifinals last year, will take on Toledo Central Catholic at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Plymouth will tangle with Belleville at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

Seven games will be played as part of a two-day format that will commence Friday, Aug. 24, with the following match-ups: Fraser vs. Warren Cousino (2 p.m.); Allen Park

vs. Detroit Finney (5 p.m.); and Westland John Glenn vs. Livonia Franklin (8 p.m.).

Chelsea will battle Ypsilanti at 11:45 a.m. in Saturday's first game. Following the two local teams' games, a Milford-Walled Lake Central showdown will cap the weekend with a game set to kickoff at 8 p.m.

The previous two "Big Day Prep Showdowns" consisted of four games on one day.

"Our goal for the event has always been to expand to a blend of not only exciting high school football, but also a celebration of the school communities," said Dave Beachnau, the executive director of the Detroit Metro Sports Commission. "The growth in 2007 to seven games on two days along with a new scholar-

ship program continues the evolution to our long-range vision for the event.

"The 2007 Big Day Prep Showdown will again feature an exciting blend of traditional high school powers and emerging programs, including seven 2006 MHSAA playoff teams from four local counties and Ohio."

The new student scholarship award program will award a \$500 scholarship to one student from each of the participating schools. The criteria for the scholarships will be a blend of academic, civic and extra-curricular activity. The scholarships will be awarded in partnership with the Detroit Lions Charities.

"This scholarship is an exciting addition to the 2007 Big Day Prep Showdown," said

DMSC chairman Robert Porcher. "The vision is to celebrate not only football, but to acknowledge the tremendous academic and civic accomplishments of students from the participating schools who excel in their own pursuits."

Tickets for the Friday games will cost \$6 in advance and \$7 on the day of the event. Advance one-day tickets for the Saturday contests are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Children 5 and under will be allowed in free on Saturday. All one-day game-day tickets for the Saturday games are \$10 at the gate and are good for all four games that day.

For more information on the Big Day Prep Showdown III, visit www.bigdayprepsowdown.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 1
Canton at Salem, 4 p.m.
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Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
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Thursday, May 3
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.
Inter-City at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Monday, April 30
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
PCA at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1
Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 30
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

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Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Plymouth at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m.

PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Monday, April 30

Salem at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Livonia Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Salem at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 4

Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Salem at Woodhaven

Warrior Invitational, 8 a.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Tuesday, May 1

Clarkston at PCS, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

A.A. Pioneer at PCS, 8 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, May 3

Salem at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Canton, 3:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Northville, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Stafford Relays, 9 a.m.

Observerland Relays at Farmington H.S., 3:30 p.m.

Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, April 30

Canton at Livonia Churchill

at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Salem at

St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth

at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Salem at A.A. Pioneer Invitational

at U-of-M G.C., 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Wayne Memorial at Canton

at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson at

Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Plymouth at W.L. Western

at Links of Pinewood, 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

W.L. Western at Salem

at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

Friday, May 4

Canton at John Glenn

at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Plymouth

at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all doubleheaders unless noted)

Sunday, April 29

Madonna vs. Concordia

at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all doubleheaders unless noted)

Sunday, April 29

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley State

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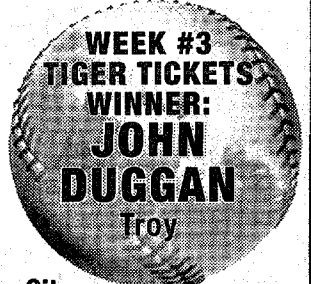
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MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

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Salem netters look to make waves in 'Lakes' in '07

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's tennis team has a tough act to follow one year after its most successful season in school history.

Led by a senior-dominated line-up — and sensational then-sophomore Lawrence Washington — the Rocks rolled to an 11-0 regular-season record and Western Lakes Activities Association title in 2006. Washington is back, however, eight seniors graduated from last year's deep and talented squad.

"I like our enthusiasm so far," said coach Bill Nelson. "I like the fact that our young guys are coming in here and working very hard. Our singles line-up should be very strong, but a lot of our doubles guys will be inexperienced."

Washington, a junior, is a great role model for his teammates — both younger and older.

"Lawrence works hard all the time and he plays constantly," said Nelson. "He played three or four times a week over the winter. It will be exciting to see what he can accomplish this season and next."

The Rocks' No. 2 player is senior Neil Bakshi, who lit up the league at No. 4 in 2006 when he went unbeaten. He finished 24-1 overall.

"Neil is a finesse player who has great strokes," said Nelson. "He plays a smart game, too."

Sophomore Jake Burnstein, a doubles player last year, has been promoted to No. 3 singles. Sophomore David Benson will round out Salem's singles line-up at No. 4.

"David's a strong player who frustrates a lot of his opponents," Nelson said.

Matt Benson, the older brother of David, and junior Tyler Jeleniewski, a rare three-sport athlete, will make up the Rocks' No. 1 doubles tandem.

"Matt played No. 4 doubles

last year and Tyler played in about four to six varsity matches last year, so they both have some experience," said Nelson.

John Bills will form one half of the team's No. 2 doubles team. His partner — as well as the final two doubles slots — are still works in progress.

"Ideally, our goal is to repeat as conference champions," said Nelson. "It will be tough, though, because we have so many new guys."

CANTON

Less than a month into the season, the Chiefs are already on the verge of surpassing last year's 3-5-3 record thanks to a deep and solid core of returning and new players.

"I'm definitely optimistic about our team this year," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "Overall, our team's work ethic is exemplary and a lot of the guys gave 200 percent effort during the off-season."

Senior Eric Szydlowski will lead the Chiefs from his position as the team's No. 1 singles player.

"Eric's been No. 1 since his sophomore year," said Lehmann. "He's one of those players who truly has a passion for the game. He loves tennis and it shows in the way he plays."

Szydlowski, a co-captain, had racked up a 3-1 record through Wednesday and he took first place in the season-opening Monroe Olson Classic tournament.

Sophomore Justin Liedel will hold down the No. 2 singles spot. A junior varsity performer as a freshman, Liedel worked hard during the off-season to earn a coveted singles slot.

"Justin has improved leaps and bounds since last year," said Lehmann. "He's a very consistent player now."

Senior Nathan Larimore and sophomore Mike Darouie have started the year as the Chiefs' No. 3 and No. 4 singles players, respectively.

"They're both strong baseline hitters," said Lehmann.

Starring in doubles roles for Canton will be the No. 1 team of junior Ryan Hollingsworth and sophomore David Kang; the No. 2 duo of senior J.P. LaFontaine and freshman Riley Hoernschmeyer; the No. 3 tandem of junior Anton Schauerer and Santosh Shanmuga; and the No. 4 team of senior Dan Popoff and sophomore Jeremy Lindbauer.

"We have a good mix of energy, skill and athleticism with our doubles players," Lehmann said.

Junior Corey Hurst is waiting in the wings to fill in for a doubles player when the need arises, Lehmann said.

The Chiefs, who have started the season 2-2, won the Monroe Olson Classic earlier this month.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats will be looking to improve on last year's "middle-of-the-pack" finish in the WLAA, said veteran coach Tom Kimball, who has served as a coach at all three P-CEP schools during the past 10 years.

"I'm optimistic," said Kimball.

"I think we've done a good job of filling in the holes in our lineup left by the graduating seniors. We have a couple of freshmen who can really play the game."

Senior Don Zhang has earned the distinction as the Wildcats' No. 1 singles player.

"He works as hard as anybody on the team," said Kimball. "He's building toward becoming a high-level player. He sets a good example for the

LIVONIA STEVENSON 5 SALEM 3
Friday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washinton (S) defeated Ian Petty, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Chris Martin, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Erik Koch (LS) def. Jake Burnstein, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Leon Vaskov, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Tyler Jeleniewski-Matt Benson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. John Bills-John Kang, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Yuvi Rajeev-Andy Fosdick, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Parth Patel-Andy Steinman, 6-1, 6-1.

SALEM'S WLAA RECORD: 1-3.

younger players, too. He works hard and the other players want to keep up with him."

Junior Dan Jeong will play No. 2 for Plymouth. He played toe-to-toe with Zhang during some early-season challenge matches, so there's not much of a drop-off for the Wildcats.

"Dan is a gifted athlete," said Kimball. "He plays basketball, soccer and tennis, and he plays them all well."

A pair of seniors — Clint Korpalski and Brett Kavulich — will man the No. 3 and 4 singles slots, Kimball said. Korpalski played No. 4 last year while Kavulich lettered as one of the Wildcats' No. 1 doubles players.

Senior Steve Schaeffler and sophomore Max Korpalski will join forces to give Plymouth a competitive No. 1 doubles unit. Filling out the doubles spots will be senior Anoop Gopal and freshman Patrick Onoro (No. 2); senior Robert Matar and sophomore Tom Eggleston (No. 3) and freshman Patrick Bailey and Andy Mitchell (No. 4).

"All these kids have great attitudes and they're hard workers," Kimball said.

A pair of juniors — Wen Ning and Nick Girmont — will provide depth to the Wildcats' attack this season.

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Lineberry is sharp in 'Cat baseball victory

PREP BASEBALL

The sure-fire combination of solid pitching, near-flawless defense and timely hitting led Plymouth to an 11-3 victory over Wayne Memorial Friday afternoon.

The triumph lifted the Wildcats' record to 3-8 overall and 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Wayne slipped to 1-4 in the division.

"We've had a stretch of games to start the season where our pitching staff had trouble finding the plate," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams.

"Tonight, Brad Lineberry battled even though he didn't have particularly good command. Our defense, however, was able to make the routine plays and get him out of some trouble."

"Offensively, we did much better at coming up with the big hit when we needed it. We're still in the process of developing our inexperienced pitching staff. Hopefully soon

a few of our young arms will step up and begin to take control and lead our team."

The Wildcats jumped to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the second. The Zebras narrowed their deficit to 5-3 with two in the third and one in the fourth before Plymouth cushioned their advantage with a pair of runs in the fourth and four in the fifth.

Lineberry earned the win on the mound as he limited the Zebras to four hits. Ryan Collop suffered the loss for the Zebras as the Wildcats pounded out nine hits.

Plymouth was led at the plate by Matt Barrera (two hits, two RBI), Garrett Rebin (two hits, double), Kyle Sanders (two hits, double, RBI), Ronnie Goble (two RBI) and Ben Kosmalski (two RBI).

Michael Green ripped a pair of hits for Wayne.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

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| Z 07-05 | 550 Ann | Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1,
Single Family Residential
Applicant: Susan and Matt Jones |
| Z 07-06 | 445 W. Ann Arbor Tr. | Use Variance Requested
Continuation of Non-Conforming Use
Zoned: RM-1,
Multiple-Family Residential
Applicant: Carol Hathaway |
| Z 07-07 | 821 Penniman | Non-Use Variance Requested
Second Floor Restaurant Rooftop Seating
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: John Callaghan |

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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Lady Warriors outplay Haslett

On Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team knocked off Haslett, 7-4, thanks to two-goal efforts from Edra Burris, Morgan Franke and Lauren Ebersole, and a single goal off the stick of Laura Hahn.

"Offensively, we took it to them the entire game," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "We had many shots deflected by their goalie."

Excelling defensively for the winners were Stephanie Matusiak, Nicol Sheldon, Arielle Pietron and Jillian Miller. Goalies Laura Patterson and Nicol Rotell proved to be strong on the last line of

defense for the Warriors., who improved to 3-4.

PCS BOYS SPLIT

On Thursday, the PCS boys lacrosse team dominated host Ypsilanti Lincoln, 12-4, thanks to a five-goal performance from senior attacker Devin Murphy. Jared Ruark also played well for the winners, notching three goals and two assists. Other goal-scorers for PCS were Nick Cote, Connor Martin, Scott Wisniewski and Scott Darel. Martin (two), Danny Norris (two) and Cote picked up assists.

The Warriors led 8-1 at the half and 10-2 after three

quarters. They outshot Lincoln, 38-24. Junior net-minder Justin Scott recorded 10 saves.

On Tuesday, the Warriors dropped a hard-fought 9-7 decision to Northville. The game was tight throughout.

Ruark, Cote and Patrick Downey also found the back of the net twice while Murphy scored a single goal and dished out two assists.

PCS outshot Northville, 20-17, and also won the ground-ball battle, 22-21. Scott was solid in front of the net stopping 10 shots.

The Mustangs led 4-2 at the half and 7-5 with 15 minutes to play.

SPORTS SHORTS

CANTON FOOTBALL EVENTS

All returning Canton football players and their parents as well as incoming freshmen and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend a pair of important events set for May 8 at the high school.

At 6:30 p.m., the program's

annual "Spring Slam" will be held in the Canton gym. Current players will perform drills and exercises so that the incoming players will know what to expect.

A "Meet the Coaches" meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria. Canton coaches will provide paperwork, physical

forms and workout-conditioning schedules among other things.

Expectations for all 2007 players will be discussed and there will also be a question-and-answer session. Parents will also have a chance to meet the Booster Club officers and sign up for various volunteer activities.

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Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth and in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan on Tuesday, May 08, 2007, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There will be elected two (2) members to the Board of Education to a four (4) year term ending June 30, 2011

- RICH HAM-KUCHARSKI
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- LARRY A. MARTIN
- MARK SLAVENS
- NANCY EGGENBERGER

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There will be elected three (3) members to the Board of Trustees to a six (6) year term ending June 30, 2013

- JOAN A. GEBHARDT
- RON RANDALL
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- JAMES G. FAUSONE

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Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail
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Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiigel School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 14	Isbister School	9300 Canton Center Road
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 17	NorthRidge Church	49555 N. Territorial Road

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Precincts 1, 2 & 4	Cultural Center	525 Farmer St.
Precinct 3	Central Middle School	650 Church St.

Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (354-3224 or 354-3228) and for the City of Plymouth registered voters absentee ballots may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main St. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (453-1234 x234). Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters, in person at both Clerk's Offices from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 5. On Monday, May 7, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the respective Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

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Weight cycling, aka yo-yo dieting

Weight cycling is the repeated loss and regaining of body weight. When weight cycling is the result of dieting, it's often called "yo-yo" dieting. Weight cycles range from small weight losses and gains between five-10 pounds to large changes in weight of 50 pounds or more.

Some research links weight cycling with certain health risks. To avoid potential risks, most experts recommend that obese adults adopt healthy eating and regular physical activity habits to achieve and maintain healthier weight for life. Non-obese adults should try to maintain their weight through healthy eating and regular physical activity.

A person who repeatedly loses and gains weight should not have more trouble trying to reach and maintain a healthy weight than a person attempting to lose weight for the first time. Most studies show that weight cycling does not affect one's metabolic rate - the rate which the body burns fuel (food for energy).

Based on these findings, weight cycling should not affect the success of future weight-loss efforts. Metabolism does, however, slow down as a person ages. In addition, older people are often less physically active than when they were younger. Regardless of your age, making regular physical activity as well as healthy eating a part of your life will aid weight loss and improve your health overall.

Weight cycling has not been proven to increase the amount of fat tissue in people who lose and regain weight. Researchers have found that after a weight cycle, those who return to their original weights have the same amount of fat and lean tissue (muscle) as they did prior to weight cycling.

Some people are concerned that weight cycling can put more fat around their abdominal area. People who tend to carry excess fat in the stomach area, often called apple-shaped, instead of in the hips, thighs and buttocks, called pear-shaped, are more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Studies have not found, however, that after a weight cycle, people have more fat around their stomachs than they did before weight cycling.

Losing and regaining weight may have a negative psychological effect if you let yourself become discouraged or depressed. Weight cycling should not be a reason to "feel like a failure." Instead it is a reason to refocus on making long-term changes in your diet and level of physical activity to help you keep off the pounds you lose.

Not every adult who is overweight or obese has the same risk for disease. Whether you are a man or a woman, the amount and the location of your fat and your family history of disease all play a role in determining your disease risk. Experts agree, however, that even a modest weight loss of 10 percent of body weight over a period of six months or more can improve the health of an adult who is overweight or obese.

Further research on the effects of weight cycling is needed. In the meantime, if you are obese or are overweight and suffer from weight-related health problems, try to improve your health by achieving a modest weight loss. Although weight cycling may have some effect on disease risk, the serious health problems resulting from obesity are clearly understood.

If you need to lose weight, you should be ready to commit to lifelong changes in your eating and physical activity behaviors.

Linda Aubuchon is owner of Diet Center of Canton, a provider of personalized weight loss solutions. E-mail comments or questions to Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or call her at (734) 414-9200.



Nearly 1,000 black military aviators were trained separately during World War II due to racial segregation.

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New Tuskegee Airmen museum to preserve history

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Lucius Theus was flying high on March 29 when President George W. Bush presented the Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The 85-year old Bloomfield Hills resident was part of the ground support personnel that made it possible for the black military airmen to escort strategic bombers on 200 missions over Europe with the 15th Air Force without the loss of a single bomber to enemy aircraft in 1944-45.

It was Theus' hope that recognition of the 332nd Fighter Group's accomplishments during World War II would inspire future generations of African Americans to seek a career in aviation.

Theus rose to the rank of major general in the U.S. Air Force after entering the Army Air Corps as a private. He went on to graduate from the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program and earned a master of business administration degree from George Washington University. He

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Members of the Tuskegee Airmen pose for a photo in their original museum at Historic Fort Wayne. Major General Lucius Theus is the fifth person from the left in the front row. Lt. Colonel Lawrence Millben is second from the right in the back row.



White bomber pilots referred to Tuskegee Airmen as The Black Redtail Angels because they felt safer flying alongside the crews during missions. The tail assemblies on Tuskegee Airmen planes were painted red.

Barbershoppers to raise spirits with upbeat music concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Don Bohnwagner likes to ham it up with the rest of the guys in the Renaissance Chorus. That's why the barbershop singers always put on such entertaining concerts. This year's show takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15, \$13 for students and seniors, and available by calling (734) 453-0574.

The Renaissance Chorus is the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and directed by Scott Casey. Bohnwagner joined the group 25 years ago after singing with the Wayne State University Chorus. He's also sung with the Livonia Civic Chorus and Plymouth Community Chorus (now the BeckRidge Chorale).

During last year's concert, he played FIFI the maid for an old radio show skit about a private eye attempting to solve a murder.

"We try to make it a lot of fun," said Bohnwagner of Farmington Hills. Bohnwagner is the chorus's business manager.

"Guests will be sitting at tables. After the concert we'll have an afterglow

where we all let our hair down and sing, and there will be pizza, salad. How long we sing depends on how long the audience wants us to sing. Our quartet, the 3Ds & W, will sing the Red, Red Robin keeps bobbin' along."

The program features a variety of music ranging from love ballads to patriotic and old favorites as well as songs of faith. The members of the award-winning quartet, Wild Card, are special guests.

Mark Pritchard is especially excited about the theme of this year's show - The Imagery That Music Creates. Pritchard is president of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

"We're going to have a slide show that puts up a picture that relates to the song - a Civil War scene for the Battle Hymn of the Republic. We'll have visuals, green hats for the guys singing McNamara's Band," said Pritchard of Garden City.

"It's a cabaret setting for the spring concert. We like to have a forum to show off the music we're working on to show the public the types of barbershop music from ballads to love songs. It's an upbeat time, something that will cheer you up. There's fun and good messages. Sunny Side Up is sort of like your basic optimistic anthem. We're



The Renaissance Chorus hams it up for their spring concert. Pictured on the far right is director Scott Casey.

good for people's spirits. It's certainly good for our spirits as well."

Bohnwagner has stayed with the group for more than two decades because of the camaraderie among chorus members - and the music. This year California Here I Come is sure to set toes a tappin'.

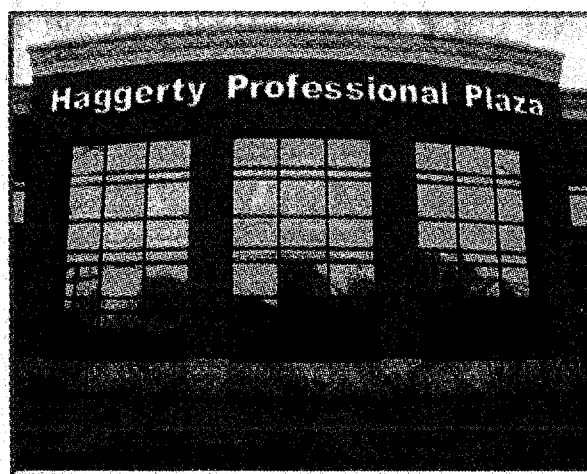
"We have about 25 members in The Renaissance Chorus," said Bohnwagner, who also sings in the Wayne Westland Senior Chorus with Barbara, his wife of nearly 55 years.

"We're not a competitive chorus. We're a nonprofit out there in the community singing. We sing when Santa Claus comes at Christmastime to dif-

ferent malls. We sang at Ikea when it opened in Canton. We come from all different walks of life. We have a plumber, professional photographer, financial adviser for the city of Westland, a retired attorney, physician."

The chorus is always looking for new members who enjoy barbershop music. Guests are always welcome to join the chorus at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland. For more information, call Bohnwagner at (248) 474-1054 or Pritchard at (734) 422-7468.

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TUSKEGEE

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later received an honorary doctor of business administration from Madonna University where he served on the board of directors for many years.

Theus is one of only three members of the African-American World War II fighter group known as Tuskegee Airmen to become a general. On May 11 he'll celebrate the Congressional Gold Medal Award at a benefit to raise money for the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum at the Coleman Young International Airport (formerly

Detroit City Airport). The gala salutes the African American military aviation pioneers and allows their legacy to live on by preserving history in the museum estimated to cost \$26 million.

"I was very fortunate indeed to be interested in the whole field of aviation," said Theus. "I lived in a small town in the suburbs of Chicago. There were a number of African Americans who wanted to fly but were unable to fly in and out of the airports (due to discrimination) but were able to get farmers' permission to let them land in their fields. It was there I saw them in their fancy leggings and sleek flying machines. I was determined to

have a career in aviation."

Theus applied for aviation flight training and passed the test but somehow his application was lost. Blacks were not allowed to fly in the U.S. military until after the Tuskegee Experiment of World War II due to racial segregation. At the time it was thought African Americans lacked the intelligence, skill, courage, and patriotism to fight alongside whites. On a base in Alabama, the Tuskegee Experiment proved those assumptions wrong.

White bomber pilots regularly requested Tuskegee Airmen to escort them on missions. Whenever enemy aircraft spotted the Red Tails in the sky, they avoided them. The Germans called them Black Birdmen. White bomber pilots referred to Tuskegee Airmen as The Black Redtail Angels because they felt safer flying alongside the black crews in planes with tail assemblies painted red. The 332nd was deactivated when President Harry Truman issued an order to integrate the armed services in 1948. The Army Air Corps became the U.S. Air Force.

"We went to Washington, D. C., to receive the medal but it originated here in the Detroit area with Philip Handleman who worked with Sen. Levin's office to get legislation crafted," said Theus. "The Congressional Medal of Honor is one of the

nation's highest honors and we are extremely pleased to have that award presented to us by the President and leaders of Congress. We hope that it stands out to our young people as a shining example of achievement and would say to them that regardless of how uneven they might perceive the playing field, if they're willing to work hard and constantly pursue excellence they can succeed in their chosen field of endeavor. Where else but in America can one do this, come from the bottom and achieve. This is the legacy we'd like to leave. That's what the museum is all about."

Lawrence Millben believes the achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen paved the way for his successful 42-year military career. Millben rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and served as base commander from 1990 to 1996 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, the reserve component of the U.S. Air Force. He was the first African American to assume this position. Today Millben is president of the technical advisory committee for Davis Aerospace Technical High School at the former Detroit City Airport. He was the first African American to graduate from Aero Mechanics High School, but afterwards had difficulty finding a job as an aircraft mechanic.

"The Tuskegee Airmen taught me perseverance," said Millben of Detroit. "At Aero Mechanics one of the teachers kept on making me do the assignments over and over again. Then I read an article in Reader's Digest about Tuskegee Airmen. I decided to stay. I learned good enough isn't good enough."

"My success is due to what they've done. I stood on the shoulders of the giants that came before me. That's why it's important to continue the legacy, to make people aware of what the Tuskegee Airmen did, what they went through. We need to tell the story so kids understand the doors that opened."

Millben is especially looking forward to the gala where guests will come face to face with history. In addition to Theus, the last living general to come out of Tuskegee, several of the original Airmen will be in attendance.

"There's going to be a lot of history in that room," said Millben who serves on the board of governors of the National Tuskegee Airmen and the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum founded at Historic Ft. Wayne in 1982. The Tuskegee Airmen were established in Detroit in 1972 and today have 47 chapters in the U.S. with 44 original Tuskegee Airmen in the Detroit Chapter. The new museum replaces the one at Ft. Wayne.

"We're looking for memorabilia. Veterans die. Their spouses or kids look at it and don't know what it is," said Millben. "We want to show conditions of WWII prevalent at that time, not necessarily Tuskegee Airmen."

"We're trying to show kids there's something besides the corner. In the city their world is a six-block radius. During Black History Month the Tuskegee Airmen bring in 2,000 kids for one week to Wayne County Community College so they can find out what aviation is all about to try to get them interested in aviation."

Funds from the gala will turn two hangars at the former Detroit City Airport into an educational experience. The Tuskegee Airmen already sponsor a scholarship fund for graduating seniors to inspire and assist them in achieving excellence in aviation and related careers. The Young Eagles program takes kids ages 8-17 up in the air on the second Saturday of each month at Coleman Young International Airport.

"We'd like to put in airplanes that Tuskegee Airmen flew. We've already hired an architect, designed a museum that is modern," said Millben. "We want a museum capable of grabbing people's interest on the way in the door. We need interactive equipment. If you go to the science center kids can put their hands on the exhibits."

The black tie gala begins at 6:30 p.m. with a strolling supper at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets are \$150, and available by calling (313) 319-8597.


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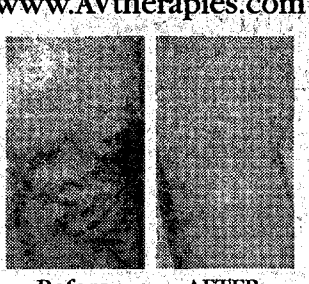
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Texas Hold 'Em

A top prize of \$1,000 is up for grabs in a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, sponsored by Livonia Costco to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. The poker tournament will take place Saturday, May 12, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The tournament fee is \$100 per person, which covers the tournament buy-in, two drink tickets and an array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The tournament, which begins at 8:30 p.m., is limited to 120 people with the top four players earning cash prizes. First place will receive \$1,000, second place \$500, third place \$300 and fourth place \$100. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a spot in the tournament, call Costco's Ann Chaloux at (248) 755-1348. She can be contacted via e-mail at w390mkt01@costco.com. Remaining tickets can also be purchased at the door, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Mother/Son magic show

Northville Parks and Recreation sponsors the Mother and Son Magic Show with Jasen Magic 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Genitt's (108 E. Main) in Northville. The magic show runs 10:30-11:20 a.m., followed by lunch until 12:30 p.m. The show is open to children ages 3 and up. No strollers, and the family style lunch will include soup, pasta, salad, chicken, brownies and lemonade. Cost is \$14 per person. Pre-register by going to the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 700 W. Baseline, in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Soup & Salad

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup & Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in



Theater donation

TV personality Chuck Gaidica and Tipping Point Theater Executive Director Christina Johnson receive a donation of \$1,000 from Michele Kelly (at right), volunteer board director for Community Financial, which recently donated the money to the Northville theater on behalf of Kelly, the credit union's volunteer board director. The Tipping Point Theater, located in a former factory at 361 E. Cady Street in Northville, is scheduled to launch its first theatrical performance in August 2007.

Trenton. The \$7 fee includes soup, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event also features two 50/50 drawings (don't need to be present to win) and door prizes. For reserved tables of 10 or more or for advance tickets, call (734) 671-1020.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets Thursday, May 3, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. Speaker Cindy Gorstick, corresponding secretary of the Michigan Genealogical Council, will discuss "WWI and WWII Draft Registration Information." The meeting, which starts with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the business portion at 7:30 p.m., will also serve as the group's annual meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Women remembering Women

A "Women Remembering Women" evening tea is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Best Western Hotel Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive, in Livonia. The evening is designed for women who have lost mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, friends or other special women in their lives. The evening includes tea and desserts, a special speaker, educational materials and a special gift. Cost is free. RSVP requested by May 7, but not required. Call (800) 770-9859 and ask for Diana or Sherri.

Golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League is

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2. "Nineteen Minutes," Jodi Picoult
3. "Fresh Disasters," Stuart Woods
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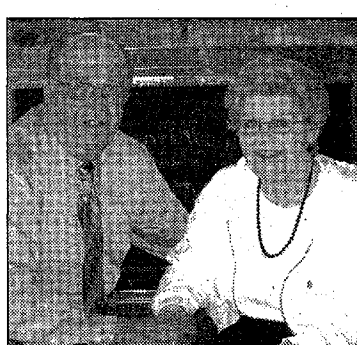
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Dearborn Edsel Ford

Class of 1967
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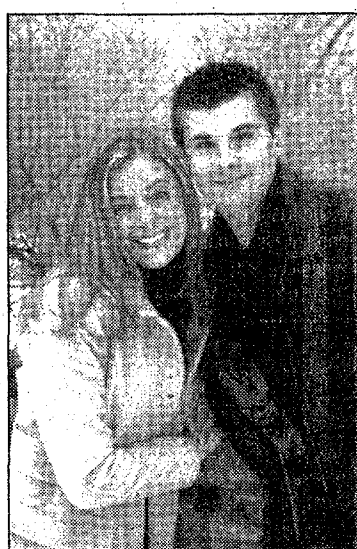
Nagles celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles and Sally Nagle of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married April 27, 1957, in Detroit, Michigan. They both graduated from Cooley High school in 1954. Charles and Sally have made Livonia their home since 1973. Charles was a self-employed painter and is now retired. Sally is a homemaker who enjoys gardening. The couple have two children: Michael (Joni) Nagle and Kimberly (Kurt) Lipsky all of Livonia. They have five grandsons and two granddaughters. They enjoy spending time with their family and friends.

ENGAGEMENTS

Luttrell-Kowalski

The parents and families of Lauren Luttrell and Dean Kowalski are announcing their engagement. Lauren and Dean both graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn and then went on the receive bachelor degrees in education at Eastern Michigan University. Lauren is a preschool teacher at The University of Michigan Children's Center for Working Families. Dean teaches at Emerson Middle School in Livonia. They are planning a late June wedding.



Ellinwood-Wedge

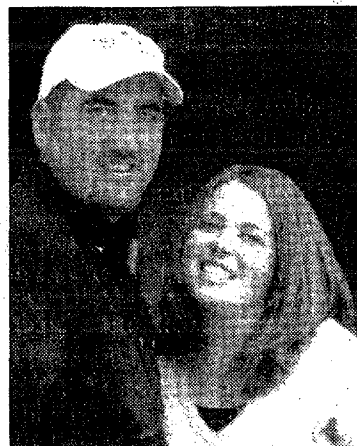
Jane Ellinwood of Waterville, Ohio, and David Ellinwood of Whitehouse, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheena of Maumee, Ohio, to Ronald Wedge, son of Connie Wedge of Livonia and Leslie Wedge of Redford Township. Sheena attended Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, and graduated from Owens State Community College. She is transferring to Bowling Green State University, where she will study child psychology and early childhood education. Ron graduated from Redford Union High School. He is



enrolled in the Bowling Green State University Fire School and is a member of the Maumee Fire Department. A July 7, 2007, wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Brown-Powers

David and Lorraine Brown of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Brown, to Patrick Powers II, the son of Patrick and Paula Powers of Novi, Mich. Abigail is a graduate of Farmington High School and Madonna University. She returned to Madonna to pursue a teaching degree and will receive her certification in art education in May, 2007. Patrick is a graduate of Novi High School and has completed his carpentry apprenticeship. He is a member of Detroit



Local 687. Patrick and Abby are planning a July, 2007, wedding.



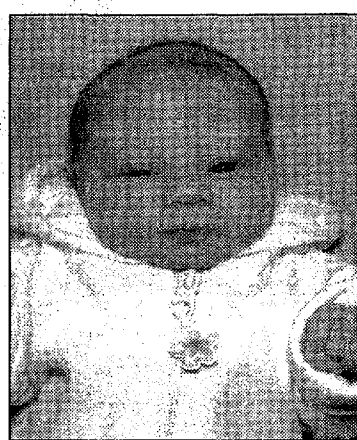
Colettas celebrate 60th anniversary

Charles and Ava Coletta of Garden City celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 2, 2007. The couple has nine children, 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. They met in Pennsylvania where Alva was working in a restaurant with her mother. Pat worked at the American Legion every weekend where he played music for the club's dances. The group would stop at the restaurant for coffee and something to eat after the job. Pat served in the Navy. After returning home, he and Alva married. Pat retired from Garden City Public Schools in 1992. For many years he played saxophone for various events with his band, Moonmist Quartet. Alva was a homemaker raising her nine children and eventually earned her license in cosmetology and works for Avon. Pat and Alva have been active members of St. Raphael Parish in Garden City for several decades. They enjoy traveling and camping. Their family extend their love and gratitude and thanks for their examples of love, faith and commitment.

BIRTH

Kylie Mae Carpenter

Brianna Maguire and Matthew Carpenter announce the birth of their daughter, Kylie Mae Carpenter, born on Dec. 15, 2006. Kylie weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Leonard and Karen Maguire of Livonia and Ken and Carol Carpenter of Southgate. Great-grandmother is Barbara Carpenter of Southgate.



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Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and field-house of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Mass
11 a.m. Sunday, April 29, St. Joseph's Church, 345 Elm St. Wyandotte. Brunch follows. Contact Jerry at (734)283-6887.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

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May 19, 2007, Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still avail-

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Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

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■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.
■ Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room C350. Studying the book Risk by Kenny Luck, pastor of Every Man's Ministry at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.
Single Parents
Group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Single Adult Ministries office at Ward Church. Contact Single Point Ministries at (248)374-5920.

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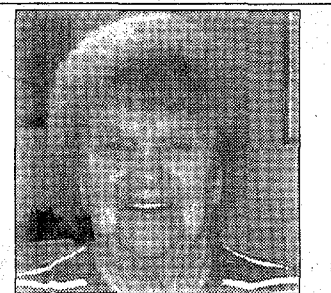


CARL THOMAS FRANCAVILLA

Age 80 of Plymouth, April 26, 2007. Beloved husband of Frances. Dear father of Carl (Andrea), Robert (Kathy), Cathy Buchanan, and the late Christopher. Loving grandfather of eight. Dear brother of Tony and John, and a sister Gloria Arnelagos. Owned & operated Independent Carpet One of Westland for many years. Member of Dearborn Country Club. In state Monday 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM funeral mass at Divine Child Catholic Church, 25001 Herbert Weir, (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill) Dearborn. Visitation Saturday 5-9 PM and Sunday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

DAVID R. BARTEL

Age 66, of Plymouth, April 25, 2007. Dear brother of Art (Neece) Pasaka, Lawrence, Walt (Peg), Christine Penderson and Richard Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 1pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



DELLA CATHERINE SWIFT

Age 84, Thirty-four year resident of Livonia passed away Thursday, April 19, 2007 in Yucca Valley, California. Beloved wife of the late James F., mother of Michael (Cynthia) Swift of Livonia, MI, Robert (Sheran) Swift of East Highland, CA and Janet (Fred) Muzzarelli of Yucca Valley, CA; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Survived also by brother Emil (Marion) Tracy of Butler, PA and sister June Stobbe of McKees Rocks, PA. Della enlisted and was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp for 2 years during WW2. She had a 30-year career in the airline and travel industry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.actionalz.org/donate

TIMOTHY REILLY

Of Dearborn Heights. Age 51. April 25, 2007. Dearest brother and friend of Pat (Kim) and Mike (Carrol). Dear uncle of Courtney, Patrick, Lindsay, Katie, Mellisa and Eric. Loving companion of Irene for ten years. Instate Monday at St. Albert the Great Church at 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at 10 a.m. Visitation at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, 2640 Monroe Blvd. (near W. Outer Dr.) Dearborn, Sunday 1-9 p.m. with a Rosary at 5 p.m.

EDWARD F. MALYSZ

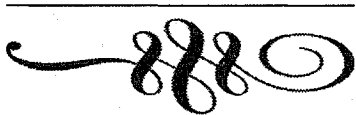
Of Kingman, Arizona, formerly of Detroit, passed April 21, 2007 at the age of 82. Devoted husband of Katie; dear dad of Linda Summers, Michael, Thomas Patrick and Katherine (John) Urda; grandpa to eight grandchildren and 1 heavenly granddaughter; great-grandpa of six. Retired from Chrysler Warren Stamping Plant as a tool & die welder. Celebration of Life Service Saturday 10:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Friday, 4-8pm.

GERALD E. CZARNECKI

Age 68, April 24, 2007. Loving husband of Maureen. Father of Sara (Adam) Levitsky, Jeffrey and Matthew. Grandfather of Abigail, Michael, Max and Miranda. Brother of Patricia (Dr. Brian) Miller and John. Visitation Sunday 4-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Monday prayers at the funeral home at 9:45 am, proceeding to the Church of Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi for his Funeral Mass at 11:00 am.

HELEN B. LOVELESS

Age 80 of Lisbon, MD died April 18. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1944 & Albion College in 1948. Survived by husband, William Loveless of 56 years, five sons and two daughters, 18 grandchildren sisters, Lois Merriman of Plymouth, MI, Betty Hunter of Zephyrhills, FL. Preceded in death by brother, Robert Bowden of Harbor Springs, MI.



JOHN A. FRATTO

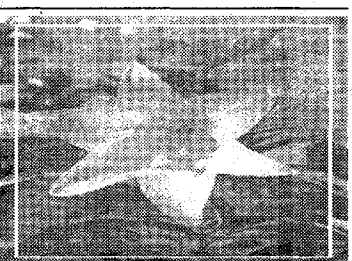
Age 66, April 24, 2007. Beloved father of Cherie (Frank) Bruni and John (Teresa). Grandfather of Jacob, Ben and Joey. Brother of Rosalie Dean, Antoinette Nicholson and Bernard Fratto of California. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

PATRICIA ROGERS VOORHIS

Age 60 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN formerly of Birmingham, MI passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at her home. Born in Middletown, Ohio, she attended the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Patricia was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by father, Robert Rogers and mother, Barbara Pennington. Survived by her husband of 41 years, Donald Voorhis; daughters, Jenny Mitchell and husband, Jordan of Kirkland, Washington, Sarah Fraley and husband, Kevin of Milan, Michigan; grandchildren, Hannah, Joseph, Hunter and Miranda. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00AM June 2, 2007 at the Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, Michigan. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to PPAW Clinic, a non-kill animal shelter, 6869 Morganton Road, Greenback, TN 37742. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM CHARLES GRUND

Age 66, April 26, 2007 of Rochester. Beloved husband of Brenda (Ballard) Grund. Loving father of Nichole Grund, Brandon Grund, Cheryl Kuncheimister (Rock), Billy Grund and Robert Grund (Michelle); seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; dear son-in-law of Buford and Carlie Ballard; dear brother-in-law of JoAnn Buchheister (John); dear uncle of Alyssa Buchheister and Dave Sherman (Kim) and friend of too many to count. William owned and operated Brend Contracting in Shelby Township, was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Clinton River Boat Club, Michigan Contractors Association, MIM, loved boating and spending time with his family and friends. William will be deeply missed by many. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at Price Funeral Home 3725 Rochester Road, (between Big Beaver and Wattle Roads), Troy, (248) 689-0700. Funeral Monday, 1pm at funeral home. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorials to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online register book at: www.pricefuneralhome.net



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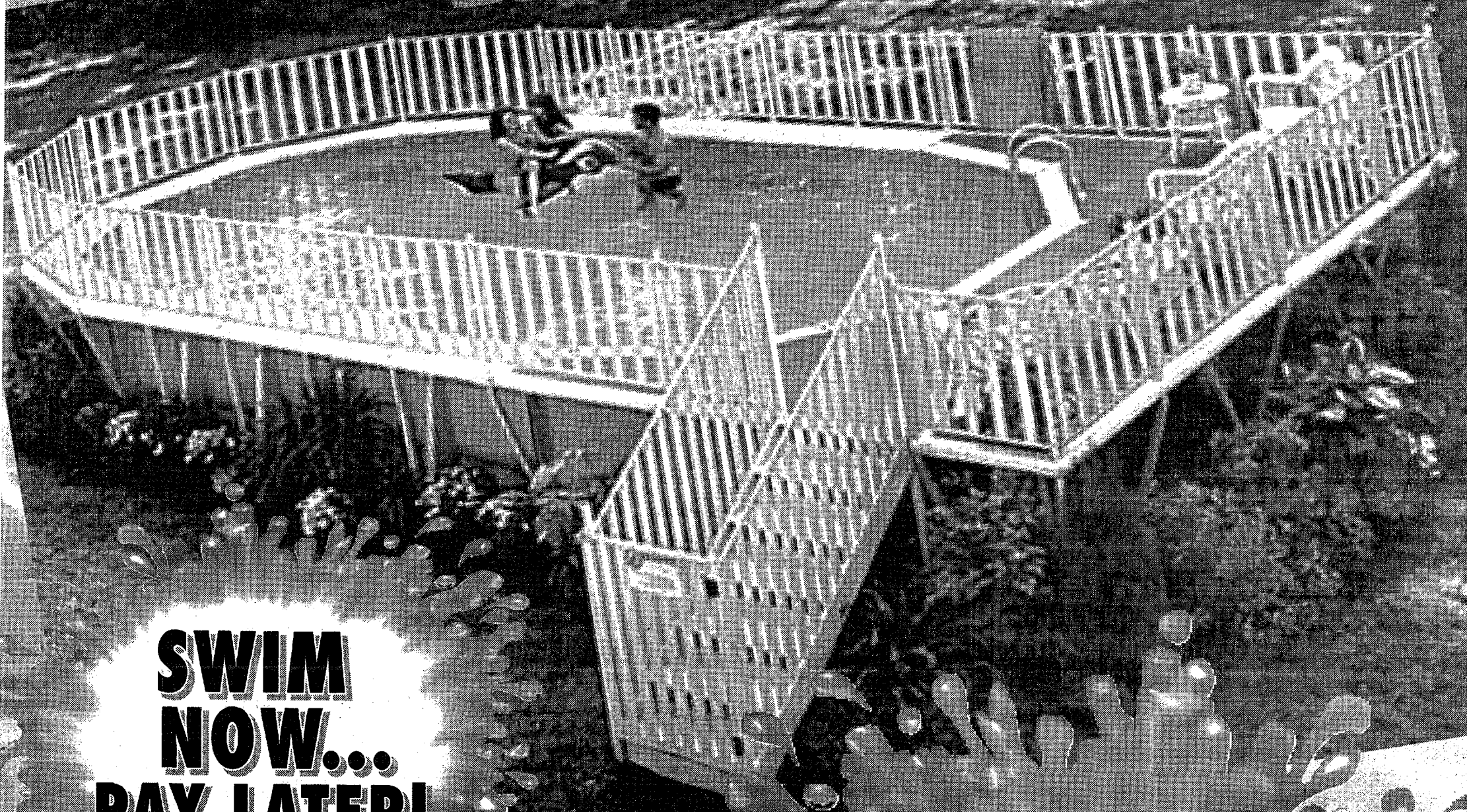
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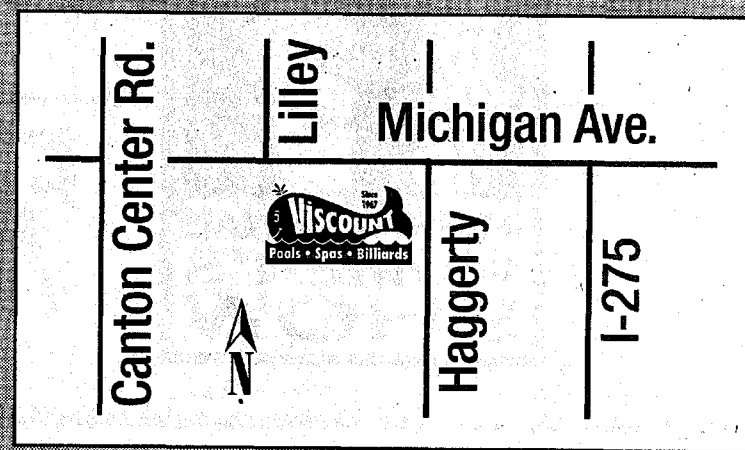
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Survival classes

Learn to cook to prevent cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Can certain foods fuel the growth of cancer? Shawna Broida thinks so. That's why she's teaching a cooking course that focuses not only on surviving cancer but preventing the life-threatening disease.

Whole Foods in West Bloomfield is hosting the eight-week series presented by The Cancer Project, a national organization dedicated to prevention through education and research. The sessions are based on *The Survivor's Handbook: Eating Right for Cancer Survival*, published by the nonprofit in Washington, D.C. The book was written by Dr. Neal Barnard who's been studying the link between food and diseases such as cancer and diabetes for years. Barnard believes so strongly in the connection he founded the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) in 1985 to promote preventive medicine and conduct clinical research.

LESS FAT

Studies have shown meat and dairy products influence hormones such as estrogen and testosterone, fueling breast and prostate cancers. The Cancer Project advocates a low-fat vegan diet to help reduce the chances for acquiring these diseases and survive if you do. The series covers all of the components of the plan - Fueling Up on Low-fat Foods (May 2), Favoring Fiber (May 9), Discovering Dairy Alternative (May 16) includes a taste testing of soy milk and rice milk alternatives, Replacing Meat (May 23), Planning Healthy Meals (May 30), Antioxidants and Phytochemicals (June 6), Immune-Boosting Foods (June 13), and Maintaining a Healthy Weight (June 20).

Each class begins with a short video on a specific topic such as meat alternatives, then Broida cooks up four-five recipes. Each student receives a copy of *The Survivor's Handbook* on the first night. For those unable to attend, the book is available online for downloading at www.cancerproject.org or by sending \$14.95 for a hard copy.

Broida suggest eating before classes even though students do taste everything she makes.

"Fat is hard on the immune system to fight off cancerous cells," said Broida of Commerce. "The Cancer Project believes we can prevent up to 1/3 of cancers and prevent it from reoccurring by



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Shawna Broida cooks up a vegetarian stirfry with a chicken strip substitute at Whole Foods in West Bloomfield.

improving nutrition. People think it's going to be difficult to do, but realize it's something they can do. You can start by trying one vegan dish. The recipes are all easy. If I can make them in 20 minutes here, they can do it at home. And don't think you have to count calories. With this you can eat until your full."

SNAP TO PREPARE

In less than 15 minutes, Broida cooks up a vegetable stirfry with a chicken strip substitute and spoons it over brown rice. The Cancer Project plan calls for eating 40 grams of fiber a day to flush hormones and toxins from the system.

"It's difficult on a meat-based diet to get enough fiber," said Broida, "but with a vegan diet you can have beans at one meal, grains at another."

Broida never dreamed one day she would become a vegetarian, let alone a vegan who doesn't eat dairy products. She grew up on a Milford farm that raised hogs. Broida quit eating meat and potatoes and joined a vegetarian cooperative when she moved to East Lansing to earn an economics degree at Michigan State University.

After college, Broida married and went back to her old ways of eating. Her cholesterol shot up to 230. Broida is only in her 30s and felt that was too young to be taking the medications her

physician suggested. Her sister-in-law is a vegan nurse practitioner and recommended a vegetarian diet, Broida began eating meatless meals and eliminated dairy when she started teaching cooking classes for The Cancer Project. Her cholesterol dropped to 187 in a little over a year. Today she's a stay-at-home mom trying to introduce her children Sarah, 7, and Ethan, 4, to a vegan diet. Her family is not vegan but she's working on it.

"My kids do like soy chicken nuggets and veggie burgers but still can't give up grilled cheese sandwiches," said Broida who's studying nutrition at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. "I am encouraged by the fact they like fruits and vegetables."

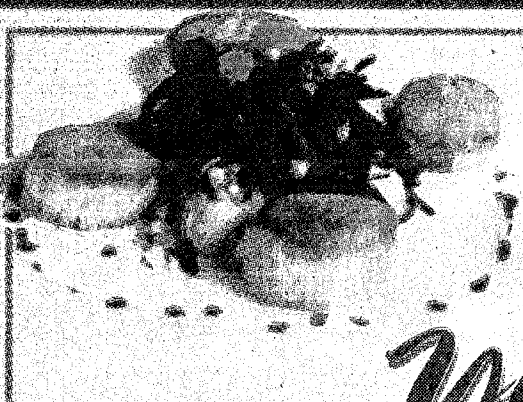
"You have to be flexible. We don't expect every person who comes to class to become vegan. We hope they'll enjoy the recipes and incorporate meatless meals."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cancer Project does suggest meat eaters avoid all animal products for three weeks to allow their taste buds to adjust to the new flavors and textures.


"Tonight I'm cooking burritos made with whole pinto beans and grilled vegetables," said Broida. "My kids haven't embraced

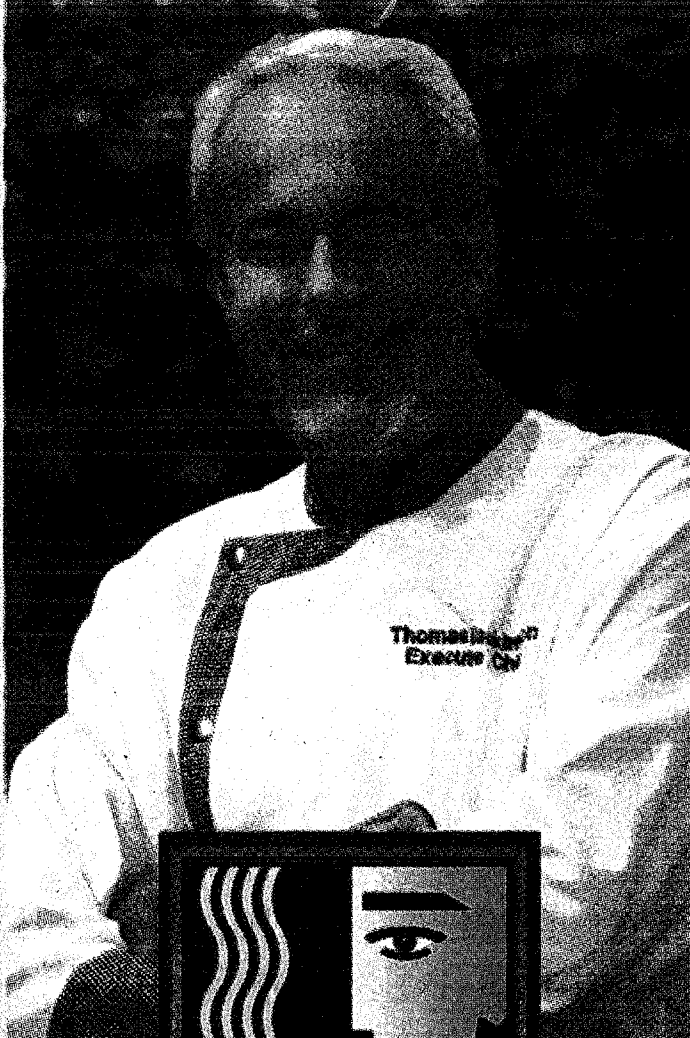
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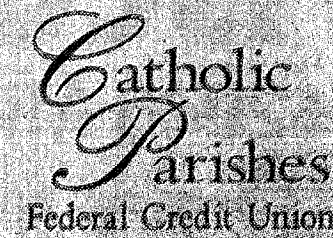
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Shawna Broida dishes up a healthy vegetarian stir fry over brown rice.

tofu so I always make a pasta side dish with marinara or pesto sauce. You don't need protein in every meal. Vegetables, grains, beans, and soy all have protein. Calcium can come from kale, leafy greens and beans. Bok choy is a great source of calcium." Janice and Frank Kierdorf are living proof that diet makes a difference. The couple, who are in their 70s, have no major health problems. Both took Broida's class about one year ago even though they were eating a healthy diet. Their typical breakfast consists of oatmeal or banana and strawberries with cereal and whole grain toast. "For dinner we might have whole wheat pasta," said Janice Kierdorf of Wixom. "My husband likes all kinds of bean dishes. There are so many different types of wonderful beans. "Shawna taught us some new ideas for more healthful dinners we could make. We're not vegetarians but because of Shawna we're not eating as much meat."

Fat is definitely the culprit in meat, according to Jennifer Reilly, senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project, an affiliate of PCRM. Reilly helped write *The Survivor's Handbook* with Barnard to accompany the Food for Life Nutrition and Cooking Classes for Cancer Prevention and Survival. About 26 states now offer the series launched in 2001 to help cancer survivors take advantage of the healing power of foods. "The biggest cancer trigger is fat in the diet," said Reilly, a registered dietitian. "It causes men and women to produce more of their sex hormones. This increases the risk for cancers."

Since the book came out in 2003, the evidence has become even stronger. "There's more information on the link between dairy intake and ovarian cancer risk, and an even stronger link between dairy intake and prostate cancer," said Reilly. "The classes are unique in that they get to try dishes and find out how healthy they can be. This can be a health prescription as well."

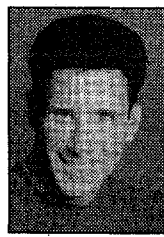
There is no charge for the cancer prevention and survival cooking course beginning 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Whole Foods, 7350 Orchard Lake, at 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Registration is required. Call Renee Mahon at (248) 538-4600.

For more information, visit www.CancerProject.org or call (202) 244-5038.

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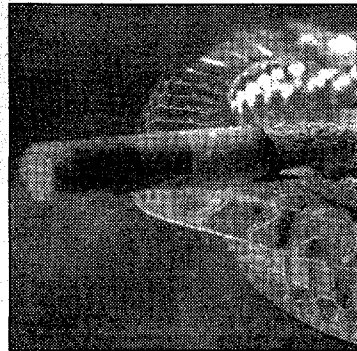
Dan from Westland is a pack a day smoker. He e-mails asking about the potential impact on his family.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

chances of smoking by at least 40 percent. That is because kids are most likely to begin smoking between the ages of 8 and 20. The same statistics show that if kids don't see their parents smoking, they won't start. It is a no brainer! Not smoking



is good for you and your family. It really is a matter of life or breath!

Tom from Allen Park e-mails asking which is more important when it comes to exercise, duration or intensity?

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If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Blood drive
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Irish pub night
To benefit Homes for Autism 6-9 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Four Green Fields, 13 Mile and Woodward in Northwood Shopping Center. Tickets \$50, includes hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, raffle prizes, silent auction, live entertainment. For details, call (248) 588-2111 or send e-mail to info@homesforautism.org

Autism treatment options
Autism Treatment Options Exist, presented by Dr. Keri Topouzian D.O. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Farmington Community Library. Treatment options, gut dysfunction, genetic and environmental causes, co-occurring symptoms. Space limited. No charge. Call (248) 489-1573.

UPCOMING

Blair lecture
U.S. speed skater Bonnie Blair talks about her experience with stress urinary

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Cancer workshop
7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. No charge but registration required, call (734) 223-3938 or send e-mail to info@theclub.org.

Alive '07
Donate Life Coalition of Michigan's presents its ALIVE '07 fund-raiser, live and silent auction and awards presentation 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile, Southfield. To obtain an ALIVE '07 invitation or make a monetary contribution, call Peggy Burkhardt at (248) 770-5172. Tickets are \$50. If you purchase a party wagon pack of at least 10 tickets, tickets will cost \$450 total, \$45 each. The invitation is available online at donatelifemichigan.org. To obtain more information about becoming a registered organ donor in Michigan, visit gifttolifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

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These pros find ways to work out workplace generational issues

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Workplaces bring people of different generations together, and sometimes sparks can fly when older people with more traditional views meet younger Generation X'ers born after the Baby Boom era ended around 1964.

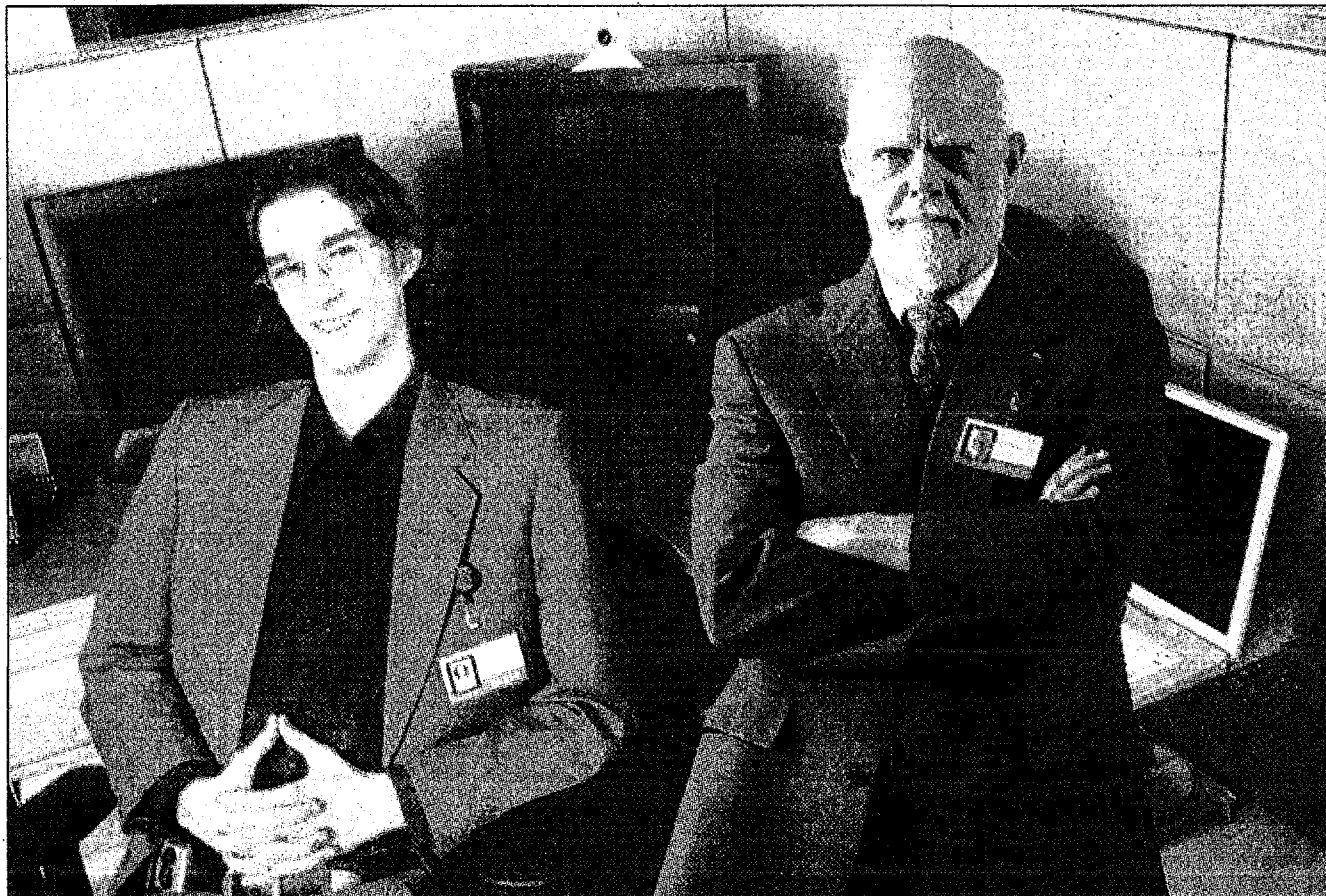
Tracy Danner of Canton is an attorney who practices in Plymouth, focusing on real estate and estate planning. The 35-year-old University of Detroit Mercy law school graduate finds that some older clients question her expertise.

"I know that sometimes when I work with older people they get the impression I'm younger than I look," said Danner, who's found those clients over age 60 can "have a difficult time dealing with someone who's younger."

"Everybody needs to be treated differently," she said. Danner goes over her background a little more with older clients.

Danner's problems haven't been great in law, although she has a friend who looks a lot younger than her age who faced generational challenges in banking.

Sean Cooney of Plymouth, 39, is a vice president of investments for Raymond James in Plymouth. "I have never had that problem," he said. "I have found that the older people (65 and older) know what they don't know and they know they need to work with somebody who's compe-



tent." Among clients, he finds ages 25-45 most challenging, "because they have been exposed to a lot of information." The 45-65 group "needs the most help" as they're at or approaching retirement, and need to get

financial/investment planning in order. Among those boomers, a growing percentage see value of professional advice, Cooney has found.

"We don't have much of an issue there," he said of conflicts within the office, where he's among the younger

ones in his job. They tend to have a youthful, close-knit office, "even though the environment's very professional."

Cooney believes talk of such generational conflict has been exaggerated, and that differences can be worked

out. He has clients in their 60s/70s who have good professional relationships with people one-two generations younger.

"I think it's definitely overstated," Cooney said. "I think people are generally healthier. People are living longer." They act and look younger, which helps to ease any conflict.

Gerry Sabatini, 53, of Plymouth's a 28-year veteran of the Ford Motor Co., where he's a financial analyst. When he started work, "there seemed to be some resentment among the older workers" of recent college graduates. His colleagues now tend to be M.B.A.s and certified public accountants, and Sabatini senses no resentment.

"Definitely, the younger workers are welcomed today because they bring vitality and a new knowledge base," he said. The younger workers help to train their older counterparts.

"I'm willing to learn, so if someone new is in the office with new skills, I welcome the education," Sabatini finds today's workers have to keep up with new ways of doing things: "You won't be able to grow with the company."

"I actually think it's an exciting time," he added. "I enjoy the challenges and I get along with the younger workers fine." He finds it enjoyable to work together on a project, where the focus is business.

"There is no generation gap because the common goal is to improve the company," Sabatini concluded.



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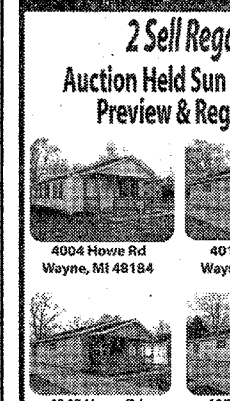
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Ready to buy a home? Don't forget title insurance

(NAPSI) — The National Association of Realtors projects that 6.4 million resale home sales will take place this year. If you are one of those homebuyers, you're keenly aware that this will likely be your largest single investment.

Many will purchase homeowner's insurance to guard against forces such as fire, theft or wind damage. But what about other, hidden hazards that may threaten their financial investment?

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The two basic kinds of title insurance are lender, or mortgagee, protection and owner's coverage. Most lenders require the former as security for their investment. Owner's title insurance lasts as long as you, the policyholder, or your heirs, have an interest in the insured property.

Stewart Title Guaranty Co., a leader in real estate information, advises potential homeowners to ask their real estate professional about owner's coverage and confirm that it will be included in the contract.

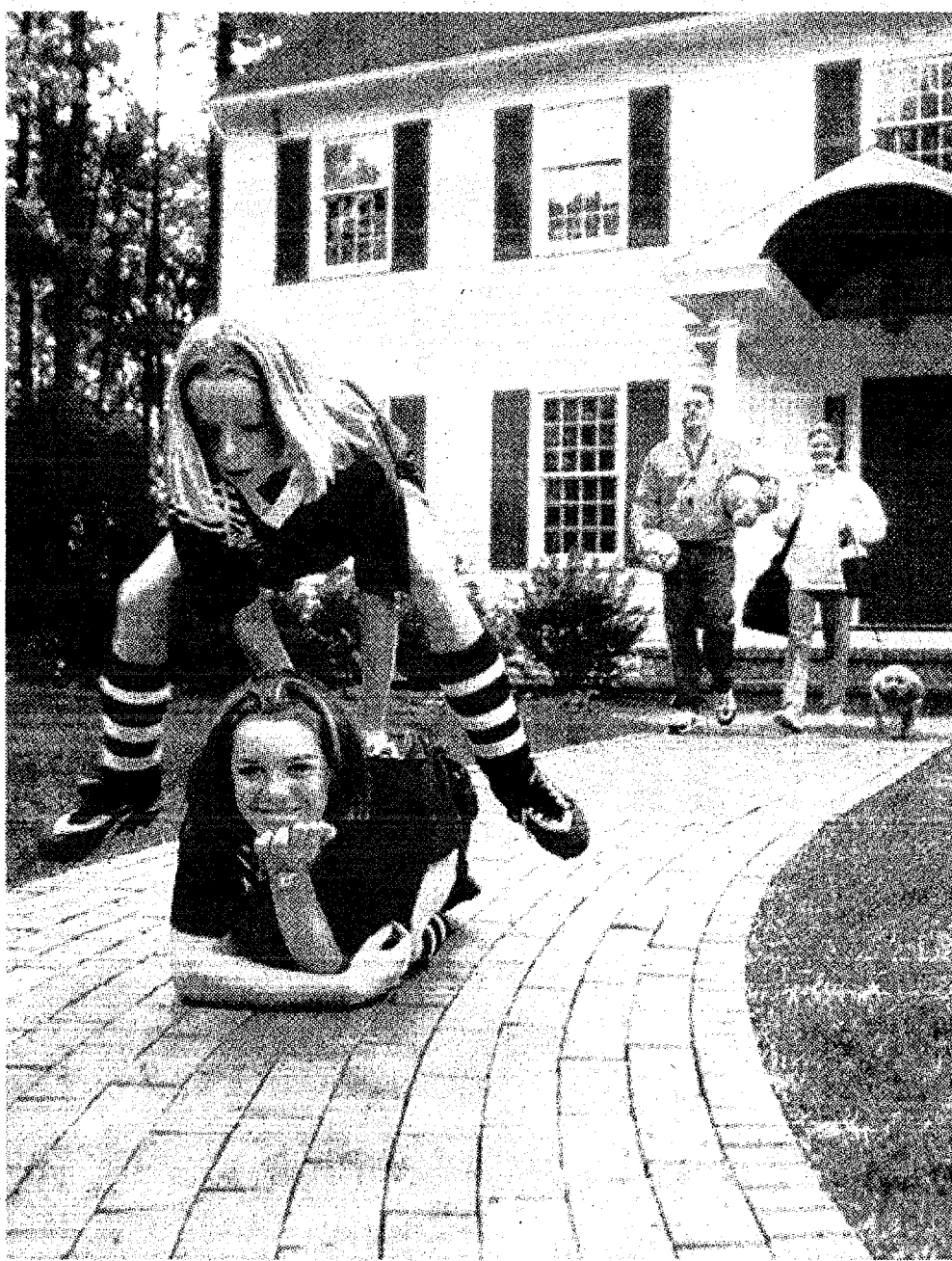
Insuring a home's title begins with a search of public land records. The title agent, or attorney working on behalf of the title underwriter, examines documents, such as deeds, wills or trusts, to determine whether the property is insurable.

When title problems are found, they are corrected, whenever possible, to avoid future claims. According to a recent survey by the American Land Title Association (ALTA), title problems consistently arise in 36 percent, or more than one out of every three, real estate transactions.

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Builder pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Seminars are offered at the following dates and locations:

BIA offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ A "Business Management for Building Professionals" course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2 Inc. will provide participants with the essential "tools" for the ideal business management toolbox. The course will discuss the components of a business plan; defining and staffing your business; performance tools for managing and monitoring administration, sales, and production; and strategies for managing common challenges experienced in startup businesses.

Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelers Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

MIOSHA seminar

BIA will present a MIOSHA Seminar from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will offer an explanation of the new agency directive for residential construction, builders' responsibility to have fall protection, a review of fall protection criteria and practices, and specific instructions for builders on fall exposure liability.

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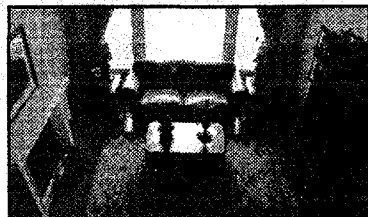


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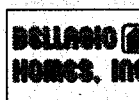
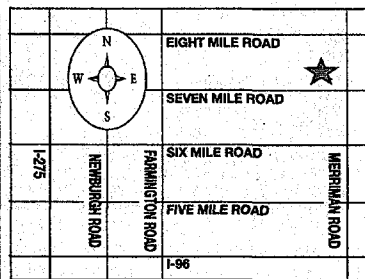
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Green building for building professionals

BIA will sponsor a Green Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course — Safety and Security — from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most

common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

On-site project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability — from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses — Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents

(Technical Proficiency Track) — from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction project.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Fair housing for maintenance staff

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 11, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on how Fair Housing applies to maintenance; communication: maintenance to management; on-site etiquette; service request procedures; what constitutes an emergency and T.E.A.M. building.

Registration fees are \$45 for Property Management Council members, \$55 for AAM and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

Free advice on credit issues

(NAPSI) — Meeting financial goals may be a little easier for homebuyers with some advice from the experts.

Research has shown that some homebuyers hesitate to seek financial guidance because they feel intimidated, are confused by the information they have read or are worried that getting this kind of advice can be expensive.

Getting understandable information can be especially important for home-shoppers who do not qualify for a prime loan because of income, employment history or past credit problems. Such nonprime mortgage holders may benefit from help in understanding and managing their credit profiles.

Such expert advice is offered in a new Steps To Success program from Wells Fargo & Co. Customers with nonprime loans are enrolled once their loan closes. The program includes access to credit education specialists; two easy-to-read credit reports and credit scores; consumer-friendly financial educational assistance; and information about automatic payment products.

The program is available in Spanish and English, and all materials are free. This includes a magazine called Steps To Success, which features articles on borrowing wisely, how to save, and cleaning up your credit, as well as tips on raising money-savvy kids. For example, a recent article included tips that could help you boost your credit score, which is one factor in interest rates:

- Pay down your revolving debt. Don't move debt around between credit cards.
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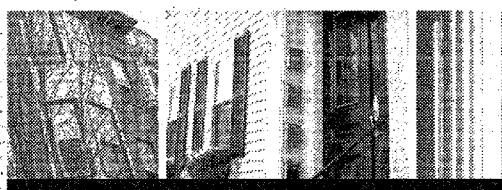
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The 2007 Chevrolet Aveo is part of a breed of new subcompact cars catered to customers who want a cheap, reliable car with good fuel economy. Competitors include the Honda Fit, Toyota Yaris, Nissan Versa, Ford Focus and Hyundai Accent.

Like its rivals, the Aveo has a tall roofline and is squeezed into a tiny frame. So its overall shape is a bit awkward, looking narrow and tall. In fact, it is the tallest car in the Chevrolet lineup -- more than 2 inches taller than the Chevy Cobalt, a half-inch taller than the Impala and nearly 4 inches taller than the Monte Carlo.

This is actually an increase over last year's model. The Aveo now rides on a 97.6-inch wheelbase, which is 3 inches longer than the 2006 version. The width and height also increased to 1.6 and 0.4 inches, respectively.

The Aveo is Chevrolet's entry-level car, made in South Korea by General Motors Corp.'s Daewoo subsidiary and also marketed as a Suzuki Aerio. This is its third year and it got a redesign that includes new exterior sheet metal and a more upscale cabin.

The 2007 Chevrolet Aveo is available as a subcompact sedan or four-door hatchback, the Aveo5. On the Aveo5, there are two trim levels: the \$9,995-priced Special Value and LS.

Aveo sedans come in LS and LT trims. Special Value means not paying a lot and receiving even less. Standard equipment for this trim includes 14-inch steel wheels, manual mirrors and windows, manual locks and a radio with four speakers.

The \$12,575 Aveo LS adds air-conditioning and carpeted floor mats, as well as the availability of major options such as cruise control, a sunroof, power windows, keyless entry, CD/MP3 player and 15-inch alloy wheels.

The LT comes standard with almost all of the LS model's optional features, while offering upgraded cloth seat fabric and the availability of options like faux leather upholstery and upgraded audio with an in-dash CD changer and steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

The 2007 Aveo's cabin incorporates what Chevy calls a "tall car" design to offer ample interior space. That said head and legroom in the front are suitable for a 6-foot-tall person as is headroom in the back due to Aveo's arched roof line. However, leg and foot room is limited in back and is more fitting for kids.

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The 2007 Aveo is Chevrolet's offering to the increasingly popular sub compact car segment. But it faces stiff competition from Nissan and Toyota.

engineers enhanced the Aveo's combination of sound-dampening technologies and aerodynamics. They used sound insulation materials to help reduce wind, road and engine noise inside the cabin. Even the stainless steel exhaust system was tuned to minimize noise.

You can customize the Aveo's interior by choosing between three two-tone color schemes. There's the metallic grain and satin chrome for charcoal and charcoal deluxe cloth upholstery, the wood grain appearance for neutral cloth and neutral deluxe cloth and the available neutral leatherette to provide a more eye-pleasing cabin.

The Aveo's interior was designed for comfort and convenience, which includes standard tilting front-seat headrests, a folding driver's armrest and rear-seat headrests.

Other creature comforts include dual visor vanity mirrors, a sunglass holder on the driver side headliner, door and seatback storage pockets; and hooks, located on headrest posts, that can hold items such as backpacks or shopping bags.

The front seats sit high to make for an easy entry and exit. The Aveo is also built with theater-style rear seating in which the rear seats sit slightly higher than the front seats to provide a commanding view of the road for all passengers.

A fully reclining front passenger seat and a 60/40-split folding rear seat expand Aveo's interior cargo capacity, enabling long items, such as skis, to be carried between the trunk and passenger compartment. The trunk offers 12.4 cubic feet of storage space, 7 percent more than the 2006 Aveo's.

In the safety department, the 2007 Aveo includes standard advanced dual-stage frontal air bags. The dual-stage frontal air bags deploy at different levels, depending on the severity of the crash. Standard seat-mounted side-impact air bags provide additional head and body protection.

These features should earn the Aveo a similar safety rating it got last year. For the 2006 model, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration awarded Aveo a five-star rating in the frontal crash test for both the driver and front passenger and four stars for occupants in side impacts.

The Aveo has other integrated safety features starting with the way it was built. It has a high-strength steel structure design that creates a safety cage around the passenger compartment, which has been engineered to help maintain passenger compartment integrity.

A glaring safety omission is the lack of available stability control, which is offered on most small cars. Having this peace of mind safety is priceless when trying to avoid sliding around Michigan's wintery roads.

The 2007 Aveo is powered by the same engine as last year's model: a 1.6-liter 4-cylinder engine that is good for 103 horsepower. Transmission options also remain the same, with a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

The Aveo gets 27 miles per gallon in the city and 37 mpg in highway driving. While these are decent numbers there is a lot left to be desired when you look at the 2007 Toyota Yaris, which gets 34 mpg city and 39 mpg highway.

Although the Aveo is available at a bargain bin price, GM throws in a 100,000 mile, five-year Powertrain Limited Warranty, Roadside Assistance and Courtesy Transportation to sweeten the pot.

2007 Chevrolet Aveo. Vehicle class: Subcompact car. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 27 city / 37 highway. Where built: Bupyeong, South Korea. Base price: \$12,575.

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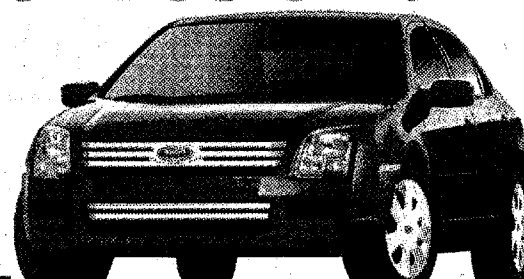
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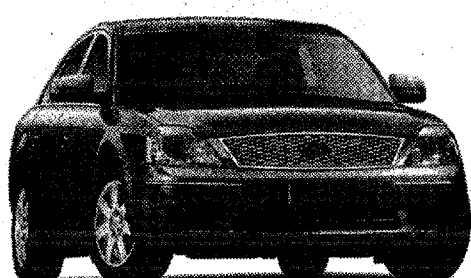
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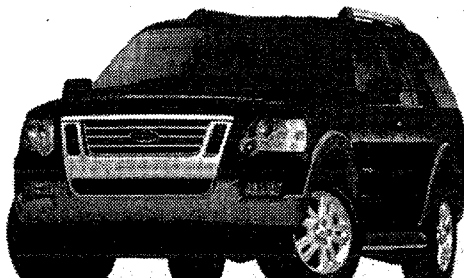
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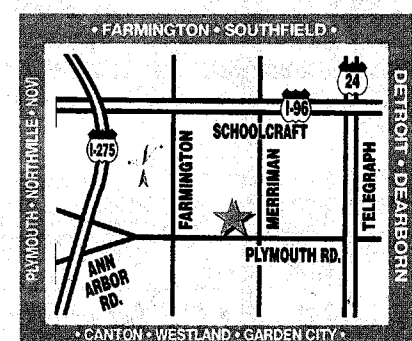
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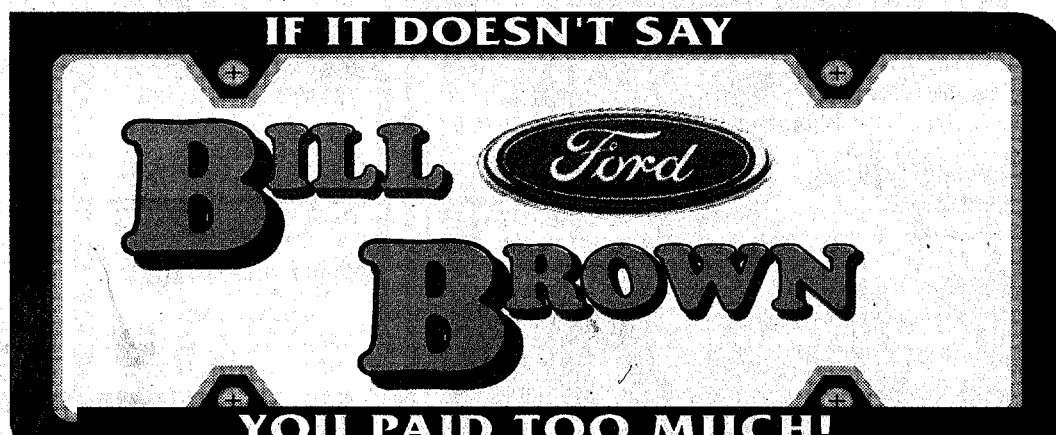
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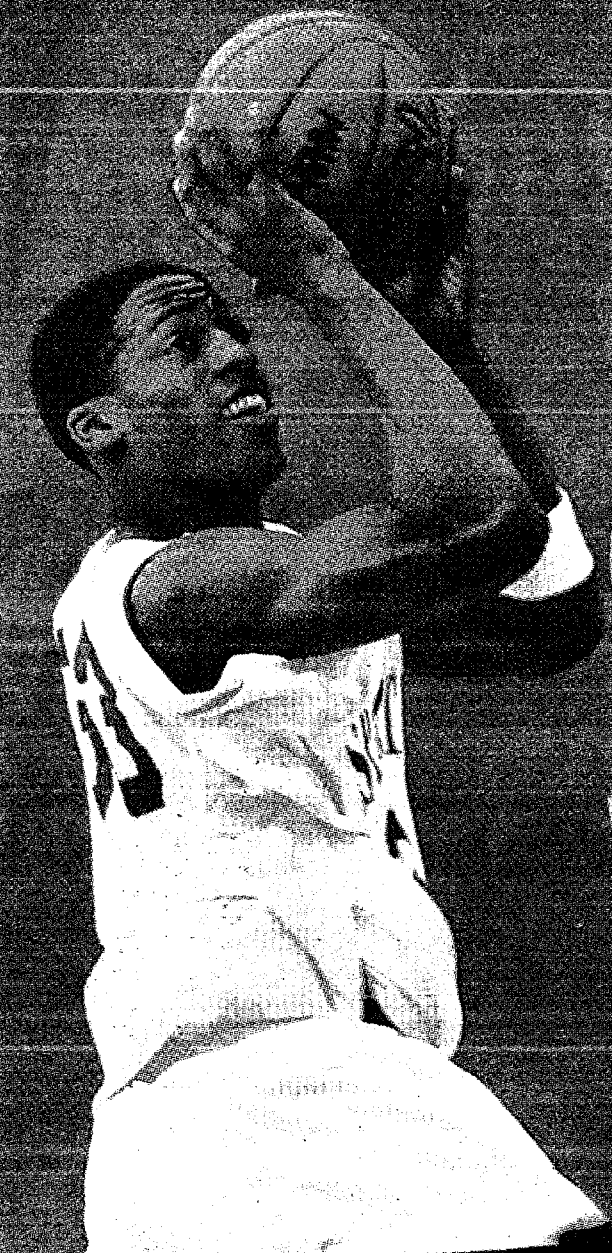
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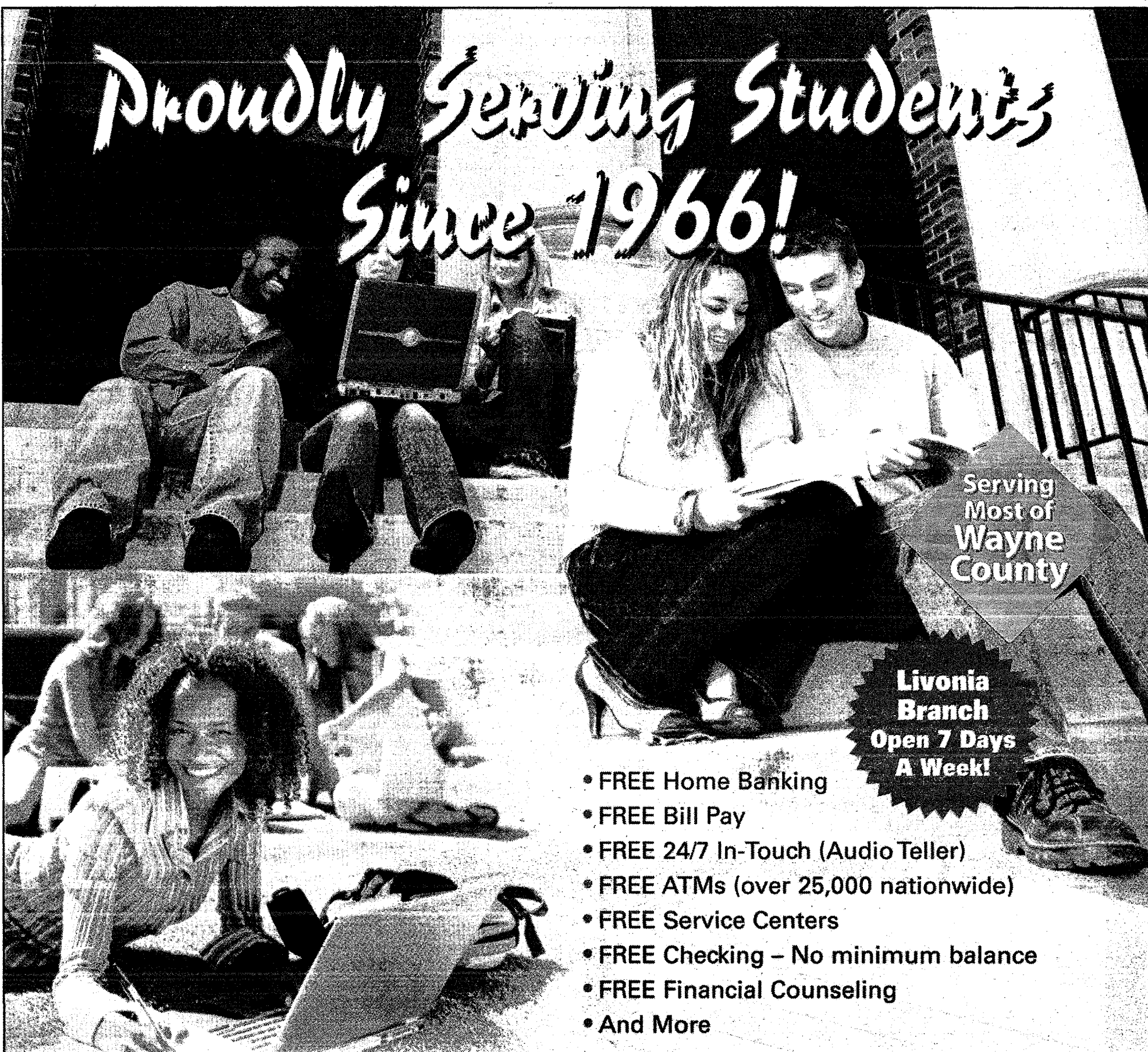
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Razor-sharp Chargers head stellar ice cast

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Another excellent hockey season in Observerland featured a juggernaut season by Livonia Churchill, the No. 1-ranked Division 1 team for a portion of the season.

The Pete Mazzoni-coached Chargers finished 23-3-2, claiming both the Lakes Division and WLAA overall titles and advanced to the D-1 quarterfinals with a 3-2 overtime victory over Troy in the regional championship at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Dreams of a state title were dashed, however, when Grosse Pointe North came away with a 3-2 win.

But there were other compelling ice stories (Plymouth captured the WLAA Western Division) and excellent individual performers beyond the Chargers, who landed a total of four players in the *Observer* first and second teams.

Following is a look at the best of the area's top 2006-07 hockey talent.

FIRST TEAM

Scott Lewan, Livonia Churchill, Sr. G: The third-year varsity starter played a major role in Churchill's juggernaut season and was selected to the first-team All-State squad and WLAA All-Conference team.

For his career with the Chargers, Lewan finished with a 44-15-7 record, 14 shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.93, stopping just under 90 percent of the shots he faced.

More importantly, his teammates felt comfortable enough with him in goal to take chances offensively.

"Scott allowed us to play very aggressive," Churchill head coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He covered up our mistakes defensively."

Jason O'Guinn, Plymouth, Sr. D: The senior captain was instrumental in the Wildcats' first-ever WLAA Western Division title as he led the team in scoring with 26 goals and 12 assists. He was voted by his teammates as the team's MVP.

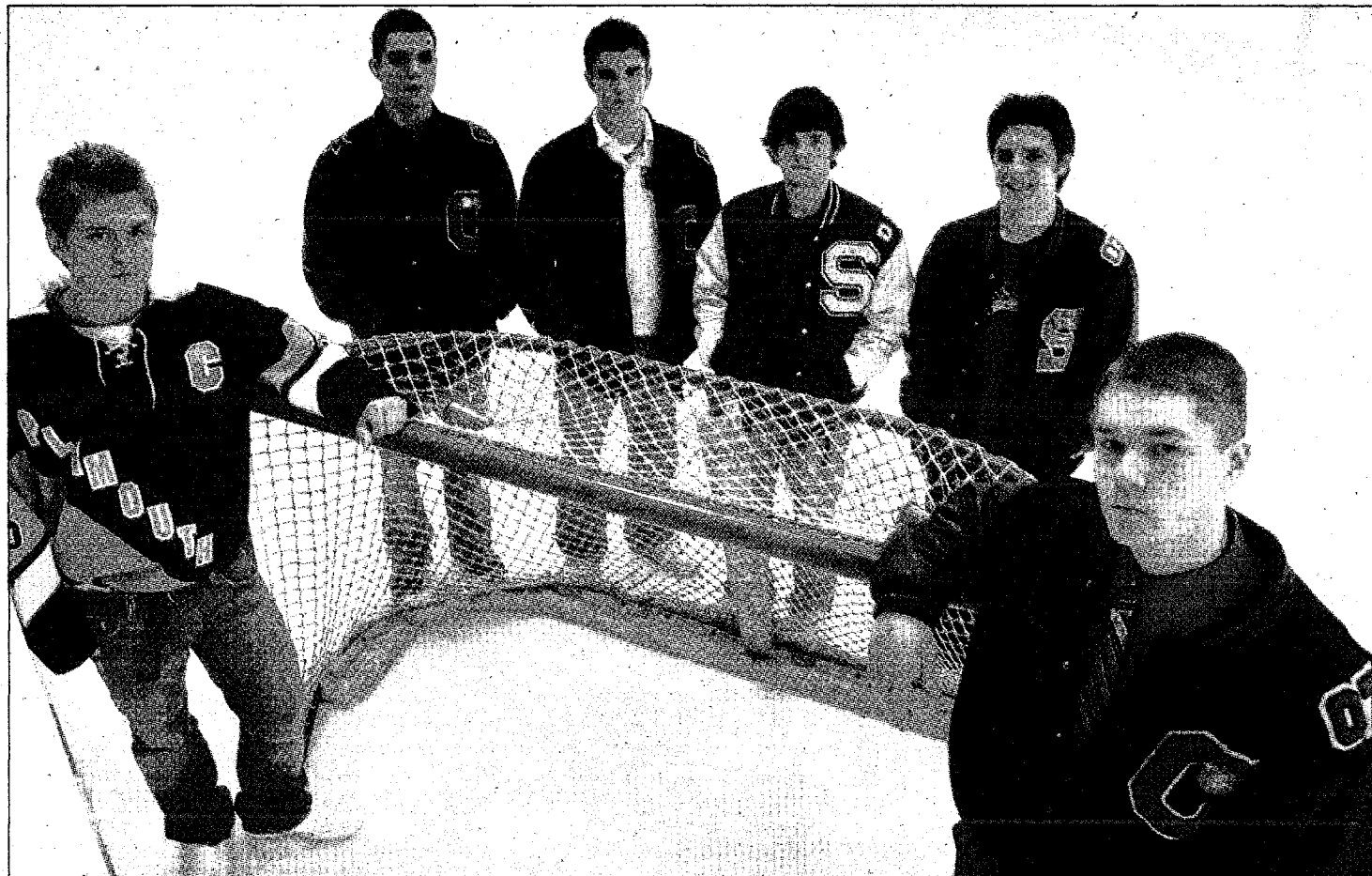
"Jason is one of the most exciting players I've seen in all the years I've been coaching," Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois said. "He's one of those kids who can get the puck and go end-to-end any time he wants to. He did an outstanding job for his this season."

Phil Wendecker, Livonia Churchill, Sr. D: Another cog for the first-place Chargers, Wendecker's steadying presence on the blueline was rewarded with his selection to the All-State first team for a second consecutive season.

He also was named to the WLAA All-Conference squad. *

"(Wendecker) is such an effortless skater, with great vision and hands," Mazzoni said. "He had a calming effect on our team" when he had possession of the puck.

The four-year varsity letter-winner fin-



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Members of the 2006-07 All-Observer boys hockey first team include (from left): Jason O'Guinn, Plymouth; Phil Wendecker, Churchill; Garrett Miencier, Churchill; Steve Heisler, Salem; Marcus Voran, Stevenson; and Scott Lewan, Churchill.

ished his prep career with 27 goals and 56 assists in 95 games.

Marcus Voran, Livonia Stevenson, Sr. F: Voran scored 29 goals and added 15 assists to spark Livonia Stevenson to a 17-7-2 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The four-year varsity player earned selection to the All-State and WLAA All-Conference squads primarily because of his all-around excellence.

"Marcus is clearly a top high school hockey player," Spartans head coach Mike Humitz said. "He brings his A-game every night. His outstanding senior year capped off a phenomenal career. He will be badly missed next year."

Garrett Miencier, Livonia Churchill, Sr. F: Miencier often led the Chargers to victory, scoring 16 goals and adding 15 helpers in 28 games while registering a plus-34 mark.

Strong work on special teams and "rugged, physical" two-way excellence were examples of the value Miencier brought to the ice every night, noted Mazzoni, describing the player as a "classic power forward."

Miencier's complete play also helped him earn selection to the All-State first-team and also collect WLAA All-Conference honors.

Steve Heisler, Salem, Sr. F: A two-year captain, Heisler was second on the team in

goals (13) and points (31). He also led the team in minutes played as he was a key member of the penalty-killing and power-play units.

"Steve was an outstanding leader both on and off the ice for us this year," Salem coach Fred Feiler said. "He played every other shift and was on every special-teams unit. He has such a fast release when he shoots that the goalie couldn't react quick enough, even when he saw the shot coming."

SECOND TEAM

Justin Desilets, Plymouth, Sr. G: Desilets capped a brilliant high school career by posting a sub-2.0 goals-against average during a senior season when he notched a pair of shutouts. His acrobatic skills kept the Wildcats in games even when they were outshot by a wide margin.

"Justin played very well for us this year," Dubois said. "He's one of the main reasons we were able to win the Western Division title."

Dan Darrow, Livonia Stevenson, Sr. D: Darrow's third season with the Stevenson varsity saw him bounce back between defense and forward, wherever he was needed in the lineup.

He chipped in with four goals and 12 assists, earning him a spot on the WLAA All-Division team.

"His versatility made him a very valuable member of our team," Humitz said.

"Guys like him are hard to replace."

J.P. LaFontaine, Canton, Sr. D-F: LaFontaine led the Chiefs in scoring with eight goals and 17 assists. The gritty, always-hustling senior co-captain combined high-level skills with the kind of toughness that all coaches covet.

"Off the ice, J.P. is pretty laid back, but on it he's very aggressive and he played hard every minute he was out there," Canton head coach Dan Abraham said. "He was one of those players who could play defense and forward and he was effective wherever he played. J.P. is a very talented hockey player."

Nate Milam, Livonia Churchill, Jr. F: Milam scored 18 goals and tallied 15 assists for the Chargers, good enough to be named to the All-State first team and WLAA All-Division team.

Another plus was his responsible play, which enabled him to finish with a plus-37 mark.

Mazzoni described Milam as a physical player and "very dynamic skater" with excellent puck skills.

"He has the ability to make a big play in the big games," Mazzoni said.

Joe Petriches, Redford Unified, Sr. F: Even though Petriches wasn't one of the three captains on his team, he played like a true

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BOYS HOCKEY

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leader, Unified head coach Larry Singer said.

"Joe came into the year very much determined to bring his game to the highest level," said Singer, noting that Petriches followed up with 18 goals and 15 assists — good for team MVP and all-Mega Conference honors.

Singer said Petriches, who will test the waters in junior hockey, has a good upside wherever he plays: "He's a clutch player. He's just a very solid power forward. He is physical and talented in terms of his ability to score."

Mike Jahn, Livonia Stevenson, Sr. F: Another key player for the Spartans, the two-year varsity center helped the cause with two-way grit and savvy expertise on the power play. Jahn tallied nine goals and 10 assists and was named to the WLAA All-Division team.

"Mike was one of our go-to guys this season," Humitz said. "He played all situations and played them all well. Mike is a rare player who plays well defensively and also quarterbacks a power-play unit."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Pete Mazzoni, Livonia Churchill: He did an outstanding job turning the knobs and pushing the buttons to get whatever he needed out of his icers this winter.

Churchill (23-3-2) breezed past the competition in the Western Lakes



Mazzoni

Activities Association and also captured a Division I state regional championship before bowing out in a hard-fought quarterfinal match.

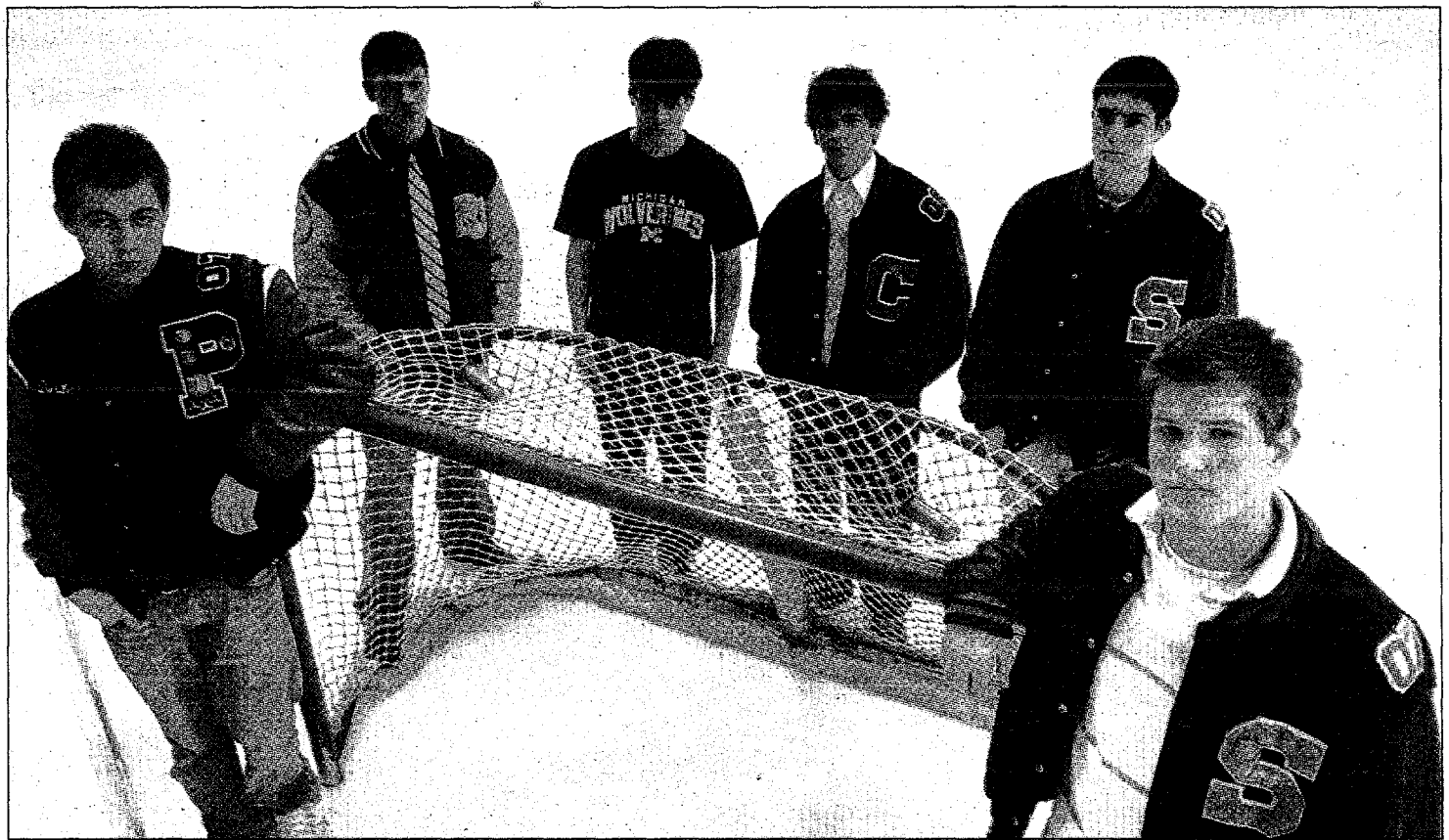
But Mazzoni would rather share his Coach of the Year honors with assistant coaches Dave

Higham, Dave Mitchell and Matt Williams, who were "a big part of what we did," providing plenty of input to give to a roster of excellence and depth at every position.

On-ice success aside, Mazzoni said the coaching staff also had a "very special group of kids" to work with all season.

"Not only did we win a few games, but we had a great locker room," Mazzoni said. "The boys were just as good off the ice" with a team grade-point average of over 3.0 and plenty of community service activities to their credit.

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The 2006-07 All-Observer boys hockey second team includes (from left): Justin Desilets, Plymouth; Joe Petriches, Redford Unified; J. P. Lafontaine, Canton; Nate Milam, Churchill; Mike Jahn, Stevenson; and Dan Darrow, Stevenson.

2006-07 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

FIRST TEAM

G - Scott Lewan	Sr.	Livonia Churchill
D - Jason O'Guinn	Sr.	Plymouth
D - Phil Wendecker	Sr.	Livonia Churchill
F - Marcus Voran	Sr.	Livonia Stevenson
F - Garrett Miencier	Sr.	Livonia Churchill
F - Steve Heisler	Sr.	Plymouth Salem

SECOND TEAM

G - Justin Desilets	Sr.	Plymouth
D - Dan Darrow	Sr.	Livonia Stevenson
D - J.P. Lafontaine	Sr.	Canton
F - Nate Milam	Jr.	Livonia Churchill
F - Joe Petriches	Sr.	Redford Unified
F - Mike Jahn	Sr.	Livonia Stevenson

THIRD TEAM

G - Austin Mesler	Jr.	Livonia Franklin
G - Drew MacEachern	Sr.	Livonia Stevenson
D - Collin Franti	Sr.	Redford Unified
D - Jason Proctor	Sr.	Livonia Churchill
D - Derek Cripe	Sr.	Livonia Franklin
F - Keith Yackley	Sr.	Livonia Churchill
F - Alex Lajoie	Sr.	Canton
F - Aaron Markwell	Sr.	Plymouth Salem
F - Bill Cetnar	Sr.	Redford Unified

COACH OF THE YEAR

Pete Mazzoni, Livonia Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Brad Barath; Justin Ward; **Salem:** Nate Werda, Tony Garbarino, Mike Haburne; Ralph Aspenwall; **Plymouth:** Adam Lazorka, Brandon Patterson, Joe Perkovich, Mark Olivier; **Churchill:** Jason Proctor, Dustin Wischmeyer, Keith Yackley, Andy LaBerge; **Stevenson:** Steve Soave, Chris Rapp, Sean Lerg, Mark Bekkala, Jacob Harbowy; **Franklin:** Jordan Chisholm, Jordan Short, Dan Ostrosky, Alex Wypych; **Redford Unified:** Ben Piskor, James Lehr.

HOW TEAMS ARE SELECTED

The All-Observer teams spotlighted in this section represent the area's best for the winter sports season. Teams were selected and compiled by Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons, Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright and Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith along with essential input from varsity coaches at Plymouth, Salem, Canton, Agape Christian, Plymouth Christian, Franklin, Churchill, Clarenceville, Ladywood, Stevenson, Garden City, Thurston, Redford Union, John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran Westland and Huron Valley Lutheran high schools.



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Prep cage stars dazzled with spectacular play

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

There weren't any trips to the Breslin Center in East Lansing for Observerland boys basketball teams this season.

But that doesn't diminish the lower levels of team success enjoyed this winter, as well as some spectacular individual accomplishments along the way.

Leading the charge was Redford Covenant senior forward Durrell Summers, who continued to open a lot of eyes with his electrifying play whether throwing down slams or hitting treys. Summers, who will play at Breslin - as a Michigan State University player next fall - sparked his high school team to the Class D regional finals.

Other Redford-based teams also had plenty of reason to smile. Redford Thurston earned the Mega Gold title while Redford Union staged a second-half surge to grab a share of the Mega Blue championship with Southgate Anderson.

Livonia teams featured outstanding efforts from the likes of Livonia Stevenson scoring machine Luke Knochel, while he and his teammates defeated Thurston for a Class A district championship. It was the Spartans' first district title since 1989.

Canton highlights included the Chiefs capturing the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and then taking a second consecutive Class A district title.

Meanwhile, Westland John Glenn went undefeated in league play to win the WLAA Lakes Division.

Following is a look at the 2006-07 All-Observer boys basketball first and second teams:

FIRST TEAM

Durrell Summers, Redford Covenant, Sr. F: Michigan State-bound Summers wrapped up a sensational prep career for the Spartans, averaging 34.5 points and 16.5 rebounds per contest and being a finalist for Mr. Basketball. He also took part earlier this month in the Jordan Brand All-American Classic in New York City.

Summers helped Covenant reach the Class D regionals with a 49-point game against Lutheran Westland in the district final and fell just short of the 2,000-point plateau for his career.

"He had a super career," said Covenant head coach Durand Shepherd. "He improved in all aspects of the game. His biggest improvement was in his creativity going to the basket. He was very explosive with that ball."

Luke Knochel, Livonia Stevenson, Sr. G: Stevenson's



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Members of the 2006-07 All-Observer basketball first team are, from left: Earl Hardison, Westland John Glenn; Grant Stone, Salem; Luke Knochel, Livonia Stevenson; Neil Sharma, Canton; Rashad Harvey, Redford Thurston; Durrell Summers, Redford Covenant.

all-time leading scorer (1,175 points) sparked the Spartans with just under 22 points per game.

Knochel also set a new school record by hitting 89.9 percent of his free-throw attempts, and was a catalyst with 3.9 steals and 3.7 assists per contest.

"Luke was our go-to player," said Stevenson head coach Brad Miller. "Teams would game plan to stop Luke and run two or three guys at him, but he was still able to control the game from the point guard position. He was a dangerous scorer and really started to attack the basket more in the second half of the season."

Among season highlights was a 38-point effort Feb. 23 against Wayne Memorial, and he had three other games with more than 30 points.

Earl Hardison, Westland John Glenn, Jr. G-F: Hardison averaged 16 points, 7.8 rebounds and four assists per game en route to All-Western Lakes honors.

"Earl was one of our better defenders along with Stefan Marken," said Glenn coach Dan Young: "He always guarded the other team's best player.

"He's a great kid who we asked to do a lot of things for us. He bought into everything we asked of him. He was just a joy to coach."

Neil Sharma, Canton, Jr. F: The 6-4 junior emerged as the Chiefs' go-to player during the second-half of the season. He averaged 13 points and five rebounds per contest for the season, but over 20 points a game during the final-third of the campaign.

"Neil was a big-game player for us this year," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "And even on nights when his shot wasn't falling, he was able to block it out and hit the big one at the end like he did against John Glenn. He's a smart player with a very good shot. Defensively, he always seems to be in the right position."

Grant Stone, Salem, Jr. F: Stone engineered the Rocks' turnaround from a three-win season in 2005-06 to 10 victories this season. He led coach Bob Brodie's team in scoring (17 points per game) and rebounding (9 per game) and was a threat whether in the paint or along the perimeter.

"Grant was obviously our go-to guy this season," Brodie said. "A lot of his points came in crunch time when he really stepped up and delivered."


Rashad Harvey, Redford Thurston, Sr. G: The Eagles won the Mega Gold title and made it to the regional final at Livonia Stevenson in large part because of Harvey, who scored almost 18 points per contest, including 54 for 134 (40 percent) from behind the three-point arc. When Thurston needed points late in games, the captain delivered.

"Rashad made numerous clutch shots for us," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "He hit at least five threes that either tied the game or gave us the lead with less than 20 seconds left in the game that we would go on to win."

"Rashad is not only an excellent basketball player, but he is an outstanding person and student."

Harvey earned first-team all-Mega Conference honors.

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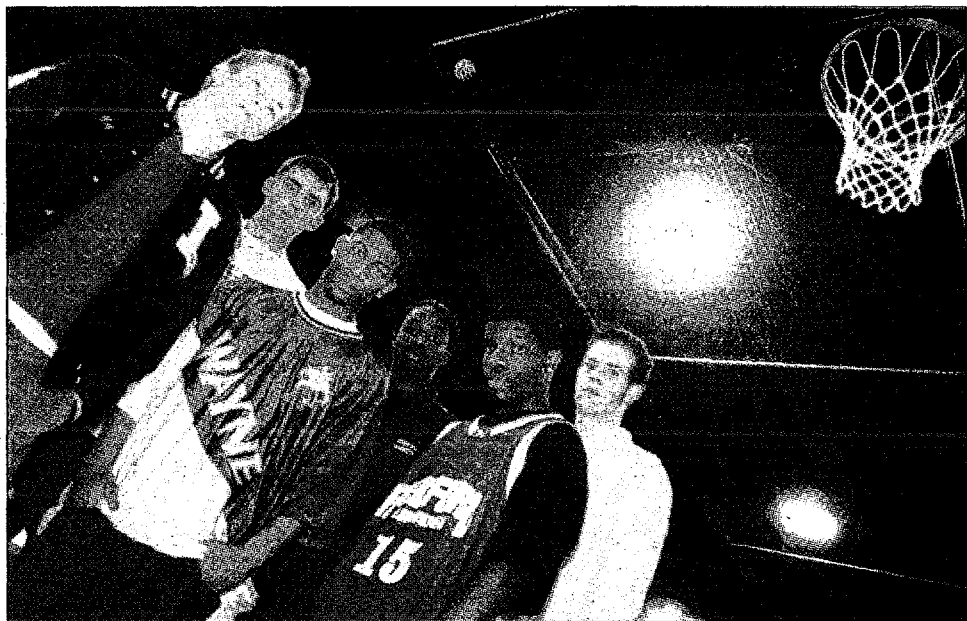
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Members of the 2006-07 All-Observer basketball second team are, from left: Kyle Ramthun, Lutheran Westland; Ryan Waidmann, Canton; Mike Lee, Wayne Memorial; Keshawn Martin, Westland John Glenn; Terrell Beard, Redford Union; and Ryan Rosenick, Livonia Churchill.

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SECOND TEAM

Terrell Beard, Redford Union, Jr. PG: Beard lifted a Redford Union team that lost four starters to graduation in 2006 and led it to a 16-5 record, good for co-championship of the Mega Blue. He was the team MVP after registering 10.76 points and 4.0 assists per outing and also was an all-conference first-team selection.

"Terrell did a terrific job of leading our basketball team each and every day," said Panthers head coach Brett Steele. "He was the heart and soul of our basketball team that overachieved in most people's opinion."

The point guard also "made countless big plays in crucial moments all year long," Steele added.

Ryan Waidmann, Canton, Sr. C: Waidmann capped a brilliant career at Canton by averaging 11 points and six rebounds a game despite constant double-teaming. He was a force in the paint at both ends of the court as he led the team in blocks and rebounding.

"Ryan drew the attention of the other team every game we played as he was always double-teamed," said Paye. "Some teams would play a zone and make sure they had three guys around him. Because of this, his stats weren't always great, but it opened things up for the other players. Ryan was a great three-year varsity player for us."

Kyle Ramthun, Lutheran Westland, Sr. G: With an average of 19 points per game, the Warriors' co-captain had a lot to do with the team winning 14 games - an impressive 11-win jump over what the squad accomplished his sophomore season.

Ramthun was MVP of the Metro Conference and also earned academic all-conference honors.

"Kyle was a very consistent scorer for us," said Lutheran Westland head coach Dan Ramthun.

Mike Lee, Wayne Memorial, Jr. PG: The cat-quick 5-9 Lee averaged 14.3 points, three assists and two steals per game for the Zebras.

"Mike was our go-to guy the last half of the season," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard. "He had 30 against Walled Lake Central (22 in the second half) and 25 against Belleville in the district."

Ryan Rosenick, Livonia Churchill, Jr. F: Rosenick spearheaded the Chargers to a 10-win season, averaging 17 points and 10 boards and compiling 14 double-doubles.

"Ryan was a joy to watch this year," said Churchill head coach James Solak. "He earned everything he got, every game. At his size, to lead the conference in rebounding is amazing."

Keshawn Martin, Westland John Glenn, Jr. PG: He averaged 12 points, seven assists and three rebounds per game as the Rockets captured the Lakes Division title with a 10-0 record.

For his efforts, Martin earned All-Lakes Division honors.

"Keshawn had great quickness and great vision," Young said. "He could find guys in the open court against either man-to-man or zone defense."

"He became huge for us because he was able to become a better shooter."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Young, Westland John Glenn: Young's first year at the Rockets' helm resulted in a Lakes Division title (10-0 record), 12-game victory streak and 14-7 mark overall, as he continued his track record of winning wherever he goes.

He won the Kensington Valley Conference as Brighton coach (1993-94), led Canton to three

2007 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Durrell Summers	6-5	Sr.	F	Red. Covenant
Luke Knochel	5-9	Sr.	G	Liv. Stevenson
Earl Hardison	6-2	Jr.	G-F	Westland John Glenn
Neil Sharma	6-4	Jr.	F	Canton
Grant Stone	6-5	Jr.	F	Salem
Rashad Harvey	6-0	Sr.	G	Red. Thurston

SECOND TEAM

Terrell Beard	5-7	Jr.	PG	Redford Union
Ryan Waidmann	6-7	Sr.	C	Canton
Kyle Ramthun	6-1	Sr.	G	Lutheran Westland
Mike Lee	5-9	Jr.	PG	Wayne Memorial
Ryan Rosenick	6-2	Jr.	F	Liv. Churchill
Keshawn Martin	5-11	Jr.	PG	Westland John Glenn

THIRD TEAM

Remmington Leverette	6-3	Sr.	F	Redford Union
Brandon Roberts	6-0	Jr.	G	Plymouth
John Hill	6-2	Jr.	F	Wayne Memorial
Stefan Marken	6-3	Jr.	F	Westland John Glenn
Stephen Chester	6-4	Sr.	C	Red. Covenant
Jack Anleitner	6-1	Sr.	G	Plymouth Agape Christian

FOURTH TEAM

Brett-Lackey	5-9	Sr.	G	Garden City
Lonnie Fairfax	5-10	Sr.	PG	Liv. Clarenceville
Jacory Morning	6-0	Sr.	G	Red. Covenant
Chris Mulcahy	6-0	Sr.	G	Liv. Stevenson
Ross Davis	6-4	Jr.	F	Salem
Josh Butler	5-11	Sr.	G	Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Young Westland John Glenn

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Brad Evans; Ryan Whittum, Nick Seger, Andrew Vagnetti; **Franklin:** Tyler Canyock, Alex Reid; **Stevenson:** Derek Severson; **John Glenn:** Austin Anderson, Robert Jones; **Wayne:** Jeremy Lovelady, Robert Woodson; **Clarenceville:** Jeremy Gainer; **Lutheran Westland:** Sean Vandenbrink, Josh Haller; **Huron Valley Lutheran:** Kurt Metzger; **Canton:** Devy Jackson, Ryan Langdon, Steve Paye, Eric Thornton; **Plymouth:** Jake Hager, Dan Jeong; **Salem:** Dan Cassidy; **Agape Christian:** Ty Majeski; **Plymouth Christian:** Matt Saagman, Trevor Zinn; **Garden City:** David Kogelman, Mark Brissette; **Thurston:** Jarmel Bloodsaw, Steve Jackson, Delmichael Youngblood; **Redford Union:** Kyle Schuett, Tyrone Temple, Justin Floyd; **Redford Covenant:** Carlos Carter, Jamonne Chester.

league and two district titles (1994-2000) and also was an assistant coach for six years at Detroit Catholic Central, another successful program, When not coaching, the 38-year-old Young teaches physical education at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth.

"The whole thought process from the first day of practice was be a good teammate, share the ball, play team defense and rebound," said Young, who has a career varsity coaching mark of 114-64. "I thought once the guys started to get a feel for those philosophies, the game started to become

more easier for them.

"We started to realize some of the things we could do as a team, and once we realized that, we started have some success, have some fun and we were able to build on it. And my three assistants - Mark Anderson, Steve Brown, Scott Samulski - have been just a big part of this. I can't say enough about the job they did."



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Emily Quint, Fr., Livonia Blue: Quint competed in the all-around at the Division I state meet, where she tied for 10th on the bars, placed eighth on the bars, tied for second on the floor and tied for seventh in the all-around. Quint was the Lakes Division champion on vault and bars and she placed first on bars and the all-around at the regional meet. She was voted the team's MVP.

Alyssa Kelley, Sr., Canton: Kelley capped her high school career as one of the most successful gymnasts in Canton history. A team captain, she established two school records: 9.825 on the vault (she was the 2006 MHSAA state champion and runner-up this year); and 9.65 on the floor.

"Alyssa was a consistent 36-plus performer for four years and an elite All-American," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "She ranks with Katey Gilles as one of the two best Canton gymnasts ever. She was voted Canton's Most Valuable Gymnast and has qualified for Senior Nationals."

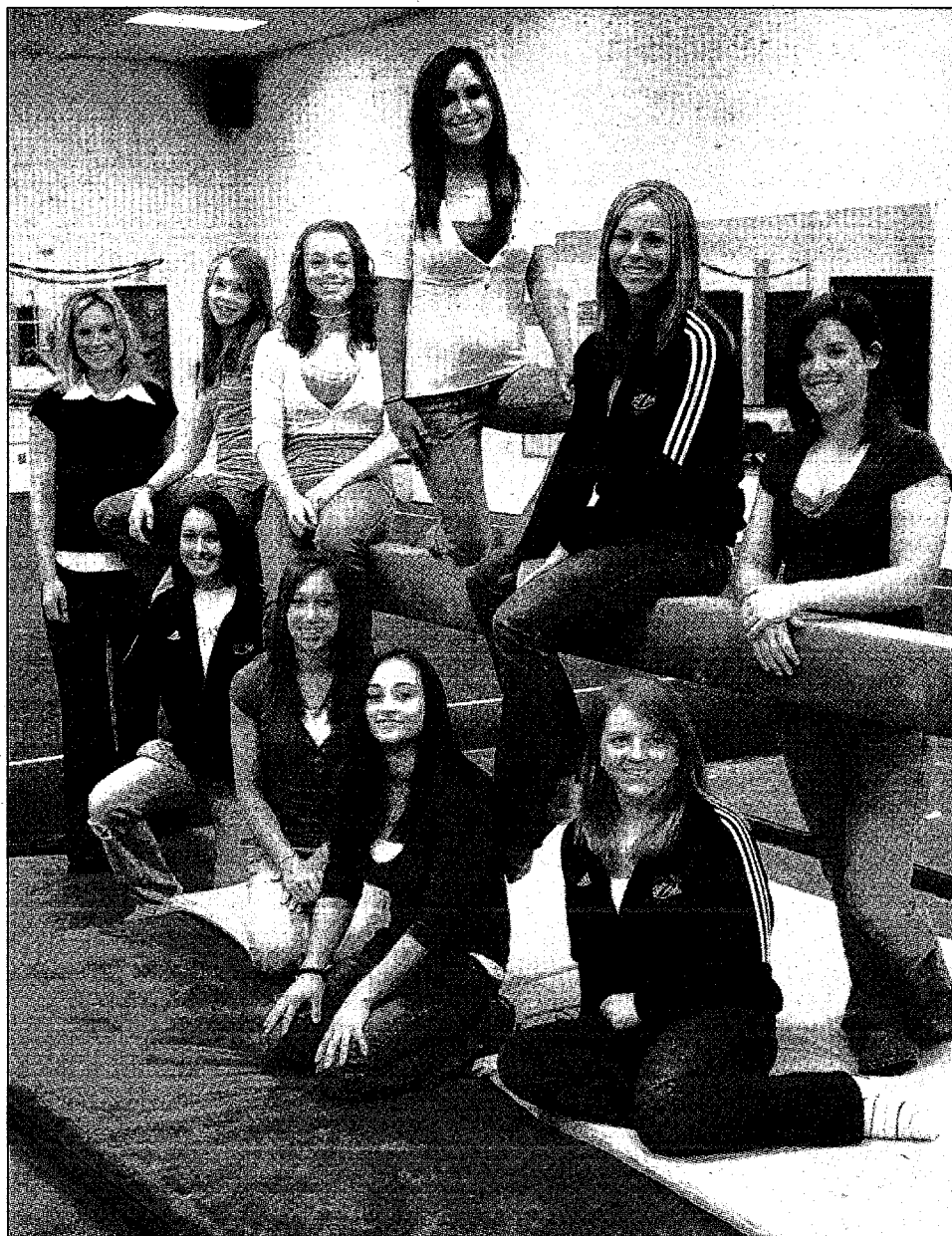
Katie Koetting, Soph., Salem: Koetting followed up a sensational freshman season with an outstanding 10th-grade year as she placed 15th in the all-around at the state meet. She also turned in top-15 finishes on the vault, bars and floor. The highlight of her season may have been her school-record 9.7 score on the floor exercise.

"Katie is an outstanding all-around gymnast who inspires her fellow teammates with her great athletic ability and her hard work," Salem coach Dana Driscoll said. "Katie put forth a great effort at the state meet even though she was fighting the flu. Katie made a great effort all season to continuously improve her abilities, even learning a new vault in about two weeks, when usually it can take a month or longer to learn such a difficult trick. Katie is the one in the gym making everyone laugh. She has a great sense of humor and a great work ethic."

Paula Guzik, Soph., Livonia Red: A two-year letter-winner, Guzik was the WLAA conference champion in the all-around with a score of 38.1. She placed first on vault and bars at the meet as well as second on floor and fourth on beam. She qualified for the state meet in the all-around and was the state champ on the beam (9.575).

"Paula is an extremely focused gymnast," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "You can tell she loves the sport by watching her perform. Paula acts as a strong leader in the gym and strives on perfection. Paula has brought great success to the team and will continue to do so."

Laura Nomura, Soph., Livonia Blue: She competed in the all-around at the state meet and tied for seventh on the vault, 10th on the bars, sixth on the beam and tied for fifth on floor. Her score of 36.175 was good enough for sixth in the all-around.



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The 2006-07 All-Observer girls gymnastics team is deep and talented. Pictured (top row from left) Coach of the Year Kelly Grodzicki, Emily Quint, Meghan Powers, Brittany Young, Kaitlyn Burns, Katie Koetting (on floor from left) Alyssa Kelley, Kelly Tapella, Andrea Pisani and Jessie Murray.

"Laura will be our captain next season and was voted the team's hardest worker," Livonia Blue head coach Lisa Fierk said.

Kaitlyn Burns, Sr., Canton: The senior was voted the team's Most Improved Gymnast thanks to her second-place finish on the floor at the regional meet and her state all-around-qualifying effort.

"Tricks like aials on beam and consistently high scores made her a team leader," Cunningham said. "She was selected as a member of Michigan's Senior National Team."

Brittany Young, Jr., Salem: Young captured first place on the uneven bars (9.05) and the balance beam (9.475) and fourth overall in the Division II Conference meet. She earned a first in the uneven bars at the regional competition and qualified for the Division II state meet in the bars and the beam.

"Brittany is a pleasure to have in my gym," Driscoll said. "She is always work-

ing very hard to improve her skills for the benefit of the team. Her strongest two events are beam and bars. She is always willing to put in the extra effort and does it with a smile on her face. She has very strong leadership skills and was elected captain by her peers for next year."

Andrea Pisani, Sr., Livonia Red: The captain earned four varsity letters during her high school career. The three-year scholar-athlete carries a 4.0 grade-point average. She qualified for the state meet all four years and placed seventh on the bars (9.35) this year. She was named the Senior Gymnast of the Year and was awarded the Kim Rennells Scholarship (\$500). She has qualified for the National Senior Invitational in St. Petersburg, Fla., in May.

"Andrea is an extremely tough athlete," Grodzicki said. "She has brought great success to Livonia for all four years she has been on the team. As a captain this



Laura Nomura
Livonia Blue



Paula Guzik
Livonia Red

2007 ALL-OBSERVER GYMNASTICS TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Emily Quint	Fr.	Livonia Blue
Alyssa Kelley	Sr.	Canton
Katie Koetting	Soph.	Salem
Paula Guzik	Soph.	Livonia Red
Laura Nomura	Soph.	Livonia Blue
Kaitlyn Burns	Sr.	Canton
Brittany Young	Jr.	Salem
Andrea Pisani	Sr.	Livonia Red
Meghan Powers	Soph.	Livonia Blue
Jessie Murray	Jr.	Canton
Kelly Tapella	Sr.	Livonia Blue

SECOND TEAM

Jordan Brodehl, Plymouth; Autumn Collins, Salem; Kate Staley, Canton; Courtney Ward, Canton; Magarita Lazarevskva, Livonia Red; Katie Bridges, Livonia Blue; Mallory Hudak, Canton; Brittany Swazey, Livonia Red; Sarah Bugosh, Salem.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Kelly Grodzicki, Livonia Red

year, she was able to act as a positive role model for other gymnasts. She represents a model athlete and student."

Meghan Powers, Soph., Livonia Blue: She placed 10th on the floor (9.25) at the state meet. She recorded a season-high 9.5 on the beam on a pair of occasions, including at the WLAA conference meet.

"Meghan is always ready to do her best and do what's best for the team," Fierk said.

Jessie Murray, Jr., Canton: Among Murray's accomplishment this past season were setting a beam record score of 9.7, which broke Katie Gilles' 12-year-old record. Scores of 36-plus made her an All-America gymnast for the third straight year.

"Jessie's combined talents at coaching, team support and exceptional performance got her selected team captain for next year," Cunningham said. "She was the WLAA Division all-around champion and she medaled at the MHSAA state meet."

Kelly Tapella, Sr., Livonia Blue: Tapella was an outstanding Division II all-around performer for Livonia Blue. The exceptional Stevenson student-athlete tied for seventh in the bars at placed 16th in the floor exercise at the D-2 state meet.

Swimmers make waves throughout state

The 2006-07 Observerland boys swimming season produced many of the top performances in the state again this year. As usual, the area was well-represented at the Division 1 state meet.

Following are the 2006-07 All-Observerland boys swimming teams as selected by the *Observer* sports staff with input from area coaches.

FIRST TEAM

Nick Leone, Sr., Salem, 200 freestyle: Leone earned All-WLAA recognition in three events — the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay. He qualified for the Division 1 state meet in five events and helped the Rocks' 200 medley relay contingent to an 18th-place finish.

"Nick came out of nowhere as a ninth-grader to become one of the best swimmers in the area and highly respected in the state as a senior," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "He was chosen as the team's captain this year and he won the Coaches Award and Most Valuable Swimmer Award this season."

Matt Carlson, Sr., Canton, 200 IM: Carlson was a two-time champion at the WLAA conference meet, winning the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke. His 200 IM time of 1:59.06 broke a 13-year-old school record. He also finished 12th at the D-1 state meet in the 100 breast.

"Matt is a hard worker who will be truly missed," Canton coach Ed Weber said. "He had a fabulous senior year, qualifying with state cut times in six events. This just shows that Matt is more than a specialty swimmer. He's very diverse in the events he can swim."

Jon Templeton, Sr., Canton, 50 freestyle: Templeton qualified for the state meet in the 100 freestyle plus he led off the Chiefs' 200 freestyle relay at the event.

"Jon is a natural leader and he will be missed next year," Weber said. "He truly came alive this year in the sprint freestyle. I wish him the best of luck at college."

Jon Whitt, Sr., John Glenn, diving: Whitt enjoyed an outstanding senior season, which was capped with a first-place finish at the WLAA conference meet. He accumulated 347 points in the finals to outdistance second-place Will Fankell by 11 points.

Travis Hatt, Sr., Livonia Stevenson, 100 butterfly: Hatt closed out a stellar high school swimming career as the owner of three school records: 200 medley relay, 100 butterfly and as a member of the 200 freestyle relay quartet. He was an All-American his junior season and All-Conference and All-State as a senior.

"Travis has been effective at the state level all four years," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He's a very talented individual in the pool as well as in the classroom. He will be impossible to replace next year."

Drew Randall, Sr., Livonia Churchill, 100 freestyle: Randall had an exceptional senior season, especially in the freestyle sprint events. He was a key component on the Chargers' ultra-successful 200 freestyle relay contingent that shined at the MISCA

2006-07 ALL-OBSERVER

BOYS SWIMMING TEAM

FIRST TEAM

200-yard freestyle: Nick Leone, Sr., Salem

200 IM: Matt Carlson, Sr., Canton

50 freestyle: Jon Templeton, Sr., Canton

Diving: Jon Whitt, Sr., John Glenn

100 butterfly: Travis Hatt, Sr., Stevenson

100 freestyle: Drew Randall, Sr., Churchill

500 freestyle: Jeff Pauza, Sr., Stevenson

100 backstroke: Robert Luke, Jr., Stevenson

100 breaststroke: Stan Chen, Jr., Salem

200 medley relay: Stevenson (Robert Luke, Jr.; Joey Wingett, Soph.; Travis Hatt, Sr.; Jeff Pauza, Sr.)

200 freestyle relay: Canton (Jon Templeton, Sr.; Chris Marinica, Jr.; Chris McGinnis, Jr.; Matt Carlson, Sr.)

400 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Jeff Pauza, Sr.; Sam Loria, Jr.; Kyle Hermann, Jr.; Travis Hatt, Sr.)

SECOND TEAM

200 freestyle: Kyle Hermann, Jr., Stevenson

200 IM: Mike Conger, Jr., Plymouth

50 freestyle: Jason Williams, Sr., Salem

Diving: Jeff Kinsvater, Soph., Stevenson

100 butterfly: Michael Cruce, Soph., Stevenson

100 freestyle: Ben Lamerand, Sr., Churchill

500 freestyle: Matt Underhill, Sr., Salem

100 backstroke: Rob Blaesser, Sr., Canton

100 breaststroke: Joey Wingett, Soph., Stevenson

200 medley relay: Salem (Matt Underhill, Sr.; Stan Chen, Jr.; Nick Leone, Sr.; Jason Williams, Sr.)

200 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Kyle Hermann, Jr.; Robert Luke, Jr.; Sam Loria, Sr.; Travis Hatt, Sr.)

400 freestyle relay: Canton (Ross Schwarz, Sr.; Jon Templeton, Sr.; Rob Blaesser, Sr.; Matt Carlson, Sr.)

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ed Weber, Canton

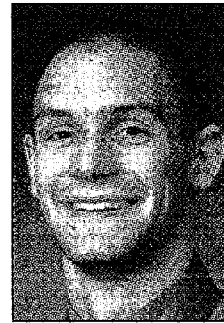
meet and at the WLAA conference meet.

"Drew was one of our top performers throughout his entire career at Churchill," Chargers coach Aaron Rieder said. "He comes from a family of swimmers, so the natural talent was there. But he also had an intense drive to succeed and he set high expectations for himself. He was a very self-sufficient athlete who didn't need a lot of poking and prodding to get the job done."

Jeff Pauza, Sr., Livonia Stevenson, 500 freestyle: Pauza finished his incredible high school swimming career as Stevenson's



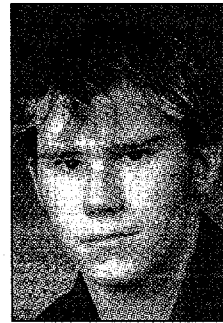
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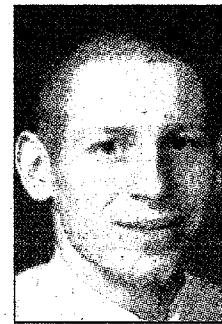
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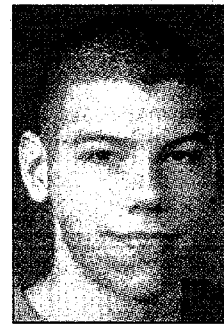
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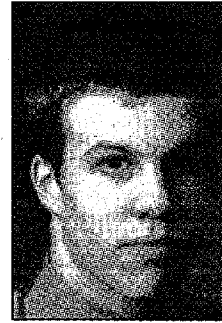
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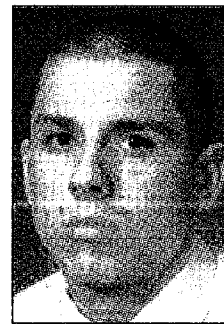
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Ben Lamerand
Livonia Churchill

second-fastest competitor in the 500 freestyle. He earned All-Conference, All-State and All-America consideration.

"Jeff will be impossible to replace," Shoemaker said. "He has done a great job all four years at Stevenson. He is a



Matt Underhill
Salem



Robert Blaesser
Canton



Ross Schwarz
Canton

PLEASE SEE SWIMMING, 13

State champion Chargers stars pave the way

FIRST TEAM

Lauren Krupsky, Sr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The 5-foot, 11-inch senior captain, bound for Central Michigan University, was a Miss Volleyball finalist and earned first-team All-State honors by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

She earned second-team All-State honors as a junior and was named All-Region and All-Western Lakes Activities Association the past two years.

Krupsky holds MHSAA records for kills in a single match (36), kills in a season (851), kills in a career (1,818) and kills (28) in a state finals match. She also holds three Churchill records for kills, kills per game and career kills.

"Lauren is the most accomplished volleyball player in Churchill history," coach Mike Grenier said of the Chargers' co-MVP. "She was able to accomplish her success because she is one of the hardest working individuals I have ever had the privilege to coach."

Kyndra Abron, Jr. MH, Liv. Churchill: Abron saved her best for last, racking up 35 kills in the Class A state finals victory over North Branch, which ranks her second all-time in MHSAA championship games.

Her 698 kills for the season ranks her among the MHSAA leaders for a single year.

Abron earned MIVCA first-team All-State honors after earning honorable mention honors as a sophomore. She is also a two-time All-WLAA and All-Region selection.

Abron, who has made a verbal commitment to Michigan State University, played on the High Performance USA Volleyball team.

"Kyndra is developing into one of the most dominant players in the state," Grenier said. "Kyndra is such an impact player and a lot of our success depended on her presence swinging and block. Having an anchor in the middle like Kyndra allowed us to have the success we did this season."

Lauren Boehmer, Sr. OH, Liv. Ladywood: The 6-foot senior earned All-Catholic League, All-Region and first-team All-State honors in Class B.

She averaged 4.56 kills, four digs and 0.86 aces per game for the Catholic League A-B Division and Class B district champions.

Boehmer, an repeat first-team All-Observer pick, will play volleyball next fall at Eastern Michigan University.

"Lauren was our prominent offensive threat throughout the season," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "She is very consistent and has the ability to attack from any position, which makes it difficult for her to defend."

Teresa Coppiellie, Sr., OH, Salem: A four-year varsity player, Coppiellie racked up 366 kills, 60 aces, 286 digs and 51 blocks during her senior season.

The co-captain garnered All-WLAA,

2006-07 ALL-OBSERVER VOLLEYBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Lauren Krupsky	5-11	Sr.	OH	Liv. Churchill
Kyndra Abron	6-2	Jr.	MH	Liv. Churchill
Teresa Coppiellie	5-11	Sr.	OH	Salem
Lauren Boehmer	6-0	Sr.	OH	Liv. Ladywood
Lauren Kurtz	5-11	Sr.	OH	Salem
Liz Dempsey	5-7	Sr.	OH	Liv. Franklin
Courtney Provencher	6-0	Sr.	MB	Garden City
Erin Henneberger	5-10	Sr.	OH	Liv. Ladywood
Karra Cappelli	6-1	Sr.	RSH	Garden City
Kelly Archer	5-7	Sr.	Libero	Liv. Churchill
Jill Flaughner	5-4	Sr.	Setter	Liv. Stevenson
Becca Refenes	6-1	Soph.	MB	Luth. Westland

SECOND TEAM

Megan Hodges	5-9	Sr.	Setter	Liv. Ladywood
Jansan Falcusan	5-8	Soph.	Setter	Salem
Marie Martin	6-1	Jr.	MB	Canton
Virginia Butler	6-0	Sr.	MB	John Glenn
Christina Seward	5-7	Jr.	Setter	Garden City
Kelsey McKenzie	5-9	Sr.	Setter	Liv. Churchill

THIRD TEAM

Jordan Pilut	5-2	Jr.	Libero	Liv. Stevenson
Emily Kuhn	5-3	Sr.	Libero	Red. Thurston
Megan Olind	5-11	Sr.	MH	Liv. Ladywood
Brittany Holbrook	5-11	Soph.	MH	John Glenn
Kayla Gieschen	5-7	Sr.	OH	Luth. Westland
Stephanie Bradshaw	5-7	Sr.	OH	Liv. Churchill

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Grenier Liv. Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Sarah Button, Anna-Marie Gatt, Jaclyn Gribeck, Jordan Kerr, Shari Zakalowski, Shannon Warner; **Franklin:** Laura Marshall, Kelly Powers, Ashley Price, Andrea McCall; **Stevenson:** Kelly Snitchler, Jamie Pounders, Laura Khalil, Hannah Diebel, Amber Sharp; **John Glenn:** Kirstin Kirk, Kija Colts; **Wayne:** Olivia LaFortune, Kellie Newsted; **Clarenceville:** Amanda Moody, Shannon McNeilly; **Lutheran Westland:** Lauren Schwecke, Julie Jongsma, Lauren Gieschen, Katey Ramthun; **Ladywood:** Becca Zajac, Laura Schroeter; **Huron Valley Lutheran:** Amanda Gruenewald, Emily Helwig, Lauren Adlof, Erin Henkel; **Canton:** Kacy Moran, Jordan Kielty, Hannah Mills; Joellen Heldt; **Plymouth:** Clare Baptist, Rachel Heaton, Chelsey Quinlan, Brittany Hengesh; **Salem:** Nikki Mersch, Courtney Seiler, Katrina Cope, Kelly MacDonald; **Plymouth Christian:** Sara Ross, Brooke Harris, Megan Greve; **Garden City:** Caitlin Haller, Stephanie Stevens, Danielle Campbell; **Thurston:** Megan Schulz, Bobbie DeBolt; **Redford Union:** Allison Patra, Sarah Sanders.

All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors. She earned an athletic scholarship from the University of Albany, a Division I school in New York.

"Without a doubt, Teresa is one of the best volleyball players who has ever played at Salem," said Salem coach Amanda Suder.

Lauren Kurtz, Sr., MB, Salem: Kurtz was a front-row force, compiling a team-high 401 kills and 93 blocks. She proved her versatility by registering 150 digs as well.

Kurtz earned All-WLAA and All-Region honors for the Rocks, who topped the 40-win mark.

"Lauren is a powerful middle hitter who can change the course of a game in the front row," Suder said.

Liz Dempsey, Sr. OH, Liv. Franklin: The three-time All-Observer and two-time All-Western Lakes pick led the Patriots with 336 total kills in 854 attempts (.243 percentage).

The 5-7 Dempsey paced Franklin with 125



Lauren Krupsky
Churchill



Kyndra Abron
Churchill

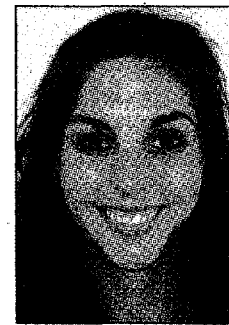
digs, 59 aces and had 78 blocks (29 solo). She also serve-received at 93.4 percent, "Liz is the best volleyball player Franklin has had since Tera Morrill and Lyndsay Sopko," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Physically she's powerful, quick and strong, with a great vertical jump."



Courtney Provencher
Garden City



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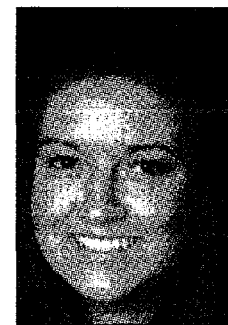
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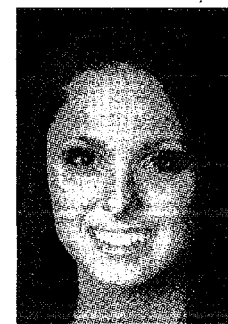
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Ladywood

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, 13

Unbeaten state champion Phillips sets standard

FIRST TEAM

Donnie Watkins, Fr., Canton (103 pounds): The freshman finished with a 52-4 record this season capped by a fourth-place finish at the Division I state meet.

Watkins also took individual titles at the regional, district, Western Lakes Activities Association, Goodrich, Observerland, Catholic Central, South Lyon and Canton tourneys.

His 52 wins is a record for Canton ninth-graders and his state place is also highest in school history for a freshman.

Carl Lucke, Soph., Canton (112): The sophomore finished 40-17 overall and earned a trip to the Division I state finals.

Lucke also took third at the district and regional tournaments, and was fourth in the WLAA. He was also a runner-up at the Observerland Invitational.

Ben Kosmalski, Sr., Plymouth (112): The senior finished the year with a 35-12 record along with a career mark of 110-35.

Kosmalski was a state qualifier after placing fourth at both the Division I district and regional tournaments.

Other noteworthy tournament finishes for the co-captain and four-year letter winner included Plymouth (first), L'Anse Creuse (second), Salem (third), Observerland (third) and third (Western Lakes).

Jamie Preiss, Sr., Wayne (119): The senior captain finished 44-10 overall this season including a sixth-place finish at the Division I state meet.

He added a fourth at the regional and was runner-up at the district. Preiss was also Observerland champion and runner-up in the Western Lakes Tournament.

Preiss was named the MVP of Garden City Christmas Invitational where he defeated state runner-up Zac Stevens of Monroe.

He had 131 takedowns on the year and recorded 110 career wins.

Josh Billiau, Sr., Liv. Franklin (125): The Division I state runner-up recorded a mark of 50-8 as a senior.

The team captain finished fourth in the regional and was first in both the district and WLAA tournaments. He was also Livonia City Meet champion.

Billiau broke the school record for take-downs in a season (181) and wins (50). As a junior, he was a regional qualifier. His career record is 112-36.

Greg Roberts, Sr., Liv. Churchill, 130: The

2006-07 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAM

103 pounds: 1. Donnie Watkins, Fr., Canton; 2. Chad Dunn, Jr., Wayne Memorial; 3. Anthony Pavlich, Fr., Westland John Glenn.

112: 1. (tie) Carl Lucke, Soph., Canton and Ben Kosmalski, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Dustin Ashley, Sr., Garden City; 3. Jared Pieknik, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

119: 1. Jamie Preiss, Sr., Wayne; 2. Jared Stephens, Soph., John Glenn; 3. Sean Meixner, Sr., Redford Union.

125: 1. Josh Billiau, Sr., Franklin; 2. Jeremiah Austin, Jr., John Glenn; 3. (tie) Steve Cox, Jr., Canton and Nick Steiger, Sr., Salem.

130: 1. Greg Roberts, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Jon Roos, Sr., Franklin; 3. Brent Winekoff, Fr., Canton.

135: 1. Kevin Hayter, Jr., Salem; 2. Brandon Smith, Jr., Franklin; 3. J.P. Gaffke, Jr., Churchill.

140: 1. Corey Phillips, Sr., Canton; 2. Jim Wood, Sr., John Glenn; 3. Jon Reale, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

145: 1. Matt Edwards, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 2. Adam Kibner, Sr., RU; 3. Jason Zanger, Sr., Franklin.

152: 1. Nate Turco, Sr., Franklin; 2. Stephen Kemp, Soph., Lutheran Westland; 3. Justin Jaroh, Sr., Franklin.

160: 1. Ziad Kharbush, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Scott Brown, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Brian Ziemba, Jr., Churchill.

171: 1. Pat Roumayah, Sr., Franklin; 2. Jeff Elswick, Sr., Wayne; 3. (tie) Andrew Hein, Sr., John Glenn and Isaac Burris, Sr., RU.

189: 1. Joey Kowtko, Jr., John Glenn; 2. (tie) Matt Greenman, Soph., Stevenson and Anthony Baskins, Soph., Wayne; 3. Mike Schatz, Sr., Lutheran Westland.

215: 1. Shamir Garcia, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Robert Pennywitt, Sr., RU; 3. Vince Benavides, Sr., Franklin.

285: 1. Donnie Laramie, Sr., Canton; 2. Kyle Brown, Sr., Franklin; 3. Mark Parrish, Jr., Churchill.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Bill Polk, Westland John Glenn

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Brian Fortney, Matt Hecksel, Andrew Murray, Gramos Pallaskas, Dan Small, J.J. Vandebossche, Adam Rowe, Allen Frantsen; **Franklin:** James Benitez, Brandon Billiau, Jon Cauchi, Elvin Ferreira, Rod Gray, Matt Hintz, Marc Kadrich, John Pisaneschi, Brian Rink, Dan Woodall; **Stevenson:** Tommy Myshock, Brent Cetnar, Emanuel Onwuemene, Jim McCarthy, Michael Fobar; **John Glenn:** Josh Austin, Nick Shak, Zaid Ammari, Dan McCahill, Gary Lawrence, James Zerebiny, Frank Toarina; **Wayne:** Mike Hicks, Jack Muncie, Robert Walsh, Ryan Nesbitt, Kevin Whittenberg, Charlie Malnar; **Clarenceville:** Derek Robbins, Jake Ruth; **Lutheran Westland:** Brad LaRose, Dan Pniewski, Josh Palka, Steve Cieslik, Paul Rockrohr, Brian LeFevere; **Canton:** Kiel Price, Adam Powers; **Plymouth:** Andrew Saunders, Vince Darolfi, Chris Favot, Anthony Pomerson, Anthony Scarantino, Dylan Spicher; **Salem:** Hussein Ajami, Kevin Bennett, Jeremy Epley, Justin Kane, Sam Lepper, Johannes Olind, Mike Rasak, Greg Taylor, Alex Kemp; **Garden City:** Justin Johnson, Brian Wisniewski, Mike Nordby, Tyler Twigg; **Redford Union:** Matt Kibner, Matt DeLong.

senior earned a fifth-place finish at the Division I state meet en route to a 39-9 record.

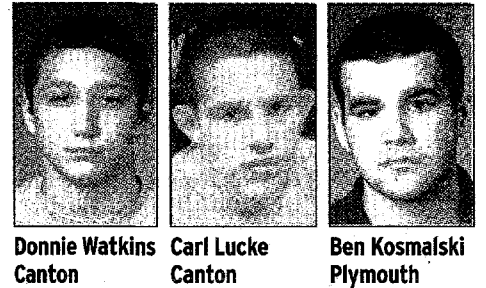
Roberts took third at the regional and district tourneys and added firsts at Observerland, all on pins; Livonia City, Napoleon and Wyandotte invitationals. He also handed Bedford's James Fisher, the 125-pound state champion, his first loss of the year.

Roberts was 102-48 in his career.

Kevin Hayter, Jr., Salem (135): Surviving a tough district draw, the junior earned a spot in the regional after finishing third.

Hayter's record this season was 36-12. He was sixth at Observerland at 130 pounds and added a fifth at the Western Lakes.

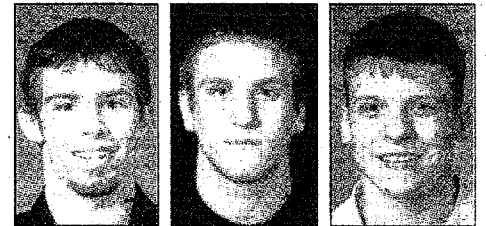
Corey Phillips, Sr., Canton (140): Undefeated (56-0) and Division I state



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Jamie Preiss Wayne Josh Billiau Franklin Greg Roberts Churchill



Kevin Hayter Salem Corey Phillips Canton Matt Edwards Lutheran High



Nathan Turco Franklin Ziad Kharbush Stevenson P. Roumayah Franklin



Joey Kowtko John Glenn Shamir Garcia John Glenn

champion as a senior, Phillips had no peers in Observerland.

He captured every tournament entered including the district, regional, WLAA, Observerland,

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Area bowlers put up extraordinary numbers

FIRST TEAM BOYS

Justin O'Hara, Jr., Westland Glenn: The junior reached the Division I quarterfinals before losing to state eventual champion Abed Daher of Woodhaven in three games.

In the round of 16, O'Hara knocked off defending state champ Jeremy Lapak of Sterling Heights Stevenson in three games after finishing fifth in the qualifying (out of 72) with a 1,326 total pinfall count for a six-game block.

In 12 games against Western Lakes Activities Association teams, O'Hara averaged 217. He averaged 232 in 14 games against Mega Conference schools for a composite 26-game average of 224.

O'Hara was 21-5 in match games with a high game of 278 and a best two-game set of 513.

"Justin displayed a professional attitude and sportsmanship, both on and off the lanes," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "His exceptional leadership skills, both as an anchor bowler and mentor to his fellow teammates, had a tremendous impact on the successful inaugural season for the Glenn boys varsity bowling team.

"His assistance with the daily practices, as well as on-lane coaching during meets directly contributed to the success of this year's program."

Trey Raynes, Sr., Wayne: The senior led Wayne, which finished 7-1 during the regular season, to the Division I state team semifinals before losing to eventual champion Port Huron.

Raynes averaged 222 in league play and 238 in tournaments, including best two-game sets of 562 and 567, and a three-game series of 761.

Raynes led Wayne with a 567 two-game set at the Dearborn Heights Invitational and team-best 671 series at the Wayne County Tournament.

"Trey was our captain and most experienced tournament player," Wayne coach Bob Jawor said.

Andrew Abbott, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville: The senior was the Trojans' first regional singles champion with a six-game set of 1,323.

He placed 30th overall in the Division II state finals and was named first-team All-Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference. His high game for the season was 263 with a high two-game series of 460.

In 50 games, his overall average was 198. "Andrew was a solid anchor for the team all season and proved solid in Baker games," Clarenceville coach Pam Jones said.

Brandon Bentley, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville: A second-team pick in the Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference, Bentley capped his senior year with a 191.8 average in 30 game.

The four-year regular bowled a 299 game that tied for a conference high.

His best two-game conference set was 488.

"Brandon worked hard during the beginning of the season and kept a great attitude," Jones said.

Zac Kyle, Jr., Wayne: Coming off the grid-iron, Kyle proved to be a valuable addition

2007 ALL-OBSERVER BOWLING TEAM

FIRST TEAM BOYS

Justin O'Hara, Jr., Westland Glenn; Trey Raynes, Sr., Wayne; Andrew Abbott, Sr., Clarenceville; Brandon Bentley, Sr., Clarenceville; Zac Kyle, Jr., Wayne; Eric Robertson, Jr., Wayne

HONORABLE MENTION

Wayne: Cory Harden; Clarenceville: Mark Zupancic, Christian Grates; John Glenn: Daniel Walters.

GIRLS FIRST TEAM

Danielle Fecso, Sr., Clarenceville; Kayla Barber, Jr., Clarenceville; Sara Brown, Jr., Clarenceville; Jessica Barrett, Sr., Wayne; Erica Charboneau, Sr. Clarenceville; Jenelle Farris, Jr., Liv. Ladywood

HONORABLE MENTION

John Glenn: Victoria Eisey; Ladywood: Chelsea Hewitt, Courtney Johnson, Sarah Saunders; Wayne: Samantha Baucum, Chelsea Preiss; Clarenceville: Danielle Maples, Amanda Dailey.



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All-Area girls bowling, from left, Sara Brown, Jessica Barrett, Jenelle Farris, Danielle Fecso, and Kayla Barber.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All-Area boys bowling, from left, Eric Robertson, Justin O'Hara, Trey Raynes, Zachary Kyle, and Andrew Abbott.

for the Zebras, who finished runner-up in the regional and reached the Division I team state semifinals at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Kyle averaged 200 in league play and 207 for tournaments.

He recorded a team-best 658 three-game set with games of 226-240-192.

"Zac emerged as a leader in both attitude and scoring ability," Jawor said. "He came into his own during the second half of the season."

Eric Robertson, Jr., Wayne: The junior averaged 201 during tournament play and 190 in league action for the Zebras.

"Eric worked very hard on his game and it showed in the second-half run," Jawor said. "Eric's a very likable young man who is always smiling. He bowled some very big games down the stretch."

FIRST TEAM GIRLS

Danielle Fecso, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville: The two-time All-Conference and All-State selection finished season with a 192 average for 60 games.

Fecso helped the Trojans to a runner-up finish in the Division II team regional with a 638 series followed by a 625 at the state finals at Nottke's Lanes in Battle Creek.

The captain recorded a conference-high 461 two-game set and had a high game of 244. At the regional, Fecso took fifth with a six-game block of 1,099 and added a sixth in qualifying at the state finals with a 1,246 (six games) before being knocked out in the state quarterfinals in three games.

"Danielle was team leader all season long," Clarenceville coach Pam Jones said. "She has such a strong will to succeed. She is the hardest working girl that I have ever coached."

Fecso was also Wendy's Student-Athlete of the Week and was featured on the prep sports program State Champs. She has a full-ride offer to bowl in college in Fayetteville, N.C.

Kayla Barber, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville: The junior took third at the regional in singles with a six-game set of 1,113 and was 25th in qualifying at the state meet with a 1,104

Barber's season average was 176 for 53 games with a high of 226.

At the Division II team regional, Barber came through with a 509 series followed by a 569 in the team tournament.

"Kayla is going to continue to work on her game this summer and I hope to see her take on a leadership role with the team next season," Jones said of the two-time All-Conference pick.

Sara Brown, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville: The first-team All-Conference selection finished the year with a 172.7 average over 46 games with a high of 224.

Brown proved to be one of the Trojans' most consistent players with a two-game conference set of 401.

She also recorded the second-best three-game series in the Oakland County Championships with a 614 and followed that up with a 601 at the Utica Eisenhower Doubles Tournament.

During the team regional, Brown rolled

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a 499 series followed by a 535 at the state team event.

"Sara had the ultimate heartbreak of any athlete at the regional singles when she missed advancing by one pin," Jones said of the 1,023 six-game set. "Sara has a ton of talent and knows what she needs to take her game to the next level.

"I'm sure she'll take on a leadership role next year with Kayla (Barber) and have another successful season."

Jessica Barrett, Sr., Wayne: The senior averaged 166 throughout the season, while increasing her numbers at the Division I regional (188) with a high of 233.

Barrett just missed qualifying for the state singles competition by 15 pins after bowling a 1,127 (for six games).

"This was a disappointment, but just for a moment," Wayne coach Larry Orr said. "Jessica stepped up to lead by example with consistent, hard work."

Barrett, who carries a 3.8 grade-point average, will attend Siena Heights University in the fall. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Club.

She is also active in her community working with T-Ball for handicapped children and the Halloween Walk for Kids at her church where she is a member of the youth group. Barrett spent Easter break with her church youth group in Mexico helping the underprivileged residents in the small town of Obnegan.

"It was my privilege to work with this outstanding young lady," Orr said.

Erica Charboneau, Sr., Liv. Clareville: The senior had a breakout season averaging 170 for 43 games with a high of 237 and a best two-game set of 404, earning first-team All-Conference honors.

"Erica was our pleasant surprise," Jones said. "At one of our first practices, I told the girls that there were two starting spots available, so show me who wants them. That practice, Erica rolled the next six strikes and never looked back. She worked so hard this season."

Jenelle Farris, Jr., Liv. Ladywood: The junior got hot at the right time, finishing sixth at the regional with a six-game block of 1,097, which qualified her for the Division II individual singles event.

Farris, Ladywood's team MVP, ended up 41st in qualifying at the state finals in Battle Creek with a six-game set of 1,019, including a high game of 180.

An honorable mention pick in the Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference, Farris averaged 158 overall on the season and 149 in conference play.

"It was her consistency, she didn't miss a game or a match all season," Ladywood coach Judy Jaeager said. "It was a goal of hers to play at 'states' because she just missed it last year as a sophomore. She consistently worked at it and improved during the season."

Season's No. 1 highlight: Penguins' state title

The 2006-07 season was the "Year of the Penguin" as Plymouth-Canton-Salem skated to an undefeated state championship.

The Penguins were just one of several local teams that enjoyed highlight-filled seasons. Listed below are some of the elite players who were selected to the inaugural All-Area girls hockey teams due to their incredible skills and work ethic.

FIRST TEAM

Laura Szwed, Sr., Livonia Ladywood: The forward earned the Miss Hockey title in Michigan by tallying 40 goals and 18 assists in 21 games. She was second team All-State as a sophomore and first-team All-State as a junior and senior.

"Laura is a talented two-way player who did everything for us," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "She was captain for three years, led the team in scoring for three years, played on the power play and killed penalties. She is a strong skater who knows how to put the puck in the net."

Keely Kowalski, Jr., Plymouth-Canton-Salem: The junior defenseman provided solid play along the blue line along while scoring five goals with a league-leading 26 assists.

"Keely is a very fast and skilled defenseman," PCS coach Eric Mink said. "Her speed allowed her to rush the puck and set up her teammates, as well as get back and thwart any of the opponents' rushes. She had an outstanding state championship game, scoring a goal and recording two assists. Keely is a very determined and hard-working player."

Brittney Holtz, Sr., Livonia Ladywood: A talented defenseman, Holtz was voted second team All-State her junior season before earning first team All-State accolades this year, during which she tallied one goal and 16 assists.

"Brittney has great size and strength," Peck said. "She's a very fluid skater who is a classic stay-at-home defenseman. She positions herself well on the ice, always aware of where she is relative to the play. She played on the power play, killed penalties and was a captain for two years."

Katie Zimmerman, Soph., Plymouth-Canton-Salem: The slick-skating forward lit up opposing defenses this season to the tune of 38 goals and 16 assists.

"Katie is just a phenomenal hockey player," Mink said. "She works hard, has a great attitude and is a great teammate. Katie's one of the fastest players I have

2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Laura Szwed, Sr., Ladywood
Keely Kowalski, Jr., PCS
Brittney Holtz, Sr., Ladywood
Katie Zimmerman, Soph., PCS
Catherine LaGrasso, Mercy-Marian
Audrey Stapleton, Cranbrook

SECOND TEAM

Prenella Semma, Jr., Ladywood
Kristie Kowalski, Jr., PCS
Nikki Songer, Sr., PCS
Ariel Magidson, Cranbrook
Maura Gregory, Mercy-Marian
Molly Baker, Walled Lake

COACH OF THE YEAR

Eric Mink, Plymouth-Canton-Salem

HONORABLE MENTION

Walled Lake: Lindsey Szutka, Lauren Krajewski, Lauren Hutchinson; Plymouth-Canton-Salem: Adrienne Cercone, Shauna Siebert; Mercy-Marian: Jacq Roberg; Ladywood: Angie Iafano; Heather Sartorius; Cranbrook: Carolyn Gard, Pilar Ming.



Katie Zimmerman
Plymouth-Canton-Salem



Kristie Kowalski
Plymouth-Canton-Salem



Keely Kowalski
Plymouth-Canton-Salem



Nikki Songer
Plymouth-Canton-Salem



Laura Szwed
Ladywood



Eric Mink
PCS (coach)

seen at the high school level. She also has great hands and is very skilled with the puck. Katie recorded hat tricks in both the quarterfinal and championship game. She never seemed to run out of energy. She always gave us an instant energy boost and helped to set the tone of the game."

Catherine LaGrasso, Cranbrook: LaGrasso, a goalie, earned second-team All-State honors for her play between the pipes for the Cranes.

Audrey Stapleton, Cranbrook: Stapleton earned second-team All-State recognition for her efforts for the Cranes this season.

SECOND TEAM

Prenella Semma, Jr., Livonia Ladywood: The junior forward was an offensive force, racking up 35 goals and six assists in 17 games. She was voted to the All-League team for her efforts.

Kristie Kowalski, Jr., Plymouth-Canton-Salem: The junior goaltender sparkled in front of the net as she went unbeaten while recording a league-high 11 shutouts. Kowalski, who is the twin sister of first-teamer Keely Kowalski, also notched a pair of assists.

Nikki Songer, Senior, Plymouth-Canton-Salem: The first-year high school player

shined for the Penguins, tallying 19 goals and 11 assists.

Ariel Magidson, Cranbrook: Magidson was instrumental in the Cranes' ultra-successful season.

Maura Gregory, Mercy-Marian: Gregory was a key component for Mercy-Marian at both ends of the ice this season.

Molly Baker, Walled Lake: The senior forward was the second-leading scorer in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League with 30 goals and 19 assists. A three-year starter, Baker led the Wild to the MMGSHL Division II championship with an 11-6 record.



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very hard trainer. I believe Jeff will drop even more time at the college level."

Robert Luke, Jr., Livonia Stevenson, 100 backstroke: Luke received All-America consideration after being an All-American in 2006.

"Robert had another great year as he improve on his lifetime bests," Shoemaker said. "He was a big help in our relays and I am looking for big things from him next year."

Stan Chen, Jr., Salem, 100 breaststroke: Chen competed in the D-1 state meet in the 200 medley relay (18th place), 100 breaststroke (15th) and the 400 freestyle relay (21st). He earned All-Conference honors in the 200 medley relay, 100 breast and on the 400 freestyle relay contingent.

"Stan met several individual goals, and he scored in the 100 breast, but he has higher goals," Salem coach Chuck Olson said.

Chris Marinica, Jr., Canton, 200 freestyle relay: Marinica was a key contributor for the Chiefs in the sprint freestyles and the 100 butterfly as well as the relays.

"Not many swimmers expect to drop as much time as Chris does during taper," Weber said.

Chris McGinnis, Jr., Canton, 200 freestyle relay: McGinnis doubled as a sprinter and a diver for the Chiefs this past season, and he excelled in both roles.

"It's really nice to have Chris' depth on this team," Weber said.

Sam Loria, Jr., Stevenson, 400 freestyle relay: Loria swam the second leg of the Spartans' vaunted 400 freestyle relay team. He will undoubtedly be one of the team's leaders next season.

VOLLEYBALL

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Courtney Provencher, Sr. MB, Garden City: The 6-foot senior middle blocker is a two-time All-Region and All-Mega White selection.

Provencher had a total of 394 kills (3.0 per game) with an attack percentage of .305. She also added 370 total digs (2.89 per game) with 116 blocks (including 55 solo).

She served at 90 percent (416-for-462) with 51 aces and had a serve reception percent of 91 (401-of-438) at 2.3 per game.

"Courtney is a complete player," Garden City coach John Pace said. "She hit from pin-to-pin, tremendous in serve reception and defense, and a serious blocking threat."

Erin Henneberger, Sr. OH, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-10 senior earned third-team All-State honors in Class B along with first-team Academic All-State accolades.

The All-Catholic and All-Region pick averaged 2.67 kills, 1.03 aces and five digs per game for the A-B Division and district champs.

"Erin's biggest asset is her versatility," Craggs said. "She was a primary outside hitter, but also saw time on the right side and took some swing out of the middle."

Karra Cappelli, Sr. RSH, Garden City: The 6-1 senior earned All-Mega White and All-Region honors (twice).

She finished the year with 276 total kills (2.71 per game) with an attack average of .330. She also had 251 total digs (2.46 per game) with 64 blocks (15 solo), along with 78 aces and a serve-serve percentage of 85.

Turco's season record was 46-10 as he earned championships at the WLAA, Garden City and Franklin tournaments.

He also holds the school record for career wins (131).

Ziad Kharbush, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (160): The junior enjoyed a highly productive season with a 43-8 record and qualifying for the Division I state meet.

Along the way, Kharbush captured the regional, district, Observerland, Livonia City, Okemos, Avondale and Stevenson invitationals.

He was also a WLAA runner-up.

Pat Roumayah, Sr., Liv. Franklin (171): The senior, who placed eighth in the Division I state finals, may have been the area's biggest surprise finishing 46-10 after going 3-18 in his previous varsity matches.

Roumayah was runner-up at the regional and third at the district tournament. He also placed third at the WLAA tournament and was the Fordson Invitational champion.

Joey Kowtko, Jr., Westland Glenn (189): The junior, 27-12 this season, was the Western Lakes Activities Association champion and also earned a fifth-place finish at Observerland meet.

Shamir Garcia, Sr., Westland Glenn (215): The Division I state runner-up enjoyed a magical senior year posting a 47-8 record.

For her career, Cappelli recorded 475 kills, 366 digs and 170 blocks.

"Karra is the best right-side attacker I've seen this year," Pace said.

Kelly Archer, Sr. libero, Liv. Churchill: The 5-7 senior libero set a school record for digs in a season (835) with a 5.7 per game average for the state Class A champions.

Archer finished with 1,748 career digs and serve-received at a staggering 95.3 percent.

In the state Class A championship match, Archer finished with 26 digs after getting 17 in the semifinal upset of East Kentwood.

The All-WLAA pick and honorable mention All-State pick was named Churchill's co-MVP.

"A lot of our success started with Kelly's ability to pass and play defense," Grenier said.

Jill Flaughter, Sr. setter, Liv. Stevenson: The Spartans' team captain and team MVP earned All-WLAA and All-Region honors as a senior.

The senior setter was a three-year starter, a scholar-athlete who earned All-Region honors.

She finished with 330 total digs in 371 chances (89 percent) with a total of 1,554 assists in 1,687 chances (plus-400).

She also served at 96 percent (351-of-366). "Jill is one of those athletes that doesn't come around all that often," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She is true-blue by all standards. She's a team player, unselfish and brought on by a huge amount of talent."

Becca Refenes, Soph. MH, Luth. Westland: The 6-1 sophomore, who played in all 102 games, was one of the big reasons why the Warriors reached the Class D regional finals.

The first-team All-Metro and All-

Region selection had a total of 336 kills, served 203 points (88 percent) with 123 blocks, 224 digs and 57 aces.

She passed at a 94 percent rate, including serve receives (564-of-600).

"Becca is a big-time player at the net," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Not only can she put the ball down, she forces other teams into changing their attack, getting them to hit and tip around her."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Grenier, Liv. Churchill: The fourth-year coach guided the Chargers to a 56-4-1 overall record and the state Class A



Mark Grenier
Churchill coach

championship last month, including a thrilling five-game win over defending state champion and No. 1-ranked East Kentwood in the semifinals at Western Michigan's University Arena in Kalamazoo before going on to beat North Branch in five games for the title.

Grenier's varsity mark at Churchill is 202-24-6 overall, including three Western Lakes Activities Association, four district and two regional crowns.

The 1987 Detroit Catholic Central grad, a former running back for the Shamrocks, graduated from Wayne State University in 1991 before joining the Chargers' volleyball staff as an assistant under Mike Hughes.

Grenier was ably assisted on the varsity bench this season by Amanda Yaklin and Mike Francis, along with Jacqui Gatt and Amy Szymanski.

"It's been a magical season, a magical year," Grenier said. "It's a talented group of kids and they proved it all year long."

WRESTLING

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Hartland, Catholic Central, South Lyon, Canton and Davison.

Phillips, a three-time Western Lakes, district and regional champion, finished his stellar career with a 212-21 record.

Matt Edwards, Sr., Luth. Westland (145): The Observerland champ finished his senior year with a 48-5 record. His career mark is 139-41.

Edwards was a regional qualifier after winning the district. He was also MVP and champion at the Metro Conference, Dearborn Fordson and Lutheran High Wetland tournaments. He also won the Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest and Garden City invitationals.

Edwards also recorded the fastest pin at Observerland.

The four-year varsity performer also owns the Warriors' record for most pins in school history (41) and most during his career and ranks second all-time for the Warriors in victories (139).

Nate Turco, Sr., Liv. Franklin (152): Turco earned a seventh-place finish at the Division I state finals after winning the district and placing runner-up at the regional.

Garcia was runner-up at the regional and district champion. He also took second at the WLAA and CC tournaments. He won the Observerland and Garden City invitationals.

The two-time regional qualifier has a career mark of 101-46.

Donnie Laramie, Sr., Canton (285): The senior earned a fourth-place finish at the Division I state finals after placing first at the regional and adding a second at the regional.

He finished 46-8 this season adding titles at South Lyon, Hartland, Goodrich and the Western Lakes tournaments. Laramie also took seconds at Observerland, South Lyon, Goodrich and Hartland.

Posting 121 career wins, Laramie holds the Canton mark for most pins in a season (47) in 2006 and fastest pin (10 seconds).

Bound for Wayne State University this fall, Laramie earned All-State honors as a senior in both football and wrestling.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bill Polk, Westland Glenn: In his seventh season, the Glenn coach guided the Rockets to a Lakes Division dual meet title, a first-place WLAA crossover win over Franklin and a team dual Division I district championship.

The 15-7 Rockets reached the regional finals before falling to Temperance

Bedford in a close match, 29-27.

"It was a very challenging season because there were a lot of different personalities in the room," said Polk. "We had a lot of talent in the room. My job was to get them to buy into the team concept, work together and get along. By the end of the season they respected each other and came together. We were seconds away from accomplishing our goals."

Polk credits much of the team's success to his three assistant coaches - Jeremy Harris, Frank Cox and Colin O'Brien.

"It was not a storybook ending, but it was much more enjoyable at the end," Polk said. "It was a roller coaster all year long. One week we wrestled well, the next week we were down. I was juggling the lineup all the time. But once we got the lineup set, things turned out O.K."

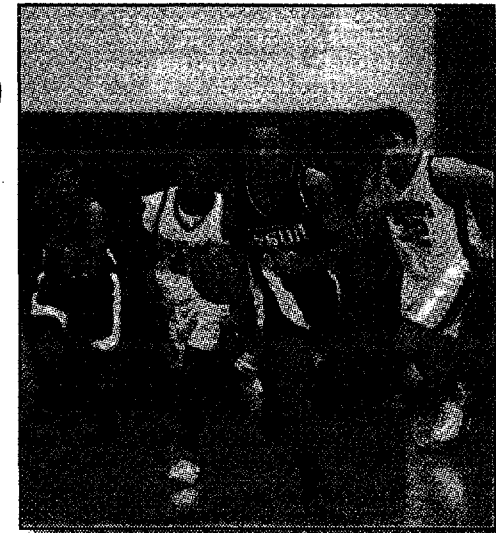
The 33-year-old Polk, who teaches art at John Glenn and Wayne high schools, said the future remains promising for the Rockets.

"We lost some good seniors who were hard-working and committed a lot of time in the off-season," Polk said. "We have talent next year and should be competitive. I'd like to think we can reload with the JV kids and keep progressing forward. We'll see how much work they'll put in, but I'm excited to do it again and give it another try next year."



HOCKEY

- All-State Academic Team(3.67GPA) - #1 team, 12th consecutive top ten Academic All-State Team
- All-State Academic(+3.5GPA) - Steve Yackley (Dearborn), Mike Raymond (Birmingham), Steve Harnadek(G.P. Farms)
- All-Academic - Steve Yackley (Dearborn)
- All-Catholic - Pat Moran (Troy)
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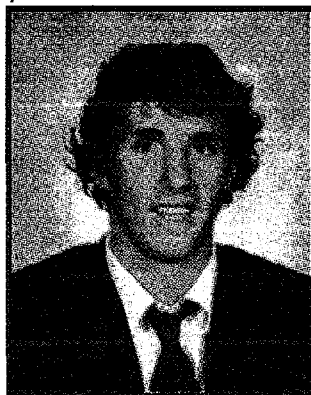


BASKETBALL:

- Catholic League Runner-up
- All-Academic - Jeff Jones(Farmington Hills)
- All-Catholic - James Holly (Garden City)
- All-League - Jordan Morgan (Redford)

SWIMMING

- All-State Academic Team(3.38GPA)
- Catholic League Runner-up team
- Catholic League records - Tony Wahl(Detroit)
 - 200-yd. freestyle 1:39.95
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- Six-time All-American - Tony Wahl(Detroit)
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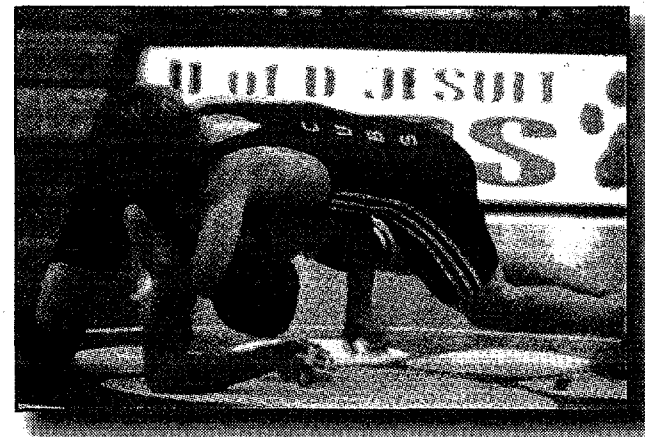


Tony Wahl '07 -All American (signed with U of M)



WRESTLING

- All-State Academic Team(3.35) Top Ten
- Second Team All-Catholic - Brandon Kidder(Rochester)
- Third Team All-Catholic - Medvis Jackson(Detroit) Jon Marsalese(Huntington Woods) Will Lamping(Farmington Hills)



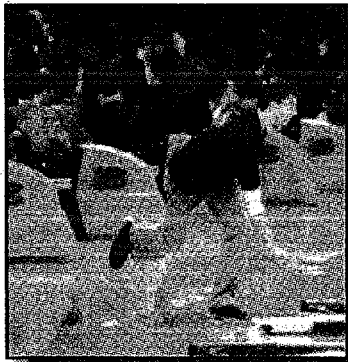
SKIING

- All-League/All-Region/State Final Qualifier - Jeff Harness(G.P Farms)
- All-Academic/All-Catholic - Andrew Clark (Farmington Hills)
- State Regional - 10th place



Bowling

- All Academic - Carl Stanhope (Plymouth)
- All League - Dan Sobczynski (St. Clair Shores)
- All Conf. Hon. Mention - Nick Eastman (Rochester)



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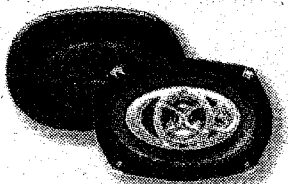
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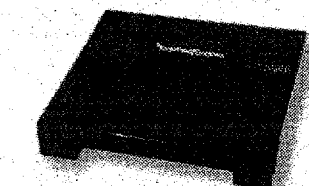
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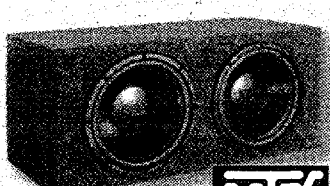
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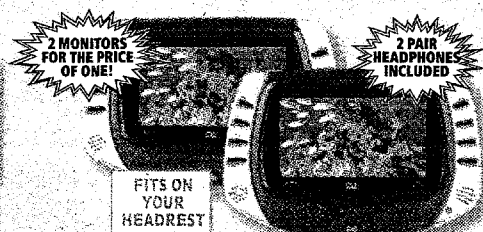


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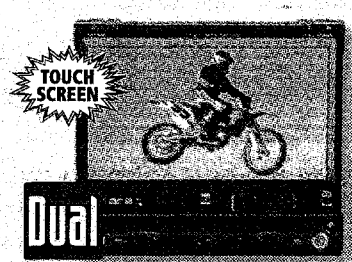


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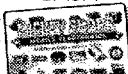
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